

HAITI

Capital: Port-au-Prince

GEODATA

Area

27,797 km²

Population

6.87 million (July 2000 est.)

Official languages

French, Creole

Population growth rate

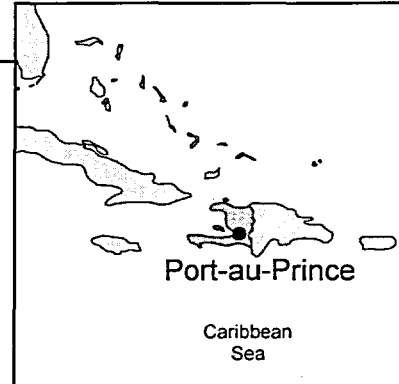
1.39% (2000 est.)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (80%),
Protestant (16%)

Surrounding countries

Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of Finance and Economy

Fred Joseph

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate
Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Haiti ranks 150th among 174 countries

Leaders

President René Prével
Prime Minister Jacques Édouard Alexis

Canadian official development assistance

\$41.22 million (1998-1999)

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Fritz Longchamp

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$3.8 billion US (1999 est.)

Inflation rate

8.7% (1999)

GDP growth rate

2.4% (1999 est.)

Unemployment rate

60% (1996 est.)

GDP per capita

\$209 US (1999)

Main exports

Clothing, coffee, vegetable products, mangoes

Main imports

Food products, machinery, transportation equipment, fuels

Main exports to Canada

\$11.1 million (1999), including clothing, fish and crustaceans, fruit, nuts, coffee

Main imports from Canada

\$41.4 million (1999), including dairy products, wheat, fish and crustaceans, photo plates and film, iron and steel

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