

United Arab Emirates



Official Title United Arab Emirates

General Information:

Capital Abu Dhabi
Total Area 83,600 km² **Population (million)** 4.229
Currency 1 CAN\$= 3.24 Dirhams (AED)(2006)
National Holiday 2 December, National Day
Language(s) Arabic, English

Political Information:

Type of State Federation of Emirates
Type of Government
 Unicameral Federal National Council (40 members representing the seven Emirates, 20 appointed, 20 elected by limited electoral college; consultative role only)

Head of State
 President, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Head of Government
 Vice-Pres./Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Ministers Foreign Affairs: Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan
 Defence: Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum
 Economy and Planning: Shaikha Lubna Al Qasimi

Main Political Parties
 None, political parties are prohibited.

Elections next election Dec. 2008

Economic Information: (2006)

	United Arab Emirates	Canada
GDP: (billion)	\$143.99	\$1,124.50
GDP per capita:	\$34,047.83	\$34,513.31
GDP Growth rate: (%)	9.4	2.8
Inflation: (%)	9.3	2
Unemployment: (%)	n/a	6.3

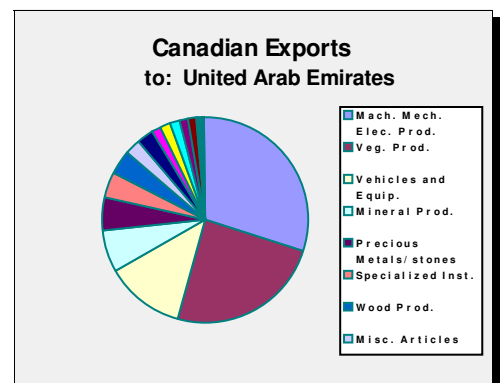
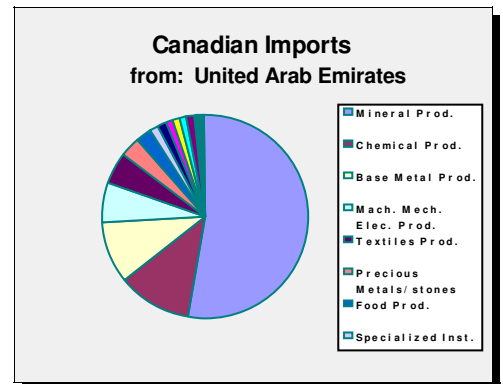
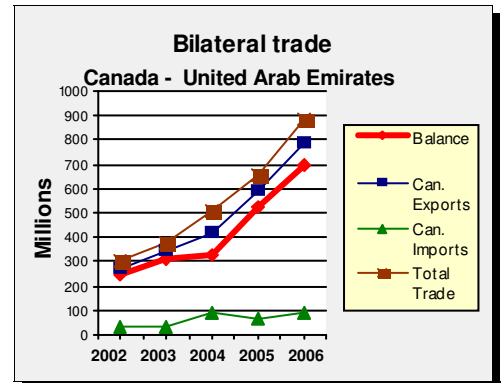
Trade and investment: (2006)

Canadian Exports to United Arab Emirates	\$787,357,254
Canadian Imports from United Arab Emirates	\$94,074,869
Foreign Direct Investment in Canada	n/a (million)
Canadian Direct Investment to United Arab Emirates	\$5 (million)

Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada
 Ambassador Hassan Mohammed Obaid AL SUWAIDI

Canadian Representation Abroad
 Ambassador Sara Hradecky



Sources:
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