

Women in Canada

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... important aspect of the lives of Canadian men and women.

... Women represent about 52.3 per cent of the population of Canada,

with a concentration of 53.5 per cent

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... the Atlantic Ocean in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west and, in the north, extending as far as the Arctic Ocean. This vast region includes

... mountains and wooded hills and plains where conditions are often rugged and that are highly industrialized and where there are almost no forests.

... Most of Canada's population lives in a narrow strip 300 kilometers wide along its southern border. It has a long coastline to the north, an inland sea, most of whose waters are not navigable, and a vast area engaged in mining, forestry and energy development.

... On the whole, the social and economic conditions of rural women are not as good as those of city women. Many of Canadian families have a history of

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... Education

... For several decades there has been a steady increase in the number of boys and girls attending primary and secondary schools with the age of 15 or 16. In 1977 the number of boys and girls attending school was 10.5 million.

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