

JORDAN

Capital: Amman

GEODATA

Area

88,884 km²

Population

4.7 million (1999)

Population growth rate

4% (1999)

Major languages

Arabic (official), English

Major religious groups

Sunni Muslim (92%), Christian (8%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Democratic institutions

National assembly

Leaders

King Abdullah bin al-Hussein

Prime Minister Abd Al-Ra'uf Rawabdeh

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Abdul Ilah al-Khatib

UN Human Development Index (1999)

Jordan ranks 94th among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$7.7 billion US (1999 est.)

GDP growth rate

2% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita

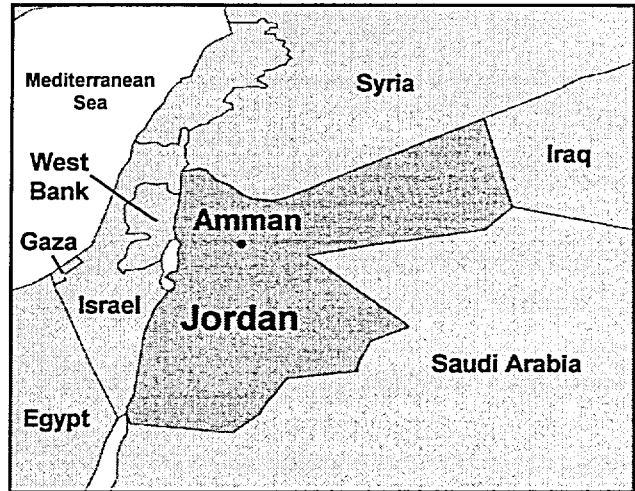
\$1,565 US (1999 est.)

Inflation rate

1.9% (1999 est.)

Unemployment rate

17% (1999 est.)



Main exports

Phosphates, potash, fertilizers, agricultural products, pharmaceuticals

Main imports

Crude oil, machinery, transport equipment, food products, chemicals, manufactured goods

Main exports to Canada

\$989,000 (1999), including airplane parts, agricultural goods, electrical parts

Main imports from Canada

\$19 million (1999), including wood, copper, wheat, pharmaceuticals, vehicles

Canadian official development assistance

\$4.5 million (1998-99)

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