

# Colombia

Official Title Republic of Colombia



## General Information:

<b>Capital</b>	Bogotá	
<b>Total Area</b>	1,138,914 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Population</b> 46,039,000
<b>Currency (2005 av.)</b>	1 CAN\$ =	1,915.71 peso
<b>National Holiday</b>	July 20 (1810 Independence Day)	
<b>Language(s)</b>	Spanish	

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Republic (32 departments and 1 capital distri

### Type of Government

Bicameral congress with a 102-member Senate and a 166-member House of Representatives, both directly elected for 4-year terms; President is also elected for a 4-year term.

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**Ministers** Vice President: Francisco Santos  
 Minister of Foreign Affairs: María Consuelo Araújo  
 Minister of Finance: Alberto Carrasquilla

### Main Political Parties

Colombian Liberal Party: 36 (House); 17 (Senate), Social National Unity Party: 29 (House); 20 (Senate), Colombian Conservative Party: 30 (House); 18 (Senate), Others: 68 (House); 47 (Senate)

**Elections** 2010

## Economic Information: (2005)

	Colombia	Canada
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	\$148.15	\$1,372.10
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$3,217.82	\$42,568.87
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	5.1	2.9
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	5	2.2
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	n/a	6.8

## Trade and investment: (2005)

<b>Canadian Exports to Colombia</b>	\$447,013,420
<b>Canadian Imports from Colombia</b>	\$582,473,910
<b>Foreign Direct Investment in Canada</b>	\$2 (million)
<b>Canadian Direct Investment to Colombia</b>	\$403 (million)

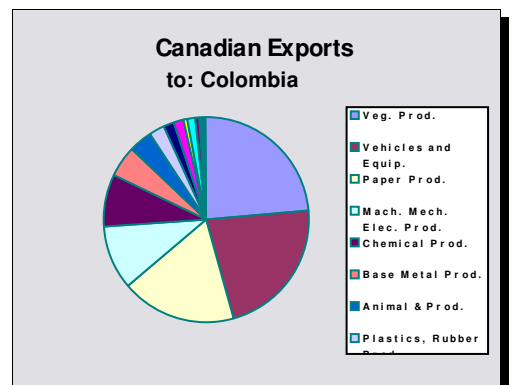
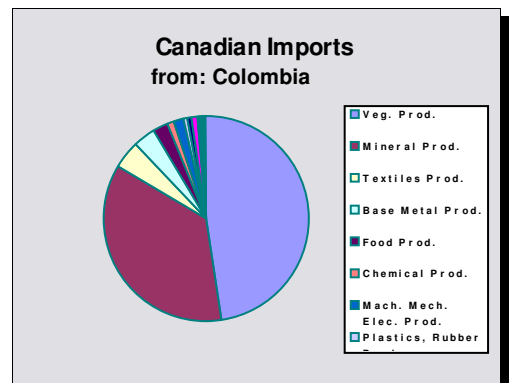
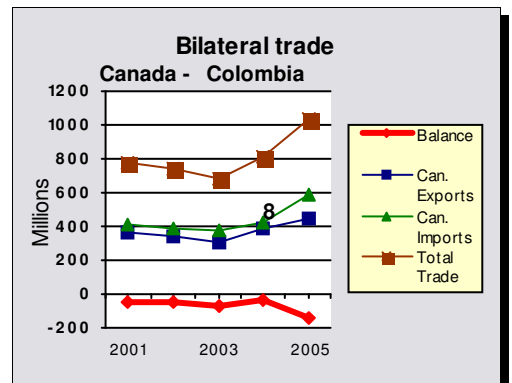
## Representation:

### Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Jaime Girón Duarte

### Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Matthew Levin



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