

RUSSIA

Capital: Moscow

GEODATA

Area

17,075,200 km²

Major language

Russian

Major religious groups

Russian Orthodox, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist

Surrounding countries

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

Population

144.8 million (January 2001)

Population growth rate

-0.4% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Federation Council

Lower chamber: State Duma; multiparty

Leaders

President Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Igor Ivanov

Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister

Alexei Kudrin

Minister of Economic Development and Trade

German Gref

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Russia ranks 55th among 162 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$246.7 billion US (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

8.3% (2000)

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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