

The Department conducted a wide range of academic, cultural and information activities in the United States aimed at developing a knowledge and appreciation of Canada. The Department continued to support growth in Canadian studies programs at American universities. Interest in Canada by American academics and students continued to increase, as indicated by the number, diversity and quality of the applications under various awards programs. Through a variety of programs and services, the Department promoted American interest in Canadian performers and works of art.

Approximately 70 million Canadians and Americans cross the world's longest undefended border each year, with a minimum of formality. However, some Canadians do encounter difficulties, principally those who seek entry for temporary employment in various fields. The Department continued its consultations and negotiations with the United States to assist such persons.

The thrust of the government's approach to Canada-United States relations is one of self-confidence and a genuine determination to make the most of opportunities which can be of benefit to both countries. There are bound to be differences, but the "spirit of Quebec" is one of greater co-operation and closer consultation between two friends and allies.

Canada-US economic indicators

(Calendar year)

I. Canadian trade

	With all countries		With United States	
	Exports (\$ billion Cdn.)	Imports	Exports (\$ billion Cdn.)	Imports
1980	76.2	69.3	48.2	48.5
1981	83.8	79.5	55.5	54.5
1982	84.5	67.9	57.7	47.9
1983	90.6	75.6	66.0	54.1
1984	112.5	95.8	85.1	68.5

II. Percentage change

	With all countries		With United States	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
1980	+ 16.0	+ 10.2	+ 8.2	+ 6.7
1981	+ 10.0	+ 14.7	+ 15.2	+ 12.2
1982	+ 0.9	- 14.6	+ 4.0	- 12.2
1983	+ 7.2	+ 11.3	+ 14.4	+ 12.9
1984	+ 24.2	+ 26.7	+ 28.9	+ 26.6

III. Percentage distribution of exports and imports in 1984

Exports from Canada

To: United States	75.6
Japan	5.0
European Community	6.3

Imports to Canada

From: United States	71.5
Japan	6.0
European Community	8.6

IV. Top Canadian exports to the United States

1. Motor vehicles and parts
2. Crude petroleum
3. Newsprint paper
4. Natural gas
5. Chemicals, including fertilizers
6. Softwood lumber
7. Wood pulp
8. Precious metals, including alloys
9. Iron and steel
10. Industrial machinery

V. Top US exports to Canada

1. Motor vehicles and parts
2. General and industrial machinery
3. Chemicals, including fertilizers
4. Computers
5. Food, feed, beverages and tobacco
6. Telecommunications and related equipment
7. Aircraft, including engines and parts
8. Agricultural machinery, including tractors
9. Electronic tubes and semi-conductors
10. Coal