



Austria

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

General Information:

Title	Federal Republic of Austria			EU Status
Capital	Vienna	Currency	1 CAN\$ 0.62	EURO (2004 average) Member 1995
Total Area	83,858 km ²	National Holiday	October 26	
Population	8,169,929	Language(s)	German	

Political Information:

Type of State Federal Republic

Type of Government

Parliamentary democracy. Bicameral Federal Assembly with a 64-seat Federal Council (Bundesrat) (between 3 & 12 representatives per state, actual number based on population of states) and a 183-seat National Council (Nationalrat). Administrative divisions: 9 states (länder). Governing coalition: People's Party (ÖVP) & Freedom Party (FPÖ).

Head of State

President Heinz Fischer (SPÖ)

Head of Government

Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel (ÖVP)

Ministers

Foreign Affairs: Ursula Plassnik
Economic Affairs and Labour: Martin Bartenstein (ÖVP)
Finance: Karl-Heinz Grasser (Independent)

Main Political Parties

Austrian People's Party (ÖVP), Social Democratic Party (SPÖ), Freedom Party (FPÖ), Greens (Grünen).

National Council (Nationalrat): ÖVP (79), SPÖ (69), FPÖ (18), Grünen (17)

Elections

President elected by direct popular vote for a six-year term; next election, spring of 2010. Members of the Bundesrat elected for a five or six-year term by state parliaments. Members change with state elections. Members of the Nationalrat elected for four-year terms by direct popular vote; next election, fall of 2006.

Economic Information: (for 2004)

GDP in country: (billion)	\$377.07	GDP in Canada: (billion)	\$1,296
GDP per capita in country:	\$46,606	GDP per capita in Canada:	\$40,620
GDP Growth rate: (%)	2	Canada GDP growth rate: (%)	2.8
Inflation: (%)	2	Inflation in Canada: (%)	1.8
Country unemployment: (%)	4.5	Canada Unemployment: (%)	7.2
Canadian exports to country	\$292,108,012	FDI in Canada: (million)	\$255
Canadian Imports from country	\$1,281,867,759	CDI in this country: (million)	\$678

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 Otto Ditz

Foreign Consulates in Canada

Honourary Consulates: Calgary, Halifax, Montréal, Regina, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg

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