

COLOMBIA

Capital: Bogotá

GEODATA

Area

1,141,568 km²

Major language

Spanish (official)

Major religious group

Roman Catholic

Surrounding countries

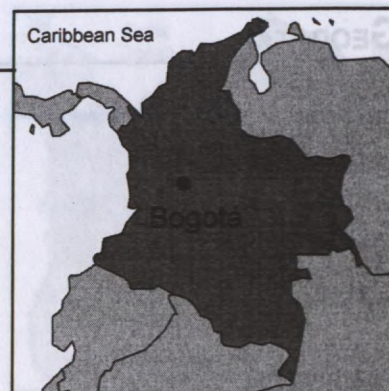
Brazil, Ecuador, Panama, Venezuela

Population

42.3 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.7% (1990–1999 average)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper Chamber: Senate

Lower Chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leader

President Andrés Pastrana Arango

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Guillermo Fernández de Soto

Minister of International Trade

Martha Lucía Ramírez

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Columbia ranks 68th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$10.3 million (1998–1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$81.3 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

3% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$1,534 US (1999)

Main exports

Petroleum, coffee, coal, bananas, cut flowers

Main imports

Industrial equipment, transportation equipment, consumer goods, chemicals, paper products

Main exports to Canada

\$332.1 million (2000), including spices; coffee and tea; fruit and nuts; mineral fuel and oil; live trees and plants; sugars; chemical products; wadding, felt, twine and rope; knit apparel; iron and steel products; woven apparel

Main imports from Canada

\$304.8 million (2000), including cereals; paper and paperboard; vegetables; fertilizers; vehicles; machinery; plastics; copper and articles thereof; electrical machinery; salt, sulphur, earth and stone

Canadian Representative

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