

CANADA AT A GLANCE

The word **Canada** comes from **kanata**, a Huron-Iroquois word for **village** or **settlement**. Canada has 10 provinces and 3 territories.

Dominion of Canada: Established July 1, 1867

Founding Provinces: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Québec

Form of Government: Constitutional Monarchy

System of Government: Parliamentary Democracy


Capital: Ottawa, ON
1,011,000 inhabitants

Head of National Government: Prime Minister
(leader of the majority party)

Seat of National Government: Parliament, Ottawa, ON
(1) House of Commons: 301 members, elected by the people
(2) Senate: 105 members, appointed by the Prime Minister

Head of State: Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain is Queen of Canada.

Representative of the Head of State: Governor General
He or she is appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

National Anthem: O Canada 

Royal Anthem: God Save the Queen

National Holiday: Canada Day - July 1 (Canada's birthday)

National Symbols: Coat of Arms, Maple Leaf, Flag, Beaver

National Motto: A MARI USQUE AD MARE (FROM SEA TO SEA)

Official Languages: English and French

Education: Compulsory to age 16

Universities: 77

Public Libraries: 2,471

National Parks: 42

Provincial Parks: 1,300

National Sports: Ice Hockey (winter)
Lacrosse (summer)

National Health Care System: Universal and government-funded

With nearly 10 million km² Canada is the 2nd largest country in the world. Only Russia with an area of about 17 million km² is larger. Canada covers 7% of the earth's surface.

Land: 9,215,430 km²
Inland Water: 755,180 km²
Total Area: 9,970,610 km²

Offshore Coastal Waters: 6,650,000 km²

Population: 31 million inhabitants

Population Density: 3 people per km²

Population Distribution: 75% of Canadians live in urban areas within 300 km of the Canada/USA border

Time Zones: 6 time zones with a 5½ hour time difference from west to east:
Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern, Atlantic and Newfoundland Standard Time

Major Industries: Agriculture, Energy, Fishing, Forestry, Manufacturing, Mining, Services, Tourism



DATES OF CONFEDERATION

- 1867 July 1 - CANADA'S BIRTHDAY**
The four provinces of **New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario** and **Québec** form the **Dominion of Canada**.
- 1869** Canada amalgamates Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory naming it the Northwest Territories.
- 1870** **Manitoba** joins as the 5th province. The **Northwest Territories** becomes the 1st territory.
- 1871** **British Columbia** is the 6th province.
- 1873** **Prince Edward Island** joins as the 7th province.
- 1898** The **Yukon** separates from the Northwest Territories and becomes the 2nd territory.
- 1905** **Alberta** and **Saskatchewan** join as the 8th and 9th provinces.
- 1949** **Newfoundland and Labrador** joins as the 10th province.
- 1999** **Nunavut** separates from the Northwest Territories and becomes the 3rd territory.

HOW CANADA GREW

YEAR	POPULATION
1688 (est.)	10,000
1763 (est.)	70,000
1851	2,436,000
1867	3,463,000
1871	3,689,000
1881	4,325,000
1901	5,371,000
1921	8,788,000
1941	11,507,000
1961	18,238,000
1981	24,343,000
1991	27,297,000
2001	31,000,000

ABBREVIATIONS

- CA** CANADA
- AB** Alberta
- BC** British Columbia
- MB** Manitoba
- NB** New Brunswick
- NF** Newfoundland and Labrador
- NT** Northwest Territories
- NS** Nova Scotia
- NU** Nunavut
- ON** Ontario
- PE** Prince Edward Island
- QC** Québec
- SK** Saskatchewan
- YT** Yukon

