

Belize

Official Title Belize



General Information:

Capital Belmopan
Total Area 22,923 km² **Population** 268,000
Currency (2005 av.) 1 CAN\$ = 1.65 Belize dollars
National Holiday September 21
Language(s) English, Spanish

Political Information:

Type of State Parliamentary Democracy

Type of Government

Representative democracy; formerly known as British Honduras; bicameral legislature with 8 members appointed to the Senate and 29 members elected to the House of Representatives for 5-year terms.

Head of State

(Queen Elizabeth II) Gov. Gen. Colville Norbert Young

Head of Government

Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Said Musa

Ministers Deputy prime minister, minister for foreign affairs, tourism & emergency management: Hon. Godfrey Smith Deputy prime minister, minister for health, energy, trade, industry & communications: Vildo Marin

Main Political Parties

PUP-People's United Party: 22 UDP-United Democratic Party/NABR-National Alliance for Belizean Rights: 7

Elections 2008

Economic Information: (2005)

	Belize	Canada
GDP: (billion)	\$1.35	\$1,372.10
GDP per capita:	\$5,023.96	\$42,568.87
GDP Growth rate: (%)	3.5	2.9
Inflation: (%)	3.7	2.2
Unemployment: (%)	n/a	6.8

Trade and investment: (2005)

Canadian Exports to Belize	\$7,202,550
Canadian Imports from Belize	\$9,650,769
Foreign Direct Investment in Canada	n/a (million)
Canadian Direct Investment to Belize	n/a (million)

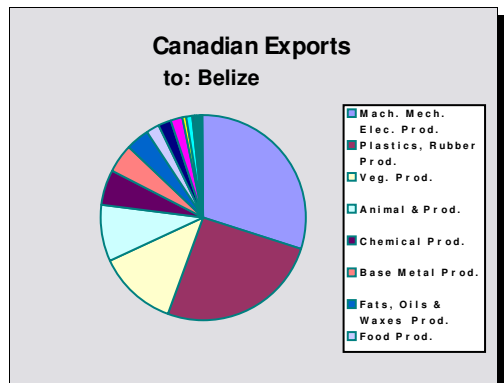
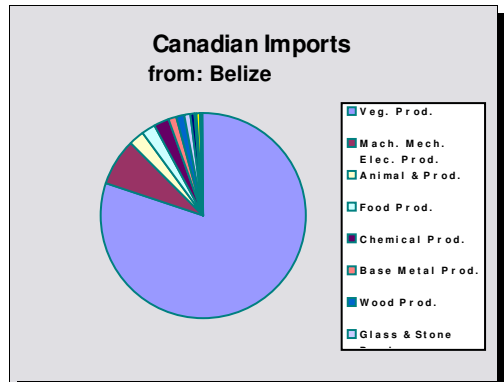
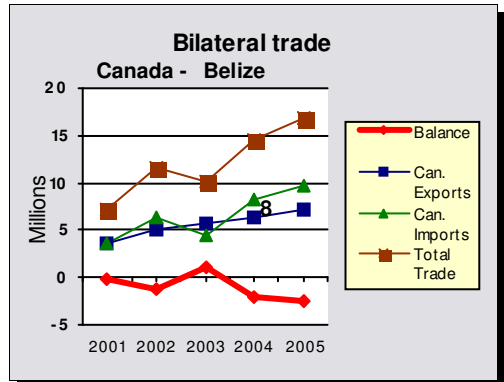
Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

High-Commissioner Washington (USA)

Canadian Representation Abroad

High-Commissioner Kenneth Cook (residing in Guatemala)



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