

# BRAZIL

Capital: Brasilia

## GEODATA

### Area

8,512,000 km<sup>2</sup>

### Major language

Portuguese (official)

### Major religious group

Roman Catholic

### Surrounding countries

Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, French Guyana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela

### Population

170 million (2000)

### Population growth rate

1.3% (1990-1999 average)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Republic

### Minister of Development, Industry and Commerce

Alcides Lopes Tápias

### National legislature

Upper Chamber: Senate

Lower Chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

### UN Human Development Index (2000)

Brazil ranks 74th among 174 countries

### Canadian official development assistance

\$26.5 million (1998-1999)

### Leaders

President Fernando Henrique Cardoso

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Celso Lafer

## ECONOMIC DATA

### Real GDP

\$651 billion US (2000 est.)

### Inflation rate

4.9% (1999)

### GDP growth rate

4% (2000 est.)

### Unemployment rate

7.6% (1999)

### GDP per capita

\$3,193 US (1999)

### Main exports

Manufactured products, iron ore, soybeans, footwear, coffee

### Main imports

Machinery and equipment, chemical products, oil, electricity

### Main exports to Canada

\$1.5 billion (2000), including iron and steel; vehicles; electrical machinery; preserved food; machinery; spices, coffee and tea; sugars; footwear; wood pulp, etc.; wood

### Main imports from Canada

\$1.1 billion (2000), including paper and paperboard; fertilizers; vehicles (not railway); electrical machinery; mineral fuel; oil; machinery; salt, sulphur, earth and stone; aircraft and spacecraft; cereals; milled products, malt and starches

### Canadian Representative

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