

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Capital: Port Moresby

GEODATA

Area

462,840 km²

Population

4.5 million (1997)

Population growth rate

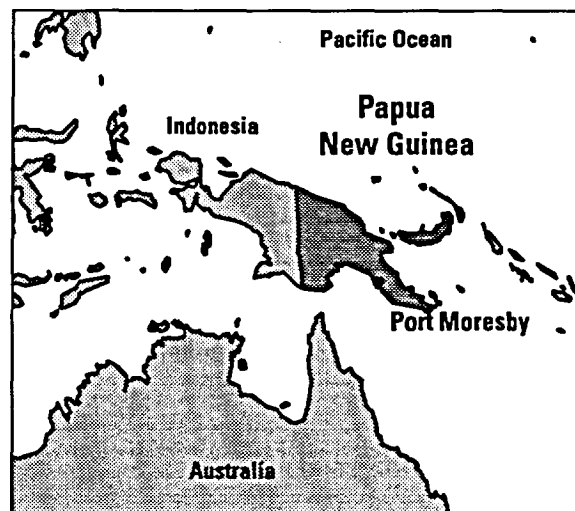
2.3% (1996 est.)

Major languages

Motu, Pidgin English

Major religious groups

Indigenous beliefs (34%), Roman Catholic (22%),
Lutheran (16%), other (28%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Parliamentary democracy

Democratic institutions

Unicameral parliament, multiparty system

Leader

Prime Minister Bill Skate

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade

Kilroy Genia

UN Human Development Index (1998)

Papua New Guinea ranks 129th among
174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$10.7 billion US (1996)

GDP growth rate

2.3% (1996)

GDP per capita

\$2,400 US (1996)

Inflation rate

12% (1996)

Unemployment rate

15% (1995)

Main exports

Gold, copper ore, coffee, cocoa, copra, palm oil,
timber, fish

Main imports

Machinery and transport equipment, fuels,
foodstuffs, chemicals, consumer goods

Main exports to Canada

\$2 million (1997), including spices and coffee,
rubber, electrical machinery, aircraft, ores, slag
and ash

Main imports from Canada

\$24 million (1997), including aircraft, machinery,
vehicles (not railway), iron and steel products,
musical instruments

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