

Jamaica



Population
2.6 million (1999 est.)

Capital
Kingston

Total area
10 991 km²

Language
English

National day
1st Monday in August
(Independence Day)

Currency
Jamaican dollar

GDP
\$6.7 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$1657 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$96.7 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$201.0 million (1999)

Head of government:
Prime Minister Percival James **Patterson**

Born April 10, 1935. Studied law in Jamaica and at the London School of Economics. First elected to Parliament in 1970. Held a number of cabinet posts, including Foreign Affairs and Finance. First appointed Prime Minister in 1992 after being elected president of the People's National Party. Returned to office in national elections in 1993 and 1997.



Nicaragua



Population
4.9 million (1999)

Capital
Managua

Total area
130 000 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
September 15
(1821 Independence Day)

Currency
cordoba

GDP
\$2.3 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$465 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$11.5 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$24.4 million (1999)

Head of state and government:
President Dr. Arnoldo **Aleman** Lacayo

Born January 23, 1946. Obtained a doctorate in law from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua. From 1983 to 1984, was president of the Coffee Association of Managua and the Coffee Union of Nicaragua. From 1986 to 1990, was vice-president of the Agricultural Products Union. Became mayor of Managua in 1990. Elected President on October 26, 1996.



Mexico



Population
98.8 million (1999)

Capital
Mexico City

Total area
1 972 550 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
September 16
(1810 Independence Day)

Currency
peso

GDP
\$485 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$4825 (1999 est.)

Canadian exports
\$4.38 billion (1999)

Canadian imports
\$9.52 billion (1999)

Head of state and government:
President Vicente **Fox** Quesada

Born July 2, 1942. Graduated in business administration from the Universidad Iberoamericana and the Harvard Business School. Became Coca-Cola's youngest manager when appointed its chairman for Mexico and Latin America. Elected Federal Deputy in 1988, Governor of the state of Guanajuato in 1995 and President of Mexico on July 2, 2000.



Panama



Population
2.8 million (1999)

Capital
Panama City

Total area
77 082 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
November 3
(1903 Independence Day)

Currency
balboa
U.S. dollar

GDP
\$9.6 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$2845 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$51.5 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$29.3 million (1999)

Head of state and government:
President Mireya **Moscoso**

Born July 1, 1946. Graduated in interior design from Miami-Dade Community College; holds honorary degrees from several post-secondary institutions. After winning election in May 1999, inaugurated as President of Panama on September 1 of that year—the first woman to hold the office.

