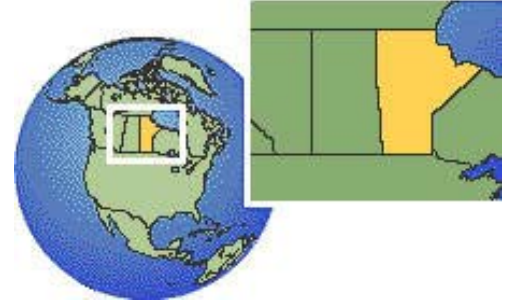




MANITOBA'S PLACE IN THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

Manitoba is rich in farmland and extensive minerals (primarily nickel), hydroelectric energy, and forest resources. Industries with strongest growth are wood, other durables, food, fabricated metals, clothing and machinery. Strongest sectors in the province are agriculture, manufacturing, services and hydro-electricity. In the first ten months of 2006, Manitoba retail sales increased 6.0%. Real GDP in Manitoba grew 2.9% in 2005 and is projected to grow by 3.2% in 2006. In 2007, the Manitoba economy is expected to grow by 2.6 slightly above the national rate of 2.5%.



Manitoba's Top 5 Imports 2005 (% of total imports)

Machinery	26.4%
Motor vehicles & parts	13.3%
Electrical machinery & equipment	8.1%
Plastics	4.8%
Iron & steel	4.3%

Manitoba Import Suppliers 2005 (% of total imports)

<i>United States</i>	<i>81.2%</i>
China	3.2%
Mexico	2.0%
Germany	2.0%
Japan	1.6%

Manitoba's Top 5 Exports 2005 (% of total exports)

Mineral fuels and oils	12.5%
Motor Vehicles & Parts	7.8%
Machinery	7.6%
Cereals	5.6%
Live animals	5.6%

Manitoba's Export Market 2005 (% of total exports)

<i>United States</i>	<i>76.9%</i>
Japan	4.9%
China	2.3%
Mexico	2.1%
Hong Kong	1.3%

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- ◆ 1.2 million people live in Manitoba
- ◆ Manitoba's GDP is \$M35,026 (US)
- ◆ Manitoba's GDP/capita is \$M29,831 (US)
- ◆ Manitoba borders the states of Minnesota and North Dakota
- ◆ Manitoba is the largest hog-producing province of the three Prairie Provinces.
- ◆ Manitoba's capital city is Winnipeg with a population of just over 650,000.
- ◆ Manitoba is home to Canada's largest mutual fund company, Investors Group, and its largest life insurance company, Great West Life Assurance.
- ◆ Churchill is Manitoba's northern seaport and the only saltwater seaport in the prairies.
- ◆ Manitoba has 80 call centers, and over 75,000 strand kilometers of fibre-optic cabling.
- ◆ Winnipeg is home to the Canadian Wheat Board, the marketing agency established in 1935 for Western Canadian wheat and barley.
- ◆ Transportation & Warehousing industry contributes \$US1.6 billion to Manitoba's GDP.

Sources:
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