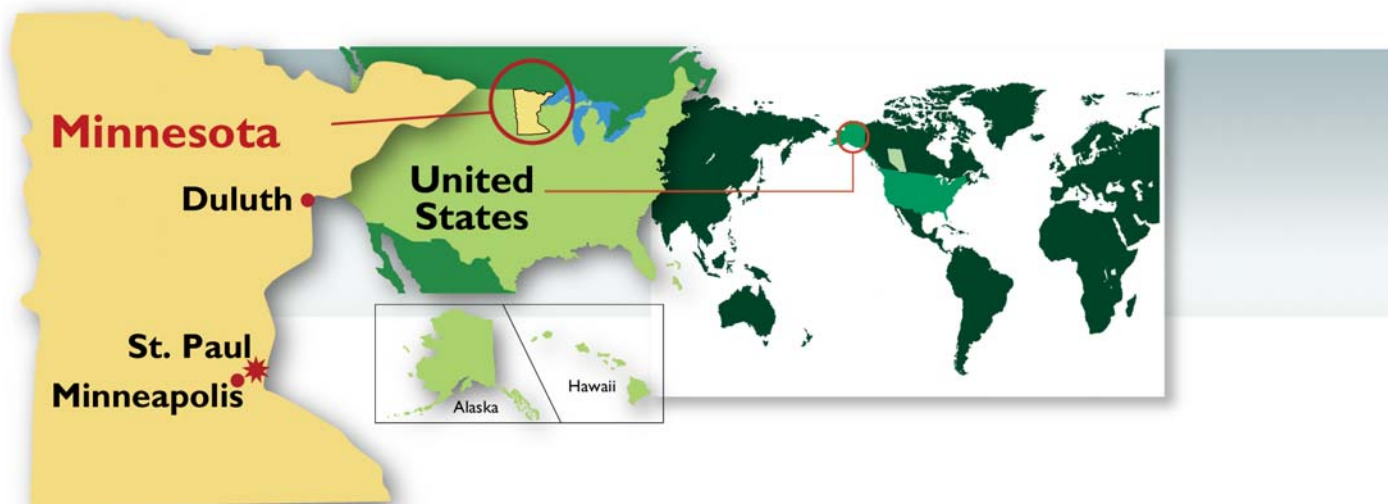


MINNESOTA - ALBERTA RELATIONS



PROFILE

Capital: St. Paul

Population: 5,132,799 (2005 Estimate)

Language: English

Government: Bicameral state government

Head of Government: Governor Tim Pawlenty (R)
Term expires: 2006

GSP: US\$209.9 billion (2005)

Currency: US dollar
CDN\$1 = 0.89 US (August 2006)

Per Capita Personal Income: US\$37,373 (2005)

Key Industry Sectors: Tourism, agriculture, high-tech, healthcare and medical equipment, forest and forestry products, and printing.

Unemployment: 3.6% (June 2006)

Main Cities:

- Minneapolis – St. Paul metro area: 2,968,806
- Rochester: 94,950
- Duluth: 84,896

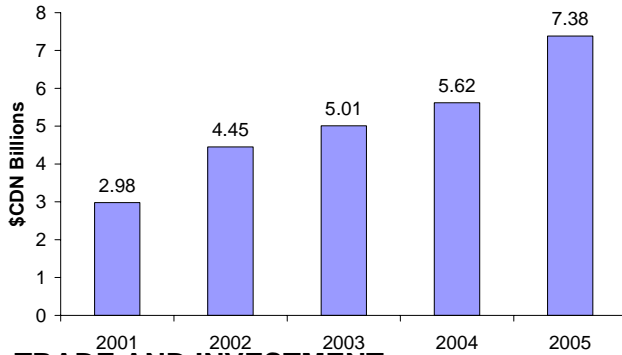
DID YOU KNOW?

- Minnesota gets its name from the Dakota word *minisota*, meaning "water that reflects the sky."
- The Mall of America in Bloomington is the size of 78 football fields --- 9.5 million square feet.
- Minnesota, often called the "Land of 10,000 lakes," has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined.
- The mighty Mississippi river begins at Lake Itasca in Itasca State Park, in the Mississippi Headwaters region of northwest Minnesota.
- The Canadian Consulate responsible for North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota is located in Minneapolis.

RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- Minnesota has consistently been in the top 10 as a source of tourists to Alberta, contributing millions of dollars to the Alberta economy.
- Energy sales account for about half of the state's imports from Canada. Over 90% of Alberta exports to the state are energy related.
- Minnesota is Alberta's 4th largest international export market, largely due to oil and gas commodity shipments.

Alberta Exports to Minnesota



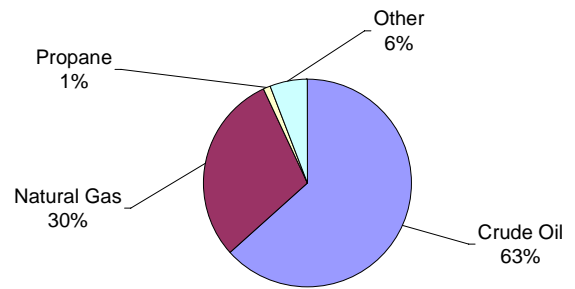
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Canada is Minnesota's largest export market. Minnesota exports to Canada totaled over \$4 billion in 2005.
- Over the past five years, Alberta exports to Minnesota have averaged \$5.0 billion per year.
- Alberta exports to Minnesota include crude oil, natural gas, propane, lumber, urea, chemical woodpulp, newsprint, and steel bars and rods.
- In 2005, Alberta imports from Minnesota totaled more than \$188 million.
- Alberta imports from Minnesota include maize, soya bean oil, prepared foods, and writing paper.
- Since 2001, Alberta exports to Minnesota have increased by approximately 147%.
- Total two-way trade between Minnesota and Alberta was worth more than \$7.6 billion in 2005.

Energy

- Close to 68% of Minnesota homes use natural gas as their primary heating fuel, one of the highest percentages in the United States.
- A number of pipelines service the state's two refineries, while several other pipelines traverse the state, carrying crude oil, petroleum products, and liquefied petroleum gas from Canada to markets in other Midwest states.
- Minnesota is the only state using oxygenated gasoline state wide, significantly reducing emissions of carbon monoxide from motor vehicles.

2005 Alberta Exports to Minnesota



EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

- Mining, wholesale trade and retail trade are the leading sectors in Minnesota GSP growth.
- Minnesota is home to Target Corporation, General Mills, 3M Corporation, Xcel Energy, Northwest Airlines, and Cargill Corporation.
- Minnesota is an important agricultural state and the headquarters of several large agri-food investors.

RECENT VISITS

- December 2004: Governor Pawlenty led an education delegation to Edmonton.
- September 2004: The Canadian Consulate in Minneapolis organized a tour of Alberta feed lots and cattle producers for congressional staffers from mid-western states including Minnesota, Utah and Iowa.
- March 2003: Minister of Economic Development led a mission to Minneapolis to promote the Alberta Advantage.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- The U.S. Consul General in Calgary is Mr. Tom Huffaker.
- The Canadian Consul General in Minneapolis is Mr. Kim Butler.