



Manitoba: province of Canada since 1870. Manitoba means “where the spirit lives” in the languages of the province’s Aboriginal people.

Political Leader: Premier (Gary Doer)

Area: 649,947 square km/ 250,946 square miles (larger than Japan and twice the size of the U.K.). Manitoba extends from the 49th to the 60th parallel (the equivalent of Paris, France to Oslo, Norway). 1400 km north to south, 900 km at the widest point and 500 km at the narrowest.

Land Surface: 548,356 square km/ 211,721 square miles

Water Surface: 101,592 square km/ 39,225 square miles

Coastline: 645 km/400 miles

Total Population: 1,170,300

Capital City: Winnipeg (population 702,400)

Value of CDN \$ against major currencies: (May 2005)

US\$ = \$1.26 Canadian Euro = \$1.59 Canadian

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

POPULATION BY MOTHER TONGUE (2001 CENSUS)

English	823,910	Portuguese	7,005
German	63,215	Punjabi	5,420
French	44,340	Spanish	5,210
Ukrainian	26,540	Italian	4,945
Tagalog (Filipino)	18,385	Dutch	3,975
Cree	18,110	Vietnamese	2,950
Polish	9,910	Greek	1,315
Chinese	9,185	Arabic	1,280
Ojibway	8,885	Other non-official languages	32,760

HOLIDAYS

New Year’s Day, January 1

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

Victoria Day

fourth Monday in May

Canada Day, July 1

Civic Holiday

first Monday in August

Labor Day

first Monday in September

Thanksgiving

second Monday in October

Remembrance Day, November 11

Christmas, December 25

Boxing Day, December 26

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Major Manitoba Industries

Agri-food, transportation equipment, resource-based industries, chemicals, machinery and equipment, furniture and building products, paper products, fabricated metal products, plastics, printing, apparel, electronics, information technology and telecommunications, aerospace, farm equipment, electric power generation, health care products, environmental services, tourism/cultural industries.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
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Real GDP (at market prices) (% growth)	4.3	0.9	2.4	1.6	2.8
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Real GDP per Capita (\$) (at market prices)					
Manitoba	28,587	28,757	29,339	29,654	30,268

Employed (thousands)	552	554	567	571	576
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Unemployment Rate (%)					
Manitoba	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.3
Canada	6.8	7.2	7.7	7.6	7.2

Consumer Price Index All Items (1992 = 100)	118.1	121.2	123.1	125.3	127.8
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Total Private Investment (\$ million)	4,211	4,442	4,649	4,721	5,101
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Manufacturing Shipments (\$ million)	11,439	11,372	11,263	11,413	12,569
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Exports (\$ million)	8,678.8	9,576.2	9,406.2	9,164.8	9,871.0
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Imports (\$ million)	9,423.6	9,790.0	9,981.8	10,098.6	10,452.2
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MANITOBA TRADE

Manitoba Major Export Markets (2004)

Region	\$ Millions
United States	\$ 7,190.0
Japan	513.8
P.R. of China	456.8
Mexico	288.7
Hong Kong	171.7
Belgium	83.2
United Kingdom	66.8
Spain	65.4
Australia	62.8
Taiwan	61.8
Other	910.0
Total	\$ 9,871.0

Manitoba Major Import Markets (2004)

Region	\$ Millions
United States	\$ 8,527.4
P.R. of China	389.0
Mexico	181.1
Germany	180.9
Italy	173.4
Japan	138.6
Taiwan	126.2
United Kingdom	124.5
France	62.4
Malaysia	57.1
Other	491.6
Total	\$ 10,452.2

Major Products Exported from Manitoba (ranked by value, 2004)

Agricultural products, base metals, vehicles and transport equipment, mineral products, machinery and electrical equipment, wood products, chemical products, paper products, electrical energy, processed foods, furniture, plastics.

Major Products Imported into Manitoba (ranked by value, 2004)

Machinery, vehicles and transport equipment, plastics, base metals, chemical products, printed products, furniture, paper, technical instrumentation, agricultural products, mineral products.

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Agricultural Commodities (ranked by value, 2004)

Hogs, canola, wheat, cattle, dairy products, oats, poultry, eggs, flaxseed, barley.

Manitoba's Strategic Advantages

Lowest-cost hydroelectric power in North America, mid-continent transportation gateway, central time zone, skilled multi-cultural workforce, diverse and stable economy for growth.

Climate

Four distinct seasons – cold dry winters, hot dry summers, temperate spring and fall.

Terrain

Prairie grassland in the south and west, Canadian Shield lakes and forests in the east and north; a small area of Manitoba's extreme north is Arctic tundra.

Natural Resources

Abundant fresh water, hydroelectricity, base metals (nickel, copper, zinc), fishing, forestry, oil, other minerals.

Sources: Environment Canada, Manitoba Bureau of Statistics, Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Tourism, Statistics Canada.