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PREFACE

This publication is the fifth in a series of annual compilations of basic international statistics issued under the title Statistical Pocketbook. The compilation was undertaken in response to General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV), in which the Secretary-General was requested, *inter alia*, to supply adequate basic national data that would increase international public awareness of countries' development efforts. It is therefore hoped that the Pocketbook will serve as an appropriate vehicle for disseminating, in compact form, important basic facts relating to various countries.

The data shown herein were selected from the wealth of international statistical information compiled regularly by the Statistical Office of the United Nations, the statistical services of the specialized agencies and other international organizations. Part of the Pocketbook shows important and frequently consulted statistical indicators for 155 countries. Another part contains demographic, economic and social statistics for the world as a whole and selected regions of the world.

This issue of the Pocketbook generally covers the years 1970 and 1979 (or, in some cases, 1978) for the countries, for the world and the regions. The statistics included for each year are those most recently compiled and published by the United Nations and the specialized agencies. The aim is to present, over the period covered, time series that are as nearly comparable internationally as the available statistics permit.

Readers wishing to have more detailed statistics and descriptions are referred to the other, more specialized publications listed on page iv.

It is hoped that the public in general and students in particular will find this attempt at a wider dissemination of basic statistics on countries informative, useful and rewarding.

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INTRODUCTION

Although considerable progress has been made towards standardization of definitions, those employed at the national level in the collection of data often differ significantly from country to country. In this Pocketbook no attempt is made to indicate where deviations occur from the standard definitions. Short descriptions of the standard definitions for selected items are provided in the "General Notes". Additional information can also be found in the 1977 Supplement to the Statistical Yearbook and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, published by the United Nations. Various regional groupings of countries are used in one part of the Pocketbook and brief notes on the groupings are also provided in the "General Notes".

Readers interested in more detailed figures than those presented in this volume and information regarding their coverage may find it useful to consult the following major publications:

United Nations:

Statistical Yearbook

Demographic Yearbook

Yearbook of Industrial Statistics

Yearbook of National Accounts Statistics

Yearbook of International Trade Statistics

World Energy Supplies

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics

Population and Vital Statistics Report

International Labour Office:

Year Book of Labour Statistics

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations:

Production Yearbook

Yearbook of Fishery Statistics—Catches and Landings

Yearbook of Forest Products

Fertilizer Yearbook

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization:

Statistical Yearbook

International Civil Aviation Organization:

Civil Aviation Statistics of the World

Digests of Statistics—Airline Traffic

World Health Organization:

World Health Statistics Annual—Volume III, Health Personnel and Hospital Establishments

World Health Statistics Report

International Monetary Fund:

International Financial Statistics

DATA ON COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

ALBANIA

647 497
Kabul28 748
Tirana

1970

1979

1970

1979

14.87	¹ 15.49	2.14	² 2.67
23	24	74	93
13.87	...	1.44	³ 1.65
5.95	...	0.92	³ 1.15
10.7	...	33.7	...
...	...	2.7	2.5
1 713	³ 3 644	...	...
139	³ 241	...	...
99	114	100	132
98	90	100	107
...
1	³ 1	35	³ 46
⁴ 62	³ 57	...	...
39	³ 47	623	³ 998
36.2	...	...	...
24.4	...	...	...
0.1	³ 0.2	...	...
...	³ 40	75	³ 76
...	...	1.0	³ 1.7
100.2	³ 92.0	...	...
8	³ 28.0	...	...
112	328	...	...
86	429	...	...
100.0	³ 142.1	...	...
...
⁶ 45.000	⁶ 42.250	⁷ ⁸ 4.10	⁸ 7.00
13	441	...	...
92.2	88.7	...	...
14	⁵ 16	85	...
0.49	⁵ 0.93	15.16	...
1.2	⁵ ⁹ 1.3	...	...
7 050	¹² 5 879	...	⁵ 156
¹⁰ 20 668	¹³ 28 313	¹¹ 159	⁵ 966
1 829	1 826	2 176	2 284
158	147	345	340

¹Data not comparable with 1970; ²United Nations estimate; ³1978; ⁴1975; ⁵1977; ⁶Afghani per US\$; ⁷1973; ⁸Lek per US\$; ⁹Excluding expenditure for universities; ¹⁰1969; ¹¹1972; ¹²1976; ¹³1974.

ALGERIA

ANGOLA

2 381 741
Alger1 246 700
Luanda

	1970	1979	1970	1979
14.33	19.13	1 5.59	1 6.90	
6	8	4	6	
8.01	2 9.12	3.61	2 4.07	
3.02	2 3.90	1.56	2 1.84	
45.4	3 52.0	15.1	...	
3.2	3.3	2.5	2.5	
4 639	2 23 198	1 645	2 2 741	
329	2 1 253	294	2 407	
103	104	99	76	
103	77	101	82	
83	4 111	...	...
53	2 122	20	2 6	
466	2 553	88	2 101	
336	2 687	165	2 192	
142.8	4 322.2	87.0	...	
81.6	5 154.7	29.4	...	
1.3	2 1.9	0.5	2 0.5	
...	4 173	17	...	
...	6 31	...	...
7 174.8	6 241.7	...	...
10	6 56	...	...
1 257	10 882	369	778	
1 009	8 198	423	907	
100.0	3 183.8	...	...
...	
8 4 9371	8 3.7555	9 28.750	9 49.781	
148	2 659	...	...
75.6	58.2	...	...
45	6 59	38	10 44	
1.70	6 4.12	0.47	10 0.57	
5.9	6 11 4.8	1.8	10 2.3	
12 356	4 387	357	10 322	
12 8 192	6 5 592	8 354	13 15 404	
1 701	2 128	1 831	1 911	
186	228	172	152	

¹United Nations estimate; ²1978; ³1974; ⁴1976; ⁵1975; ⁶1977; ⁷1971; ⁸Dinar per US\$; ⁹Kwanza per US\$; ¹⁰1972; ¹¹Expenditure of the Ministry of Education for the first and second levels; ¹²1969; ¹³1973.

ARGENTINA

AUSTRALIA

2 766 889
Buenos Aires7 686 848
Canberra

	1970	1979		1970	1979
	23.75	26.73		12.51	¹ 14.42
	9	10		2	2
	3.88	² 3.58		1.02	...
	9.22	² 10.13		5.37	...
	77.4	...		³ 85.6	⁴ 86.0
	1.3	1.3		...	1.1
	24 998	² 68 357		37 524	² 115 797
	1 053	² 2 590		2 964	² 8 126
	102	136		100	129
	101	122		99	125
	79	104		90	² 104
	135	² 131		489	² 358
	11 681	² 7 517		35 851	² 33 030
	1 667	² 1 873		5 375	² 6 622
	1 439.6	...		3 898.5	² 6 819.0
	754.8	...		971.5	² 1 707.7
	6.8	² 9.1		31.2	² 44.0
	379	⁵ 384		580	⁵ 1 037
	147	⁵ 177		220	⁵ 357
	694.9	⁵ 1 350.0		357.8	² 745.0
	74	⁵ 213		147	² 395
	1 694	5 723		4 479	16 432
	1 773	8 503		4 621	189 473
	⁶ 100	⁶ 129 051		100.0	244.3
	100	119 082		⁷ 104.2	² 213.2
	⁸ 4.0	⁸ 1 618.5		⁹ 0.8969	⁹ 0.9046
	533	9 388		1 454	1 424
	7.4	6.7		...	...
	70	⁵ 76		85	⁵ 83
	14.23	⁵ 28.58		16.62	⁴ 24.25
	³ 3.3	⁵ 2.4		4.3	⁴ 6.3
	³ 176	...		80	⁵ 80
	¹⁰ 504	¹¹ 521		³ 792	⁴ 650
	2 378	2 302		2 013	2 070
	994	1 057		1 333	1 342

¹Data not comparable with 1970; ²1978; ³1971; ⁴1976; ⁵1977; ⁶Buenos Aires;⁷Basic materials; ⁸Peso per US\$; ⁹Dollar per US\$; ¹⁰1969; ¹¹1975.

AUSTRIA

83 849 Wien	13 935 Nassau	1970	1979	1970	1979
7.43	7.51			0.17	¹ 0.22
89	90			12	16
1.10	² 0.76			...	...
3.13	² 3.31			...	...
³ 51.9	...			57.9	...
0.2	-0.1			3.6	3.4
14 451	² 58 051			...	...
1 945	² 7 730			...	...
99	110			...	...
99	109			...	...
85	120			...	...
396	² 362			...	...
13 924	² 18 719			5 650	² 4 566
3 432	² 4 048			4 253	² 7 354
1 196.6	² 2 040.3			44.1	⁴ 42.8
³ 408.3	² 5 486.4			7.4	⁴ 3.2
19.3	⁴ 32.5			25.5	² 29.4
271	⁴ 275			471	⁴ 441
191	⁶ 262			...	...
8 867	² 12 248			1 298.3	² 1 176.1
999	² 4 509			233	² 509
3 549	20 254			337	2 614
2 857	15 483			90	2 256
100.0	172.9			⁷ ⁸ 100.0	⁸ 163.6
⁹ 100.0	108.4			...	...
¹⁰ 25.825	¹⁰ 12.431			¹¹ 1.00	¹¹ 1.00
1 044	4 075			22	78
...
84	⁴ 82			...	...
11.76	⁴ 21.24			...	...
4.6	⁴ 5.5			5.5	¹² 5.6
92	⁴ 89			¹³ 189	⁴ 253
540	⁴ 429			1 231	⁴ 1 507
2 193	2 159			1 581	1 440
1 276	1 388			897	860

¹United Nations estimate; ²1978; ³1971; ⁴1977; ⁵Including farm tractors;
⁶1976; ⁷Base: 1972 = 100; ⁸Nassau; ⁹Base: 1976 = 100; ¹⁰Schilling per US\$;
¹¹Dollar per US\$; ¹²1975; ¹³1969.

BAHRAIN

BANGLADESH

622
Manama143 998
Dacca

1970

1979

1970

1979

¹ 0.22	² 0.35	68.12	³ 85.65
354	² 563	473	⁵ 595
...	...	58.14	...
...	...	23.40	...
⁴ 78.1	...	6.4	⁵ 8.8
3.1	10.5	...	2.4
 244	² 1 798	5 530	² 9 858
1 111	² 5 138	81	² 118
...	...	102	115
...	...	101	92
...
173	² 186	6	² 2
...	...	532	² 242
2 732	² 10 302	⁸ 30	² 43
 9.9	² 41.2	⁴ 13.4	² 53.2
3.5	² 13.5	⁴ 10.2	² 30.5
5.4	² 11.7	⁹ 0.1	² 0.1
260	⁷ 375	...	⁷ 6
60	⁷ 232	...	⁷ -
 ...	² 474.8	⁸ 34.6	² 49.7
...	...	⁸ 2	² 3
 247	2 286	⁸ 189	1 368
274	2 416	⁸ 321	632
...	...	⁹ 100.0	⁹ 354.8
...	...	¹⁰ 11 100.0	² 11 451.9
 ¹² 0.4762	¹² 0.3770	⁴ ¹³ 7.431	¹³ 15.643
63	614	⁸ 271	386
...	...	71.2	58.6
...	...	42	⁷ 54
...	...	2.12	¹⁴ 2.38
5.8	¹⁵ 4.6	¹⁶ 2.2	¹⁴ 1.5
 260	⁷ 270	⁸ 6 946	⁷ 4 505
⁴ 2 157	⁷ 1 350	⁹ 345	⁷ 12 709
...	...	1 867	1 881
...	...	74	64

¹United Nations estimate; ²1978; ³Data not comparable with 1970; ⁴1971; ⁵1974; ⁶Data included with Pakistan; ⁷1977; ⁸1972; ⁹Dacca; ¹⁰Base:July 1969-June 1970 = 100; ¹¹Industrial products; ¹²Dinar per US\$; ¹³Taka per US\$; ¹⁴1976; ¹⁵1975; ¹⁶1973.

BARBADOS

BELGIUM

431
Bridgetown30 513
¹ Bruxelles

	1970	1979	1970	1979
0.24	² 0.27	9.66	9.85	
557	² 626	317	323	
0.05	² 0.04	³ 0.50	² ³ 0.35	
0.09	² 0.10	³ 3.77	² ³ 3.94	
3.7	...	69.9	⁴ 94.6	
0.5	0.8	0.4	0.1	
161	² 521	25 618	² 96 905	
673	² 1 931	2 652	² 9 848	
107	85	³ 100	³ 114	
107	81	³ 100	³ 112	
75	125	92	116	
...	...	³ 477	² ³ 402	
3 766	² 2 008	17 979	² ³ 19 014	
1 104	² 1 101	5 787	² 6 078	
19.3	⁵ 25.3	2 059.6	² 2 973.4	
4.0	⁵ 3.8	267.6	² 298.9	
12.0	² 20.9	21.1	² 32.2	
371	⁵ 394	350	⁵ 415	
67	⁵ 197	217	⁵ 286	
⁶ 68.4	² 316.3	4 171.3	⁵ 7 029.0	
32	⁸ 83	348	³ 5 1300	
118	² 312	³ 11 413	³ 60 410	
39	² 130	³ 11 600	³ 56 258	
100.0	330.8	100.0	191.0	
...	...	100.0	157.4	
⁷ 2.0053	⁷ 2.0113	⁸ 49.675	⁸ 28.047	
17	66	1 377	5 414	
...	...	1.0	0.5	
85	⁵ 96	95	⁵ 96	
3.87	⁹ 7.77	17.49	⁴ 23.22	
6.3	⁵ 8.5	⁹ ¹⁰ 6.2	⁵ ¹⁰ 6.5	
98	⁴ 119	120	⁴ 115	
1 818	⁵ 1 471	¹¹ 644	⁵ 474	
2 252	2 365	³ 2 209	³ 2 125	
788	807	³ 1 362	³ 1 440	

¹Also Brussel; ²1978; ³Including data for Luxembourg ⁴1976; ⁵1977; ⁶1965;
⁷Dollar per US\$; ⁸Franc per US\$; ⁹1975; ¹⁰Expenditure of the Ministry of Education only; ¹¹1969.

BENIN**BHUTAN**112 622
Porto-Novo47 000
Thimphu

1970

1979

1970

1979

2.72	3.47	1 1.05	² 1.24
24	31	22	² 26
1.34	² 1.56	0.99	² 1.18
1.32	² 1.55	0.52	² 0.61
12.6	² 13.8	...	...
2.7	2.8	2.1	2.3
247	² 757	48	² 128
91	² 224	46	² 103
100	123	100	122
101	97	100	100
...
³ 33	² 30	...	...
53	² 56	...	...
12.1	⁴ 17.0	...	...
7.2	⁴ 9.5	...	...
0.2	³ 0.3	...	...
32	⁵ 46	⁶ 2	⁴ 8
-	⁵ 0.1	...	...
⁷ 13.2	² 34.0	...	...
⁸ 1	² 3	...	...
64	² 267	...	...
33	² 26	...	...
...
...
⁹ 276.0	⁹ 201.0	¹⁰ ...	¹⁰ ...
16	14	...	...
86.3	75.2	...	...
23	⁵ 32	4	⁵ 6
0.13	⁴ 0.87	-	⁵ -
¹¹ 4.2	³ ¹¹ 5.1	...	...
920	⁵ 750	...	...
32 024	⁵ 27 417	...	...
2 126	2 054	2 030	2 024
101	99	35	34

¹United Nations estimate; ²1978; ³1975; ⁴1976; ⁵1977; ⁶1965; ⁷1974; ⁸1971;⁹CFA Franc per US\$; ¹⁰Ngultrum per US\$; ¹¹Expenditure of the government only.

BOLIVIA

BOTSWANA

1 098 581

La Paz

600 372

Gaborone

	1970	1979		1970	1979
4.93	¹ 5.43		0.58		0.79
4	5		1		1
2.22	...		0.54		² 0.61
1.33	...		0.30		² 0.36
34.6	...		7.3		³ 12.3
...	...		2.3		1.7
1 053	² 4 182		85		² 461
246	² 790		146		² 632
100	142		95		134
101	109		96		107
50	⁴ 107		...		...
14	² 9		...		...
1 176	² 1 575		...		...
209	² 368		13		13
⁵ 22.3	² 38.6		1.8		² 5.0
⁵ 16.4	² 29.4		3.1		² 12.6
...	...		0.6		² 1.3
82	⁶ 74		34		⁶ 89
...	⁶ 8		...		...
⁷ 11.1	² 202.9		...		² 147.2
3	² 35		...		...
159	1 011		...		...
190	777		...		...
* 100.0	* 381.1		* 100.0		172.6
...
¹⁰ 11.88	¹⁰ 24.51		¹¹ 0.71723		¹¹ 0.78871
33	178		...		...
48.7	36.7		72.5		60.0
54	⁴ 64		46		² 70
8.74	⁴ 10.18		—		¹² 0.79
4.7	⁶ 4.0		4.8		⁶ 7.7
522	¹² 526		392		⁴ 328
2 301	³ 2 117		15 854		¹² 8 750
1 785	1 829		1 693		1 705
325	305		360		366

¹Data not comparable with 1970; ²1978; ³1974; ⁴1976; ⁵1973; ⁶1977; ⁷1965;⁸La Paz ⁹Base: 1973 = 100; ¹⁰Peso per US\$; ¹¹Pula per US\$; ¹²1975; ¹³Data included with South Africa.

BRAZIL**BULGARIA**8 511 965
Brasilia, D.F.110 912
Sofia

	1970	1979	1970	1979
92.52	118.65	8.49	1 8.81	
11	14	77	1 79	
43.43	1 47.42	3.96	1 3.14	
30.05	1 37.64	4.53	1 4.67	
56.1	2 61.2	52.3	1 60.5	
2.8	2.8	0.7	0.4	
46 351	1 188 712	3 4 10 527	1 3 4 16 338	
501	1 1635	...	...
98	136	99	120	
102	111	98	121	
61	133	65	1 122	
64	1 112	273	1 277	
2 645	1 2 287	4 170	1 5 549	
474	1 794	3 929	1 5 020	
2 324.3	1 7 123.9	...	...
696.2	1 1 574.6	...	...
2.1	1 4.5	5.6	1 11.6	
128	...	270	2 148	
66	2 98	121	2 180	
194.2	1 764.2	2 537.0	1 4 867.1	
30	1 108	85	1 5 230	
2 849	19 804	1 831	8 447	
2 739	15 244	2 004	8 879	
6 7 100.0	7 742.5	100.0	1 102.8	
100.0	1 158.3	...	...
* 4 950	* 42 530	* 2.00	* 0.88	
1 142	8 966	...	...
33.8	24.5	7.0	5.6	
65	10 74	95	2 94	
5.26	11 12.61	14.47	2 21.33	
2.7	11 2.3	12 4.9	2 12 5.8	
264	11 245	129	2 115	
2 028	10 1 648	537	2 443	
2 139	2 105	2 984	2 891	
371	416	541	702	

¹1978; ²1977; ³Net material product; ⁴Million Leva; ⁵1975; ⁶Base: 1972 = 100;
⁷Sao Paulo; ⁸Cruzeiro per US\$; ⁹Lev per US\$; ¹⁰1974; ¹¹1976; ¹²As percentage
 of net material product.

BURMA

BURUNDI

676 552
Rangoon27 834
Bujumbura

1970	1979	1970	1979
27.03	32.91	13.62	1 4.38
40	49	130	157
16.53	² 17.87	2.92	² 3.41
11.90	² 13.56	1.72	² 1.97
19.9	...	3.1	...
2.4	2.2	2.3	2.7
2 155	² 4 299	245	² 624
80	² 133	68	² 146
102	121	101	127
101	96	100	105
...
4	² 1	520	² 575
573	² 355	...	² ...
62	² 64	9	² 12
29.8	² 39.9	3.6	³ 5.1
31.0	² 42.3	1.5	³ 2.2
0.1	² 0.1	0.1	⁴ 0.1
15	⁴ 22	18	⁴ 27
...	...	...	⁴ -
8.1	...	⁵ 11.9	² 31.8
1	...	...	...
169	319	22	153
108	363	25	105
⁶ 100.0	² ⁶ 257.8	⁷ 100.0	⁷ ⁸ 163.6
...
⁹ 4.8020	⁹ 6.5186	¹⁰ 87.500	¹⁰ 90.000
31	203	15	90
38.0	30.3	82.1	77.4
54	¹¹ 53	19	³ 14
2.17	⁸ 2.24	0.16	³ 0.31
3.1	⁴ 1.7	2.3	⁴ 2.9
1 200	⁸ 1 125	787	³ 857
⁵ 8 975	⁴ 5 121	60 000	¹¹ 45 432
2 088	2 119	2 234	2 192
95	92	61	68

¹United Nations estimate; ²1978; ³1975; ⁴1977; ⁵1971; ⁶Rangoon;
⁷Bujumbura; ⁸1976; ⁹Kyat per US\$; ¹⁰Franc per US\$; ¹¹1974.

**BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC**

CANADA

207 600
Minsk

9 976 139
Ottawa

1970

1979

1970

1979

9.04	1 9.52	21.32	23.69
44	1 46	2	2
...	...	1.76	1 1.31
4.38	...	8.56	1 9.99
43.4	2 53.9	3 76.1	4 75.5
...	...	1.3	1.1
...	...	82 810	1 205 272
...	...	3 884	1 8 735
...	...	95	118
...	...	93	108
...	...	82	120
...	...	520	1 575
...	...	30 802	1 40 132
...	...	8 674	1 9 930
...	...	6 602.2	2 9 554.0
...	...	1 481.2	2 2 494.3
...	...	45.4	1 64.8
154	...	745	2 1 043
123	...	333	2 430
...	...	14 184	1 12 745
...	...	1 182	1 1 722
...	...	13 360	1 43 434
...	...	16 119	1 46 065
100.0	4 99.5	100.0	196.7
...	...	100.0	1 212.7
5 0.90	5 0.65	6 1.0112	6 1.1681
...	...	3 888	2 2 989
...
...	...	86	2 96
...	...	34.59	2 37.07
...	...	8.5	2 8.0
...	...	101	4 114
...	...	684	2 562
...	...	1 856	1 930
...	...	1 480	1 416

¹1978; ²1977; ³1971; ⁴1976; ⁵Rouble per US\$; ⁶Dollar per US\$.