

MALTA

Capital: Valletta

GEODATA

Area
320 km²

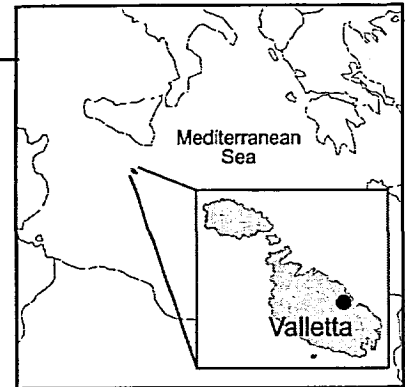
Major languages
Maltese and English (both official)

Major religious group
Roman Catholic (91%)

Surrounding country
Italy

Population
380,201 (1999)

Population growth rate
0.7% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Republic

National legislature
Single chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leaders
President Guido de Marco
Prime Minister Eddie Fenech Adami

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Joe Borg

Minister of Economic Services
Josef Bonnici

Minister of Finance
John Dalli

UN Human Development Index (2001)
Malta ranks 30th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance
\$340,000 (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$3.5 billion US (2000)

GDP growth rate
3.2% (2000)

GDP per capita
\$9,100 US (2000)

Main exports
Machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods

Main imports
Machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, drink, tobacco

Main exports to Canada
\$72 million (2000), including electronic integrated circuits, women's apparel, computer parts, toys

Main imports from Canada
\$13.1 million (2000), including electronic integrated circuits, electronic equipment, machinery, paper, cereals

Inflation rate
2.5% (2000)

Unemployment rate
5% (2000)

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