

# LEBANON

Capital: Beirut

## GEODATA

**Area**  
10,452 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population**  
4.2 million (1999)

**Population growth rate**  
0.6% (1999)

**Major languages**  
Arabic (official), French, English

**Major religious groups**  
Shiite Muslim (32%), Maronite Christian (24%),  
Sunni Muslim (21%), Druze Muslim (7%), other (16%)

## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**  
Republic

**Democratic institutions**  
Unicameral national assembly

**Leaders**  
President Emile Lahoud  
Prime Minister Salim Hoss

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
Salim Hoss

**UN Human Development Index (1999)**  
Lebanon ranks 69th among 174 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

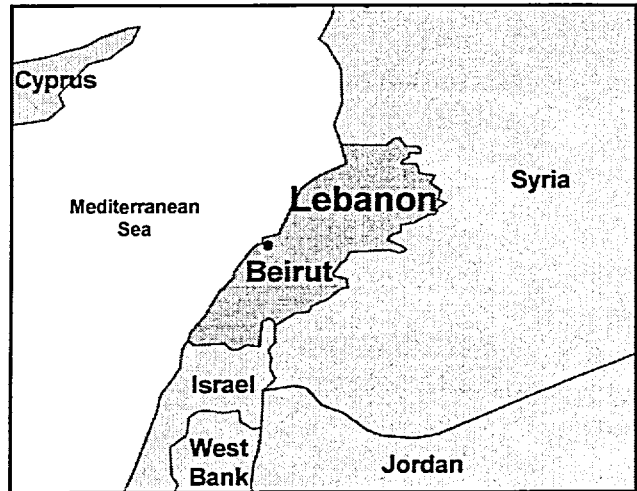
**GDP**  
\$16.2 billion US (1999 est.)

**GDP growth rate**  
3.5% (1999 est.)

**GDP per capita**  
\$5,148 US (1999 est.)

**Inflation rate**  
9% (1999 est.)

**Unemployment rate**  
4.8% (1999 est.)



### Main exports

Agricultural products, chemicals, textiles, metal and metal products, electrical equipment, jewelry, paper and paper products

### Main imports

Consumer goods, machinery, transport equipment, petroleum products, textiles

### Main exports to Canada

\$15.3 million (1999), including cement, nuts, seeds, olive oil, cotton, vegetables and other food products

### Main imports from Canada

\$46.2 million (1999), including wheat, motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, seeds, wood products

**Canadian official development assistance**  
\$2.2 million (1998-99)

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