

CANADA

Capital: Ottawa

GEODATA

Area
9,970,610 km²

Population
30.8 million (2000)

Major languages
English (official) and French (official)

Population growth rate
0.7% (2000)

Major religious groups
Roman Catholic (45%),
United Church (12%), Anglican (8%)

Surrounding countries
United States, Greenland (Denmark)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Constitutional monarchy

Minister of Foreign Affairs
John Manley

National legislature
Upper chamber: Senate
Lower chamber: House of Commons; multiparty

Minister for International Trade
Pierre Pettigrew

Leaders
Governor General Adrienne Clarkson
Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

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)

Inflation rate
2.9% (2001)

Real GDP growth rate
4.7% (2000)

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