

Canada and the U.S.

The Big Neighbor to the South Has Always Been a Dominant Factor in Canada's Development

Populations

	Canada	U.S.
	(1994 est.)	(1994 est.)
Total Population	28.1 mil.	260.7 mil.
Annual Pop. Growth Rate	1.18%	0.99%

Quebec
(1994)
7.3 mil.
0.063%

Land Area (1993 data)

	Total Land Area
Canada	9,220,970 sq. km.
U.S.	9,166,600 sq. km.

Quebec	1,523,271 sq. km.
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Source: *Canada Year Book*, 1994; *The World Fact Book*, 1995-96.

Religious Denominations

Question: (For Canada) What, if any, church or religious group do you belong to? (For the U.S.) Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion? If yes, which?

Canada		U.S.
45%	Catholic	25%
2%	Baptist	20%
2%	Lutheran	7%
2%	Presbyterian	5%
*	Methodist	10%
8%	Episcopal	2%
14%	United Church of Canada	*
0.6%	Jewish	2%
*	Pentecostal	2%
*	Mormon	1.5%
*	Church of Christ	1.5%
1%	Non-denominational	4%
14%	None	9%
11%	Other	13%

*Not mentioned at all, or mentioned by less than 1%.

Source: (For Canada) Surveys by the ISSP, 1993; (For the U.S.) Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center, 1991-94 combined.

Ethnicity

Question: (For Canada) To which ethnic or cultural groups do your ancestors belong? (For the U.S.) From what countries or part of the world did your ancestors come?

Canada		U.S.
46%	British Isles	30%
31%	England	14%
9%	Scotland	4%
6%	Ireland	11%
	Protestant Irish	7%
	Catholic Irish	5%
7%	Germany	19%
3%	Italy	5%
27%	France	2%**
NRE*	Africa	9%
3%	Eastern Europe	6%
2%	Scandinavia	7%
NRE*	Indian (native)	4%
9%	Other	19%

*No reliable estimates.

**This does not include Americans who say their ancestors came from Canada, which is included in the "other" category.

Source: (For Canada) Surveys by the ISSP, 1994; (For the U.S.) Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center, 1991-94 combined.

The Economies: Service Jobs Dominate

	Total Labor Force 1993 (in thousands \$)		% Agriculture	% Industrial	% Service
Canada	13,946		4.4%	22.2%	73.4%
U.S.	129,525		2.7%	24.1%	73.2%

Quebec*	3,595		3.6%	22.5%	73.9%
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*1994 data

Source: OECD Labor Force Statistics, 1973-1993; and Government of Quebec, Bureau of Statistics.

Unionism Far Stronger in Canada

	Union Members as percent of civilian labor force (1992)
Canada	29.7%
U.S.	15.0%

Women's Labor Force Participation Comparable

Female Participation Rate (Female labor force, all ages, divided by female population, aged 15-64.)	
Canada	65.3%
U.S.	69.1%

Source: OECD Labor Force Statistics, 1973-1993.

The U.S. Economy is Ten Times Canada's

	1994 GDP at current prices/exchange rates (in billions \$)	Per capita GDP 1993 \$(current PPPs)
Canada	\$542	\$19,278
U.S.	\$6,638	\$24,302

Source: National Accounts, OECD, Paris, 1995; Main Economic Indicators, OECD, Paris, 1995.

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U.S. Spends Much More for Health, R & D, and Defense

	1993 Health Expenditures as % of GDP
Canada	10.2%
U.S.	14.1%

	Total Expenditures for R & D as % of GDP
Canada	1.51%
U.S.	2.81% (excludes capital expenditures)

Source: OECD in Figures: Statistics on the Member Countries, 1995 edition.

	Total Defense Expenditures (in billions \$)	As % of GDP
Canada	\$11.3	2.0% (FY 92/93)
U.S.	\$271.5	3.8% (1995 est.)

Sources: The World Fact Book, 1995-6; Economic Indicators, September, 1995.

Inflation Low North and South; Unemployment Far Higher North

Unemployment Rates

All civilian workers	Canada	U.S.
January		5.7%
February		5.4%
March		5.5%
April		5.8%
May	9.5%	5.7%
June	9.6%	5.6%
July	9.8%	5.7%
August	9.6%	5.6%

Inflation Rates

U.S.	From 3 months earlier	From year earlier	Canada (From year earlier)
January	2.7%	2.8%	0.6%
February	3.2%	2.9%	1.8%
March	3.2%	2.9%	2.2%
April	3.5%	3.1%	2.5%
May	3.5%	3.2%	2.9%
June	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%
July	2.4%	2.8%	2.5%
August	1.9%	2.6%	2.3%

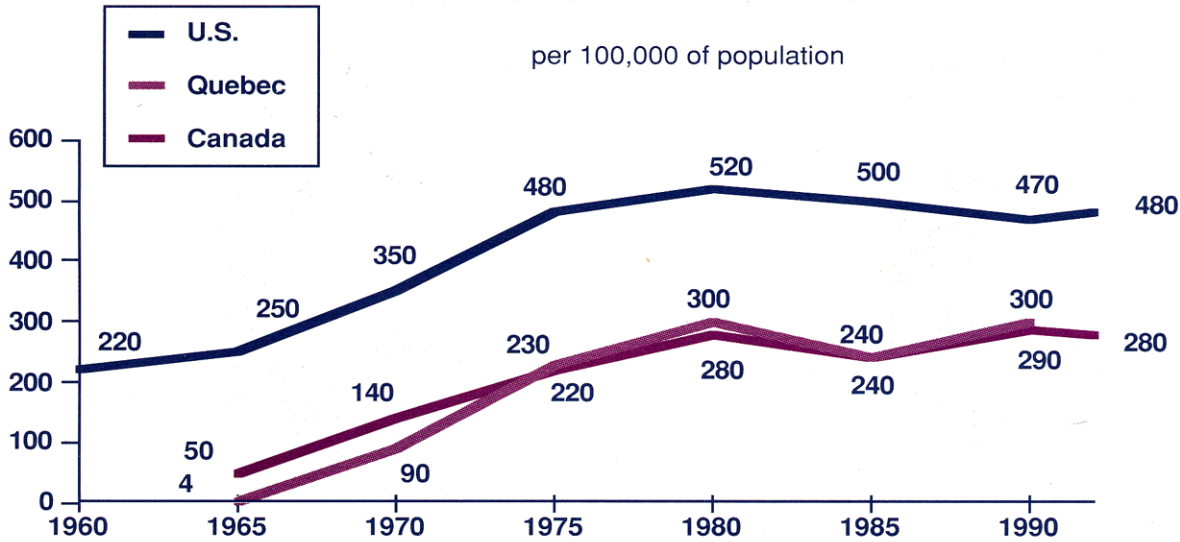
Unemployment Rates

	1979	1984	1989	1995
Quebec	9.6%	12.8%	9.3%	11.2%
Ontario	6.5%	9.0%	5.1%	8.6%

Sources: Economic Indicators, September, 1995; Canada Year Book, 1994; and Statistics Canada.

The Societies

Divorce Rates Rose Sharply in Both Countries, Though Far More in the U.S.



Source: For Canada, *Canada Year Book*, 1994, 1988, 1978-9, 1967, and 1965; For U.S., *Statistical Abstract* 1995, p. 75.

Quebec's Birth Rate Now the Lowest in North America

Birth Rates, Fertility Rates, 1994

(per 1000 population)

	Crude Birth Rate	Total Fertility Rate
Canada	14.1	1.84
U.S.	15.2	2.06

Quebec	12.1	1.72
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Source: *The World Factbook*, 1995-6; *Canada Year Book*, 1994.

Illitimacy High North and South; Single-Parent Households Far More Numerous South

Births to Unmarried Mothers

	Total Live Births	Percent born to unmarried women
Canada	403,000	29%
U.S.	4,111,000	30%

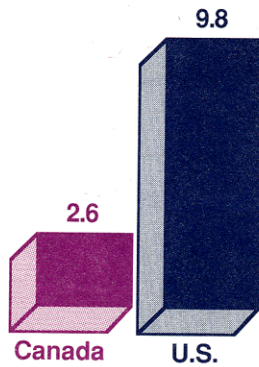
	Married Couple Households as percent of total	Single-Parent Households as percent of total
Canada	63%	6%
U.S.	55%	9%

Source: *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1994-95, p. 858.

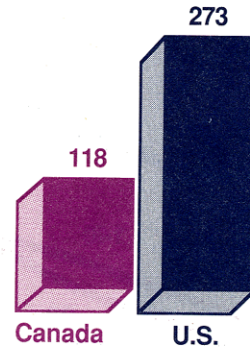
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No Surprise: Violent Crime Rates Much Higher in the U.S.

Murder Rate
(per 100,000 pop.)



Robbery Rate
(per 100,000 pop.)



(1991 data)

Canada
Other Measures of Crime

	Rate (per 100,000 pop.)
Sexual Assault (and other sexual offenses)	121
Attempted Murder	3.5
Abduction	3.9
Other Assault	804

U.S.
Other Measures of Crime

	Rate (per 100,000 pop.)
Forcible Rape	42.3
Aggravated Assault	433
By Region	
Northeast	363
Midwest	355
South	489
West	498

Source: *Canada Yearbook*, 1994, based on Uniform Crime Reporting.

U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, "Crime in the United States," 1991.

The Lighter Side: Food, Alcohol, and Cars

	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverage Expenditures 1990 as % of total consumption	Alcoholic Beverage Expenditures
Canada	11	3
U.S.	8	1

	Total Passenger Cars (mil.) 1991 registrations	Persons per car
Canada	13	2.1
U.S.	143	1.7

Source: *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1994-95, pp. 864-65.

Canada: A Larger Government Sector

	Current General Gov't Revenue as percent of GDP (1992)
Canada	43.7%
U.S.	31.7%

	Gov't employment as percent of total employment (1992)
Canada	20.7%
U.S.	14.5%

	Gov't Final Consumption Expenditures as a percent of GDP (current prices)
Canada	21.7%
U.S.	17.1%

Source: *National Accounts*, OECD, Paris, 1995.

Political Parties in Canada

The Parties Today	Party Leaders
Liberal Party	Jean Chrétien
Bloc Québécois	Lucien Bouchard
Reform Party	Preston Manning
New Democratic Party	Alexa McDonough
Progressive Conservative Party	Jean Charest
The House of Commons (after the October 25, 1993 election)	
295 Total Seats	
Party	Seats
Liberal Party	178
Bloc Québécois	54
Reform Party	52
New Democratic Party	8
Progressive Conservative Party	2
Independents	1

Source: *Washington Post*, October 22, 1995; *The World Fact Book*, 1995-96.

Attention Americans:

Here are some facts you and your children should know about a truly good neighbor to the North

Capital City: Ottawa, in the province of Ontario

Provinces and Territories (capital cities)

1. Alberta (Edmonton)
2. British Columbia (Victoria)
3. Prince Edward Island (Charlottetown)
4. Manitoba (Winnipeg)
5. New Brunswick (Fredericton)
6. Nova Scotia (Halifax)
7. Ontario (Toronto)
8. Quebec (Quebec City)
9. Saskatchewan (Regina)
10. Newfoundland (St. John's)
11. Northwest Territories (Yellowknife)
12. Yukon Territory (Whitehorse)

Prime Ministers of Canada

1. 1867-73; 1878-91 John Alexander Macdonald (C.)
2. 1873-78 Alexander Mackenzie (L.)
3. 1891-92 John Joseph Caldwell Abbott (C.)
4. 1892-94 John Sparrow David Thompson (C.)
5. 1894-96 Mackenzie Bowell (C.)
6. 1896 Charles Tupper (C.)
7. 1896-1911 Wilfrid Laurier (L.)
8. 1911-17; 1917-20 Robert Laird Borden (C. Administration)
9. 1920-21; 1926 Arthur Meighen (Unionist-Liberal and C.)
10. 1921-26; 1926-30; 1935-48 Lyon Mackenzie King (L.)
11. 1930-1935 Richard Bedford Bennett (P.C.)
12. 1948-1957 Louis Stephen St. Laurent (L.)
13. 1957-63 John George Diefenbaker (P.C.)
14. 1963-68 Lester Bowles Pearson (L.)
15. 1968-1979; 1980-84 Pierre Elliott Trudeau (L.)
16. 1979-80 Charles Joseph Clark (P.C.)
17. 1984 John Napier Turner (L.)
18. 1984-1993 Martin Brian Mulroney (C.)
19. 1993 Kim Campbell (P.C.)
20. 1993-95 Jean Chrétien (L.)

Key to Abbreviations

C. = Conservative Party
L. = Liberal Party
P.C. = Progressive Conservative Party
(formerly the Conservative Party)

Main Cities (population):

Toronto (3.89 million)
Montreal (3.12 million)
Vancouver (1.60 million)
Ottawa-Hull, the National Capital Region (0.92 million) and
Edmonton (0.84 million)