

# SINGAPORE

Capital: Singapore

## GEODATA

### Area

636 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

3.7 million (1997 est.)

### Population growth rate

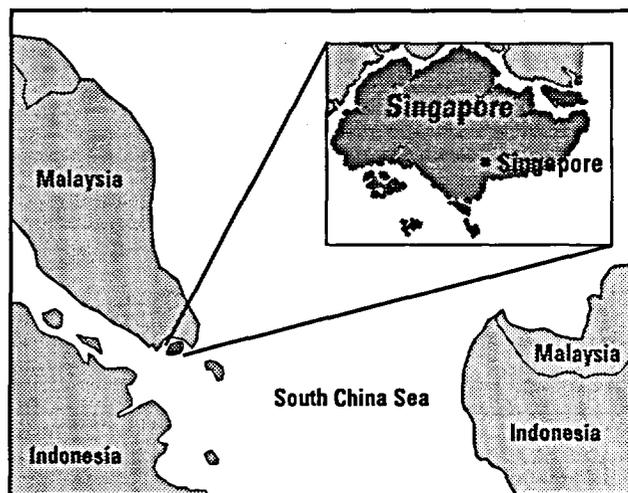
1.7% (1997 est.)

### 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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