

# CHINA

Capital: Beijing

## GEODATA

### Area

9.6 million km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

1.26 billion (1998)

### Population growth rate

1.4% (1998)

### Official language

Mandarin Chinese

### Major religious groups

Taoist, Buddhist, Islamic, Christian

## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

One party socialist republic

### Leaders

President Jiang Zemin

Premier Zhu Rongji

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Tang Jiaxuan

### Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation

Shi Guangsheng

### UN Human Development Index (1998)

China ranks 106th among 174 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$890 billion US (1997 est.)

### GDP growth rate

7.8% (1998)

### GDP per capita

\$700 US (1997 est.)

### Inflation rate

2.8% (1997)

### Unemployment rate

3.5% (1998)



### Main exports

Electrical machinery, woven apparel, machinery, knit apparel, footwear, toys and sports equipment

### Main imports

Electrical and mechanical machinery, mineral fuel oil, plastic, iron and steel, paper and paperboard

### Main exports to Canada

\$7.7 billion (1998), including electrical machinery, toys and sports equipment, footwear, woven apparel, leather articles

### Main imports from Canada

\$2.1 billion (1998), including cereals, electrical machinery, wood pulp, fertilizers, miscellaneous grain, seeds, fruit

### Canadian official development assistance

\$37.9 million (1998-99 bilateral disbursement est.)

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