



# Slovakia

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## General Information:

<b>Title</b>	Slovak Republic
<b>Capital</b>	Bratislava
<b>Total Area</b>	48,845 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population</b>	5,422,366
<b>Currency</b>	1 CAN\$ = 26.28 koruna (2003 average)
<b>National Holiday</b>	September 1, Constitution Day (1992).
<b>Language(s)</b>	Slovak, Hungarian

**EU Status**  
Member 2004

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Republic

### Type of Government

Parliamentary Democracy. Unicameral with a 150-seat National Council (Narodna Rada). Prime Minister (leader of the majority party or the majority coalition) appointed by the President. Cabinet appointed by the President under the advice of the Prime Minister. Administrative divisions: 8 regions. Governing coalition: Slovak Democratic and Christian Union Party (SDKU), the Party of the Hungarian Coalition (SMK), Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) and the New Civic Alliance Party (ANO).

### Head of State

President Ivan Gašparovič

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda (SDKU)

### Ministers

Foreign Affairs: Eduard Kukan (SDKU)  
 Finance: Ivan Mikloš (SDKU)  
 Economy: Jirko Malcharek (ANO)

### Main Political Parties

Movement for a Democratic Slovakia- (HZDS), Slovak Democratic and Christian Union (SDKU), Party Direction (SMER), Party of the Hungarian Coalition (SMK), Christian Democratic Movement (KDH), New Civic Alliance (ANO), Slovak Communist Party (KSS).

National Council: HZDS (36), SDKU (28), SMER (25), SMK (20), KDH (15), ANO (15), KSS (11)

### Elections

President elected by direct popular vote for a five-year term; next election, April 2009. Members of the Council elected for a four-year term on the basis of proportional representation; next election, September 2006.





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## Economic Information: (for 2004)

Please note that economic statistics reflect Canadian dollars - yearly averages for 2004. 2005 figures will be available early 2006

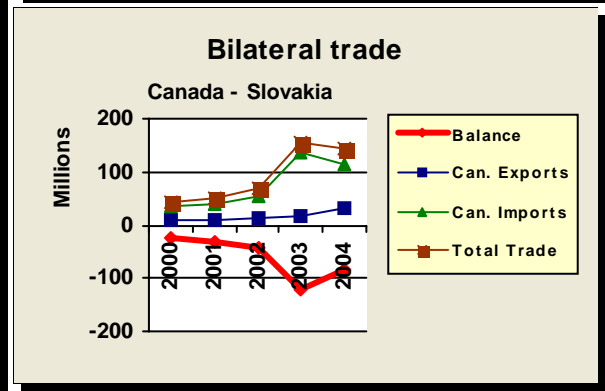
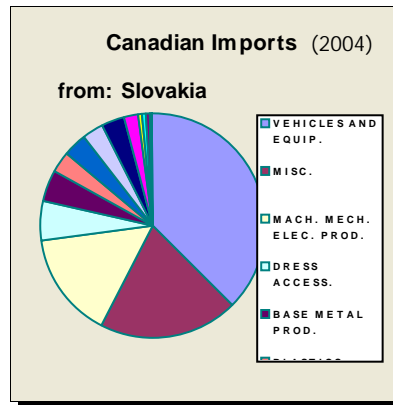
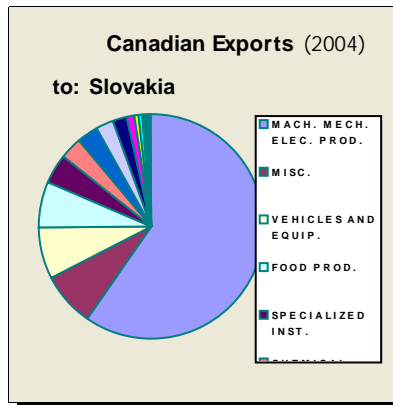
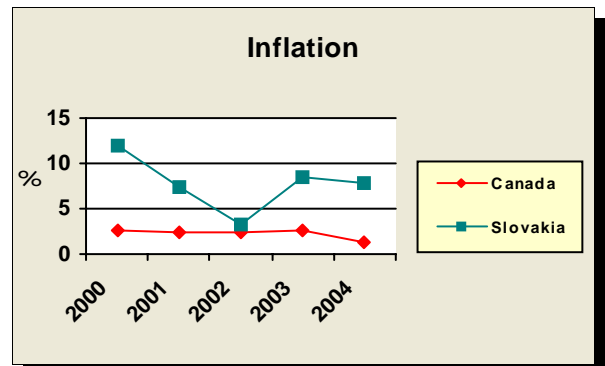
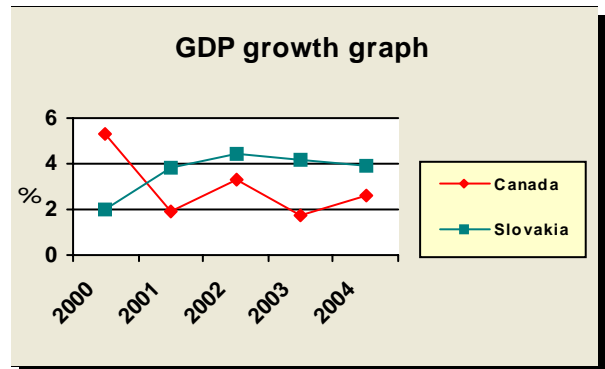
	Slovakia	Canada
<b>GDP : (billion)</b>	\$53.06	\$1,238
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$9,817	\$38,756
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	3.9	2.6
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	7.8	1.4
<b>Country unemployment: (%)</b>	n/a	7.4

**Canadian exports to country**  
\$30,520,864

**Canadian Imports from country**  
\$115,003,601

**FDI in Canada: (million)** n/a

**CDI in this country: (million)** \$9



## Representation:

### Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Stanislav Opiela

### Foreign Consulates in Canada

Calgary, Montréal, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg

### Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Bruce Jutzi  
Prague (Czech Rep.)

### Canadian Consulates Abroad

Bratislava (Office of the Canadian Embassy, John Broadbent)

