



Basic Facts About Latvia

Population (1996)

Estimated population (millions)	2.5
Population growth (%)	-0.9
Population density (persons/sq. km.)	36.8

Population distribution (%)

Rural	31
Urban	69

Gender distribution (%)

Males	46
Females	54

Age distribution (%)

Under 15	19.9
Active age (Males: 15-59, females: 15-55)	57.7
Over active age	22.4

Ethnic distribution (%)

Latvians	55.3
Russians	32.5
Belarussians	4.0
Ukrainians	2.9
Poles	2.2
Lithuanians	1.3
Others	1.8

Human Development index rank

(HDR 1997)	92/175
Adult literacy rate (1996) %	99

Health (1996)

Average life expectancy (years)	69.2
Men	63.9
Women	75.6
Infant mortality (per thsd. births)	15.8
Number of doctors (per 10,000 pop.)	34.8

Economy (1996)

Total GDP (thsd. of Lats)	2768
Real GDP per capita (Lats)	597
Real GDP per capita (PPP\$) (1995)	3273
Real growth in GDP %	2.8
Unemployment % of work force	7.2

Distribution of employment by sector % (1996)

Agriculture	18
Industry	25
Services	57

Government expenditures as % of GDP (1996)

Total, of which	39.7
Defence	0.9
Education	6.5
Health	3.9
Social protection	14.5

Lat exchange rate (1996 avg.) for US\$ 1	Ls 0.551
Land area	64,600 sq. km.