

# RUSSIA

Capital: Moscow

## GEODATA

### Area

17,075,200 km<sup>2</sup>

### Major language

Russian

### Major religious groups

Russian Orthodox, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist

### Surrounding countries

Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Mongolia, North Korea, Ukraine

### Population

144.8 million (January 2001)

### Population growth rate

-0.38% (2000 est.)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Republic

### National legislature

Upper chamber: Federal Council

Lower chamber: State Duma; multiparty

### Leaders

President Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Igor Ivanov

### Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister

Alexei Kudrin

### Minister of Economic Development and Trade

German Gref

### UN Human Development Index (2000)

Russia ranks 62nd among 174 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

### Nominal GDP

\$246.7 billion US (2000)

### Real GDP growth rate

7.5% (2000)

### GDP per capita

\$1,672 US (2000)

### Inflation rate

20.2% (2000)

### Unemployment rate

9.6% (February 2001)

### Main exports

Energy products, machinery and equipment, minerals and metals, food products, chemicals

### Main imports

Machinery and equipment, food products, textiles, chemicals, mineral and metal products

### Main exports to Canada

\$666 million (2000), including crude oil, iron and steel, base metals, fish and seafood, precious metals

### Main imports from Canada

\$200 million (2000), including oil and gas equipment, vinyl building products, tobacco, pork products

### Canadian Representative

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