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# Chapter 1

## 44

### 1.1 44.guide

Texified version of data for Canada.

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### 1.2 44.guide/Canada

Canada

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Geography (Canada)  
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### 1.3 44.guide/Geography (Canada)

Geography (Canada)

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Location:

Northern North America, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean and North Pacific ←  
 Ocean north of the US

Map references:

Arctic Region, North America, Standard Time Zones of the World

Area:

total area:

9,976,140 km<sup>2</sup>

land area:

9,220,970 km<sup>2</sup>

comparative area:

slightly larger than US

Land boundaries:

total 8,893 km, US 8,893 km (includes 2,477 km with Alaska)

Coastline:

243,791 km

Maritime claims: continental shelf:

200 m depth or to depth of exploitation

exclusive fishing zone:

200 nm

territorial sea:

12 nm

International disputes:

maritime boundary disputes with the US; Saint Pierre and Miquelon is focus of maritime boundary dispute between Canada and France

Climate:

varies from temperate in south to subarctic and arctic in north

Terrain:

mostly plains with mountains in west and lowlands in southeast

Natural resources:

nickel, zinc, copper, gold, lead, molybdenum, potash, silver, fish, timber, wildlife, coal, petroleum, natural gas

Land use:

arable land:

5%

permanent crops:

0%  
 meadows and pastures:  
 3%  
 forest and woodland:  
 35%  
 other:  
 57%  
 Irrigated land:  
 8,400 km2 (1989 est.)  
 Environment:  
 80% of population concentrated within 160 km of US border; continuous  
 permafrost in north a serious obstacle to development  
 Note:  
 second-largest country in world (after Russia); strategic location between  
 Russia and US via north polar route

## 1.4 44.guide/People (Canada)

People (Canada)

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Population:  
 27,769,993 (July 1993 est.)  
 Population growth rate:  
 1.28% (1993 est.)  
 Birth rate:  
 14.48 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Death rate:  
 7.35 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Net migration rate:  
 5.68 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Infant mortality rate:  
 7 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)  
 Life expectancy at birth:  
 total population:  
 77.98 years  
 male: 74.54 years  
 female:  
 81.6 years (1993 est.)  
 Total fertility rate:  
 1.84 children born/woman (1993 est.)  
 Nationality:  
 noun:  
 Canadian(s)  
 adjective:  
 Canadian  
 Ethnic divisions:  
 British Isles origin 40%, French origin 27%, other European 20%, indigenous  
 Indian and Eskimo 1.5%  
 Religions:  
 Roman Catholic 46%, United Church 16%, Anglican 10%, other 28%  
 Languages:  
 English (official), French (official)

Literacy:  
 age 15 and over can read and write (1981)  
 total population:  
 99%  
 male:  
 NA%  
 female:  
 NA%  
 Labor force:  
 13.38 million  
 by occupation:  
 services 75%, manufacturing 14%, agriculture 4%, construction 3%, other 4%  
 (1988)

## 1.5 44.guide/Government (Canada)

Government (Canada)

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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 none  
 conventional short form:  
 Canada  
 Digraph:  
 CA  
 Type:  
 confederation with parliamentary democracy  
 Capital:  
 Ottawa  
 Administrative divisions:  
 10 provinces and 2 territories\*; Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New, ←  
 Brunswick,  
 Newfoundland, Northwest Territories\*, Nova Scotia, Ontario,, Prince Edward ←  
 Island, Quebec,  
 Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory\*, Independence:  
 1 July 1867 (from UK)  
 Constitution:  
 amended British North America Act 1867 patriated to Canada 17 April 1982;  
 charter of rights and unwritten customs  
 Legal system: based on English common law, except in Quebec, where civil ←  
 law system based  
 on French law prevails; accepts compulsory ICJ jurisdiction, with  
 reservations  
 National holiday:  
 Canada Day, 1 July (1867)  
 Political parties and leaders:  
 Progressive Conservative Party, Brian MULRONEY; Liberal Party, Jean  
 CHRETIEN; New Democratic Party, Audrey McLAUGHLIN; Reform Party, Preston  
 MANNING; Bloc Quebecois, Lucien BOUCHARD  
 Suffrage:  
 18 years of age; universal  
 Elections:

House of Commons:  
 last held 21 November 1988 (next to be held by November 1993); results -  
 Progressive Conservative Party 43%, Liberal Party 32%, New Democratic Party  
 20%, other 5%; seats - (295 total) Progressive Conservative Party 159,  
 Liberal Party 80, New Democratic Party 44, Bloc Quebecois 9, independents 3

Executive branch:  
 British monarch, governor general, prime minister, deputy prime minister,  
 Cabinet

Legislative branch:  
 bicameral Parliament (Parlement) consists of an upper house or Senate  
 (Senat) and a lower house or House of Commons (Chambre des Communes)

Judicial branch:  
 Supreme Court

Leaders:  
 Chief of State:  
 Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by Governor General  
 Raymond John HNATYSHYN (since 29 January 1990)

Head of Government:  
 Prime Minister Kim CABELL was chosen to replace Brian MULRONEY on 13 June  
 1993

## 1.6 44.guide/Government (Canada 2. usage)

Government (Canada 2. usage)

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Member of:  
 ACCT, AfDB, AG (observer), APEC, AsDB, Australia Group, BIS, C, CCC, CDB  
 (non-regional), COCOM, CP, CSCE, EBRD, ECE, ECLAC, ESA (cooperating state),  
 FAO, G-7, G-8, G-10, GATT, IADB, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC, ICFTU, IDA, IEA,  
 IFAD, IFC, ILO, IMF, IMO, INMARSAT, INTELSAT, INTERPOL, IOC, IOM, ISO, ITU,  
 LORCS, MINURSO, MTCR, NACC, NAM (guest), NATO, NEA, NSG, OAS, OECD, ONUSAL,  
 PCA, UN, UNAVEM II, UNCTAD, UNDOF, UNESCO, UNFICYP, UNHCR, UNIDO, UNIKOM,  
 UNOMOZ, UNOSOM, UNPROFOR, UNTAC, UNTSO, UPU, WCL, WHO, WMO, WIPO, WTO, ZC

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Calgary, Halifax, Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, and Vancouver

Flag:

three vertical bands of red (hoist side), white (double width, square), and red with a red maple leaf centered in the white band

## 1.7 44.guide/Economy (Canada)

Economy (Canada)

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Overview:

As an affluent, high-tech industrial society, Canada today closely ←  
resembles  
the US in per capita output, market-oriented economic system, and pattern ←  
of  
production. Since World War II the impressive growth of the manufacturing,  
mining, and service sectors has transformed the nation from a largely rural  
economy into one primarily industrial and urban. In the 1980s, Canada  
registered one of the highest rates of real growth among the OECD nations,  
averaging about 3.2%. With its great natural resources, skilled labor force ←  
,  
and modern capital plant, Canada has excellent economic prospects. However,  
the continuing constitutional impasse between English- and French-speaking  
areas has observers discussing a possible split in the confederation; ←  
foreign  
investors have become edgy.

National product:

GDP - purchasing power equivalent - \$537.1 billion (1992)

National product real growth rate:

0.9% (1992)

National product per capita:

\$19,600 (1992)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

1.5% (1992)

Unemployment rate:

11.5% (December 1992)

Budget:

revenues \$111.8 billion; expenditures \$138.3 billion, including capital  
expenditures of \$NA (FY90 est.)

Exports:

\$124.0 billion (f.o.b., 1991)

commodities:

newsprint, wood pulp, timber, crude petroleum, machinery, natural gas,  
aluminum, motor vehicles and parts; telecommunications equipment

partners:

US, Japan, UK, Germany, South Korea, Netherlands, China

Imports:

\$118 billion (c.i.f., 1991)

## commodities:

crude oil, chemicals, motor vehicles and parts, durable consumer goods, electronic computers; telecommunications equipment and parts

## partners:

US, Japan, UK, Germany, France, Mexico, Taiwan, South Korea

## External debt:

\$247 billion (1987)

## Industrial production:

growth rate 1% (1992); accounts for 34% of GDP

## Electricity:

109,340,000 kW capacity; 493,000 million kWh produced, 17,900 kWh per ←  
capita  
(1992)

## Industries:

processed and unprocessed minerals, food products, wood and paper products, transportation equipment, chemicals, fish products, petroleum and natural gas

## Agriculture:

accounts for about 3% of GDP; one of the world's major producers and exporters of grain (wheat and barley); key source of US agricultural imports; large forest resources cover 35% of total land area; commercial fisheries provide annual catch of 1.5 million metric tons, of which 75% is exported

## 1.8 44.guide/Economy (Canada 2. usage)

### Economy (Canada 2. usage)

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## Illicit drugs:

illicit producer of cannabis for the domestic drug market; use of hydroponics technology permits growers to plant large quantities of high-quality marijuana indoors; growing role as a transit point for heroin and cocaine entering the US market

## Economic aid:

donor - ODA and OOF commitments (1970-89), \$7.2 billion

## Currency:

1 Canadian dollar (Can\$) = 100 cents

## Exchange rates:

Canadian dollars (Can\$) per US\$1 - 1.2776 (January 1993), 1.2087 (1992), 1.1457 (1991), 1.1668 (1990), 1.1840 (1989), 1.2307 (1988)

## Fiscal year:

1 April - 31 March

## 1.9 44.guide/Communications (Canada)

### Communications (Canada)

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**Railroads:**

146,444 km total; two major transcontinental freight railway systems - Canadian National (government owned) and Canadian Pacific Railway; ↔ passenger service - VIA (government operated); 158 km is electrified

**Highways:**

884,272 km total; 712,936 km surfaced (250,023 km paved), 171,336 km earth

**Inland waterways:**

3,000 km, including Saint Lawrence Seaway

**Pipelines:**

crude and refined oil 23,564 km; natural gas 74,980 km

**Ports:**

Halifax, Montreal, Quebec, Saint John (New Brunswick), Saint John's (Newfoundland), Toronto, Vancouver

**Merchant marine:**

63 ships (1,000 GRT or over) totaling 454,582 GRT/646,329 DWT; includes 1 passenger, 3 short-sea passenger, 2 passenger-cargo, 8 cargo, 2 railcar carrier, 1 refrigerated cargo, 7 roll-on/roll-off, 1 container, 24 oil tanker, 4 chemical tanker, 1 specialized tanker, 9 bulk; note - does not include ships used exclusively in the Great Lakes

**Airports:**

total:

1,420

useable:

1,142

with permanent-surface runways:

457

with runways over 3,659 m:

4

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

30

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

330

**Telecommunications:**

excellent service provided by modern media; 18.0 million telephones; broadcast stations - 900 AM, 29 FM, 53 (1,400 repeaters) TV; 5 coaxial submarine cables; over 300 earth stations operating in INTELSAT (including ↔  
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Atlantic Ocean and 1 Pacific Ocean) and domestic systems

## 1.10 44.guide/Defense Forces (Canada)

### Defense Forces (Canada)

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**Branches:**

Canadian Armed Forces (including Land Forces Command, Maritime Command, Air Command, Communications Command, Training Command), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

**Manpower availability:**

males age 15-49 7,444,767; fit for military service 6,440,927; reach military age (17) annually 191,884 (1993 est.)

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Defense expenditures:

exchange rate conversion - \$11.3 billion, 2% of GDP (FY92/93)