

# Ireland

Capital: Dublin

## GEODATA

### Area

70,280 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

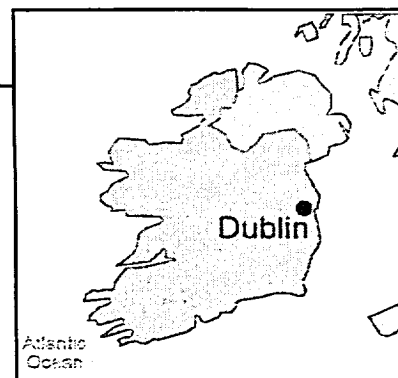
3.98 million (2003)

### Population growth

1.6% (2003)

### Major languages

English, Irish (Gaelic)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Republic

### National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies

### Leaders

President Mary McAleese

Prime Minister (Taoiseach) Bertie Ahern

### Minister for Foreign Affairs

Brian Cowen

### Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Mary Harney

### UN Human Development Index (2003)

Ireland ranks 12th among 175 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$191.84 billion (2002)

### Real GDP growth rate

6.9% (2002)

### GDP per capita

\$48,975 (2002)

### Inflation rate

3.5% (2003)

### Unemployment rate

4.7% (2003)

### Main exports

Organic chemicals, machinery and electrical products, pharmaceutical products, optics and medical instruments, cosmetics, chemical products, meat and dairy, food and beverages

### Main imports

Electrical and machinery products, vehicles, organic chemicals, mineral fuel and oil, pharmaceutical products, aerospace products, plastics and paper products, iron and steel products, woven apparel, beverages

### Canadian imports from Ireland

\$1.9 billion (2003), including pharmaceuticals, chemical products, computer parts, liqueurs, medical equipment, and beer

### Canadian exports to Ireland

\$446.9 million (2003), including computer parts, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications equipment, pulp, lumber, newsprint, and aerospace parts

### Canadian Representative

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