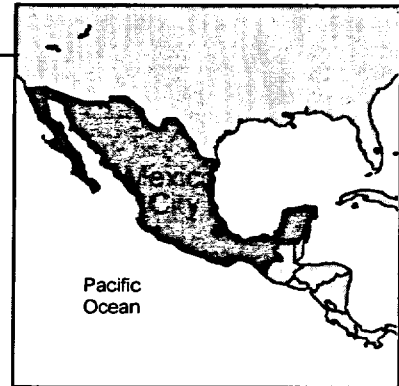


MEXICO

Capital: Mexico City

GEODATA

Area 1,972,550 km ²	Population 97.4 million (2000)
Major language Spanish	Population growth rate 1.8% (1999)
Major religious groups Roman Catholic (89%), Protestant (6%)	
Surrounding countries Belize, Guatemala, United States	



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic	Minister of Foreign Affairs Jorge G. Castañeda
National Legislature Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies	Minister of the Economy Luís Ernesto Derbez
Leader President Vicente Fox Quesada	UN Human Development Index (2001) Mexico ranks 51st among 162 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP \$578.6 billion US (2000)	Inflation rate 8.96% (2000 est.)
Real GDP growth rate 7.1% (2000)	Unemployment rate 2.3% (2000 official rate)
GDP per capita \$5,853 US (2000)	
Main exports Electrical machinery, motor vehicles, machinery, petroleum, petroleum products	
Main imports Electrical machinery, machinery, motor vehicles, plastic, iron and steel products	
Main exports to Canada \$12.08 billion (2000), including electrical machinery, vehicles, machinery, furniture and bedding, mineral fuel and oil, optical and medical instruments, iron and steel products, vegetables, woven apparel, fruit and nuts	
Main imports from Canada \$2.04 billion (2000), including vehicles, grain, seed and fruit, cereal, machinery, meat, electrical machinery, aluminum, chemical products, paper and paperboard, wood pulp	

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