MEXICO

Capital: Mexico City

GEODATA

Area 1,972,550 km²

Major language Spanish (official)

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

Surrounding countries Belize, Guatemala, United States

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic

National legislature Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies

Leader President Vicente Fox

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP \$957.6 billion (2001)

GDP growth rate -0.3% (2001)

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

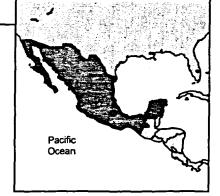
Canadian imports from Mexico

\$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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UN Human Development Index (2002) Mexico ranks 54th among 162 countries

Inflation rate 5.7% (2002) Unemployment rate 2.4% (2002)

Fox

Population 99.4 million (2001)

1.5% (2001)

Population growth rate