

CANADA

Capital: Ottawa

GEODATA

Area

9,970,610 km²

Major languages

English, French

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (45%),
United Church (12%), Anglican (8%)

Surrounding countries

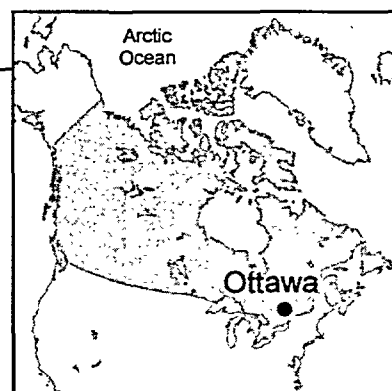
Greenland (Denmark), United States

Population

31.1 million (2001)

Population growth rate

1% (2001)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Commons; multiparty

Leaders

Governor General Adrienne Clarkson

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Bill Graham

Minister for International Trade

Pierre Pettigrew

Minister of Finance

John Manley

UN Human Development Index (2002)

Canada ranks 3rd among 173 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$699.9 billion US (2001)

GDP growth rate

1.5% (2001)

GDP per capita

\$29,000 US (2001 est., PPP)

Main exports

\$413.1 billion (balance of payment basis, 2001), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, pulp and paper, fuel, wood, minerals, aluminum

Main imports

\$350.5 billion (balance of payment basis, 2001), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, electronics, plastic resins, plastic materials, plastic manufactured products

Inflation rate

2.6% (2001)

Unemployment rate

7.2% (2001)