



Factoids, Captivating Canada

element: Excellent transportation, tourism and communications infrastructure

message: Canada is a World Leader in Radio Broadcasting and Telecommunications


CBC Radio and Radio Canada reflect Canadian life and culture in a distinctive, commercial free approach

Canada enjoys 4 national television networks; two English, and two French

Radio service for the Canadian north is available in English, French, and 8 Aboriginal languages

CBC international/ Radio Canada International shortwave radio broadcasts in 7 languages

In 1994, the CBC became the world's first broadcaster to have 24 hour online radio



In 1998-99, 99.1% of the CBC's operating expenditures were devoted to program production and distribution

Canada is the 2nd largest exporter of television programming in the world

Canada enjoys a domestic satellite systems equipped with 300 earth stations

Canada hosts 7 international satellite earth stations

In 1999, 18.5 million main telephone lines in use

There are 3 million cell phones in Canada

Canada has over 750 Internet service providers

139 out of 1,000 people own cell phones

In 1998, 42% of the Canadian population had access to the Internet

Companies such as Nortel, Alcatel, and JDS Uniphase have transformed Canada into a global centre of fibre optics technology

message: Excellent Transportation Infrastructure From Sea to Sea to Sea

Canadian railways are composed of 36,114 km of trackage

Canadian National is the only railroad company in North America to cross the continent east-west and north-south, serving ports on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts.

- CN employs 22,400 people, operates 15,500 route miles of track

Canadian Pacific Railway company has over 19,000 employees and a railway network spanning nearly 25,000 route-kilometres (15,500 miles)

- CPR spans North America from the Atlantic to the Pacific, linking principal Canadian cities as well as the U.S. Midwest and Northeast

Train passenger service is provided by government operated VIA Rail

Canadian highways span 901,902 km in total

318,371 km of Canadian highways are paved

There are 1,411 airports in Canada

Canada boasts 3,000 km of waterways, including the St. Lawrence Seaway

Canadian pipelines for crude and refined oil span 23,564 km

There are 74,980 km of pipelines for natural gas in Canada

In 2000, the total number of U.S. visitors to Canada by land, air, sea, and train was 43,993,000

- In 2000, the total number of international (non US) visitors to Canada by air, land, and sea was 4,642,000