

CZECH REPUBLIC

Capital: Prague

GEODATA

Area

78,864 km²

Major language

Czech

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (39.2%),
Protestant (4.6%), Orthodox (3%)

Surrounding countries

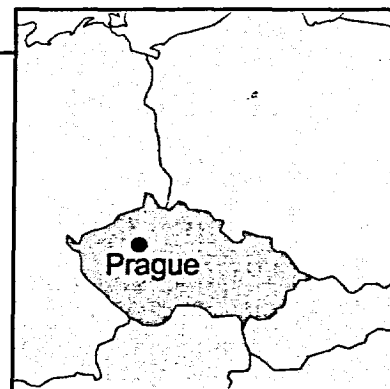
Austria, Germany, Poland, Slovakia

Population

10.3 million (2001)

Population growth rate

-0.1% (2001)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

Leader

President Václav Klaus

Prime Minister Vladimír Špidla

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Cyril Svoboda

Minister of Industry and Trade

Milan Urban

UN Human Development Index (2002)

The Czech Republic ranks 33rd among 173 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$774,000 (2002-3)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$109.1 billion (2002)

GDP growth rate

2.0% (2002)

GDP per capita

\$ 8,755 (2001)

Main exports

Machinery and transport equipment, other manufactured goods, chemicals, raw materials and fuels

Main imports

Machinery and transport equipment, other manufactured goods, raw materials and fuels, food, chemicals

Canadian imports from the Czech Republic

\$178.4 million (2002), including uranium and other radio-active elements, glassware, electrical equipment, furniture, iron or steel products

Canadian exports to the Czech Republic

\$83.7 million (2002), including electrical products; pharmaceuticals, turbines, animal feed, food preparations, water and non-alcoholic beverages

Inflation rate

1.8% (2002)

Unemployment rate

7.3% (2002)

Canadian Representative

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