

GUATEMALA: AGRICULTURE AND WORKFORCE QUICK FACTS

Guatemala is known as the Land of Eternal Spring and is blessed with a large and varied agricultural economy, accounting for 10% of GDP and 30% of the labor force. The U.S. is Guatemala's largest trading partner, accounting for nearly 40% of its trade.

Guatemala is the top remittance recipient in Central America. These inflows are a primary source of foreign income, equivalent to two-thirds of the country's exports and about a 18% of its GDP. Remittances from nonimmigrant workers contribute to economic growth and stability. Guatemala has been placing agricultural workers in the U.S. and Canada for years.

Guatemala has a strong agricultural sector and is a major exporter of sugarcane, bananas, coffee, cardamom, vegetables, flowers, fresh fruit and others. This diverse and rich experience provides workers with strong agricultural skills gained from working in a variety of settings. 48% of population is non-urban.

Workforce Characteristics

Guatemala's median age is 23 – a young workforce – and has a population of 18,854,572. It is the most populous country in Central America. Workers from Guatemala

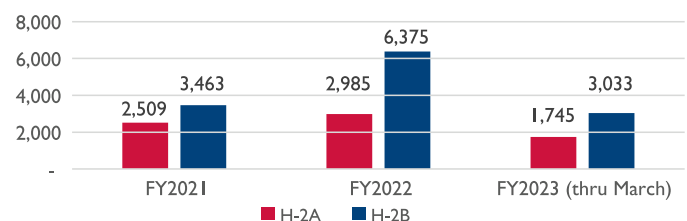
are known for their work ethic and commitment to customer service.

Employment in Agriculture

With 30% of its population working in agriculture, Guatemala has a large, experienced workforce available to U.S. growers. The skills of this workforce are readily transferable to needs of U.S. growers especially in the farm laborer occupational category. Guatemala's **Seasonal Labor Program** includes workers in more than 60 different agricultural fields.

Guatemala has many experienced temporary workers and the **Seasonal Labor Program** aims to promote regular, orderly, and safe migration through a pre-established, organized, and transparent selection and travel process.

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