

RUSSIA

Capital: Moscow

GEODATA

Area

17,075,000 km²

Population

148 million (1997)

Population growth

-0.1% (1995)

Major languages

Russian, many others

Major religions

Russian Orthodox, Islamic



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Federal republic

Leaders

President Boris Yeltsin

Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Yevgeny Primakov

Minister of Finance

Anatoly Chubais

Democratic institutions

Federal assembly

UN Human Development Index

Russia ranks 57th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$551 billion US (1996)

Real GDP growth rate

-6% (1996)

GDP per capita on a PPP basis

\$4,898 US (1996)

Inflation rate

25% (1996)

Unemployment rate

9.5% (1996)

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

Main exports to Canada

\$448.7 million Cdn (1996), including metals, fish, mineral fuels, precious stones and metals, ore, inorganic chemicals

Main imports from Canada

\$300.8 million Cdn (1996), including machinery, electrical equipment, vehicles and accessories, meats, metals