## **MEXICO**

Capital: Mexico City

### GEODATA

Area 1,972,550 km<sup>2</sup>

**Major language** Spanish (official)

Major religious groups Roman Catholic (89%), Protestant (6%)

Surrounding countries Belize, Guatemala, United States

### POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic

**Democratic institutions** Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies

Leader President Vicente Fox Quesada

## ECONOMIC DATA

**Nominal GDP** \$578.6 billion US (2000)

**Real GDP growth rate** 7.1% (2000)

**GDP** per capita \$5,853 US (2000)

Main exports

Electrical machinery, motor vehicles, machinery, petroleum, petroleum products

#### Main imports

Electrical machinery, machinery, motor vehicles, plastic, iron and steel products

#### Main exports to Canada

\$12.08 billion (2000), including electrical machinery; vehicles; machinery; furniture and bedding; mineral fuel and oil, etc.; optical and medical instruments; iron and steel products; vegetables; woven apparel; fruit and nuts

#### Main imports from Canada

\$2.04 billion (2000), including vehicles; grain, seed and fruit; cereals; machinery; meat; electrical machinery; aluminum; chemical products; paper and paperboard; wood pulp, etc.

**Canadian Representative** 

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Population 97.4 million (2000)

Population growth rate 1.8% (1999)



Secretary of Foreign Relations Jorge G. Castañeda

Secretary of the Economy Luis Ernesto Derbez

**UN Human Development Index (2000)** Mexico ranks 55th among 174 countries

Inflation rate

2.3% (2000 official rate)

**Unemployment rate** 

# 8.96% (2000)