**Economy of the Republic of Macedonia** 

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**Economy - overview:** 

The breakup of <u>Yugoslavia</u> in 1991 deprived F.Y.R.O.M., then its poorest republic (only 5% of

the total federal output of goods and services), of its key protected markets and large transfer

payments from the center. An absence of infrastructure, UN sanctions on its largest market

Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and a Greek economic embargo hindered economic growth

until 1996.

Worker remittances and foreign aid have softened the subsequent volatile recovery period.

GDP has increased each year, rising by 5% in 2000. However, growth in 1999 was held down

by the severe regional economic dislocations caused by the Kosovo war.

Successful privatization in 2000 boosted the country's reserves to over \$700 million. Also, the

leadership demonstrated a continuing commitment to economic reform, free trade, and regional

integration. The economy can meet its basic food needs but depends on outside sources for all

of its oil and gas and most of its modern machinery and parts. Inflation jumped to 11% in 2000,

largely due to higher oil prices.

**GDP:** purchasing power parity - \$9 billion (2000 est.)

**GDP - real growth rate:** 5% (2000 est.)

**GDP - per capita:** purchasing power parity - \$4,400 (2000 est.)

**GDP** - composition by sector:

agriculture: 12%

industry: 25%

services: 63% (2000 est.)

**Population below poverty line:** 25% (2000 est.)

## Household income or consumption by percentage share:

lowest 10%: NA%

highest 10%: NA%

**Inflation rate (consumer prices):** 11% (2000 est.)

Labor force: 1 million (1999 est.)

Labor force - by occupation: agriculture NA%, industry NA%, services NA%

Unemployment rate: 32% (2000)

## **Budget:**

revenues: \$1.06 billion

expenditures: \$1 billion, including capital expenditures of \$107 million (1996 est.)

Industries: coal, metallic chromium, lead, zinc, ferronickel, textiles, wood products, tobacco

**Industrial production growth rate:** 3% (2000)

Electricity - production: 6,395 GWh (1999)

## **Electricity - production by source:**

fossil fuel: 82.25%

hydro: 17.75%

nuclear: 0%

other: 0% (1999)

**Electricity - consumption:** 5,992 GWh (1999)

Electricity - exports: 30 kWh (1999)

Electricity - imports: 75 kWh (1999)

**Agriculture - products:** rice, tobacco, wheat, corn, millet, cotton, sesame, mulberry leaves, citrus, vegetables; beef, pork, poultry, mutton

**Exports:** \$1.4 billion (f.o.b., 2000 est.)

Exports - commodities: food, beverages, tobacco; miscellaneous manufactures, iron and steel

Exports - partners: Germany 22%, Serbia and Montenegro 22%, USA 12%, Greece 7%, Italy 6% (2000)

**Imports:** \$2 billion (f.o.b., 2000 est.)

Imports - commodities: machinery and equipment, chemicals, fuels; food products

Imports - partners: Germany 13%, Ukraine 13%, Russia 10%, Serbia and Montenegro 8%, Greece 8% (2000)

**Debt - external:** \$1.4 billion (2000)

**Economic aid - recipient:** \$100 million from the  $\underline{EU}$  (2000)

**Currency:** 1 Macedonian denar (MKD) = 100 deni

**Exchange rates:** denars per US\$1 - Macedonian denars per US dollar - 64.757 (January 2001), 65.904 (2000), 56.902 (1999), 54.462 (1998), 50.004 (1997), 39.981 (1996), 37.882 (1995)

Fiscal year: calendar year

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