

# Canada



Capital:	Ottawa
Largest city:	Toronto
Official language(s):	English and French
Government:	Federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy
Head of State:	King Charles III
Governor General:	Mary Simon
Prime Minister:	Justin Trudeau
Population:	38.6 million (2022)
GDP (PPP):	\$2.237 trillion, per capita \$57,812 (2022)

Canada is a North American country consisting of ten provinces and three territories. Located in the northern part of the continent, it extends from the Atlantic Ocean in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west, and to the Arctic Ocean in the north. Spanning over 9.9 million square km, it is the world's second-largest country, and its common border with the United States is the longest land border in the world.

The land that is now Canada has been inhabited by various groups of peoples. Beginning in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, British and French expeditions explored, and later settled, along the region's Atlantic coast. France ceded most of its colonies in North America in 1763 after the Seven Years' War. In 1867, with the union of three British North American colonies through Confederation, Canada was formed as a federal dominion of four provinces. In 1982 Canada severed its dependence from Britain.

Canada is a federal state that is governed as a parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy with King Charles III as its head of state. It is a bilingual nation with both English and French as official languages. One of the world's most highly-developed countries, Canada has a diversified economy that is reliant upon its abundant natural resources and trade – particularly with the United States. It is a member of G7, G8, G20, NATO, OECD, WTO, Commonwealth of Nations, Francophonie, OAS, APEC, and UN. It has the sixth-highest Human Development Index and tenth-highest per capita income. Canada has one of the highest standards of living in the world.

**G7** - The Group of Seven is an international forum of the world's 7 leading economies.

**G8** - The Group of Eight is an international forum of the world's 8 leading economies.

**G20** - The Group of Twenty is an international forum of the world's 20 leading economies. The group accounts for 85 per cent of world GDP and two-thirds of its population.

**NATO** – North Atlantic Treaty Organization - founded in 1949, a group of 29 countries from Europe and North America which protects the people and territory of its members.

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (34 countries).

**WTO** – World Trade Organization.

**OAS** – Organization of American States.

**APEC** - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), a regional economic forum established in 1989.

**UN** - United Nations, an international organization founded in 1945.