



Basic Facts about Latvia

Population (1998)

Estimated population (millions)	2.4
Population growth (%)	-0.8
Population density (persons/sq. km.)	37.8

Population distribution (%)

Rural	31
Urban	69

Gender distribution

Males	46
Females	54

Age distribution (%)

Under 15	18.5
Working age (males 15-59, females 15-57)	59.0
Older than working age	22.4

Ethnic distribution

Latvians	55.7
Russians	32.3
Belarussians	3.9
Ukrainians	2.9
Poles	2.2
Lithuanians	1.3
Others	1.7

Human Development Index rank (HDR 1999) 74/174

Adult literacy rate (%) 99

Health (1998)

Average life expectancy (years)	69.9
Men	64.1
Women	75.5
Infant mortality (per thsd. births)	14.9
Number of physicians (per 10,000 pop.)	32.6

Economy (1998)

Total GDP (millions of lats)	3,774
Real GDP per capita (lats)	1,541
Real GDP per capita (PPP\$)(1997)	5,485
Real growth of GDP	3.6
Unemployment (% of work force)	9.2

Distribution of employment by sector (1998) (%)

Agriculture	18
Industry	24
Services	58

Government expenditures, as % of GDP (1998)

Total	41.7
of which: Defence	1.0
Education	6.5
Health	3.9
Social security	14.3

Lats exchange rate (1998 avg.) for US\$ 0.569

Land area 64,600 sq. km.