

CANADA

Capital: Ottawa

GEODATA

Area

9,970,610 km²

Population

30.8 million (1998)

Population growth rate

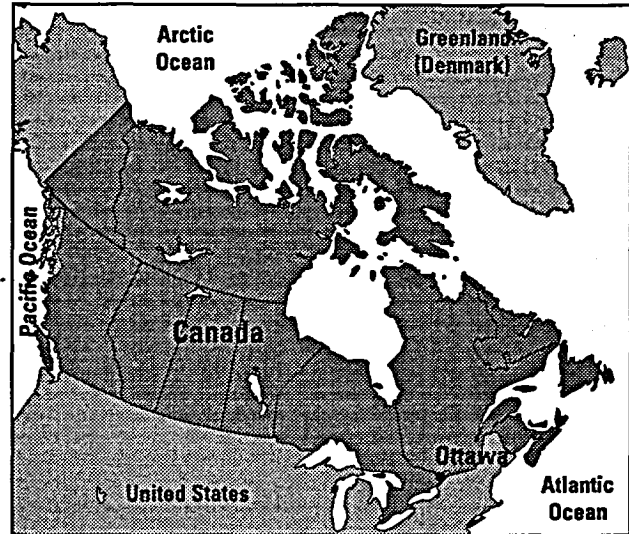
1% (1998)

Official languages

English, French

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (46%), United Church (12%),
Anglican (8%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Democratic institutions

Federal state, bicameral parliament

Leader

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Lloyd Axworthy

Minister for International Trade

Sergio Marchi

Minister of Finance

Paul Martin

UN Human Development Index (1998)

Canada ranks 1st among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$598.9 billion US (1998)

Real GDP growth rate

3% (1998)

GDP per capita

\$19,764 US (1998)

Inflation rate

0.9% (1998)

Unemployment rate

8.3% (April 1999)

Main exports

\$323.4 billion (balance of payments basis, 1998),
including transportation equipment, capital
equipment, pulp and paper, fuels, wood, minerals,
aluminum

Main imports

\$304 billion (balance of payments basis, 1998),
including transportation equipment, capital
equipment, electronics, plastics