

France

Official Title French Republic



General Information:

Capital Paris
Total Area 547,030 km² **Population (million)** 62.63
Currency 1 CAN\$= 0.73 EURO (EUR)(2010)
National Holiday July 14, Bastille Day
Language(s) French

Political Information:

Type of State Presidential republic

Type of Government

Semi-presidential democracy. Bicameral parliament with a 343-seat Senate (Sénat) (312 for metropolitan France, 19 for overseas departments and territories, and 12 for French nationals abroad) and a 577-seat National Assembly (Assemblée nationale). Prime Minister nominated by the National Assembly majority and appointed by the President. Council of Ministers (cabinet) appointed by the President on the suggestion of the Prime Minister. Administrative divisions: 26 regions and 100 departments. Governing party: Union for a Popular Movement (UMP).

Head of State President Nicolas Sarkozy

Head of Government

Prime Minister François Fillon

Ministers Foreign & Euro. Affairs: Michèle Alliot-Marie
 Sec. of State for Int. Trade: Pierre Lellouche
 Defense & veterans: Alain Juppé

Main Political Parties

Union for a Popular Movement (UMP), Socialist Party (PS), Democratic Movement (MoDem), French Communist Party (PCF), Diverse Right (DD), Radical Left Party (PRG), Diverse Left (DVG), The Greens, Union of the Center (UDC), Democratic and European Social Rally (RDES), National Front (FN), Centrist Union (UC), Communist, Republican and Citizenship (CRC), Democratic Republican Left (GDR), New Centre (NC). Senate: UMP (151), PS (116), UC (29), CRC (23), RDSE (17), Indep. (7) Nationale Assembly: UMP (317), PS (204), GDR (25), NC (23), Indep. (8).

Elections President: 5 year term; next elections, April 2012. Senate members: 6 year terms; next election, September, 2011.

Economic Information: (2009)

IMF/Statistics Canada

	France	Canada
GDP: (billion)	\$3,033.52	\$1,525.76
GDP per capita:	\$48,434.26	\$45,288.45
GDP Growth rate: (%)	-2.547	-2.462
Inflation: (%)	0.103	0.292
Unemployment: (%)	9.433	8.283

Trade and investment: (2010)

Statistics Canada

Canadian Exports:	\$2,352,316,887
Canadian Imports:	\$5,421,481,052
Foreign Direct Investment in Canada	\$18,218 (million) (2009)
Canadian Direct Investment to France	\$15,856 (million) (2009)

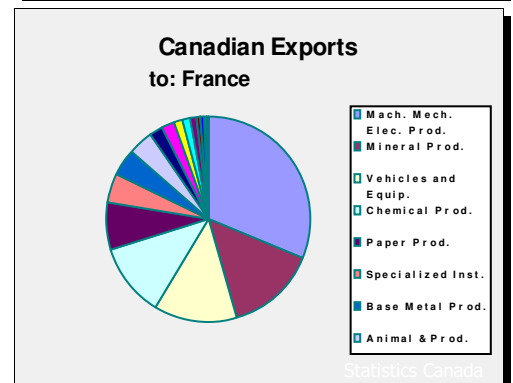
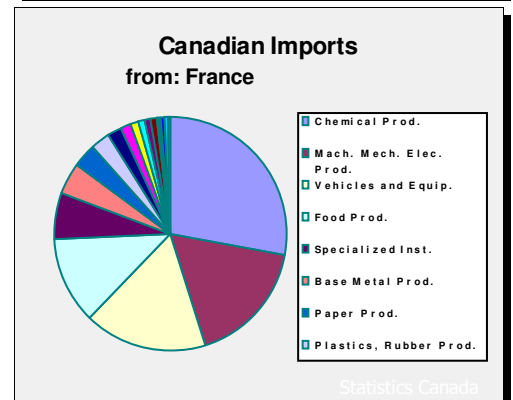
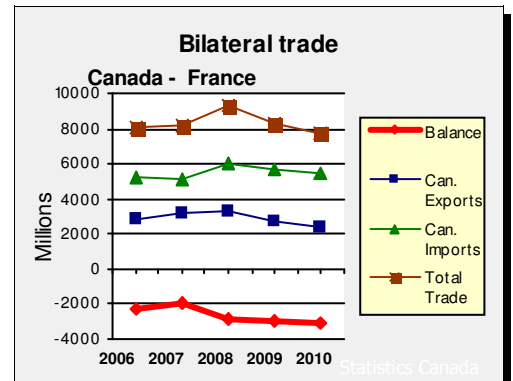
Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador François Delattre

Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Marc Lortie



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