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Chapter 1

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1.1 143.guide

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1.2 143.guide/Luxembourg

Luxembourg

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1.3 143.guide/Geography (Luxembourg)

Geography (Luxembourg)
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Location:
 Western Europe, between Belgium and Germany
 Map references:
 Europe, Standard Time Zones of the World
 Area:
 total area:
 2,586 km2
 land area:
 2,586 km2
 comparative area:
 slightly smaller than Rhode Island
 Land boundaries:
 total 359 km, Belgium 148 km, France 73 km, Germany 138 km
 Coastline:
 0 km (landlocked)
 Maritime claims:
 none; landlocked
 International disputes:
 none
 Climate:
 modified continental with mild winters, cool summers
 Terrain:
 mostly gently rolling uplands with broad, shallow valleys; uplands to
 slightly mountainous in the north; steep slope down to Moselle floodplain ←
 in
 the southeast
 Natural resources:
 iron ore (no longer exploited)
 Land use:
 arable land:
 24%
 permanent crops: 1%
 meadows and pastures:
 20%
 forest and woodland:
 21%
 other:

34%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 deforestation
 Note:
 landlocked

1.4 143.guide/People (Luxembourg)

People (Luxembourg)

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Population:
 398,220 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 1.04% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 12.96 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 9.56 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 6.97 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 6.9 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 76.43 years
 male:
 72.71 years
 female:
 80.3 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 1.63 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Luxembourger(s)
 adjective:
 Luxembourg
 Ethnic divisions:
 Celtic base (with French and German blend), Portuguese, Italian, and
 European (guest and worker residents)
 Religions:
 Roman Catholic 97%, Protestant and Jewish 3%
 Languages:
 Luxembourgeois, German, French, English
 Literacy:
 age 15 and over can read and write (1980)
 total population:
 100%
 male: 100%
 female:
 100%

Labor force:

177,300 one-third of labor force is foreign workers, mostly from Portugal, Italy, France, Belgium, and Germany

by occupation:

services 65%, industry 31.6%, agriculture 3.4% (1988)

1.5 143.guide/Government (Luxembourg)

Government (Luxembourg)

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Names:

conventional long form:

Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

conventional short form:

Luxembourg

local long form:

Grand-Duche de Luxembourg

local short form:

Luxembourg

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Type:

constitutional monarchy

Capital:

Luxembourg

Administrative divisions:

3 districts; Diekirch, Grevenmacher, Luxembourg

Independence:

1839

Constitution:

17 October 1868, occasional revisions

Legal system:

based on civil law system; accepts compulsory ICJ jurisdiction

National holiday:

National Day, 23 June (1921) (public celebration of the Grand Duke's birthday)

Political parties and leaders:

Christian Social Party (CSV), Jacques SANTER; Socialist Workers Party (LSAP), Jacques POOS; Liberal (DP), Colette FLESCH; Communist (KPL), Andre HOFFMANN; Green Alternative (GAP), Jean HUSS

Other political or pressure groups:

group of steel companies representing iron and steel industry; Centrale Paysanne representing agricultural producers; Christian and Socialist labor unions; Federation of Industrialists; Artisans and Shopkeepers Federation

Suffrage:

18 years of age; universal and compulsory

Elections:

Chamber of Deputies:

last held on 18 June 1989 (next to be held by June 1994); results - CSV 31.7%, LSAP 27.2%, DP 16.2%, Greens 8.4%, PAC 7.3%, KPL 5.1%, other 4.1%; seats - (60 total) CSV 22, LSAP 18, DP 11, Greens 4, PAC 4, KPL 1

Executive branch:

grand duke, prime minister, vice prime minister, Council of Ministers
(cabinet)

Legislative branch:
unicameral Chamber of Deputies (Chambre des Deputes); note - the Council of
State (Conseil d'Etat) is an advisory body whose views are considered by ↔
the
Chamber of Deputies

Judicial branch:
Superior Court of Justice (Cour Superieure de Justice)

Leaders:
Chief of State:
Grand Duke JEAN (since 12 November 1964); Heir Apparent Prince HENRI (son ↔
of
Grand Duke Jean, born 16 April 1955)

Head of Government:
Prime Minister Jacques SANTER (since 21 July 1984); Vice Prime Minister
Jacques F. POOS (since 21 July 1984)

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Government (Luxembourg 2. usage)

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Member of:
ACCT, Australia Group, Benelux, CCC, CE, COCOM, CSCE, EBRD, EC, ECE, EIB,
FAO, GATT, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC, ICFTU, IDA, IEA, IFAD, IFC, ILO, IMF, IMO ↔
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INTELSAT, INTERPOL, IOC, IOM, ITU, LORCS, MTCR, NACC, NATO, NEA, NSG, OECD,
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Flag:

three equal horizontal bands of red (top), white, and light blue; similar to
 the flag of the Netherlands, which uses a darker blue and is shorter; design
 was based on the flag of France

1.7 143.guide/Economy (Luxembourg)

Economy (Luxembourg)

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Overview: The stable economy features moderate growth, low inflation, and negligible
 unemployment. Agriculture is based on small but highly productive family-owned farms. The industrial sector, until recently dominated by steel, has become increasingly more diversified, particularly toward high-technology firms. During the past decade, growth in the financial sector has more than compensated for the decline in steel. Services, especially banking, account for a growing proportion of the economy. Luxembourg participates in an economic union with Belgium on trade and most financial matters and is also closely connected economically to the Netherlands.

National product:
 GDP - purchasing power equivalent - \$8.5 billion (1992)

National product real growth rate:
 2.5% (1992)

National product per capita:
 \$21,700 (1992)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):
 3.6% (1992)

Unemployment rate:
 1.4% (1991)

Budget:
 revenues \$3.5 billion; expenditures \$3.5 billion, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1992)

Exports:
 \$6.4 billion (f.o.b., 1991 est.)
 commodities:
 finished steel products, chemicals, rubber products, glass, aluminum, other industrial products
 partners:
 EC 76%, US 5%

Imports:
 \$8.3 billion (c.i.f., 1991 est.)
 commodities:
 minerals, metals, foodstuffs, quality consumer goods
 partners:
 Belgium 37%, FRG 31%, France 12%, US 2%

External debt:
 \$131.6 million (1989 est.)

Industrial production:
 growth rate -0.5% (1990); accounts for 25% of GDP

Electricity:

1,238,750 kW capacity; 1,375 million kWh produced, 3,450 kWh per capita (1990)

Industries:

banking, iron and steel, food processing, chemicals, metal products, engineering, tires, glass, aluminum

Agriculture:

accounts for less than 3% of GDP (including forestry); principal products - barley, oats, potatoes, wheat, fruits, wine grapes; cattle raising widespread

Illicit drugs:

money-laundering hub

Economic aid:

none

Currency:

1 Luxembourg franc (LuxF) = 100 centimes

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Economy (Luxembourg 2. usage)

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Exchange rates:

Luxembourg francs (LuxF) per US\$1 - 33.256 (January 1993), 32.150 (1992), 34.148 (1991), 33.418 (1990), 39.404 (1989), 36.768 (1988); note - the Luxembourg franc is at par with the Belgian franc, which circulates freely in Luxembourg

Fiscal year:

calendar year

1.9 143.guide/Communications (Luxembourg)

Communications (Luxembourg)

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Railroads:

Luxembourg National Railways (CFL) operates 272 km 1.435-meter standard gauge; 178 km double track; 178 km electrified

Highways:

5,108 km total; 4,995 km paved, 57 km gravel, 56 km earth; about 80 km limited access divided highway

Inland waterways:

37 km; Moselle River

Pipelines:

petroleum products 48 km

Ports:

Merttert (river port)

Merchant marine:

53 ships (1,000 GRT or over) totaling 1,570,466 GRT/2,614,154 DWT; includes

2 cargo, 5 container, 5 roll-on/roll-off, 6 oil tanker, 4 chemical tanker, 3 combination ore/oil, 8 liquefied gas, 2 passenger, 8 bulk, 6 combination bulk, 4 refrigerated cargo ↵

Airports:

total:

2

usable:

2

with permanent-surface runways:

1

with runways over 3,659 m:

1

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

0

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

1

Telecommunications:

highly developed, completely automated and efficient system, mainly buried cables; 230,000 telephones; broadcast stations - 2 AM, 3 FM, 3 TV; 3 channels leased on TAT-6 coaxial submarine cable; 1 direct-broadcast satellite earth station; nationwide mobile phone system

1.10 143.guide/Defense Forces (Luxembourg)

Defense Forces (Luxembourg)

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Branches:

Army, National Gendarmerie

Manpower availability:

males age 15-49 103,607; fit for military service 86,003; reach military age ↵

(19) annually 2,227 (1993 est.)

Defense expenditures:

exchange rate conversion - \$100 million, 1.2% of GDP (1992)