



Bulgaria

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Sources include: Statistics Canada, IMF, EIU, Election World

General Information:

Title	Republic of Bulgaria			EU Status	Accession
Capital	Sofia	Currency	1 CAN\$ 1.23		Lev (2003 average)
Total Area	110,910 km ²	National Holiday	March 3		
Population	7,621,337	Language(s)	Bulgarian		

Political Information:

Type of State Republic

Type of Government

Parliamentary democracy. Unicameral parliament with a 240-seat National Assembly (Narodno Sabranie). Prime Minister (leader of the majority party or the majority coalition) nominated by the President and approved by parliament. Council of Ministers elected by the National Assembly. Administrative divisions: 28 provinces. Governing coalition: National Movement for Simeon II (NDST) and Movement for Rights & Freedoms (DPS).

Head of State

President Georgi Purvanov (BSP)

Head of Government

Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (NDST)

Ministers

Foreign Affairs: Solomon Isak Passy (NDST)
 Economy: Lidia Shuleva (NDST)
 Finance: Milen Emilov Velchev (NDST)

Main Political Parties

National Movement for Simeon II (NDST), United Democratic Forces (ODS), Coalition for Bulgaria (KzB), Movement for Rights & Freedoms (DPS), Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization (VMRO), Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP).

National Assembly: NDST (110), ODS (50), KzB (48), DPS (20), independents (12).

Elections

President elected by popular vote for a five-year term; next election, 2006. Members of the National Assembly elected for a four-year term by popular vote; next election, 2005.

Economic Information: (for 2004)

GDP in country: (billion)	\$25.14	GDP in Canada: (billion)	\$1,238
GDP per capita in country:	\$3,060	GDP per capita in Canada:	\$38,756
GDP Growth rate: (%)	5	Canada GDP growth rate: (%)	2.6
Inflation: (%)	6	Inflation in Canada: (%)	1.4
Country unemployment: (%)	n/a	Canada Unemployment: (%)	7.4
Canadian exports to country	\$50,825,710	FDI in Canada: (million)	n/a
Canadian Imports from country	\$81,888,005	CDI in this country: (million)	n/a

Please note that economic statistics reflect Canadian dollars yearly averages for 2004.

2005 figures will be available in early 2006

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