

ISRAEL

GEODATA

Area

20,700 km²

Population

6.2 million (2000)

Population growth rate

2.5% (1999)

Major languages

Hebrew and Arabic (official), English

Major religious groups

Jewish (79%), Muslim (15.1%)

Christian (2.1%), Druze (1.6%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Democratic Republic

Democratic institutions

Unicameral legislature

Leaders

President Ezer Weizman

Prime Minister Ehud Barak

Minister of Foreign Affairs

David Levy

UN Human Development Index (1999)

Israel ranks 23rd among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$97.5 billion US (1999)

GDP growth rate

2% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$16,740 US (1998)

Inflation rate

5.4% (1998)

Unemployment rate

8.9% (1999)



Main exports

Agricultural products, diamonds

Main imports

Consumer products, paper

Main exports to Canada

\$443 million (1999), including industrial diamonds, machinery, electrical equipment

Main imports from Canada

\$283.4 million (1999), including aluminum, vehicles, machinery, paper, wood and wood pulp

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