
- Population, total (million): 0.4
- Human Development Index: 0.708; Rank: 106 (out of 188 countries)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 70.6
- Expected years of schooling (years): 12.8
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP$): 7,165.8
- Internet users (% of population): 44.6
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 1.4

Education Snapshot

- Compulsory education lasts 8 years, from age 5 to age 12;
- 376 out of school children (2016);
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education: 96.05%;
- Net enrolment ratio in secondary education: 72.22%;
- Youth literacy rate: 77.64% (1991);
- Adult literacy rate: 70.3 (1991) %;
- Government expenditure on education: As % of GDP 6.71% (2015).

(Map of Belize attached)

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3. Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards: 1
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC.

4. Former DG’s official visits: 1
   - 17-18 September 2007 (Mr Maatsura)

5. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
   - Previous Ambassadors and Permanent Delegates:
     Mr Rudolph I. Castillo 1983-1986
     Mr Robert Leslie May to Nov. 1991

6. Belize National Commission for UNESCO:
   - Established in 1982.
   - President (since January 2009): The Honourable Patrick Faber, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports
   - Vice-President (since January 2009): The Honourable Pablo Marin
   - Secretary General (since August 2017): Mr Roosevelt Blades

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7. Prominent personalities having privileged relations with UNESCO (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc): none.

8. UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica):
   ▪ Cluster office covers: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Santa Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. The British Virgin Islands, Cayman Island, Montserrat and Sint Maarten are Associated Member States.
   ▪ Director: Ms Katherine Grisby since 2015.

9. UNESCO Chairs: none

10. Associated Schools: 3 (2 primary and 1 secondary)
    ▪ Belize joined the Associated Schools Project Network (ASP net) in 1999.

11. Biosphere Reserves: none

12. Global geoparks: none

13. World Heritage Sites: 1
    ▪ Natural site: Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (1996)

14. Tentative List: none

15. Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity:

16. Memory of the World Register:
    ▪ Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (2009)

17. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 7

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18. **Participation Programme 2007-2008:**
   - During the 2016-2017 biennium, four requests were approved for a total amount of US$74,000.
   - Belize did not submit request under the Participation Programme for 2018-2019.

19. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme 2007-2008:**
   - Since 2010, 5 fellowships have been awarded to Belize for a total amount of US$ 61,252.

20. **Representation within the Secretariat as at 24 September 2018:** 1 (maximum: 4 and minimum: 2), under-represented

21. **Celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019:** none.