

Haiti

General Description

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| Capital: | Port-au-Prince |
| Population: | 6.88 million (1993); 1.1 million (1988) |
| Population Growth Rate: | 0.4% |
| Total Area: | 27,750 km ² |
| Currency: | C\$1 = 9.40 gourdes (December 1993) US\$1 = 12.6 gourdes (December 1993) |
| Street Exchange Rate: | US\$1 = 13.6 gourdes (December 1993) |
| Language: | French (official) and Creole |
| Literacy: | 53% (59%M/43%F) (1990e) |
| Life Expectancy: | (53 M/55F) |
| National Holiday: | January 1 (1804 Independence Day) |

Political Data

Type of Government: Republic of Haiti; presidential republic; bicameral National Assembly, 25-member Senate and 83-member House of Deputies; president elected for five-year term and deputies elected for four-year terms; five regional departments

Head of State: Jean-Bertrand Aristide (in exile since the September 30, 1991, coup d'état)

Prime Minister: Robert Malval

Minister of Commerce and Industry: Louis Déjoie

Minister of Finance and Economy: Marie-Michèle Rey

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Claudette Werleigh

Minister of Planning and Foreign Aid: Jean-Marie Chérestal

Main Political Parties: (number of seats in the House/Senate)

FNCD-Front for Democratic Convergence: 27/13

ANDP-National Alliance for Democracy and Progress: 17/6

Others: 39/6

Upcoming Elections: December 1994, deputies; December 1995, presidential
Memberships: CARICOM (observer), ECLAC, G-77, GATT, IADB, OAS, UN

Economic Data

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| GDP: | \$2.49 billion (e); \$2.42 billion (1993e) |
| GDP Growth Rate: | -3.0% (1992 and 1993) |
| GDP per Capita: | \$370 (e); \$350 (1993e) |
| Inflation Rate: | 20% (e); 18% (1993e) |
| Unemployment Rate: | 40% (estimates range from 25%-50%) |
| Total External Debt: | \$811 million |
| Military Budget: | \$34 million (1988e) |
| Debt Held by Canada: | N/A |