

Minnesota – Alberta Relations

International, Intergovernmental
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Alberta



PROFILE

Capital: St. Paul

Population: 5.1 million
(2006 Estimate)

Language: English

Government: Bicameral state
government

Head of Government: Governor Tim
Pawlenty (R)
Term expires: 2010

GSP: US\$196.7 billion (2006)

Currency: US dollar
CDN\$1 = 0.94 US (August 2007)

Per Capita Personal Income:
US\$38,712 (2006)

Key Industry Sectors: Tourism,
agriculture, high-tech, healthcare and
medical equipment, forest and forestry
products, and printing.

Unemployment: 4.6% (July 2007)

Main Cities: (2006 census)

- Minneapolis – St. Paul metro
area: 3,502 891
- Rochester: 96,975
- Duluth: 84,167

DID YOU KNOW?

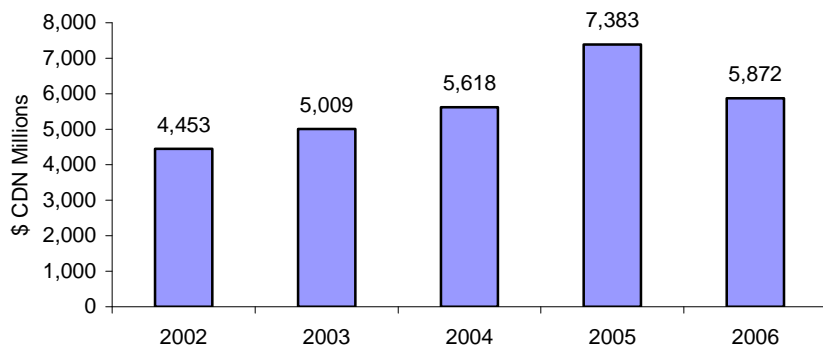
- Minnesota gets its name from the
Dakota word *minisota*, meaning
"water that reflects the sky."
- The Mall of America in
Bloomington is the size of 78
football fields --- 9.5 million
square feet.
- Minnesota, often called the "Land
of 10,000 lakes," has 90,000
miles of shoreline, more than
California, Florida and Hawaii
combined.
- The mighty Mississippi river
begins at Lake Itasca in Itasca
State Park, in the Mississippi
Headwaters region of northwest
Minnesota.

- The Canadian Consulate responsible
for North Dakota, South Dakota,
Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota is
located in Minneapolis.

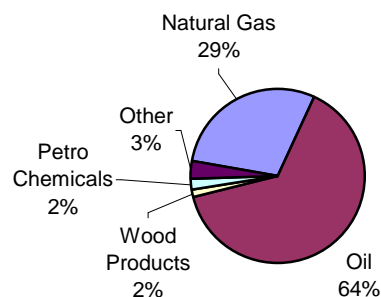
RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- Minnesota has consistently been in
the top 10 as a source of tourists to
Alberta, contributing millions of
dollars to the Alberta economy.
- Energy sales account for about half
of the state's imports from Canada.
Over 90% of Alberta exports to the
state are energy related.
- Minnesota is Alberta's 4th largest
international export market, largely
due to oil and gas commodity
shipments.

Alberta Exports to Minnesota



Alberta Exports to Minnesota 2006



TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Canada is Minnesota's largest export market. Minnesota exports to Canada totaled over \$4 billion in 2006.
- Over the past five years, Alberta exports to Minnesota have averaged \$5.0 billion per year.
- Alberta exports to Minnesota include crude oil, natural gas, propane, lumber, urea, chemical woodpulp, newsprint, and steel bars and rods.
- Alberta imports from Minnesota include paper, soya bean oil, stainless steel rods, & concrete mixer trucks.

ENERGY

- Close to 68% of Minnesota homes use natural gas as their primary heating fuel, one of the highest percentages in the United States.
- A number of pipelines service the state's two refineries, while several other pipelines traverse the state, carrying crude oil, petroleum products, and liquefied petroleum gas from Canada to markets in other Midwest states.

- Minnesota is the only state using oxygenated gasoline state wide, significantly reducing emissions of carbon monoxide from motor vehicles.
- Minnesota is the 4th largest producer of wind power in the U.S.

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

- Mining, wholesale trade and retail trade are the leading sectors in Minnesota GSP growth.
- Minnesota is home to Target Corporation, General Mills, 3M Corporation, Xcel Energy, Northwest Airlines, and Cargill Corporation.
- Minnesota is an important agricultural state and the headquarters of several large agri-food investors.

RECENT VISITS

- December 2004: Governor Pawlenty led an education delegation to Edmonton.
- September 2004: The Canadian Consulate in Minneapolis organized a tour of Alberta feed lots and cattle producers for congressional staffers from mid-western states including Minnesota, Utah and Iowa.
- March 2003: Minister of Economic Development led a mission to Minneapolis to promote the Alberta Advantage.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- The U.S. Consul General in Calgary is Mr. Tom Huffaker.
- The Canadian Consul General in Minneapolis is Mr. Kim Butler.

