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Canada

Capital: Ottawa

Population: 37,411,047

The Geography of Canada

Borders: United States (longest shared border in the world of 5,526 miles), maritime borders with Greenland and Saint Pierre and Miquelon, water borders include the Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and the Arctic Ocean

Total Size: 9,984,670 square km

Size Comparison: somewhat larger than the US

Geographical Coordinates: 60 00 N, 95 00 W

World Region or Continent: [North America](#)

General Terrain: mostly plains with mountains in west and lowlands in southeast

Geographical Low Point: Atlantic Ocean 0 m

Geographical High Point: Mount Logan 5,959 m

Climate: varies from temperate in south to subarctic and arctic in north

Major Cities: Toronto 5.377 million; Montreal 3.75 million; Vancouver 2.197 million; OTTAWA (capital) 1.17 million; Calgary 1.16 million (2009)

Major Landforms: Appalachian Mountains, Canadian Cordillera, Canadian Rockies, Canadian Arctic (north), Interior Plains, Canadian Shield, Vancouver Island, Baffin Island, Newfoundland Island, Victoria Island

Major Bodies of Water: The Great Lakes including Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, Lake Superior, and Lake Huron. Great Bear Lake, Winnipeg Lake, Mackenzie River, Yukon River, Saint Lawrence River, Nelson River, Hudson Bay, Hudson Strait, Baffin Bay, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Beaufort Sea, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and the Arctic Ocean.

Famous Places: [Niagara Falls](#), CN Tower in Toronto, Banff National Park, Stanley Park near Vancouver, Olympic Stadium in Montreal, Toronto Zoo, Butchart Gardens, Fairmont Hot Springs, Old Town in Quebec City, Bay of Fundy, Sleeping Giant, Casa Loma, Parliament Hill in Ottawa

Skyline of Vancouver

Economy of Canada

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

Agricultural Products: wheat, barley, oilseed, tobacco, fruits, vegetables; dairy products; forest products; fish

Natural Resources: iron ore, nickel, zinc, copper, gold, lead, molybdenum, potash, diamonds, silver, fish, timber, wildlife, coal, petroleum, natural gas, hydropower

Major Exports: motor vehicles and parts, industrial machinery, aircraft, telecommunications equipment; chemicals, plastics, fertilizers; wood pulp, timber, crude petroleum, natural gas, electricity, aluminum

Major Imports: machinery and equipment, motor vehicles and parts, crude oil, chemicals, electricity, durable consumer goods

Currency: Canadian dollar (CAD)

National GDP: $1,395,000,000,000

Government of Canada

Type of Government: constitutional monarchy that is also a parliamentary democracy and a federation

Independence: 1 July 1867 (union of British North American colonies); 11 December 1931 (independence recognized)

Provinces of Canada

Divisions: Canada is divided into ten provinces (Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island) and three territories (Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Nunavut). The largest by population are Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia. See the map for the locations and names of each province.

National Anthem or Song: O Canada

National Symbols:

- Animal - Beaver, Canadian horse, moose, polar bear
- Tree - Maple Tree
- Sports - Ice hockey (winter) and lacrosse (summer)
- Colors - Red and white (Canadian pale)
- Pattern - Maple leaf tartan
- Motto - From sea to sea

Description of flag: The Canadian flag was adopted on February 15, 1965. It has three vertical stripes. The outer two are red and the center is white. The white stripe is twice as wide as the red stripes. At the center of the flag is a red maple leaf. There are nine points on the maple leaf, but they have no meaning.

National Holiday: Canada Day, 1 July (1867)

Other Holidays: New Years' Day (January 1), Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day (July 1), Labour Day (1st Monday in September), Thanksgiving (2nd Monday in October), Remembrance Day (November 11), Christmas Day (December 25), Boxing Day (December 26)

The People of Canada

Languages Spoken: English (official) 59.3%, French (official) 23.2%, other 17.5%

Nationality: Canadian(s)

Religions: Roman Catholic 42.6%, Protestant 23.3% (including United Church 9.5%, Anglican 6.8%, Baptist 2.4%, Lutheran 2%), other Christian 4.4%, Muslim 1.9%, other and unspecified 11.8%, none 16% (2001 census)

Origin of the name Canada: The name 'Canada' comes from the Native American Iroquoian word 'kanata' which means 'village.' At first this name just stood for a small village, but later came to refer to a region and the entire country.

Famous People:

- Frederick Banting - Discovered insulin
- Justin Beiber - Singer
- Jim Carrey - Actor
- [Sidney Crosby](#) - Hockey player
- Celine Dion - Singer
- Drake - Rapper
- Frank Gehry - Architect
- Ryan Gosling - Actor
- [Wayne Gretzky](#) - Hockey player
- Peter Jennings - News anchor
- Avril Lavigne - Singer
- William Shatner - Actor
- Alex Trebek - Game show host of *Jeopardy*

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** Source for population (2019 est.) is United Nations. GDP (2011 est.) is CIA World Factbook.