### Latvia

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<td>Population (2010)</td>
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<td>Annual Population Growth Rate (2000-2010)</td>
<td>-0.6%</td>
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<td>Population Gain (2000-2010)</td>
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<td>GDP Per Capita</td>
<td>$13,646 (US)</td>
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<td>Literacy</td>
<td>&gt;99.0% of adult population</td>
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<td>Life Expectancy (2010)</td>
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**Note:**

- The information on Latvia includes population, GDP, literacy, and life expectancy data.
- The latest religion news covers various topics including religious policies, events, and international relations in different countries.

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