

Date of Fund Membership:

December 28, 1945

Standard Sources:

Bank of Guatemala

Exchange Rates:**Market Rate (End of Period and Period Average):**

Central bank midpoint rate. Effective June 1, 1990, the principal rate refers to the average of the buying and selling rates, set on a weekly basis, for official receipts and payments, imports of petroleum, and coffee exports. In addition, there is a market exchange rate determined by commercial banks and exchange houses. Prior to that date, a system of independent floating was in effect. A multiple exchange rate system, introduced on November 16, 1984, was modified on June 4, 1986 and was abolished in 1991.

Central Bank:

Comprises the Bank of Guatemala (BoG) only.

Data are based on a standardized report form (SRF) for central banks, which accords with the concepts and definitions of the IMF's *Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual (MFSM)*, 2000.

Other Depository Corporations:

Comprises private commercial banks, the government-owned Crédito Hipotecario Nacional, and finance companies. Beginning in December 2003, includes offshore banks that accept deposits from residents. Beginning in December 2005, includes savings and loans associations.

Data are based on a standardized report form (SRF) for other depository corporations, which accords with the concepts and definitions of the *Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual (MFSM)*. Departures from the *MFSM* methodology are explained below.

The classification of financial instruments is hampered by a chart of accounts that does not allow a proper sectorization of financial assets and liabilities, nor a distinction between resident and nonresident units.

Claims on Private Sector includes loans to public nonfinancial corporations.

Holdings of domestic securities are valued at acquisition cost rather than at current market price or fair value.

Depository Corporations:

See notes on central bank and other depository corporations.

Monetary Aggregates:**Broad Money:**

Broad Money calculated from the liability data in the sections for the central bank and other depository corporations accords with

the concepts and definitions of the *MFSM* and is consistent with *M3* described below.

Money (National Definitions):

Base Money comprises notes and coins issued; legal reserve requirements, excess deposits, and obligatory investments of commercial banks; and deposits of finance companies, offshore banks, and savings and loans associations with the BoG.

M1 comprises currency in circulation outside depository corporations and transferable deposits of other financial corporations, state and local governments, public nonfinancial corporations, and private sector in national currency with other depository corporations.

M2 comprises *M1* and time and savings deposits in national currency and deposits in foreign currency of other financial corporations, state and local governments, public nonfinancial corporations, and private sector with the BoG and other depository corporations.

M3 comprises *M2* and securities other than shares issued by the BoG and other depository corporations in national and foreign currency held by other financial corporations, state and local governments, public nonfinancial corporations, and private sector.

Interest Rates:**Discount Rate (End of Period):**

Rate charged by the Bank of Guatemala on eligible paper presented by commercial banks.

Money Market Rate:

Weighted average rate on loans between commercial banks. The rate is weighted by loan amounts.

Savings Rate:

Weighted average rate offered by commercial banks on savings deposits. The rate is weighted by deposit amounts.

Deposit Rate:

Maximum rate offered by commercial banks on time and savings deposits. † Beginning in January 1997, weighted average rate offered by commercial banks on time and savings deposits. The rate is weighted by deposit amounts.

Lending Rate:

Maximum rate charged by commercial banks on loans. † Beginning in January 1997, weighted average rate charged by commercial banks on loans. The rate is weighted by loan amounts.