



Basic facts about Latvia (2000)

Population

Number of inhabitants (<i>millions</i>)	2.4
Natural increase (%)	-0.8
Population density (<i>persons per sq. km.</i>)	36.6

Population distribution (%)

Rural	31
Urban	69

Gender distribution (%)

Males	46
Females	54

Age distribution (%)

0-14 years	17.8
Of working age (<i>males 15-59 years, females 15-57 years</i>)	59.9
Of retirement age	22.3

National composition (%)

Latvians	57.7
Russians	29.6
Belarussians	4.1
Ukrainians	2.7
Poles	2.5
Lithuanians	1.4
Others	2.0

Human Development Index rank 63/174
(**Global Human Development Report 2000**)

Adult literacy rate (%) 99.8

Health

Average life expectancy (<i>years</i>)	70.4
Men	65
Women	76
Infant mortality (<i>per 1000 births</i>)	10.4
Number of physicians (<i>per 10,000 inhabitants</i>)	34.4

Economy

Gross Domestic Product (<i>GDP - millions of lats</i>)	4333
GDP per capita (<i>1995 average prices, in lats</i>)	1243
Actual GDP per capita (PPP\$, 1998)	5802
Actual GDP growth (%)	6.6
Unemployment rate (%)	7.8

Employment distribution by sector (%)

Agriculture	17
Industry	24
Services	59

Government expenditures (% of GDP)

Total:	40.3
of which: Defence	1.0
Education	6.8
Health	4.8
Social security	14.3

Average exchange rate of LVL per USD 0.606

Area 64,600 sq. km.