

SINGAPORE

Capital: Singapore

GEODATA

Area

636 km²

Population

3.7 million (1997 est.)

Population growth rate

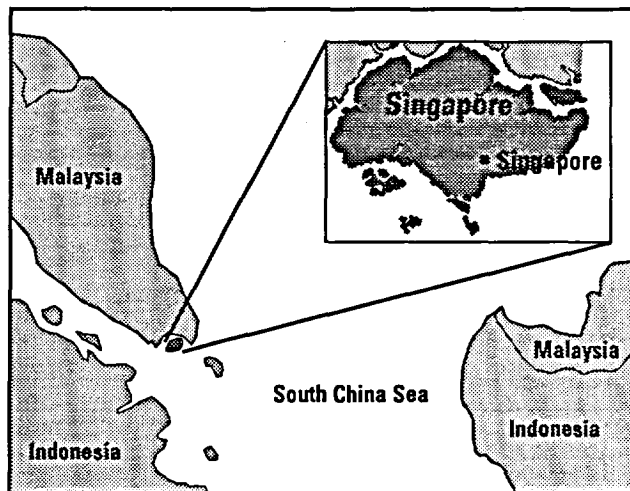
1.7% (1997 est.)

Major languages

English, Chinese, Malay, Tamil

Major religious groups

Buddhist (31%), Taoist (22%), Muslim (15%),
Christian (12%), Hindu (4%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic, constitutional parliamentary democracy

Democratic institutions

Unicameral parliamentary democracy

Leaders

President Ong Teng Cheong

Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Prof. S. Jayakumar

Minister for Trade and Industry

Lee Yock Suan

UN Human Development Index (1998)

Singapore ranks 28th among 174 countries

Unemployment rate

1.7% (1997)

Main exports

Machinery and equipment, petroleum products,
rubber, manufactured goods, processed foods,
coconut oil, palm oil, copra

Main imports

Machinery and equipment, mineral fuels, chemicals,
manufactured goods, food

Main exports to Canada

\$1.2 billion (1997), including capital equipment;
organic chemicals; rubber and rubber products;
base metal tools, implements and cutlery

Main imports from Canada

\$506 million (1997), including capital equipment,
manufactured goods, paper and paperboard, aircraft
and parts, organic chemicals

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$96.6 billion US (1997)

GDP growth rate

7.3% (1996)

GDP per capita

\$31,161 US (1997)

Inflation rate

2% (1997)

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