

SPAIN

Capital: Madrid

GEODATA

Area

504,780 km²

Population

40 million (2000)

Major languages

Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque

Population growth rate

0.11% (2000 est.)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (99%)

Surrounding countries

Andorra, France, Gibraltar, Portugal, Morocco



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Minister of Finance (Economy and Treasury)

Rodrigo Rato y Figaredo

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Congress of Deputies

Minister of Science and Technology

Anna María Birulés y Bertrán

Leaders

King Juan Carlos I

Chief of the Government José María Aznar

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Spain ranks 21st among 174 countries

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Josep Piqué i Camps

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$660 billion US (2000)

Inflation rate

3.4% (December 2000)

GDP growth rate

4.1% (2000)

Unemployment rate

14% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$16,502 US (1998)

Main exports

Machinery, motor vehicles, foodstuffs, other consumer goods

Main imports

Machinery, and equipment, fuels, chemicals, semifinished products, foodstuffs, consumer goods

Main exports to Canada

\$941.9 million (2000), including machinery, vehicles (not railway), footwear, organic chemicals, iron and steel, mineral fuel, vegetables

Main imports from Canada

\$656.1 million (2000), including vegetables; wood pulp; ore, slag, and ash; paper products; machinery; electrical machinery; wood; miscellaneous grain; seed and fruit; aeronautics equipment; telecommunications equipment and services

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