

BRAZIL

Capital: Brasilia

GEODATA

Area

8,512,000 km²

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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