

FAST FACTS ABOUT BRAZIL

Capital:	Brasilia
Population:	170 million (2000)
GDP:	\$651.1 billion (2000*)
GDP Growth Rate:	4% (2000*)
Inflation Rate:	7.1% (2000*)
Canadian FDI:	\$7 billion*
Memberships:	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), G-77 [group of 77 developing countries, largest third-world coalition in the UN], G-20 [group of 20 represents 19 countries, the EU, the IMF and the World Bank], WTO, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Mercosur, Organization of American States (OAS), Rio Group, United Nations (UN)

Major Canadian Exports to Brazil:

news print, electrical equipment, vehicle parts and accessories, gas turbines, oil (non-crude), sulphur, wheat (including durum), malt and fertilizer

Major Canadian Imports from Brazil:

coffee, fruit and vegetable juices, electrical machinery, vehicle parts and accessories, aluminum ore, oil (non-crude), footwear

* - estimated

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The Canadian Embassy in Brazil has primary responsibility for issues relating to market access and federal government procurement.

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The Consulate General in São Paulo receives most of the trade enquiries for Brazil. They can be contacted initially through their Internet site or by e-mail. The Internet site is an excellent place to obtain general information on exporting to Brazil and on sectorial studies, as well as an activities list detailing trade shows and other scheduled promotional events. This list can be accessed on the Internet.

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The Consulate in Rio specializes in market assistance in the oil and gas equipment and services sector, and the defence and aerospace sectors.

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The Trade Office provides general market assistance in power and energy projects, metals, mineral products, mining equipment, technologies and services.

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