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Chapter 1

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1.1 91.guide

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1.3 91.guide/Header (Gibraltar)

Header (Gibraltar)

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Affiliation:

(dependent territory of the UK)

1.4 91.guide/Geography (Gibraltar)

Geography (Gibraltar)

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Location:

Southwestern Europe, bordering the Strait of Gibraltar, which links the North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, on the southern coast of Spain

Map references:

Africa, Europe

Area:

total area:

6.5 km²

land area:

6.5 km²

comparative area:

about 11 times the size of the Mall in Washington, DC

Land boundaries:

total 1.2 km, Spain 1.2 km

Coastline:

12 km

Maritime claims:
 exclusive fishing zone:
 3 nm
 territorial sea:
 3 nm
 International disputes:
 source of occasional friction between Spain and the UK
 Climate:
 Mediterranean with mild winters and warm summers
 Terrain:
 a narrow coastal lowland borders The Rock
 Natural resources:
 negligible
 Land use:
 arable land:
 0%
 permanent crops:
 0%
 meadows and pastures:
 0%
 forest and woodland:
 0%
 other:
 100%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 natural freshwater sources are meager, so large water catchments (concrete
 or natural rock) collect rain water
 Note:
 strategic location on Strait of Gibraltar that links the North Atlantic
 Ocean and Mediterranean Sea

1.5 91.guide/People (Gibraltar)

People (Gibraltar)

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Population:
 31,508 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 0.53% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 15.68 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 8.89 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 -1.46 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 8.4 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 76.06 years

male:
 73.18 years
 female:
 78.91 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 2.37 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Gibraltarian(s)
 adjective:
 Gibraltar
 Ethnic divisions:
 Italian, English, Maltese, Portuguese, Spanish
 Religions:
 Roman Catholic 74%, Protestant 11% (Church of England 8%, other 3%), Moslem
 8%, Jewish 2%, none or other 5% (1981)
 Languages:
 English (used in schools and for official purposes), Spanish, Italian,
 Portuguese, Russian
 Literacy:
 total population:
 NA%
 male:
 NA%
 female:
 NA%
 Labor force:
 14,800 (including non-Gibraltar laborers)
 note:
 UK military establishments and civil government employ nearly 50% of the
 labor force

1.6 91.guide/Government (Gibraltar)

Government (Gibraltar)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 none
 conventional short form:
 Gibraltar
 Digraph:
 GI
 Type:
 dependent territory of the UK
 Capital:
 Gibraltar
 Administrative divisions:
 none (dependent territory of the UK)
 Independence:
 none (dependent territory of the UK)
 Constitution:

30 May 1969

Legal system:
English law

National holiday:
Commonwealth Day (second Monday of March)

Political parties and leaders:
Socialist Labor Party (SL), Joe BOSSANO; Gibraltar Labor Party/Association for the Advancement of Civil Rights (GCL/AACR), leader NA; Gibraltar Social Democrats, Peter CARUANA; Gibraltar National Party, Joe GARCIA

Other political or pressure groups:
Housewives Association; Chamber of Commerce; Gibraltar Representatives Organization

Suffrage:
18 years of age; universal, plus other UK subjects resident six months or more

Elections:
House of Assembly:
last held on 16 January 1992 (next to be held January 1996); results - SL 73.3%; seats - (18 total, 15 elected) number of seats by party NA

Executive branch:
British monarch, governor, chief minister, Gibraltar Council, Council of Ministers (cabinet)

Legislative branch:
unicameral House of Assembly

Judicial branch:
Supreme Court, Court of Appeal

Leaders:
Chief of State:
Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by Governor and Commander in Chief Adm. Sir Derek REFFELL (since NA 1989)

Head of Government:
Chief Minister Joe BOSSANO (since 25 March 1988)

Member of:
INTERPOL (subbureau)

Diplomatic representation in US:
none (dependent territory of the UK)

US diplomatic representation:
none (dependent territory of the UK)

Flag:
two horizontal bands of white (top, double width) and red with a three-towered red castle in the center of the white band; hanging from the castle gate is a gold key centered in the red band

1.7 91.guide/Economy (Gibraltar)

Economy (Gibraltar)

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Overview:

The economy depends heavily on British defense expenditures, revenue from tourists, fees for services to shipping, and revenues from banking and finance activities. Because more than 70% of the economy is in the public sector, changes in government spending have a major impact on the level of

employment. Construction workers are particularly affected when government expenditures are cut.

National product:
 GNP - exchange rate conversion - \$182 million (FY87)

National product real growth rate:
 5% (FY87)

National product per capita:
 \$4,600 (FY87)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):
 3.6% (1988)

Unemployment rate:
 NA%

Budget:
 revenues \$136 million; expenditures \$139 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (FY88)

Exports:
 \$82 million (f.o.b., 1988)
 commodities:
 (principally reexports) petroleum 51%, manufactured goods 41%, other 8%
 partners:
 UK, Morocco, Portugal, Netherlands, Spain, US, FRG

Imports:
 \$258 million (c.i.f., 1988)
 commodities:
 fuels, manufactured goods, and foodstuffs
 partners:
 UK, Spain, Japan, Netherlands

External debt:
 \$318 million (1987)

Industrial production:
 growth rate NA%

Electricity:
 47,000 kW capacity; 200 million kWh produced, 6,740 kWh per capita (1992)

Industries:
 tourism, banking and finance, construction, commerce; support to large UK naval and air bases; transit trade and supply depot in the port; light manufacturing of tobacco, roasted coffee, ice, mineral waters, candy, beer, and canned fish

Agriculture:
 none

Economic aid:
 US commitments, including Ex-Im (FY70-88), \$0.8 million; Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$188 million

Currency:
 1 Gibraltar pound (#G) = 100 pence

Exchange rates:
 Gibraltar pounds (#G) per US\$1 - 0.6527 (January 1993), 0.5664 (1992), 0.5652 (1991), 0.5603 (1990), 0.6099 (1989), 0.5614 (1988); note - the Gibraltar pound is at par with the British pound

Fiscal year:
 1 July - 30 June

1.8 91.guide/Communications (Gibraltar)

Communications (Gibraltar)

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Railroads:

1.000-meter-gauge system in dockyard area only

Highways:

50 km, mostly good bitumen and concrete

Pipelines:

none

Ports:

Gibraltar

Merchant marine:

32 ships (1,000 GRT or over) totaling 642,446 GRT/1,141,592 DWT; includes 4 cargo, 2 refrigerated cargo, 1 container, 18 oil tanker, 2 chemical tanker, 5 bulk; note - a flag of convenience registry

Airports:

total:

1

useable:

1

with permanent surface runways:

1

with runways over 3,659 m:

0

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

0 with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

1

Telecommunications:

adequate, automatic domestic system and adequate international radiocommunication and microwave facilities; 9,400 telephones; broadcast stations - 1 AM, 6 FM, 4 TV; 1 Atlantic Ocean INTELSAT earth station

1.9 91.guide/Defense Forces (Gibraltar)

Defense Forces (Gibraltar)

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Branches:

British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force

Note:

defense is the responsibility of the UK