

MEXICO

Capital: Mexico City

GEODATA

Area

1,972,550 km²

Major language

Spanish (official)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (89%),
Protestant (6%)

Surrounding countries

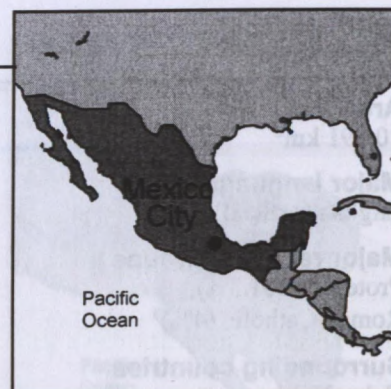
Belize, Guatemala, United States

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)

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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