

ITALY

Capital: Rome

GEODATA

Area
301,000 km²

Population
57.6 million (1995)

Population growth
0.2% (1995)

Major language
Italian

Major religion
Roman Catholic (99%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Republic

Leaders
President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro
Prime Minister Romano Prodi

Foreign Affairs Minister
Lamberto Dini

Minister of Foreign Trade
Augusto Fantozzi

Democratic institutions
Bicameral parliament

UN Human Development Index
Italy ranks 20th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$1.12 trillion US (1995 PPP)

GDP growth rate
3.2% (1995 estimate)

GDP per capita
\$20,552 US (1995 PPP)

Inflation rate
5.4% (1995)

Unemployment rate
12.0% (1995)

Major exports
Textiles, weaving apparel, metals, production machinery, transportation equipment and chemicals

Major imports
Grain, wood, petroleum, coal, chemicals, raw oils, meat, paper, rolled iron and steel, copper, mechanical and electrical equipment, and cotton

Major exports to Canada
\$3.27 billion (1995), including machinery, boilers and engines, electrical machinery and equipment, rolling stock and vehicles, raw hides and skins, and optical and precision equipment

Major imports from Canada
\$1.83 billion (1995), including wood pulp and fibre, wood and wooden articles, copper sheets and articles, cereals and wheat