## CANADA

Capital: Ottawa

## GEODATA

Area

9,970,610 km<sup>2</sup>

**Major languages** 

English (official) and French (official) 0.7% (2000)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (45%),

United Church (12%), Anglican (8%)

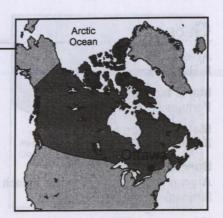
Surrounding countries

United States, Greenland (Denmark)

**Population** 

30.8 million (2000)

Population growth rate



## 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** 

John Manley

**Minister for International Trade** 

Pierre Pettigrew

**Minister of Finance** 

Paul Martin

**UN Human Development Index (2000)** 

Canada ranks 1st among 174 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

**Nominal GDP** 

\$699.6 billion US (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

4.7% (2000)

Inflation rate

2.9% (2001)

**Unemployment rate** 

6.9% (February 2001)

GDP per capita

\$22,708 US (2000)

Main exports

\$417.7 billion (balance of payment basis, 2000), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, pulp and paper, fuels, wood, minerals, aluminum

Main imports

\$363.2 billion (balance of payment basis, 2000), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, electronics, plastic resins, plastic materials, plastic manufactured products