



# Malta

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

## General Information:

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|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Title</b>      | Republic of Malta   |                         |                                       | <b>EU Status</b> | Accession           |
| <b>Capital</b>    | Valletta            | <b>Currency</b>         | 1 CAN\$ 0.29                          |                  | Lira (2003 average) |
| <b>Total Area</b> | 316 km <sup>2</sup> | <b>National Holiday</b> | September 21, Independence Day (1964) |                  |                     |
| <b>Population</b> | 397,499             | <b>Language(s)</b>      | Maltese, English                      |                  |                     |

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Republic

### Type of Government

Parliamentary democracy. Unicameral parliament with a 65-seat House of Representatives (Il-Kamra tad-Deputati). Prime Minister appointed by the President for a maximum five-year term (generally the leader of the majority party or coalition). Cabinet appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister. Administrative divisions: none. Governing party: National Party (PN).

### Head of State

President Dr. Eddie Fenech Adami (PN)

### Head of Government

Prime Minister & of Finance Dr. Lawrence Gonzi (PN)

### Ministers

Deputy PM, Justice and Home Affairs: Dr. Tonio Borg (PN)  
Foreign Affairs.: Dr. Michael Frendo (PN)  
Inf. Technology & Inv. Prom.: Dr. Austin Gatt (PN)

### Main Political Parties

National Party (PN), Malta Labour Party (MLP).

House of Representatives: PN (35), MLP (30)

### Elections

President elected by the House of Representatives for a five-year term, next election April 2009; Members of the House of Representatives elected for a maximum five-year term by popular vote on the basis of proportional representation; next election, by April 2008.

## Economic Information: (for 2004)

|                                      |              |                                       |          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>GDP in country: (billion)</b>     | \$5.45       | <b>GDP in Canada: (billion)</b>       | \$1,238  |
| <b>GDP per capita in country:</b>    | \$13,899     | <b>GDP per capita in Canada:</b>      | \$38,756 |
| <b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>          | 2.6          | <b>Canada GDP growth rate: (%)</b>    | 2.6      |
| <b>Inflation: (%)</b>                | 2.1          | <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>   | \$14,155,836 | <b>FDI in Canada: (million)</b>       | n/a      |
| <b>Canadian Imports from country</b> | \$25,999,284 | <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:

### Foreign Representation in Canada

High Commissioner John Lowell  
Washington

### Foreign Consulates in Canada

Edmonton, Montréal, Ottawa, St-John's, Toronto, Vancouver

### Canadian Representation Abroad

High Commissioner Robert Fowler  
Rome (It.)

### Canadian Consulates Abroad

Valletta, Hon. Consulate; M. Joe de Majo

