

PERU

Capital: Lima

GEODATA

Area

1,285,215 km²

Population

25.7 million (2000 est.)

Major languages

Spanish and Quechua (official),
Aymará

Population growth rate

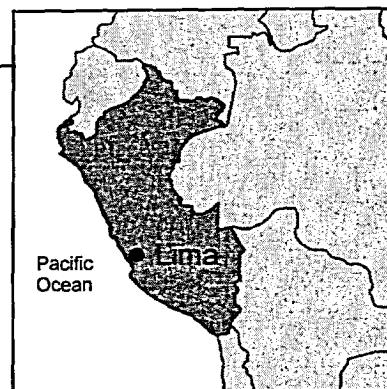
1.6% (1999 est.)

Major religious group

Roman Catholic

Surrounding countries

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of the Economy and Finance

Javier Silva Ruete

National legislature

Single chamber: Democratic Constituent Congress;
multiparty

Minister of Industry

Emilio Navarro Castañeda

Leaders

President (interim) Valentín Paniagua
President of the Council of the Ministers
Javier Pérez de Cuéllar

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Peru ranks 80th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$13.1 million (1998-1999)

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$54 billion US (2000 est.)

Inflation rate

3.8% (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

3.5% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

7.2% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$2,070 US (1999 est.)

Main exports

Copper, zinc, fishmeal, crude petroleum and by-products, lead, refined silver, coffee

Main imports

Machinery, transportation equipment, foodstuffs, petroleum, iron and steel, chemicals

Main exports to Canada

\$188.8 million (2000), including ores, lead and zinc; animal feed; coffee; fats and oils; vegetables; knit apparel; tin and articles thereof; wood; fruit and nuts

Main imports from Canada

\$208.9 million (2000), including wheat; machinery; leguminous vegetables; iron and steel products; copper ores; electrical machinery; plastics; vehicles; meat

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