

HAITI

Capital: Port-au-Prince

GEODATA

Area

27,797 km²

Major languages

French and Creole (official)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (80%),
Protestant (16%)

Surrounding countries

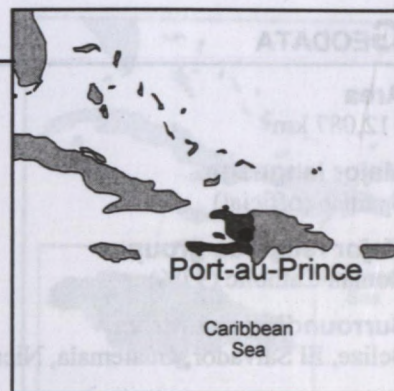
Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica, Dominican Republic

Population

8 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.6% (1990-1999 average)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Joseph Philippe Antonio

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

Minister of Finance and Economy

Faubert Gustave

Leaders

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide

Prime Minister Jean Marie Chérestal

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Haiti ranks 150th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$41.2 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$3.9 billion US (2000 est.)

Inflation rate

19% (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

1.2% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

60% (1996 est.)

GDP per capita

\$209 US (1999)

Main exports

Clothing, coffee, vegetable products, mangoes

Main imports

Food products, machinery, transportation equipment, fuels

Main exports to Canada

\$9.5 million (2000), including knit apparel; textile articles; copper and articles thereof; fish and seafood; cocoa; woven apparel; hides and skins; fruit and nuts

Main imports from Canada

\$25 million (2000), including dairy products; eggs; honey; meat; cereals; paper and paperboard; fish and seafood; iron and steel products; cotton, yarn and fabric; machinery

Canadian Representative

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