

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

Capital: Freetown

GEODATA

Area

71,740 km²

Population

4.46 million (1994)

Population growth

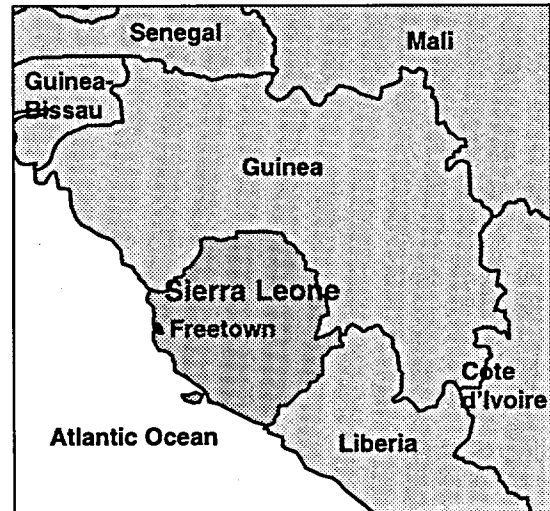
1.4% (1994)

Major languages

English (official), Krio

Major religions

Christian (10%), Muslim (30%), animist (30%),



POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government

Republic in transition from military rule

Leader

Chairman Capt. Valentine E.M. Strasser

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Alusine Fofanah

Democratic Institutions

Elections scheduled February 1996

UN Human Development Index

Sierra Leone ranks 173rd among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$1.2 billion US (1994 est.)

GDP growth rate

-2% (1994)

GDP per capita

\$270 US (1994)

Main Exports

Rutile, bauxite, cocoa, diamonds, coffee

Main Imports

Foodstuffs, petroleum, machinery, consumer goods

Main Exports to Canada

\$7.5 million (1994), including bauxite and other ores

Imports from Canada

\$0.6 million (1994)

Canadian bilateral assistance

\$8.10 million (1993-1994)