

United Kingdom



Official Title United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

General Information:

Capital London
Total Area 244,820 km² **Population (million)** 60.533
Currency 1 CAN\$= 0.48 Pound (GBP)(2006)
National Holiday June 16, Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen
Language(s) English, Welsh, Scots Gaelic

Political Information:

Type of State Constitutional monarchy

Type of Government

Parliamentary democracy. Bicameral parliament with a 659-seat House of Commons and a House of Lords (higher house). Prime Minister (leader of the largest party or coalition in parliament). Cabinet of Ministers appointed by the Prime Minister. Administrative divisions: 47 boroughs, 36 counties, 29 London boroughs, 12 cities and boroughs, 10 districts, 12 cities, 3 royal boroughs. Governing party: Labour Party (Lab) (majority government).

Head of State Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
 (Accession 1952)

Head of Government
 Prime Minister Gordon Brown (Lab)

Ministers Foreign Affairs: David Miliband (Lab)
 Chancellor of the Exchequer: Alistair Darling (Lab)
 Trade and Industry: John Hutton (Lab)

Main Political Parties

Labour Party (Lab), Conservative Party (Cons), Liberal Democrats (LibDem), Ulster Unionist Party (Northern Ireland) (UUP), Party of Wales (Plaid Cymru) (PC), Scottish National Party (SNP), Democratic Unionist Party (Northern Ireland) (DUP), Sinn Fein (Northern Ireland), Social Democratic and Labor Party (Northern Ireland) (SDLP).

House of Commons: Lab (352), Cons (196), LibDem (63), DUP (9), SNP (6), SF (5), PC (3), SDLP(3), UUP (1), IKHH (1), other (4).

Elections Monarchy is hereditary. House of Commons: 5 year term; last election was held in May 2005.

Economic Information: (2006)

	United Kingdom	Canada
GDP: (billion)	\$2,720.63	\$1,446.29
GDP per capita:	\$44,944.56	\$44,389.93
GDP Growth rate: (%)	2.8	2.8
Inflation: (%)	2.3	2
Unemployment: (%)	5.4	6.3

Trade and investment: (2006)

Canadian Exports to United Kingdom	\$10,133,286,225
Canadian Imports from United Kingdom	\$10,846,989,939
Foreign Direct Investment in Canada	\$39,012 (million)
Canadian Direct Investment to United Kingdom	\$58,992 (million)

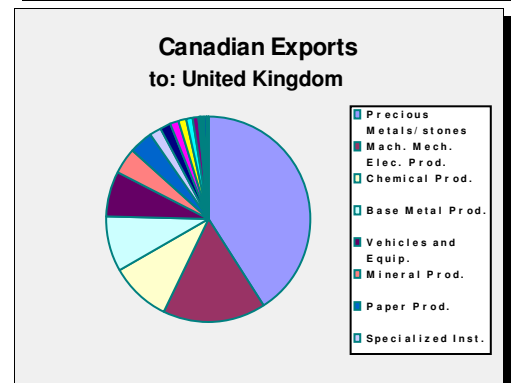
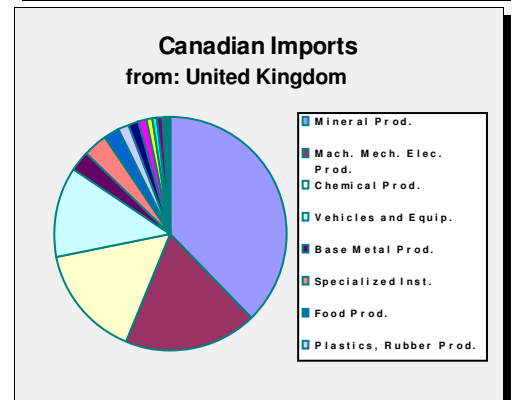
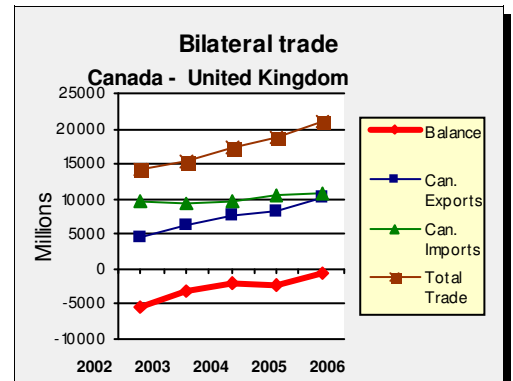
Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

High Commissioner Anthony Cary

Canadian Representation Abroad

High Commissioner James Wright



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