

Panama

Official Title Panama



General Information:

Capital	Panama City	
Total Area	93,739 km ²	Population 3,226,000
Currency (2005 av.)	1 CAN\$ =	0.83 balboa
National Holiday	November 3 (1903 Independence Day)	
Language(s)	Spanish, English spoken widely	

Political Information:

Type of State Republic

Type of Government

Republic of Panama; constitutional democracy, centralized republic with unicameral 72-member Legislative Assembly; presidential and legislative elections held every 5 years; 9 provinces and 1 territory.

Head of State

President Martín Torrijos

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Ministers Foreign Relations: Samuel Lewis Navarro
Economy and Finance: Ricaurte Vasquez

Main Political Parties

PRD-Democratic Revolutionary Party: 42
PA-Arnulfista Party: 17
Solidaridad: 9
MOLIRENA-Nationalist Liberal Republican Movement: 4

Elections May 2009 (Presidential, legislative & municipal)

Economic Information: (2005)

	Panama	Canada
GDP: (billion)	\$18.74	\$1,372.10
GDP per capita:	\$5,808.82	\$42,568.87
GDP Growth rate: (%)	6.4	2.9
Inflation: (%)	2.9	2.2
Unemployment: (%)	n/a	6.8

Trade and investment: (2005)

Canadian Exports to Panama	\$60,129,940
Canadian Imports from Panama	\$44,667,064
Foreign Direct Investment in Canada	\$75 (million)
Canadian Direct Investment to Panama	\$143 (million)

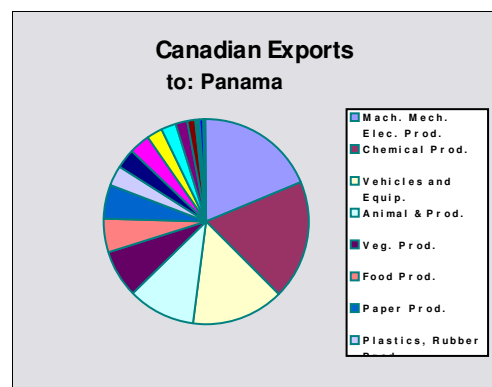
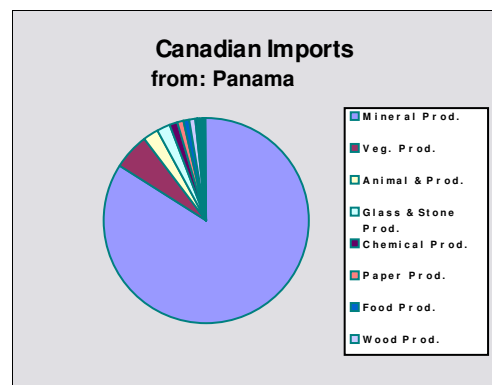
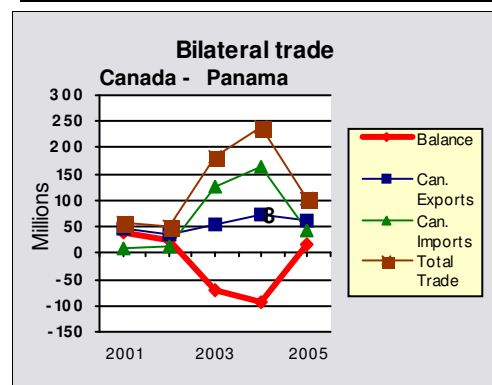
Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Romy Vasquez de Gonzalez

Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador José Herran-Lima



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