

# MEXICO

Capital: Mexico City

## GEODATA

### Area

1,973,000 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

93.7 million (1995 est.)

### Annual population growth rate

1.8% (1995 est.)

### Official language

Spanish

### Major religion

Roman Catholic (93%)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Federal republic

### Democratic institutions

Bicameral congress

### Leader

President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

José Angel Gurría Treviño

### Minister of Trade and Industrial Development

Herminio Blanco Mendoza

### UN Human Development Index (1997)

Mexico ranks 50th among 175 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$326 billion US (1996)

### GDP growth rate

6.25% (1997 est.)

### GDP per capita

\$3,600 US (1996)

### Inflation rate

16.5% (1997 est.)

### Unemployment rate

3.4% (September 1997)

### Main exports

Petroleum, petroleum products, coffee, shrimp, engines, motor vehicles

### Main imports

Grain, manufactured articles, agricultural machinery, electrical equipment

### Main exports to Canada

\$6.03 billion (1996), including machinery and equipment, automotive products, industrial goods

### Main imports from Canada

\$1.25 billion (1996), including automotive products, agricultural goods, machinery and equipment, industrial goods