

NORTH AMERICA



The United States of America

Total area: 9,826,675 km²

Population: 313,232,044 (July 2011 est.)

Currency: Us dollar.

Official USA languages: English 82.1%, Spanish 10.7%, other Indo-European 3.8%, Asian and Pacific island 2.7%, other 0.7% (2000 census)

Climate: mostly temperate, but tropical in Hawaii and Florida, arctic in Alaska, semiarid in the great plains west of the Mississippi River, and arid in the Great Basin of the southwest; low winter temperatures in the northwest are ameliorated occasionally in January and February by warm chinook winds from the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains

Economy: The US has the largest and most technologically powerful economy in the world, with a per capita GDP of \$47,200.(2010).Agriculture:1.2%;Industry:22.2 %;Services:76.6%.(2010est). US business firms enjoy greater flexibility than their counterparts in Western Europe and Japan in decisions to expand capital plant, to lay off surplus workers, and to develop new products. At the same time, they face higher barriers to enter their rivals' home markets than foreign firms face entering US markets

Exports: agricultural products (soybeans, fruit, corn) 9.2%, industrial supplies (organic chemicals) 26.8%, capital goods (transistors, aircraft, motor vehicle parts, computers, telecommunications equipment) 49.0%, consumer goods (automobiles, medicines) 15.0%.Value:1.29 trillion (2010).Ranks 4th worldwide.

Imports: agricultural products 4.9%, industrial supplies 32.9% (crude oil 8.2%), capital goods 30.4% (computers, telecommunications equipment, motor vehicle parts, office machines, electric power machinery), consumer goods 31.8% (automobiles, clothing, medicines, furniture, toys).Value:1.93trillion(2010).Ranks 1st worldwide.

Source: World fact book.(CIA).

USEFUL LINKS

- The [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) establishes criteria used to permit certain plants, animals, and foods to enter the United States, and has final say on admissibility of a particular food.
- The [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) provides [general information on importing foods](#).

- The USDA's [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service \(APHIS\)](#) provides detailed information on [importing agricultural products](#), including [procedures for importing foods](#).
- [Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#) provides [guidelines for permitted and prohibited items](#), including foods, you may bring with you when you enter the United States



Total area: 9,984,670 km²

Population: 34,031,000 (July 2011 est.)

Currency: Canadian dollar.

Official USA languages: English (official) 58.8%, French (official) 21.6%, other 19.6% (2006 Census)

Second-largest country in world (after Russia); strategic location between Russia and US via north polar route; approximately 90% of the population is concentrated within 160 km of the US border

Climate; varies from temperate in south to subarctic and arctic in north.

As an affluent, high-tech industrial society in the trillion-dollar class, Canada resembles the US in its market-oriented economic system, pattern of production, and affluent living standards

Economy: The 1989 US-Canada Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (which includes Mexico) touched off a dramatic increase in trade and economic integration with the US, its principal trading partner. Its GDP ranks 22nd in the world at usd 39400(2010).divided as such: agriculture: 2.2%; **industry:** 26.3%; **services:** 71.5% (2010 est.)

Exports: motor vehicles and parts, industrial machinery, aircraft, telecommunications equipment; chemicals, plastics, fertilizers; wood pulp, timber, crude petroleum, natural gas, electricity, aluminum. Value: 393 billion (2010).

Imports: machinery and equipment, motor vehicles and parts, crude oil, chemicals, electricity, durable consumer goods,Value:402 billion(2010).

Contact Information

Government of Canada

[Government Electronic Directory \(GEDS\)](http://sage-geds.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/cgi-bin/direct500/eng/TE?FN=index.htm) - <http://sage-geds.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/cgi-bin/direct500/eng/TE?FN=index.htm>

[Government of Canada Publications](http://publications.gc.ca) - <http://publications.gc.ca>

Federal Government Departments and Agencies

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

- [National Import Service Centre \(ISC\)](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/imp/importe.shtml)
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/imp/importe.shtml>
- [Food Labelling Information Service](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeti/guide/ch1e.shtml#offbur)
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeti/guide/ch1e.shtml#offbur>

Canada Border Services Agency

- [Border Information Service](http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/contact/bis-sif-eng.html)
<http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/contact/bis-sif-eng.html>
- [Administration of Tariff Rate Quotas on Agricultural Products](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d10/d10-18-1-eng.html)
<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d10/d10-18-1-eng.html>
- [Excise Duties and Taxes](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d18/d18-3-1-eng.html)
<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d18/d18-3-1-eng.html>

Canadian Grain Commission

- [Guides and manuals](http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/paf-pef/publication/gmm-mgm-eng.htm)
<http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/paf-pef/publication/gmm-mgm-eng.htm>

Environment Canada

- [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\)](http://www.cites.ec.gc.ca/eng/sct0/index_e.cfm)
http://www.cites.ec.gc.ca/eng/sct0/index_e.cfm
- [Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act \(WAPPRIITA\)](http://www.cites.ec.gc.ca/eng/sct4/index_e.cfm)
http://www.cites.ec.gc.ca/eng/sct4/index_e.cfm

Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada

- [Export and Import Controls Bureau](http://www.international.gc.ca/controls-controles/index.aspx?lang=eng)
<http://www.international.gc.ca/controls-controles/index.aspx?lang=eng>

Health Canada

- [Food and Nutrition](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/index-eng.php)
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/index-eng.php>
- [Natural Health Products](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodnatur/index-eng.php)
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodnatur/index-eng.php>
- [Vitamins and Minerals - Therapeutic Products Directorate](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/index-eng.php)
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/index-eng.php>

Industry Canada

- [Competition Bureau](http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/epic/site/cb-bc.nsf/en/home)
<http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/epic/site/cb-bc.nsf/en/home>
- [Measurement Canada](http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/mc-mc.nsf/en/Home)
<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/mc-mc.nsf/en/Home>

Provincial and Territorial Departments

A [current listing of provincial and territorial departments with food related responsibilities](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/agen/relcon/relcane.shtml) can be viewed on the CFIA web site at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/agen/relcon/relcane.shtml>

Provincial and Territorial Liquor Control

A [current listing of provincial and territorial liquor boards](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeti/guide/ch10e.shtml#10.15) can be viewed on the CFIA web site at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeti/guide/ch10e.shtml#10.15>

Non-Government

[Canadian Society of Custom Brokers](http://www.cscb.ca/)
<http://www.cscb.ca/>

[Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters Inc.](http://www.importers.ca/)
<http://www.importers.ca/>