

Belize



Head of government:

Prime Minister Said **Musa**

Born March 19, 1944. A lawyer by profession. Appointed to the Senate in 1974, serving until 1979. Later appointed Attorney General, Minister of Education and Sports, and Minister for Economic Development. In 1996 he assumed leadership of the People's United Party and became Prime Minister, the third in the nation's short history.

Population
243 000 (1999 est.)

Capital
Belmopan

Total area
22 923 km²

Language
English

National day
September 21
(1981 Independence Day)

Currency
Belize dollar

GDP
\$577 million (1999)

GDP per capita
\$2412 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$3.3 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$14 million (1999)



Brazil



Head of state and government:

President Fernando Henrique **Cardoso**

Born June 18, 1931. First elected to Brazilian Senate in 1978, representing the state of São Paulo. Leader of his party in the Senate from 1988 to 1992. Served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance under former President Itamar Franco. Elected President in 1995; re-elected on October 4, 1998.

Population
170 million (2000)

Capital
Brasília

Total area
8 512 000 km²

Language
Portuguese

National day
September 7
(1822 Independence Day)

Currency
real

GDP
\$651.1 billion (2000 est.)

GDP per capita
\$3193 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$1.04 billion (1999)

Canadian imports
\$1.36 billion (1999)



Bolivia



Head of state and government:

President Hugo **Banzer** Suárez

Born May 10, 1926. A professional soldier, he became commander-in-chief of Bolivia's National Armed Forces. Served as Minister of Education and Culture from 1964 to 1966, and as President of Bolivia from 1971 to 1978. Appointed Ambassador to Argentina in 1978. Re-elected President in 1997.

Population
8.1 million (1999 est.)

Capital
La Paz

Total area
1 098 580 km²

Languages
Spanish, Quechua, Aymará

National day
August 6
(1825 Independence Day)

Currency
boliviano

GDP
\$8.3 billion (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$954 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$15.2 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$16.5 million (1999)



Canada



Head of government:

Prime Minister Jean **Chrétien**

Born January 11, 1934. A law graduate. First elected to the House of Commons in 1963. Served in several Cabinet portfolios from 1967 to 1984, including Minister of Justice, Minister of Finance and Secretary of State for External Affairs. Elected leader of the Liberal Party in June 1990. Became Prime Minister in November 1993; re-elected in June 1997 and in November 2000.

Population
30 750 000 (2000 est.)

Capital
Ottawa

Total area
9 970 610 km²

Languages
English, French

National day
July 1 (Confederation Day)

Currency
Canadian dollar

GDP
\$644.8 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$21 061 (1999)

Canadian exports to Americas (excl. USA)
\$12.928 billion (1999)

Canadian imports from Americas (excl. USA)
\$14.475 billion (1999)

