

CANADA

Capital: Ottawa

GEODATA

Area

9,970,000 km²

Population

30.2 million (1996 est.)

Population growth

1.4% (1996 est.)

Official languages

English, French

Major religions

Roman Catholic (46%), Protestant (36%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Leader

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Lloyd Axworthy

Minister of Finance

Paul Martin

Democratic institutions

Federal state, bicameral parliament

UN Human Development Index

Canada ranks 1st among 174 countries



ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$577.8 billion US (1996)

Real GDP growth rate

1.5% (1996)

GDP per capita on a PPP basis

\$22,333 US (1996)

Inflation rate

1.6% (1996)

Unemployment rate

9.7% (1996)

Main exports

\$274.88 billion Cdn (1996), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, pulp and paper, fuels, wood, minerals and aluminum

Main imports

\$232.94 billion Cdn (1996), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, electronics and plastics

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