



# Turkmenistan

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

## General Information:

<b>Title</b>	Turkmenistan				<b>EU Status</b>
<b>Capital</b>	Ashgabat	<b>Currency</b>	1 CAN\$ 4,168.14	Manats (05/2005)	Non-member
<b>Total Area</b>	488,100 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>National Holiday</b>	October 27 (Independence Day)		
<b>Population</b>	4,952,081	<b>Language(s)</b>	Turkmen, Russian, Uzbek		

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Republic

### Type of Government

Presidential republic. Under the 1992 constitution, there are two parliamentary bodies, a 50-seat unicameral Assembly (Mejlis) and a 110-seat supervisory body called People's Council (Khalk Maslakhaty). Council of Ministers appointed by the President. The President is both the Chief of State and Head of government. Administrative regions: 5 provinces. Governing party: Independents loyal to the President

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### Ministers

Foreign Affairs: Rashid Meredov  
Trade & Economic Relations: Charymammed Gayibov

### Main Political Parties

Democratic Party of Turkmenistan (TDP). Formal opposition parties are outlawed.

### Elections

President Niyazov was unanimously approved as president for life by the Assembly on 28 December 1999, although he has agreed to schedule multi-candidate presidential elections for 2009. Members of the Assembly elected for a five-year term by popular vote; next election, 2009. People's Council (50 members of the Assembly, 10 appointed regional representatives, 50 directly elected members; next election in December 2009.

## Economic Information: (for 2004)

<b>GDP in country: (billion)</b>	\$0.00	<b>GDP in Canada: (billion)</b>	\$1,238
<b>GDP per capita in country:</b>	\$0	<b>GDP per capita in Canada:</b>	\$38,756
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	3	<b>Canada GDP growth rate: (%)</b>	2.6
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	0	<b>Inflation in Canada: (%)</b>	1.4
<b>Country unemployment: (%)</b>	n/a	<b>Canada Unemployment: (%)</b>	7.4
<b>Canadian exports to country</b>	\$17,810,678	<b>FDI in Canada: (million)</b>	n/a
<b>Canadian Imports from country</b>	\$4,506,040	<b>CDI in this country: (million)</b>	n/a

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

2005 figures will be available in early 2006

## Representation:

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