

# UNITED KINGDOM

Capital: London

## GEODATA

### Area

244,100 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

58.8 million (2002)

### Major languages

English, Welsh, Gaelic

### Population growth rate

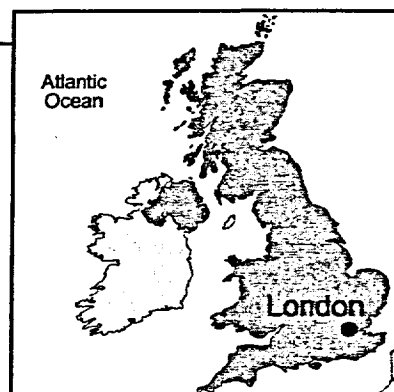
0.21% (2002 est.)

### Major religious groups

Anglican (45%), Roman Catholic (15%), Muslim (1.7%), Presbyterian (1.3%), Methodist (1.3%)

### Surrounding countries

Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

### Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Jack Straw

### National legislature

Upper chamber: House of Lords

Lower chamber: House of Commons; multiparty

### Chancellor of the Exchequer

Gordon Brown

### Leaders

Queen Elizabeth II

Prime Minister Tony Blair

### Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

Patricia Hewitt

### UN Human Development Index (2002)

The United Kingdom ranks 13th among 173 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$2.44 trillion (2002)

### Inflation rate

1.9% (2002)

### GDP growth rate

1.7% (2002)

### Unemployment rate

5.2% (2002)

### GDP per capita

\$41,269 (2002)

### Main exports

Manufactured goods, fuels, chemicals, food, beverages, tobacco

### Main imports

Manufactured goods, machinery, fuels, food

### Canadian imports from the United Kingdom

\$9.7 billion (2002), including mineral fuel, oil, machinery, aerospace products, electrical machinery, pharmaceutical products, vehicles

### Canadian exports to the United Kingdom

\$4.4 billion (2002), including machinery, aerospace products, electrical machinery, precious stones, metal, nickel, ores

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