

RUSSIA

Capital: Moscow

GEODATA

Area

17,075,200 km²

Population

144.8 million (January 2001)

Major language

Russian

Population growth rate

-0.38% (2000 est.)

Major religious groups

Russian Orthodox, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist

Surrounding countries

Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Mongolia, North Korea, Ukraine



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Igor Ivanov

National legislature

Upper chamber: Federal Council

Lower chamber: State Duma; multiparty

Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister

Alexei Kudrin

Leaders

President Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov

Minister of Economic Development and Trade

German Gref

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Russia ranks 62nd among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$246.7 billion US (2000)

Inflation rate

20.2% (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

7.5% (2000)

Unemployment rate

9.6% (February 2001)

GDP per capita

\$1,672 US (2000)

Main exports

Energy products, machinery and equipment, minerals and metals, food products, chemicals

Main imports

Machinery and equipment, food products, textiles, chemicals, mineral and metal products

Main exports to Canada

\$666 million (2000), including crude oil, iron and steel, base metals, fish and seafood, precious metals

Main imports from Canada

\$200 million (2000), including oil and gas equipment, vinyl building products, tobacco, pork products

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