

MEXICO

Capital: Mexico City

GEODATA

Area

1,972,550 km²

Major language

Spanish (official)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (89%),

Protestant (6%)

Surrounding countries

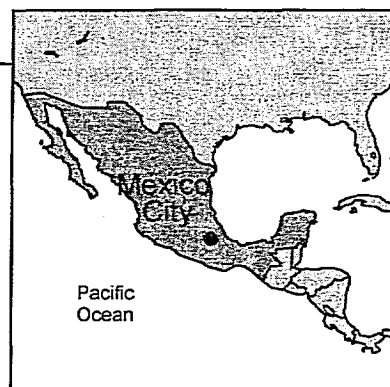
Belize, Guatemala, United States

Population

97.5 million (2000)

Population growth rate

1.8% (1999)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies

Leader

President Vicente Fox

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Jorge G. Castañeda

Minister of the Economy

Luís Ernesto Derbez

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Mexico ranks 51st among 162 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$620.2 billion US (2001 est.)

GDP growth rate

-0.9% (2001)

GDP per capita

\$5,853 US (2000)

Inflation rate

6.5% (2001 est.)

Unemployment rate

3% (2001 est.)

Main exports

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

Main imports

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

Main exports to Canada

\$12.11 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

Main imports from Canada

\$2.46 billion (2001), including motor vehicles and parts, grain seeds, fruit and cereals, machinery, electrical machinery, chemical products, dairy, eggs, honey, salt, sulphur, wood pulp, fabrics, rubber, plastic, iron and steel

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