## **MEXICO**

Capital: Mexico City

## GEODATA

Area

1,972,550 km<sup>2</sup>

Major language Spanish (official)

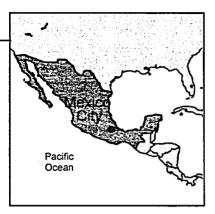
Major religious groups Roman Catholic (89%), Protestant (6%)

Surrounding countries
Belize, Guatemala, United States

Population

97.4 million (2000)

Population growth rate 1.8% (1999)



## POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

**Democratic institutions** 

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies

Leader

President Vicente Fox Quesada

**Secretary of Foreign Relations** 

Jorge G. Castañeda

Secretary of the Economy

Luis Ernesto Derbez

**UN Human Development Index (2000)** 

Mexico ranks 55th among 174 countries

## **ECONOMIC DATA**

**Nominal GDP** 

\$578.6 billion US (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

7.1% (2000)

Inflation rate 8.96% (2000)

0.2070 (2000)

Unemployment rate 2.3% (2000 official rate)

**GDP per capita** \$5,853 US (2000)

Main exports

Electrical machinery, motor vehicles, machinery, petroleum, petroleum products

Main imports

Electrical machinery, machinery, motor vehicles, plastic, iron and steel products

Main exports to Canada

\$12.08 billion (2000), including electrical machinery; vehicles; machinery; furniture and bedding; mineral fuel and oil, etc.; optical and medical instruments; iron and steel products; vegetables; woven apparel; fruit and nuts

Main imports from Canada

\$2.04 billion (2000), including vehicles; grain, seed and fruit; cereals; machinery; meat; electrical machinery; aluminum; chemical products; paper and paperboard; wood pulp, etc.

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