



Manitoba: province of Canada since 1870. Manitoba means “where the spirit lives” in the languages of the province’s Aboriginal people.

Political Leader: Premier (Gary Doer)

Area: 649,947 square km/ 250,946 square miles (larger than Japan and twice the size of the U.K.). Manitoba extends from the 49th to the 60th parallel (the equivalent of Paris, France to Oslo, Norway). 1400 km north to south, 900 km at the widest point and 500 km at the narrowest.

Land Surface: 548,356 square km/211,721 square miles

Water Surface: 101,592 square km/39,225 square miles

Coastline: 645 km/400 miles

Total Population: 1,177,800

Capital City: Winnipeg (population 706,900)

Value of CDN \$ against major currencies: (Oct 2006)

US\$ = \$1.13 Canadian Euro = \$1.42 Canadian

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Population by mother tongue (2001 Census)

English	823,910	Portuguese	7,005
German	63,215	Punjabi	5,420
French	44,340	Spanish	5,210
Ukrainian	26,540	Italian	4,945
Tagalog (Filipino)	18,385	Dutch	3,975
Cree	18,110	Vietnamese	2,950
Polish	9,910	Greek	1,315
Chinese	9,185	Arabic	1,280
Ojibway	8,885	Other non-official languages	32,760

HOLIDAYS

New Year’s Day, January 1

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

Victoria Day
fourth Monday in May

Canada Day, July 1

Civic Holiday
first Monday in August

Labor Day

first Monday in September

Thanksgiving

second Monday in October

Remembrance Day, November 11

Christmas, December 25

Boxing Day, December 26

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Major Manitoba Industries

Agri-food, transportation equipment, resource-based industries, chemicals, machinery and equipment, furniture and building products, paper products, fabricated metal products, plastics, printing, apparel, electronics, information technology and telecommunications, aerospace, farm equipment, electric power generation, life sciences and biotechnology, environmental services, tourism/cultural industries.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 forecast
Real GDP (at market prices) (% growth)	2.4	1.5	2.4	2.9	3.2
Real GDP per Capita (\$) (at market prices)					
Manitoba	29,199	29,622	30,205	30,979	31,882
Employed (thousands)	567	570	577	580	588
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Manitoba	5.1	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.4
Canada	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.8	6.4
Consumer Price Index All Items (1992=100)	123.1	125.3	127.8	131.2	133.7
Total Private Investment (\$ million)	4,649	4,721	5,082	5,193	5,732
Manufacturing Shipments (\$ million)	11,820	11,638	13,517	13,491	N/A
Exports (\$ million)	9,404.3	9,194.3	9,538.2	9,678.6	N/A
Imports (\$ million)	9,988.0	9,976.5	10,451.8	11,691.9	N/A

MANITOBA TRADE

Manitoba Major Export Markets (2005)

Region	\$ Millions
United States	\$ 7,470.7
Japan	476.5
P.R. of China	230.6
Mexico	176.2
Hong Kong	129.8
Korea, South	92.3
Belgium	87.4
United Kingdom	83.5
Australia	64.9
Taiwan	60.5
Other	806.2
Total	\$ 9,678.6

Manitoba Major Import Markets (2005)

Region	\$ Millions
United States	\$ 9,575.9
P.R. of China	375.7
Mexico	236.0
Germany	232.9
Japan	184.3
Italy	108.6
United Kingdom	107.4
Taiwan	105.3
Denmark	68.9
France	68.3
Other	628.6
Total	\$ 11,691.9

Major Products Exported from Manitoba

(ranked by value - 2005): Agricultural products, metals and minerals, vehicles and transport equipment, processed foods, electrical energy, wood products, machinery, furniture, plastics, pharmaceuticals.

Major Products Imported into Manitoba

(ranked by value - 2005): Machinery and parts, vehicles and transport equipment, chemical products, printed products, furniture, data processing equipment.

Agricultural Commodities (ranked by value, 2005)

Hogs, cattle, wheat, canola, dairy products, poultry, oats, eggs, flaxseed, barley.

Manitoba's Strategic Advantages

Lowest-cost hydroelectric power in North America, mid-continent transportation gateway, central time zone, skilled multi-cultural workforce, diverse and stable economy for growth.

Climate

Four distinct seasons – cold dry winters, hot dry summers, temperate spring and fall.

Terrain

Prairie grassland in the south and west, Canadian Shield lakes and forests in the east and north; a small area of Manitoba's extreme north is Arctic tundra.

Natural Resources

Abundant fresh water, hydroelectricity, base metals (nickel, copper, zinc), fishing, forestry, oil, other minerals.

ENVIRONMENT

Sources: Environment Canada, Manitoba Bureau of Statistics, Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Statistics Canada.

