

ITALY

Capital: Rome

GEODATA

Area

301 245 km²

Population

57.6 million (1995)

Population growth

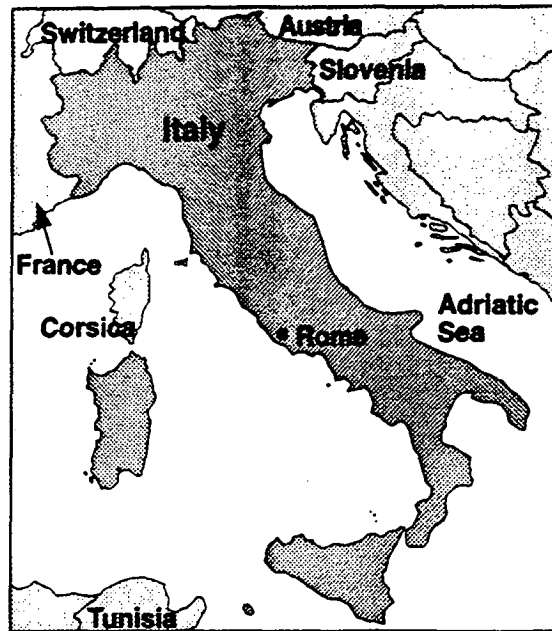
0.2% (1995)

Major language

Italian

Major religion

Roman Catholic (99%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Leaders

President Luigi Scalfaro

Prime Minister Lamberto Dini

Foreign Affairs Minister

Susanna Agnelli

Minister of Foreign Trade

Alberto Clo

Democratic institutions

Bicameral parliament

UN Human Development Index

Italy ranks 20th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

US\$1.444 trillion (1995 estimate)

GDP growth rate

3.3% (1995 estimate)

GDP per capita

US\$25 240 (1995 estimate)

Inflation rate

5.4% (1995)

Unemployment rate

11.9% (1995)

Major exports

Textiles, weaving apparel, metals, production machinery, transportation equipment and chemicals

Major imports

Grain, wood, petroleum, coal, chemicals, raw oils, meat, paper, rolled iron and steel, copper, mechanical and electrical equipment, and cotton

Major exports to Canada

\$3.27 billion (1995), including machinery, boilers and engines, electrical machinery and equipment, rolling stock and vehicles, raw hides and skins, and optical and precision equipment

Major imports from Canada

\$1.83 billion (1995), including wood pulp and fibre, wood and wooden articles, copper sheets and articles, cereals and wheat