

BELGIUM

Capital: Brussels

GEODATA

Area

30,510 km²

Population

10 million (1994)

Population growth

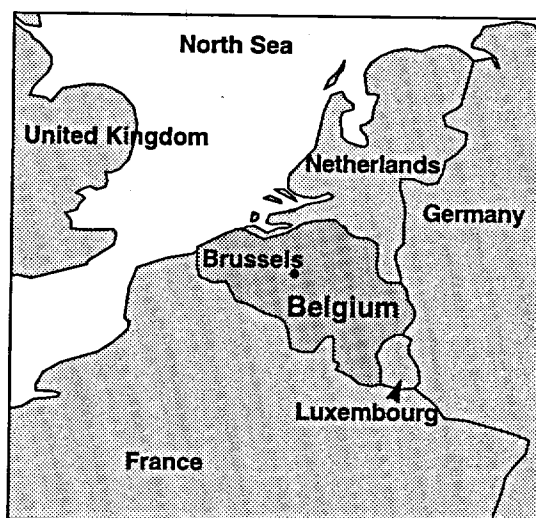
0.3% (1994)

Major languages

Flemish, French, German

Major religions

Roman Catholic (75%), Protestant



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy, federation

Leader

Prime Minister Jean-Louis Deheane

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Eryk Derycke

Democratic institutions

Bicameral national legislature, regional parliaments, community councils

UN Human Development Index

Belgium ranks 12th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$339.7 billion US (1994 est.)

GDP growth rate

2.2% (1994)

GDP per capita

\$22,860 US (1994)

Main exports

Steel, transport equipment, diamonds, petroleum products

Main imports

Oil, grains, chemicals, foodstuffs

Main exports to Canada

\$606 million (1994), including machinery, pearls, precious stones, mineral fuels, rubber and related articles, and photographic and cinematographic products

Main imports from Canada

\$1.34 billion (1994), including foodstuffs, beverages and sea products, forest products, aluminium, metals (steel and zinc), chemical products and machinery