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In Guatemala, a family of five requires 542.62 quetzals (approximately \$100) per month to meet the subsistence levels of education, nutrition and health care. The current minimum wage is equivalent to about half this amount. The illiteracy rate is 47%. Forty percent of the labor force are un- and underemployed. Between 1950 and 1991 the Guatemalan population will have tripled. At present, the nation's housing shortage is estimated at 815,536 units. Infant mortality is 73.3 per thousand live births, and 82% of Guatemalan children are malnourished. (Basic data from AFP, 11/09/90)

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