



# CANADA



## 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.)

