

# Country Profile

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Specification	Unit	1996/97	2000/01	2004/05
<b>Area and Population</b>				
Area (land area) .....	km <sup>2</sup>	1 629 807	1 629 807	1 629 807
Population .....	1 000	60 055 <sup>1)</sup>	63 664	67 478
under 15 years .....	%	39,5	35,2 <sup>2)</sup>	28,7 <sup>2)</sup>
15 to 64 years .....	%	56,2	60,3 <sup>2)</sup>	66,8 <sup>2)</sup>
65 years and more .....	%	4,3	4,5 <sup>2)</sup>	4,5 <sup>2)</sup>
Median age <sup>3)</sup> .....	years	18,4 <sup>2) 4)</sup>	20,6 <sup>2)</sup>	23,4 <sup>2)</sup>
Population density .....	inh. per km <sup>2</sup>	37	39	41
Share of urban population .....	%	61,3	64,2	66,4
Share of population living in Tehran .....	%	17,2	17,7	17,7
Average number of persons per household in urban areas .....	persons	4,6	...	3,9
Average number of persons per household in rural areas .....	persons	5,2	...	4,4
Natural population increase .....	per 1 000 inh.	...	11,2	9,9 <sup>5)</sup>
Birth rate .....	births per je 1 000 inh.	19,8	17,2	14,3 <sup>5)</sup>
Death rate .....	deaths per 1 000 inh.	...	6,0	4,4 <sup>5)</sup>
Total fertility rate .....	average number of children per woman	3,4 <sup>2) 4)</sup>	2,3 <sup>2)</sup>	2,1 <sup>2)</sup>
Life expectancy at birth				
Men .....	years	66,2 <sup>2) 4)</sup>	68,0 <sup>2)</sup>	69,5 <sup>2)</sup>
Women .....	years	68,6 <sup>2) 4)</sup>	70,7 <sup>2)</sup>	72,6 <sup>2)</sup>
<b>Health</b>				
Infant mortality rate .....	deaths under 1 year of age per 1 000 live births	47,4 <sup>2) 4)</sup>	37,9 <sup>2)</sup>	30,6 <sup>2)</sup>
Inhabitants per doctor affiliated to the Ministry of Health and Medical Education .....	number	3 625	3 610	3 181
Inhabitants per dentist affiliated to the Ministry of Health and Medical Education .....	number	34 357	32 732	29 608
Inhabitants per hospital bed .....	number	609	602	331
Health homes operating in rural areas .....	Anzahl	14 146	15 919	16 314
Total expenditure on health .....	% of GDP	5,9 <sup>6) 7)</sup>	6,3 <sup>6) 8)</sup>	6,5 <sup>6) 9)</sup>
<b>Education and Science</b>				
Public expenditure on education .....	% of GDP	...	5,0 <sup>10)</sup>	4,8 <sup>11)</sup>
Share in total state expenditure .....	%	...	18,0 <sup>10)</sup>	17,9 <sup>11)</sup>
Pupils at schools of general education .....	1 000	18 588	18 314	15 816
incl. female .....	%	46,6	47,5	48,2
Average class size in primary schools .....	pupils	28	25	21
Average class size in secondary schools .....	pupils	32	27	26
Total number of students at universities and higher education institutes .....	1 000	1 193	1 570	2 117
incl. at Islamic Azad University .....	1 000	613	836	1 098
incl. female .....	%	38,6	47,4	51,0
Learners having completed Literacy Movement Courses .....	1 000	622	582	626
Literacy rate				
Male .....	%	78,0	83,0	85,5 <sup>9)</sup>
Female .....	%	61,9	68,9	72,6 <sup>9)</sup>

1) Result of the census held on 21 October 1996.

2) United Nations (UN) estimate.

3) Age at which 50 per cent of the population is older and 50 per cent is younger than that age.

4) 1995.

5) Preliminary result.

6) World Health Organization (WHO) result.

7) 1998.

8) 2001.

9) 2003.

10) Worldbank estimate.

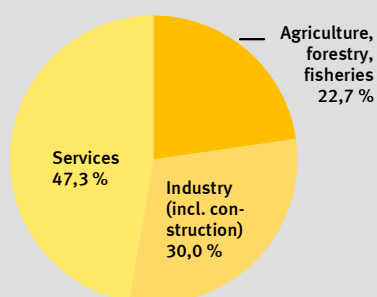
11) UNESCO estimate.

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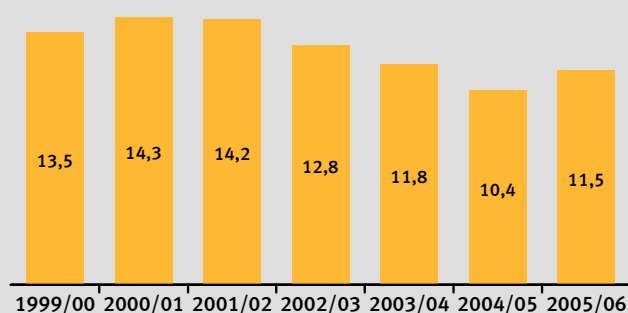
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Specification	Unit	2005/06		
		Total	Men	Women
<b>Labour market <sup>1)</sup></b>				
Total labour force (persons in employment and unemployed persons) .....	1 000	22 317	17 740	4 577
Labour participation rate .....	% of population at the age of 10 years and more	41,3	64,9	17,1
Persons in employment .....	1 000	19 760	15 959	3 801
incl. marginally employed .....	%	7,4	8,1	4,7
Unemployed .....	1 000	2 557	1 781	776
Unemployment rate .....	%	11,5	10,0	17,0
Youth unemployment rate .....	%	23,2	20,4	32,2

Persons in employment by sector in 2003/2004

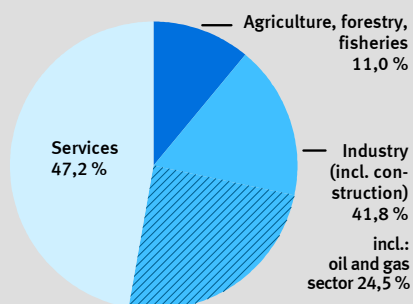


Unemployment rate (%)

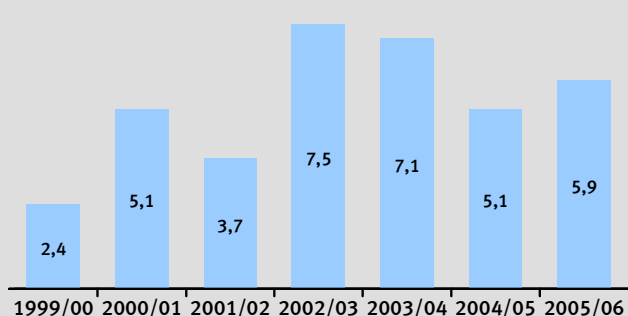


Specification	Unit	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>				
GDP at current prices .....	Rl. bn	1 109 534	1 406 032	1 760 010
	US-\$ mn	133 969	161 261	194 993
GDP per capita .....	Rl.	16 640	20 780	25 655
	US-\$	2 010	2 385	2 840
GDP at constant prices of 1997/98 .....	Rl. bn	384 771	404 334	428 190
	US-\$ mn	219 243	230 390	243 983
GDP: expenditure (at current prices)				
incl.:				
Household consumption .....	%	45,6	45,5	47,7
Government consumption .....	%	12,1	11,4	13,5
Gross capital formation .....	%	36,3	36,0	31,5

Gross value added by sector in 2004/05



Economic growth rate (%)



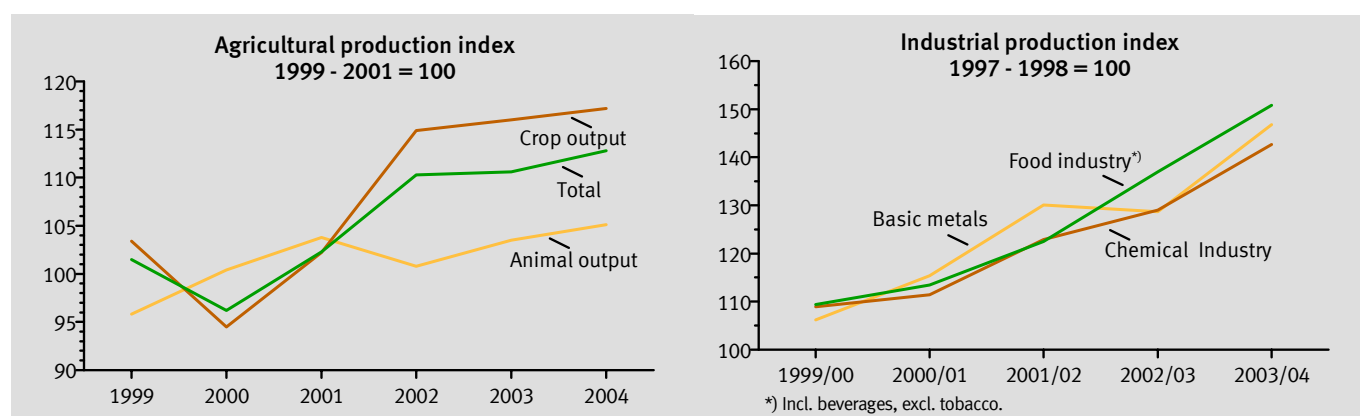
1) In contrast to international standard, presentation for population aged 10 and more.

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Specification	Unit	2000	2002	2003
<b>Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries</b>				
Agricultural land .....	1 000 ha	60 326	61 088	62 248
incl. arable land and permanent crops .....	1 000 ha	16 326	17 088	18 248
Forest land .....	1 000 ha	.	.	11 075 <sup>1)</sup>
Removals of wood .....	1 000 m <sup>3</sup>	1 114	710	906
		1999/00	2002/03	2003/04
Production of wheat .....	1 000 t	8 673	12 450	13 440
Production of barley .....	1 000 t	1 999	3 085	2 908
Production of rice (paddy) .....	1 000 t	2 348	2 888	2 931
Production of pulses .....	1 000 t	471	670	671
Production of potatoes .....	1 000 t	3 433	3 756	4 211
Production of sugar beet .....	1 000 t	5 548	6 098	5 933
Production of sugar cane .....	1 000 t	2 236	3 712	5 196
Production of cotton (lint) .....	1 000 t	441	345	352
Production of pistachios .....	1 000 t	131	249	239
Production of onions .....	1 000 t	1 677	1 529	1 574
Production of milk .....	1 000 t	5 564	5 877	6 316
Production of poultry .....	1 000 t	725	942	1 104
Production of red meat .....	1 000 t	721	742	752
Catches of fish <sup>2)</sup> .....	1 000 t	412	402	442



Specification	Unit	1999/00	2002/03	2003/04
<b>Industry</b>				
Index of production in manufacturing <sup>3)</sup> .....	1997/98 = 100	113,8	176,0	219,5
incl.:				
Food products <sup>4)</sup> .....	1997/98 = 100	109,4	137,0	150,8
Textiles .....	1997/98 = 100	96,3	98,0	97,6
Chemicals and chemical products .....	1997/98 = 100	108,9	129,0	142,7
Basic metals .....	1997/98 = 100	106,2	128,7	146,8
Motor vehicles .....	1997/98 = 100	137,3	334,2	526,2
Production of crude oil .....	mn t	189,4 <sup>5)</sup>	197,9 <sup>5)</sup>	202,6 <sup>5)</sup>
Production of natural gas .....	bn m <sup>3</sup>	60,2 <sup>5)</sup>	81,5 <sup>5)</sup>	84,9 <sup>5)</sup>
Production of iron ore .....	1 000 t	7 955	14 597	14 556
Production of chromite .....	1 000 t	368	223	151
Production of crude steel .....	1 000 t	6 600 <sup>5)</sup>	7 869 <sup>5)</sup>	8 682 <sup>5)</sup>
Production of cement .....	mn t	22,2	23,7	28,2
Production of colour television sets .....	1 000	860	894	858
Production of passenger cars .....	1 000	194	465	663
Production of electricity (gross) .....	1 000 GWh	113	141	153

1) 2005.

2) Incl. aquaculture production.

3) Establishments with 100 employees or more only.

4) Incl. beverages, excl. tobacco.

5) Latter calendar year.

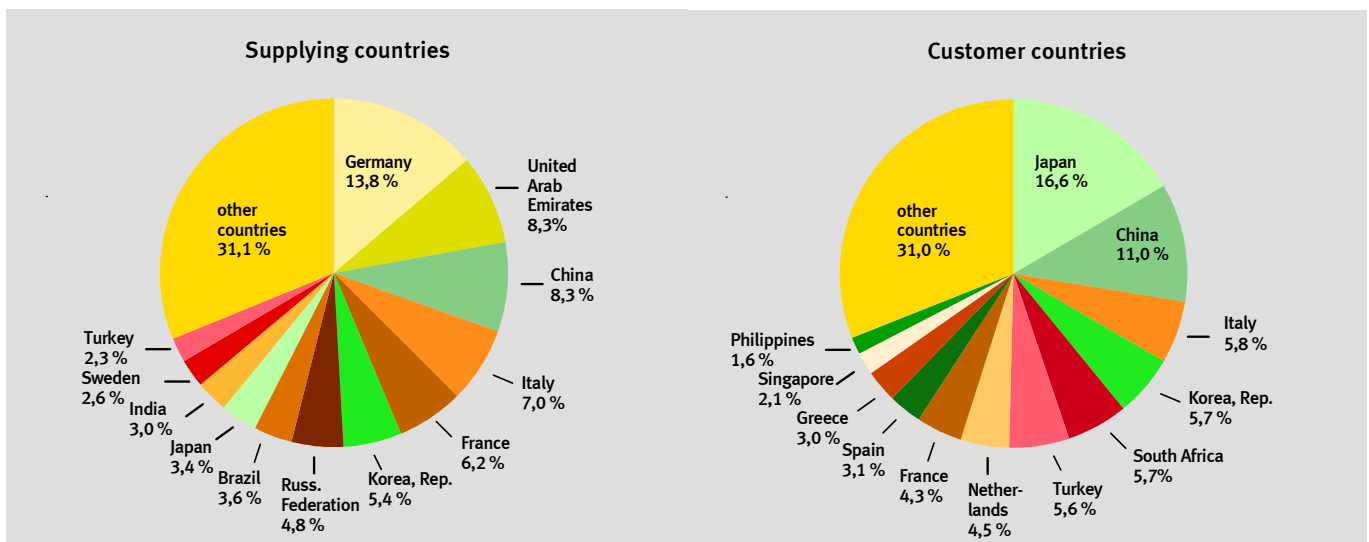
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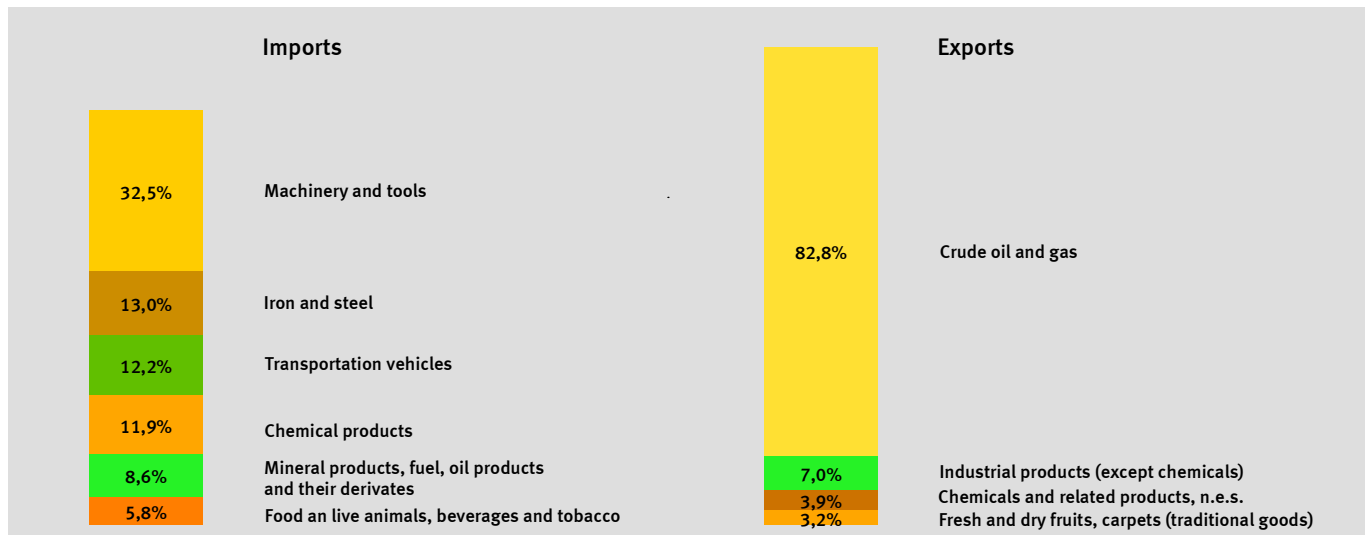
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Specification	Unit	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
<b>Foreign Trade</b>				
Import of goods (cif) .....	RI. bn	220 285	308 557	358 007
	US-\$ mn	26 598	35 389	39 664
incl. from Germany .....	RI. bn	27 480	42 723	54 761
	US-\$ mn	3 318	4 900	6 067
Export of goods (fob) .....	RI. bn	281 513	382 346	541 668
	US-\$ mn	33 991	43 852	60 012
incl. to Germany .....	RI. bn	2 418	3 863	4 721
	US-\$ mn	292	443	523
Foreign trade balance .....	RI. bn	+ 61 229	+ 73 789	+ 183 661
	US-\$ mn	+ 7 393	+ 8 463	+ 20 348
		Import	Export	
Position of Germany in Iran`s foreign trade ranking in 2005 .....		Rank 1	Rank 16	
Position of Iran in Germany`s foreign trade ranking in 2005 .....		Rank 64	Rank 32	

## Trading Partners in 2005



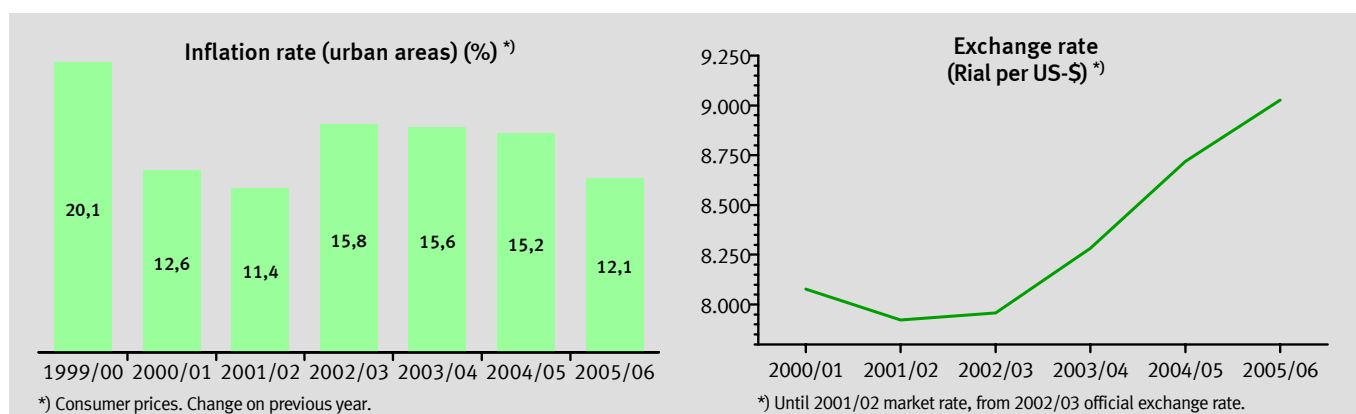
## Major Commodities in 2004/05



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Specification	Unit	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
<b>Finance</b>				
Exchange rate (Rial/RI.) .....	RI. per US-\$	8 282	8 719	9 026
Reserves (gross) .....	US-\$ mn	24 675	32 993	...
Central government deficit (-)/surplus (+) .....	% of GDP	- 0,1	- 0,3	...
Taxes and social contributions of the central government .....	% of GDP	11,1	11,9	7,4
		1999	2000	2001
<b>Earnings</b>				
Average gross monthly earnings of employees in manufacturing .....	1 000 RI.	698,9	867,5	1 014,3
incl.:				
Food products .....	1 000 RI.	613,6	775,9	911,8
Textiles .....	1 000 RI.	588,5	697,8	847,9
Chemicals and chemical products .....	1 000 RI.	757,3	1 143,9	1 195,9
Motor vehicles .....	1 000 RI.	930,0	1 092,7	1 092,2



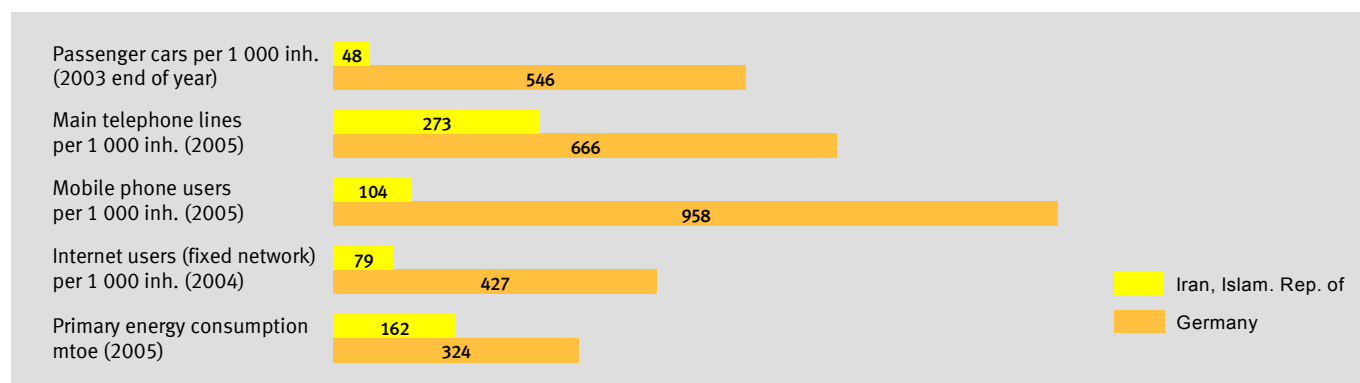
Specification	Unit	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
<b>Balance of Payments, Foreign Debt</b>				
Current account balance .....	US-\$ mn	+ 816	+ 1 442	+ 14 037
Foreign debt (gross) .....	US-\$ mn	17 024	23 074	24 264
	% of GDP	12,7	14,3	12,4
		2003	2004	2005
<b>Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)</b>				
Inward stock of FDI in Iran .....	US-\$ mn	3 565	3 665	3 695
Outward stock of FDI abroad .....	US-\$ mn	68	87	163
Inflows of FDI into Iran (net) .....	US-\$ mn	482	100	30
Outflows of FDI abroad (net) .....	US-\$ mn	- 356	19	76

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Specification	Unit	1999/00	2003/04	2004/05
<b>Transport and Telecommunication</b>				
Railways				
Length of lines .....	km	6 398	7 268	7 584
Passengers carried .....	1 000	10 688	16 112	17 397
Passenger transport.....	mn passenger-km	6 451	9 314	10 012
Freight transport .....	mn ton-km	14 082	18 048	18 182
Sea transport				
Freight, loaded .....	mn t	31,0	28,4	30,7
Freight, unloaded .....	mn t	41,1	51,9	55,3
Air transport				
Passengers <sup>1)</sup> .....	mn	19,2	22,2	23,5
incl. domestic flights.....	mn	16,5	17,9	18,7
Main telephone lines .....	1 000	9 486 <sup>2)</sup>	14 571 <sup>2)</sup>	18 986 <sup>2)</sup>
	per 1 000 inh.	149 <sup>2)</sup>	220 <sup>2)</sup>	273 <sup>2)</sup>



Specification	Unit	1995	2000	2005
<b>Environment</b>				
Primary energy consumption .....	mtoe (million tons of oil equivalent)	94,6	122,0	162,0
incl.:	toe per capita	1,52	1,84	2,33
Gas .....	%	33,5	46,4	48,4
Oil .....	%	63,0	52,0	49,1
Emissions of carbon dioxide .....	mn t	249,3	305,7	348,9 <sup>3)</sup>
	t per inh.	4,0	4,6	5,1 <sup>3)</sup>
Nature protection areas .....	1 000 ha	.	.	10 554 <sup>3)</sup>
	% of land area	.	.	6,5 <sup>3)</sup>

1) Passengers in national and international transport.  
2) Latter calendar year.

3) 2003.

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