CANADA

Capital: Ottawa

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Area

9,970,610 km²

Major languages

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

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (45%),

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

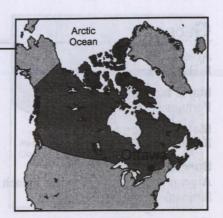
Surrounding countries

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