RUSSIA

Capital: Moscow

GEODATA

Area

17,075,400 km²

Population

147.1 million (1997)

Population growth rate

-0.4% (1997)

Major language

Russian

Major religious groups

Russian Orthodox, Muslim

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Democratic institutions

Federal assembly

Leaders

President Boris Yeltsin

Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

Igor Ivanov

Acting Minister of Finance

Mikhail Zadomov

UN Human Development Index (1998)

Russia ranks 72nd among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$277 billion US (1998)

Real GDP growth rate

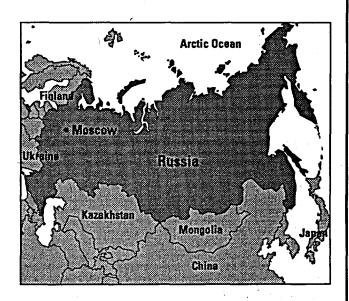
-4.8% (1998)

GDP per capita

\$3,012 US (1997)

Inflation rate

84.5% (1998)



Unemployment rate

11.4% (First quarter 1998)

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

\$732 million (1998), including steel, fish, mineral fuels, radioisotopes, rare metals

Main imports from Canada

\$288 million (1998), including machinery, tobacco, electronic equipment, plastic windows and siding, meats

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