

# JAPAN

Capital: Tokyo

## GEODATA

### Area

378,000 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

125.96 million (1996 est.)

### Population growth

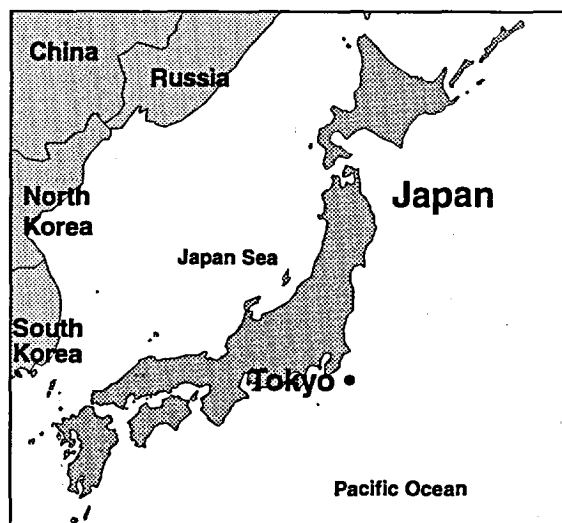
0.4% (1996 est.)

### Major language

Japanese

### Major religions

Buddhist, Shinto



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

### Leader

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Yukihiko Ikeda

### Minister of Finance

Hiroshi Mitsuzuka

### Democratic institutions

Bicameral parliament (Diet)

### UN Human Development Index

Japan ranks 3rd among 174 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

### Nominal GDP

\$4.6 trillion US (1996)

### Real GDP growth rate

3.6% (1996)

### GDP per capita on a PPP basis

\$23,794 US (1996)

### Inflation rate

0.1% (1996)

### Unemployment rate

3.4% (1996)

### Main exports

Machinery, metals, chemical products, textile fibres and products, motor vehicles, ships, consumer electronics and optical instruments

### Main imports

Mineral fuels, foodstuffs, raw materials, machinery, and metal ore and scrap

### Main exports to Canada

\$10.44 billion Cdn (1996), including machinery, electronics and photographic equipment, motor vehicles and parts, computers, chemicals

### Main imports from Canada

\$10.51 billion Cdn (1996), including lumber and plywood, pulp and paper, coal, fish, animal products, seafood and oilseeds

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