INTRODUCTION
Canada became a self-governing dominion in 1867, while retaining ties to the British crown. Canada aims to develop its diverse energy resources while maintaining its commitment to the environment.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Acting Governor General Richard WAGNER
Head of Government
Prime Minister Justin Pierre James TRUDEAU
Government Type
federal parliamentary democracy (Parliament of Canada) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm; federal and state authorities and responsibilities regulated in constitution
Capital
Ottawa
Legislature
bicameral Parliament or Parlement consists of the Senate or Senat (105 seats) and the House of Commons or Chambre des Communes (338 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 9,984,670 sq km
Land: 9,093,507 sq km
Water: 891,163 sq km
Climate
varies from temperate in south to subarctic and arctic in north
Natural Resources
bauxite, iron ore, nickel, zinc, copper, gold, lead, rare earth elements, molybdenum, potash, diamonds, silver, fish, timber, wildlife, coal, petroleum, natural gas, hydropower

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
one of the world’s largest economies; leading global financier and macroeconomic partner; largest US trading partner; key timber and oil and gas industries; Canada sends over half its development aid to the World Bank; key “blue economy” developer
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $1.743 trillion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $45,900 (2020 est.)
Industries - transportation equipment, chemicals, processed and unprocessed minerals, food products, wood and paper products, fish products, petroleum, natural gas
Agricultural products - wheat, rapeseed, maize, barley, milk, soybeans, potatoes, oats, peas, pork
Exports $477.3 billion (2020 est.)
crude petroleum, cars/vehicle parts, gold, refined petroleum, natural gas (2019)
partners: US 73% (2019)
Imports $510.3 billion (2020 est.)
cars/vehicle parts, delivery trucks, crude/refined petroleum (2019)
partners: US 57%, China 11%, Mexico 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
37.9 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.77% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Canadian 32.3%, English 18.3%, Scottish 13.9%, French 13.6%, Irish 13.4%, German 9.6%, Italian 4.6%, Chinese 5.1%, North American Indian 4.4%, East Indian 4%, other 51.6% (2016 est.)
Language
English (official) 58.7%, French (official) 22%, Punjabi 1.4%, Italian 1.3%, Spanish 1.3%, German 1.3%, Cantonese 1.2%, Tagalog 1.2%, Arabic 1.1%, other 10.5% (2011 est.)
Religion
Catholic 39%, Protestant 20.3%, Orthodox 1.6%, other Christian 6.3%, Muslim 3.2%, Hindu 1.5%, Sikh 1.4%, Buddhist 1.1%, Jewish 1%, other 0.6%, none 23.9% (2011 est.)
as of October 2021