

COUNTRY PROFILE

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BELIZE

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Subregion Central America
Income group Upper middle income

PEOPLE

Population (millions) ¹	0.36 (2015)	0.47 (2030)
Urban ²	44% (2015)	45% (2030)
Rural ²	56% (2015)	55% (2030)
Population growth ¹ (annual)	2.1% (2015)	1.5% (2030)
Human Development Index rank ³	101/188 High human development	
Languages ¹⁹	English 62.9% (official), Spanish 56.6%, Creole 44.6%, Maya 10.5%, German 3.2%, Garifuna 2.9%, other 1.8%, unknown 0.3%, none 0.2%	
Religion ¹⁹	Roman Catholic 40.1%, Protestant 31.5% (includes Pentecostal 8.4%, Seventh Day Adventist 5.4%, Anglican 4.7%, Mennonite 3.7%, Baptist 3.6%, Methodist 2.9%, Nazarene 2.8%),	
Ethnic composition ¹⁹	Mestizo 52.9%, Creole 25.9%, Maya 11.3%, Garifuna 6.1%, East Indian 3.9%, Mennonite 3.6%, white 1.2%, Asian 1%, other 1.2%, unknown 0.3%	

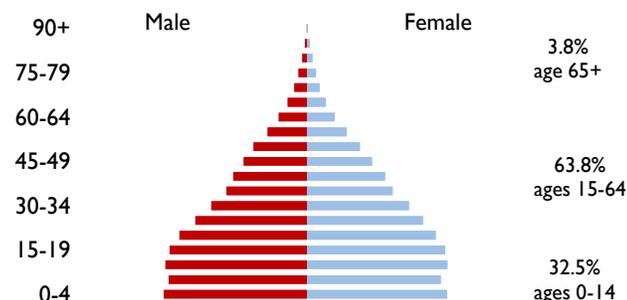
GOVERNMENT

Capital ¹⁹	Belmopan
Government type ¹⁹	Parliamentary democracy (National Assembly) under a constitutional monarchy
Head of State ¹⁹	Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952)
Head of Govt ¹⁹	Prime Minister Dean Oliver BARROW (since 8 February 2008)
Legislature ¹⁹	Bicameral National Assembly consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives
Females in Parliament ⁴	3% (2015)
Corruption Perceptions Index rank ⁵	n/a
Land area (sq km) ⁷	22,810 (The size of New Hampshire)

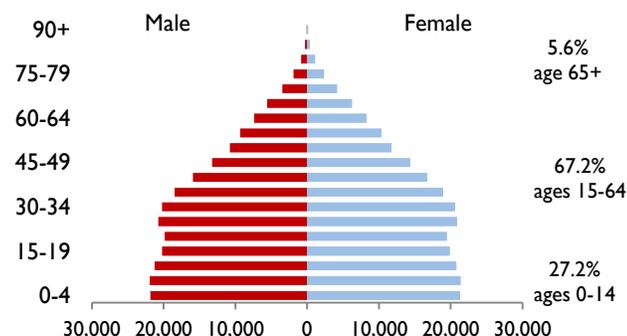
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

From all donors (US\$ millions, net) ⁸	\$36.0 (2014)
as % of income ⁷	2.31% (2014)
per capita ¹⁸	\$102.4 (2014)
From U.S. (US\$ millions) ⁸	\$2.6 (2014)

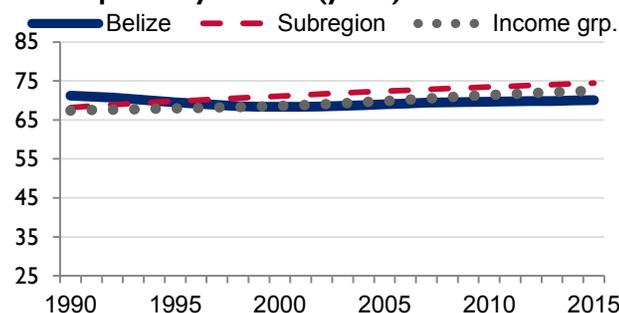
2015 population¹



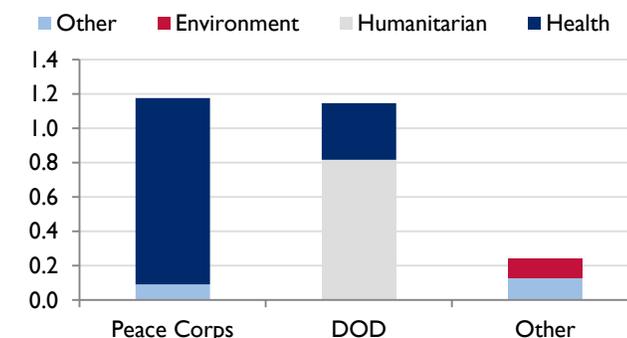
2030 population¹



Life expectancy at birth (years)¹



U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014¹⁸



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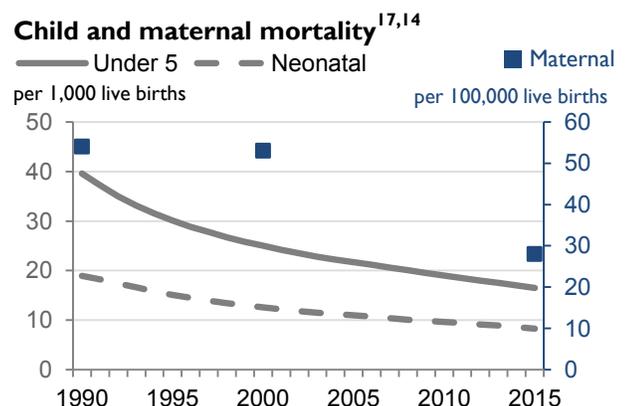
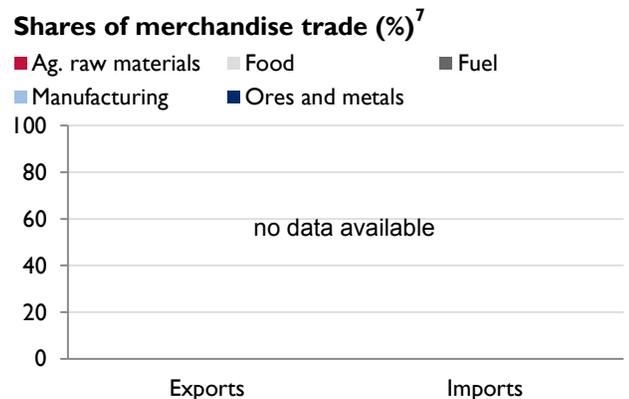
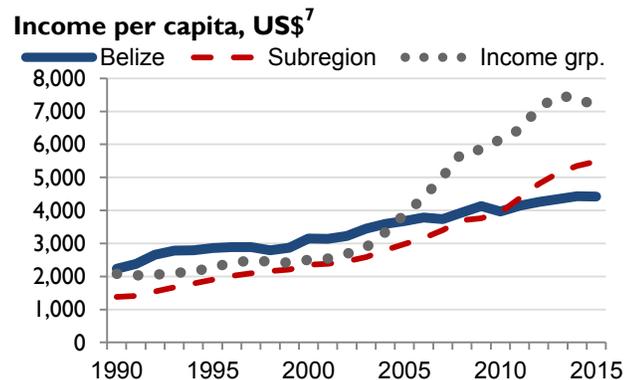
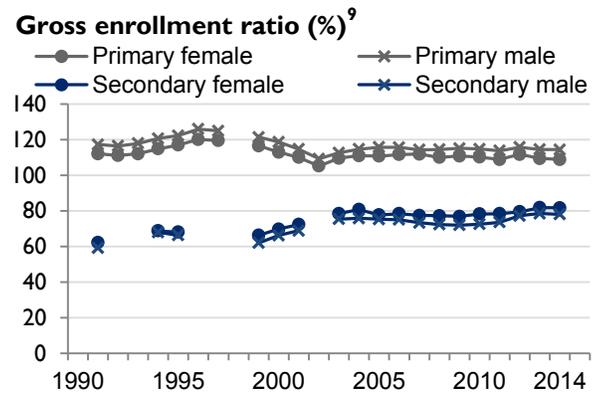
Completion rate, primary gross ⁷	102.1%	(2014)
Female completion rate ⁷	100.7%	(2014)
Male completion rate ⁷	103.5%	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary ⁹	22	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary ⁹	18	(2014)
Public education expenditure (% of GDP) ⁹	6.1%	(2013)
Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) ⁷	89%	(2015)
Children out of school, primary ⁷	397	(2014)
Of which, female ⁷	88%	(2014)
Of which, male ⁷	12%	(2014)

ECONOMY

GDP (US\$ millions) ⁷	\$1,763	(2015)
GDP growth (annual %) ⁷	1.9%	(2015)
10-year average ⁷	2.6%	(2015)
Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) ¹⁰	\$368	(2015)
Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) ¹⁰	\$1,173	(2015)
Percent of population living under \$1.90/day ⁷	n/a	
Share of income going to the poorest 20% ¹¹	n/a	
Share of income going to the richest 20% ¹¹	n/a	
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) ⁷	22.0%	(2014)
Annual inflation ¹²	-0.9%	(2015)

HEALTH

Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) ¹³	1.5%	(2015)
Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) ⁷	46%	(2015)
Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) ¹⁴	47	(2014)
Deaths from malaria (per 100,000 population) ¹⁴	0	(2013)
Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) ¹⁵	n/a	
DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) ¹⁵	n/a	
Fertility rate (children per woman) ¹⁵	n/a	
Modern contraceptive prevalence ¹⁵	n/a	
Births attended by skilled health worker ¹⁵	n/a	
Improved water source (% of population) ⁴	100%	(2015)
Public health expenditure (% of GDP) ¹⁶	4%	(2014)



SOURCES: ¹UN, World Population Prospects; ²UN, World Urbanization Prospects; ³UNDP, Human Development Report; ⁴UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; ⁵Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; ⁶Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; ⁷World Bank, World Development Indicators; ⁸OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); ⁹UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; ¹⁰IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; ¹¹Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; ¹²IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; ¹³UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; ¹⁴WHO, World Health Statistics; ¹⁵Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; ¹⁶WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; ¹⁷UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; ¹⁸OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); ¹⁹CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.