



Chapter 9

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Jordan

Overview

Jordan's expanding economy, which has become increasingly integrated with neighbouring economies, provides opportunities for Canadian exporters and investors. Sectors of note for Canadian firms include agriculture, food and beverages, and aerospace and defence. In addition, Jordan has established itself as a regional hub for trade with Iraq. Direct air service was initiated between Montreal and Amman in May 2007.

To search for specific trade and investment barriers to this market, please use our [CIMAR Database on Foreign Commercial Barriers](#).

Market Access Achievements

- Canada and Jordan concluded negotiations on a free trade agreement, along with agreements on labour cooperation and the environment, in August 2008. Work on ratification is in progress.
- Ratification is also in progress for a foreign investment and promotion and protection agreement.
- Canada secured full market access for Canadian beef and cattle exports in February 2009. This could increase the value of Canadian beef exports to Jordan to \$1 million annually, according to the Canadian Beef Export Federation.



2008 Jordan Statistics

	2008	Percentage change since 2007
Population	5.8 million	2.2%
GDP	\$21.3 billion	5.6%
Canadian Merchandise Exports	\$76.8 million	21.8%
Canadian Services Exports	N/A	N/A
Canadian Merchandise Imports	\$15.4 million	-3.7%
Canadian Services Imports	N/A	N/A
CDIA	N/A	N/A
FDI	N/A	N/A

All GDP figures in the tables are quoted at current prices, whereas annual percentage changes of GDP are calculated at constant prices

Market Access Plans and Priorities

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