

RUSSIA

Capital: Moscow

GEODATA

Area

17,075,200 km²

Major language

Russian

Major religious groups

Russian Orthodox, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist

Surrounding countries

Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, North Korea, Norway, Poland, Ukraine

Population

143.9 million (January 2002)

Population growth rate

-0.4% (2001 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Federation Council

Lower chamber: State Duma; multiparty

Leaders

President Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Igor Ivanov

Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister

Alexei Kudrin

Minister of Economic Development and Trade

German Gref

UN Human Development Index (2002)

Russia ranks 60th among 173 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$310.0 billion US (2001)

GDP growth rate

5% (2001)

GDP per capita

\$8,660 US (2001, PPP)

Main exports

Energy products, machinery and equipment, minerals and metals, food products, chemicals

Main imports

Machinery and equipment, food products, textiles, chemicals, mineral and metal products

Canadian imports from Russia

\$361 million (2001), including fish and seafood, crude oil, iron and steel, fertilizer

Canadian exports to Russia

\$290 million (2001), including oil and gas equipment, pork products, building materials

Inflation rate

18.6% (2001)

Unemployment rate

8.9% (2001)

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