

Zimbabwe meltdown

Following a decade of economic decline, Zimbabwe, once dubbed southern Africa's breadbasket, has the world's highest inflation rate and lowest life expectancy



INDICATORS

2006

1990

Population	12.2 million	10.4 million
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Life expectancy	34 (female) 37 (male)	63 (female) 59 (male)
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Deaths per 1,000 population	22	9
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Population growth	0.6%	3.3%
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GDP growth	-4.4%	4.2%
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Unemployment	80%	20%
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Inflation	1,700% (2007)	18%
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Source: CIA World Factbook © GRAPHIC NEWS