

MEXICO

Capital: Mexico City

GEODATA

Area 1,972,550 km ²	Population 99.4 million (2001)
Major language Spanish (official)	Population growth rate 1.5% (2001)
Major religious groups Roman Catholic (89%), Protestant (6%)	
Surrounding countries Belize, Guatemala, United States	



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic	Minister of Foreign Affairs Luis Ernesto Derbez
National legislature Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies	Minister of the Economy Fernando Canales Clariond
Leader President Vicente Fox	UN Human Development Index (2002) Mexico ranks 54th among 162 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP \$957.6 billion (2001)	Inflation rate 5.7% (2002)
GDP growth rate -0.3% (2001)	Unemployment rate 2.4% (2002)
GDP per capita \$9,695 (2001)	
Main exports Motor vehicles and parts, grains, seeds, machinery and electrical machinery, chemical products, dairy and eggs	
Main imports Electrical machinery, motor vehicles, furniture and bedding, oil, optical equipment, vegetables, fruit and nuts	
Canadian imports from Mexico \$12.1 billion (2001) or \$11.6 billion (Jan.–Nov. 2002), including electrical machinery, motor vehicles, furniture and bedding, oil, optical equipment, vegetables, fruit and nuts, iron and steel products, iron and steel, woven apparel, glass and glassware, knit apparel, beverages, textile floor coverings.	
Canadian exports to Mexico \$2.8 billion (2001) or \$2.2 billion (Jan.–Nov. 2002), including motor vehicles and parts, grains, seeds, fruit and cereals, machinery, electrical machinery, chemical products, dairy products, eggs, honey, salt, sulphur, wood pulp, fabrics, rubber, plastic, iron and steel.	

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