

BOLIVIA

Capital: La Paz

GEODATA

Area

1,098,580 km²

Major languages

Spanish, Quechua, Aymará (all official)

Major religious group

Roman Catholic

Surrounding countries

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru

Population

8.3 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

2.2% (1990-1999)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper Chamber: Senate

Lower Chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

Leader

President Hugo Banzer Suárez

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship

Javier Murillo de la Rocha

Minister of Economic Development

Carlos Saavedra Bruno

Minister of Foreign Trade and Investments

Claudio Mansilla Peña

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Bolivia ranks 114th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$24.7 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$8.4 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

2.5% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$954 US (1999)

Inflation rate

4.7% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

11.7% (1997 est.)

Main exports

Soybeans, natural gas, zinc, gold, wood

Main imports

Capital goods, raw and semi-manufactured materials, chemicals, petroleum, food

Main exports to Canada

\$16.4 million (2000), including ores, slag and ash; aircraft; wood; fruit and nuts; tin and articles thereof, knit apparel; inorganic chemicals; rare metals; electrical machinery; spices, coffee and tea; cereals

Main imports from Canada

\$16.4 million (2000), including cereals; machinery, vehicles; optical and medical instruments; furniture and bedding; electrical machinery; preserved food; plastics; animal and vegetable fats and oils; dairy products; eggs; honey

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