



Albania

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

General Information:

Title	Republic of Albania			EU Status	Non-member
Capital	Tirana	Currency	1 CAN\$ 90.25 Lek (2003 average)		
Total Area	27,398 km ²	National Holiday	November 28, Independence Day (1912)		
Population	451,600	Language(s)	Albanian, Greek, others		

Political Information:

Type of State Republic

Type of Government

Parliamentary democracy. Unicameral parliament with a 140-seat People's Assembly (Kuvendi i Republikës së Shqipërisë). Prime Minister (leader of the majority party or the majority coalition) appointed by the President. Council of Ministers nominated by the Prime Minister and approved by the President. Administrative divisions: 12 counties. Governing coalition: Socialist Party of Albania (PSSH), Democratic Alliance Party (PADS), Agrarian Party (PAS) & Union for Human Rights Party (PBDN).

Head of State

President Alfred Moisiu

Head of Government

Prime Minister Fatos Nano (PSSH)

Ministers

Foreign Affairs: Kastriot Islami (PSSH)
 Finance: Arben Malaj (PSSH)
 Economy: Anastas Angjeli (PSSH)

Main Political Parties

Socialist Party of Albania (PSSH), Union for Victory (BH), Reformed Democratic Party (PDR), Social Democratic Party (PSDS), Union for Human Rights Party (PBDN), Agrarian Party (PAS), Democratic Alliance Party (PADS).

People's Assembly: PSSH (73), BH (46), PDR (6), PSDS (4), PBDN (3), PAS (3), PADS (3), independents (2).

Elections

President elected by the People's Assembly for a five-year term; next election, June 2007. Members of the People's Assembly elected for a four-year term (100 elected by direct popular vote and 40 by proportional vote); next election, June 2005.

Economic Information: (for 2004)

GDP in country: (billion)	\$8.91	GDP in Canada: (billion)	\$1,238
GDP per capita in country:	\$2,869	GDP per capita in Canada:	\$38,756
GDP Growth rate: (%)	6	Canada GDP growth rate: (%)	2.6
Inflation: (%)	3	Inflation in Canada: (%)	1.4
Country unemployment: (%)	n/a	Canada Unemployment: (%)	7.4
Canadian exports to country	\$2,392,849	FDI in Canada: (million)	n/a
Canadian Imports from country	\$2,737,426	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

Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Adhurim Resuli

Foreign Consulates in Canada

Honorary Consul: Toronto

Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Robert Fowler
Rome (Italy)

Canadian Consulates Abroad

Honorary Consul Tirana (Krenar Loloci)

