

# MEXICO

Capital: Mexico City

## GEODATA

**Area**

1,972,550 km<sup>2</sup>

**Major language**

Spanish

**Major religious groups**

Roman Catholic (89%),

Protestant (6%)

**Surrounding countries**

Belize, Guatemala, United States

**Population**

101.9 million (2001 est.)

**Population growth rate**

1.5% (2001 est.)



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**

Republic

**National legislature**

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

**Leader**

President Vicente Fox

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**

Jorge G. Castañeda

**Minister of the Economy**

Luis Ernesto Derbez

**UN Human Development Index (2002)**

Mexico ranks 54th among 173 countries

**Canadian official development assistance**

\$6.22 million (2000-01)

## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**

\$617.4 billion US (2001)

**GDP growth rate**

-0.3% (2001)

**GDP per capita**

\$8,770 US (2001, PPP)

**Main exports**

Electrical machinery, motor vehicles, machinery, petroleum, petroleum products

**Main imports**

Electrical machinery, machinery, motor vehicles, plastic, iron and steel products

**Canadian imports from Mexico**

\$12.1 billion (2001), including electrical machinery, motor vehicles, furniture and bedding, oil, optical equipment, vegetables, fruit and nuts, iron and steel products, iron and steel, woven apparel, glass and glassware, knit apparel, beverages, textile floor coverings

**Canadian exports to Mexico**

\$2.7 billion (2001), including motor vehicles and parts, grain, seeds and fruit, cereals, machinery, electrical machinery, chemical products, dairy, eggs and honey, salt and sulphur, wood pulp, fabrics, rubber, plastic, iron and steel

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