

CHILE

Capital: Santiago

GEODATA

Area

756,626 km²

Major language

Spanish

Major religious groups

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

Surrounding countries

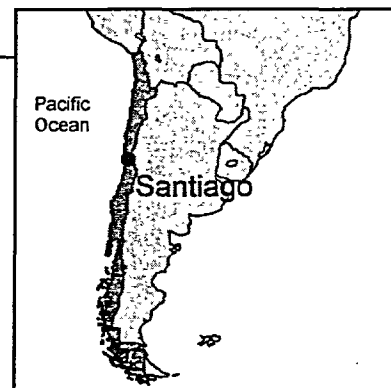
Argentina, Bolivia, Peru

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

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