

- An important element in Canada-Ireland economic relations is the high level of Canadian investment in Ireland. With Canadian direct investment at \$16.5 billion in 2002, Ireland is the fourth largest recipient of Canadian direct investment worldwide, after the United States, United Kingdom, and Barbados. Much of this investment goes on to other countries in the European Union, reflecting the importance of Ireland as a gateway to Europe for Canadian investors. Some 45 Canadian companies operate in Ireland, plus 36 in Dublin's International Financial Services Centre.

Youth mobility

- People-to-people ties between Canada and Ireland were further strengthened in May 2003 when a working-holiday program was created to give Canadian and Irish youth under age 35 an opportunity to work and vacation in each others' country. This is in addition to the Student Work Abroad Program that has been in operation for over a decade.