

PANAMA

Capital: Panama City

GEODATA

Area

77,082 km²

Official language

Spanish

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (85%),
Protestant (15%)

Surrounding countries

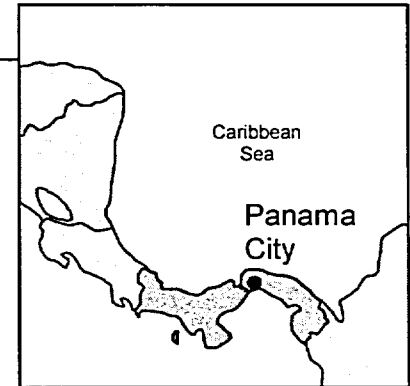
Colombia, Costa Rica

Population

2.81 million (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.34% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: Legislative Assembly; multiparty

Leader

President Mireya Moscoso

Minister of Foreign Relations

José Miguel Alemán

Minister of Economy and Finance

Norberto Delgado

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Panama ranks 59th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$1.27 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$9.2 billion US (1999 est.)

GDP growth rate

3.2% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita

\$2,845 US (1999)

Main exports

Bananas, shrimp, sugar, coffee

Main imports

Capital equipment and machinery, oil, food products, consumer products, chemicals

Main exports to Canada

\$29.3 million (1999), including bananas, plantains, papayas, mineral fuel, coffee, tea, fish and seafood, aluminum

Main imports from Canada

\$51.5 million (1999), including pharmaceutical products, beans and peas, furniture, machinery, cigarettes

Canadian Representative

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