

CANADA

Capital: Ottawa

GEODATA

Area

9 970 000 km²

Population

30 million

Population growth

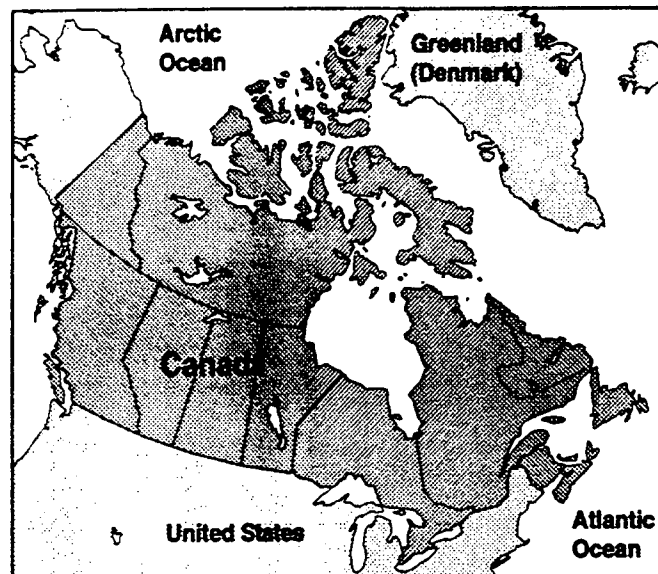
1.2% (1994)

Official languages

English, French

Major religions

Roman Catholic (46%), United Church (16%), Anglican (10%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Leader

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Lloyd Axworthy

Minister for International Trade

Art Eggleton

Democratic institutions

Federal state, bicameral parliament

UN Human Development Index

Canada ranks 1st among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$780.027 billion (1995)

GDP growth rate

2.2% (1995)

GDP per capita

\$29 606 (1995)

Inflation rate

1.3% (February 1996)

Unemployment rate

9.6% (February 1996)

Major exports

\$263.69 billion (1995), including wood, paper, aluminum, transportation equipment, minerals, fuels and capital equipment

Major imports

\$225.49 billion (1995), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, electronics and plastics