

# CHILE

Capital: Santiago

## GEODATA

### Area

756,626 km<sup>2</sup>

### Major language

Spanish

### Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (89%),  
Protestant (11%)

### Surrounding countries

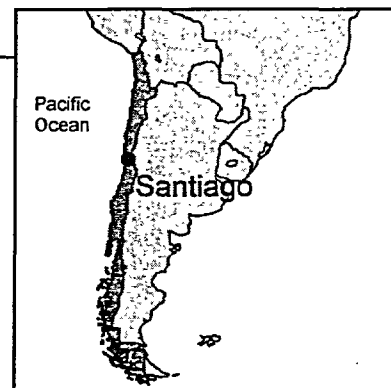
Argentina, Bolivia, Peru

### Population

15 million (2002)

### Population growth rate

1% (2001 est.)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Republic

### National legislature

Upper house: Senate

Lower house: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

### Leader

President Ricardo Lagos Escobar

### Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Mariá Soledad Alvear Valenzuela

### Minister of the Economy, Mining and Energy

Jorge Rodriguez Grossi

### UN Human Development Index (2002)

Chile ranks 38th among 173 countries

### Canadian official development assistance

\$3.46 million (2000-01)

## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$63.5 billion US (2001)

### GDP growth rate

2.9% (2001)

### GDP per capita

\$9,420 US (2001, PPP)

### Main exports

Copper, wood products, fish and fish meal, fruit and nuts, raw materials, textiles, industrial products

### Main imports

Capital goods, spare parts, raw materials, petroleum, foodstuffs

### Canadian imports from Chile

\$640.5 million (2001), including ore, slag and ash, fruit and nuts, beverages, copper and copper articles, wood, fish and seafood, cereals, preserved food, inorganic chemicals, rare metals, food waste and animal feed

### Canadian exports to Chile

\$369.1 million (2001), including cereals, electrical machinery, machinery, paper and paperboard, mineral fuel and oil, fertilizer, plastic, vehicles, iron and steel products, vegetables

### Canadian Representative

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