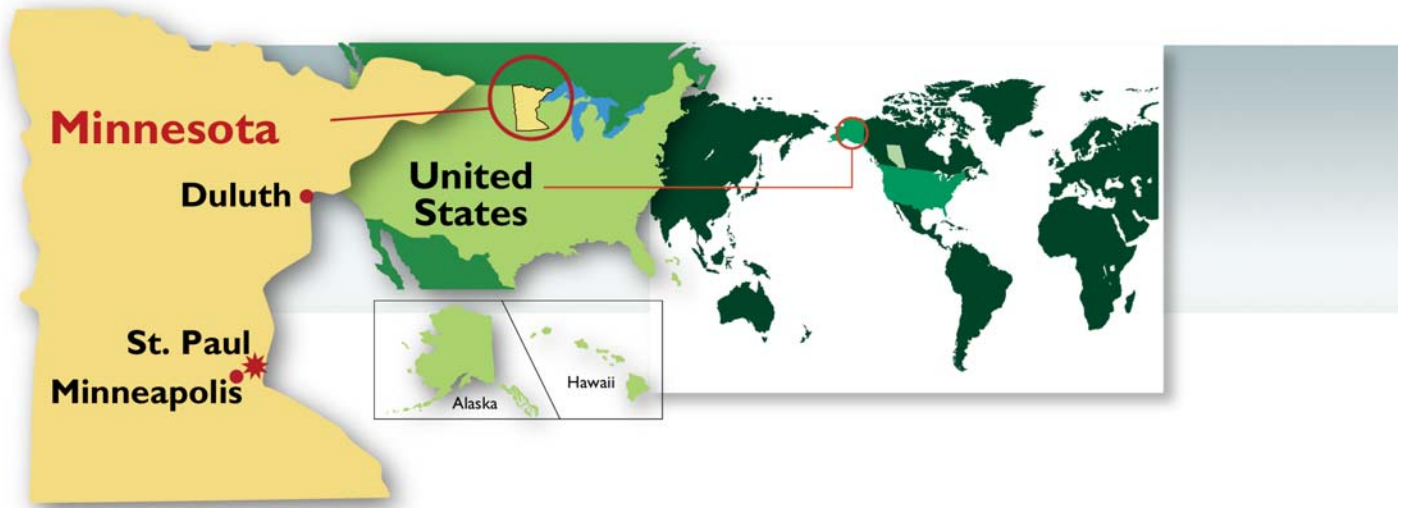


MINNESOTA - ALBERTA RELATIONS



PROFILE

Capital: St. Paul

Population: 5,019,720 (2002 estimate)

Language: English

Government: State Government

Head of Government: Governor Tim Pawlenty (R)
Term expires: November 2006

GSP: US\$188 million (2001)

Currency: US dollar
CDN\$1 = 0.74 US (April 2004)

Per Capita Personal Income: US\$33,895 (2002)

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

Unemployment: 4.7% (March 2004)

Main Cities:

- Minneapolis – St. Paul metro area: 2,872,109
- Rochester: 90,515
- Duluth: 86,419

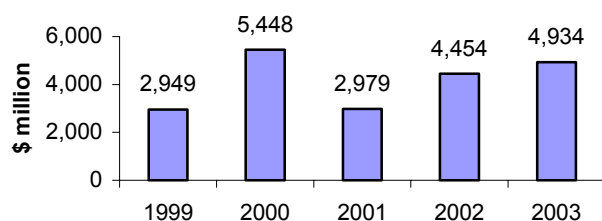
DID YOU KNOW?

- 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 has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined.
- The Canadian Consulate responsible for Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa is located in Minneapolis.

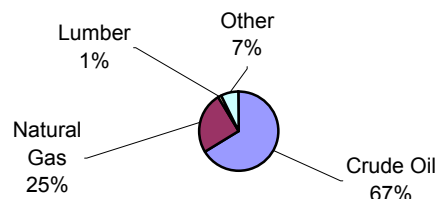
RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- In 2000, Minnesota was Alberta's 8th largest source of U.S. visitors.
- Tourists from Minnesota spent \$18.6 million in Alberta in 2000.
- Energy sales account for half of the state's imports from Canada, including over 90% of Alberta exports.

Alberta Exports to Minnesota



2003 Alberta Exports to Minnesota



TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Canada is Minnesota's largest export market. Imports from Minnesota to Canada reached \$4 billion in 2003.
- Over the past five years, Alberta exports to Minnesota have averaged \$4.2 billion per year.
- Exports included crude oil, natural gas, lumber, urea, chemical woodpulp, newsprint, and steel bars and rods.
- In 2003, imports totaled more than \$241 million.
- Main imports from Minnesota to Alberta include maize, soya bean oil, prepared foods, and writing paper.
- In 2002, Alberta exports to Minnesota increased by 48%, making the state Alberta's 3rd largest international export market, largely due to increased oil and gas commodity shipments.

RECENT VISITS

- March 2003: Minister of Economic Development, Hon. Mark Norris mission to Minneapolis to promote the Alberta Advantage.
- January 2000: Municipal Affairs Minister Paszkowski, mission to Toronto, New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, and San Diego.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- The U.S. Consul General in Calgary is Mr. Naim Ahmed.
- The Canadian Consul General in Minneapolis is Mr. Christopher Thomson.