

# SWITZERLAND

Capital: Bern

## GEODATA

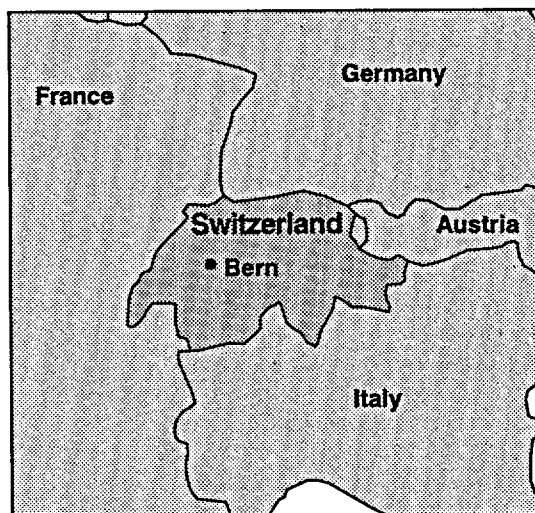
**Area**  
41,300 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population**  
7 million (1994)

**Population growth**  
Not available

**Major languages**  
German, French, Italian, Romansch

**Major religions**  
Catholic (47.6%), Protestant (44.3%), other (8.1%)



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**  
Confederation

**Leader**  
President Kaspar Villiger

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
Flavio Cotti

**Democratic institutions**  
Bicameral parliament

**UN Human Development Index**  
Switzerland ranks 13th among 174 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**  
\$357.1 billion (1994)

**GDP growth rate**  
2.1% (1994)

**GDP per capita**  
\$50,733 (1994)

**Major exports**  
Machinery, precision instruments, metals, foodstuff, clothing, and textiles.

**Major imports**  
Agricultural products, machinery and transportation equipment, chemicals

**Major exports to Canada**  
\$764 million (1994), including machinery, electrical apparatus and materials, pharmaceutical products, organic chemical products

**Major imports from Canada**  
\$894 million (1994), including aircraft, wood, pearls, precious stones and metals