

Invest in Canada



Québec

Total area: 1,667 441 km ²	Capital: Québec City												
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Business and Investment Environment

- ◆ GDP of CDN \$301 billion in 2008, 60% generated by the service sector
- ◆ GDP per person 18th in the OECD, comparable to Germany and Italy, surpassing Spain
- ◆ Tax rates on business profits among the lowest in North America
- ◆ Tax incentives and labour force assistance and training programs (\$2.5 billion annually)
- ◆ Exports account for 33% of GDP, with 72% of international exports shipped to the US
- ◆ Access to NAFTA market of over 440 million consumers
- ◆ A market of 110 million consumers within a 1000 km radius
- ◆ Within a 600 mile radius of Boston, New York, Washington and Detroit
- ◆ #1 exporter of newsprint, 2nd largest magnesium producer and 4th largest aluminum producer in the world
- ◆ The St. Lawrence Seaway offers easy access to the industrial heart of North America

Sectoral Strength

Aerospace

- ◆ Internationally, the Greater Montréal region is considered one of the major world centres for aeronautics, on the same level as Seattle, Wichita and Toulouse.
- ◆ 62% of overall Canadian aerospace industry production takes place in Québec, where sales reached some CDN\$12 billion in 2007.
- ◆ The prominence of this industry is reflected in the presence here of major prime contractors and technical centres such as Bombardier Aerospace, Bell Helicopter Textron, CAE, Pratt & Whitney Canada, ACTS, Rolls-Royce Canada, as well as world-class manufacturers like GE Canada, Héroux-Devtek, Lockheed Martin, Rheinmetall Canada, MDA Space, Esterline/CMC Electronics, Messier-Dowty and Thales Avionics.
- ◆ In addition, the Canadian Space Agency has its headquarters in Québec, and is the site of important R&D initiatives in space technology, key among them the development of robotic arms (Canadarm) for space shuttles and International Space Station.

Life Sciences industry

- ◆ Canada is home to nearly 500 biotechnology firms—Most of which are in the health sector, where a total of 67 companies employ over 2,300 people.
- ◆ Québec has the fourth-highest number of biotechnology companies of any province or state in North America.
- ◆ Some 30 international pharmaceutical companies have their Canadian head offices in Québec.
- ◆ The ten largest pharmaceutical companies in the world have operations in Québec: their Canadian head office, important sites for fundamental research or major manufacturing facilities.

Information technology

- ◆ Québec has become one of North America's leading high-technology centres. The information-, communications- and computer-technologies sectors are all incredibly dynamic.
- ◆ Software and multimedia companies that are internationally recognized for their creativity and knowledge
- ◆ Montreal is the key site for a number of leading edge companies, demonstrated by several world leaders in manufacturing and research situated in the wireless telecommunications field.
- ◆ A leading international producer of interactive games, animation and 2D and 3D special effects.

Other sectors of excellence

- ◆ Agri-food, Automotive and surface transportation equipment, Light metals, Microelectronics, Multimedia and Telecommunications



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