

## Canada



Canada is the second largest country in the world after Russia. Its population is only about one-fifth of Russia's however. Nearly 90% of Canadians live within 200 km of the border with the United States, which means that Canada contains vast expanses of wilderness to the north.

### CANADA FACTS

**Population:** 31.5 million (UN, 2003)

**Capital:** Ottawa

**Major languages:** English, French (both of official status)

**Major religion:** Christianity

**Life expectancy:** 77 years (men), 82 years (women) (UN)

**Monetary unit:** 1 Canadian dollar = 100 cents

**Main exports:** Machinery and equipment, automotive products, metals and plastics, forestry products, agricultural and fishing products

**Average annual income:** US \$21,930 (World Bank, 2001)

**Internet domain:** .ca

**International dialing code:** +1

Canada has a long history of public broadcasting. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) was set up in the 1930s in response to the growing influence of American radio. There are just under 2,000 licensed radio stations in Canada, many of them commercial. There is extensive take-up of cable TV services, and a large offering of specialist and pay channels.



Flag Description: two vertical bands of red (hoist and fly side, half width), with white square between them; an 11-pointed red maple leaf is centered in the white square; the official colors of Canada are red and white. To listen to the Canadian national anthem, go to:

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