

FRANCE

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 53.8 million (1981)

GDP (1980): (Cdn) \$598.8 billion

GDP per capita (1980): (US) \$12,136

Exchange rate: Cdn \$1 = 4.86 francs (May 1982)

Inflation rate (1981): 13.5%

Unemployment (1981): 7.4%

B. TRADE

France is ranked 4th in international trade for 1981.

French exports (1981): (Cdn) \$119.6 billion

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machinery and transportation equipment,
food, agricultural products, iron and
steel products, clothing and textiles,
chemical products.

French imports (1981): (Cdn) \$144.5 billion

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crude petroleum, machinery and tools,
chemical products, iron and steel,
food, agricultural products.

C. TRADE WITH CANADA

Commercial relations between France and Canada are not strong, external trade counting for no more than 1% of the total in both countries. Despite this, France is Canada's 8th trading partner, with total trade for 1981 at (Cdn) \$1,821 billion.