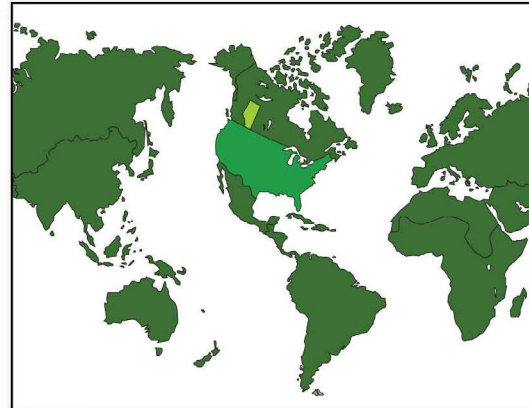
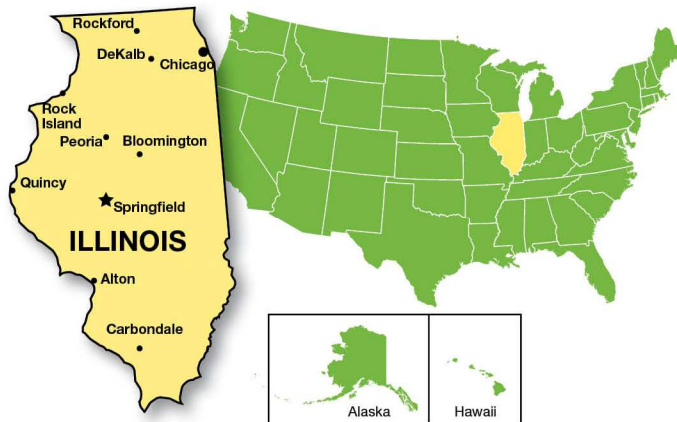


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PROFILE

Capital: Springfield

Population: 12,910,409 (2010 est.)

Language: English

Government: Bicameral state government

Head of Government:

Governor Pat Quinn (D) Term expires: 2013

Currency: \$1 CDN = \$1.0290 U.S. (May 2011)

Gross State Product (GSP): \$634 billion

Per Capita Income: \$41,986 (2010)

Unemployment: 8.8% (March 2011)

Key Industry Sectors: Food, chemicals, machinery, fabricated metals, computers/electronic, plastics and rubber, and transportation equipment.

Main Cities:

- Chicago : 9,793,036
- Lake County: 876,918
- Gary: 702,458
- Peoria-Canton: 409,206
- Davenport-Maline: 377,626
- Champaign: 224,191

DID YOU KNOW?

- President Barack Obama was an Illinois State Senator and U.S. Senator before becoming President.
- Chicago is the 3rd most populated city in the U.S. and 26th largest metropolitan in the world.
- The corporate headquarters for McDonalds and Kraft Foods are based in Illinois.

RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- Illinois' well developed infrastructure and central location make it a key transportation hub for Alberta crude oil and natural gas moving throughout North America.
- Alberta's oil sands make a significant contribution to the U.S. and Illinois economies.
- 6 of 11 pipeline additions and upgrades involve pipelines in Illinois.
- 2 refinery expansions to process the oil sands resource, worth over \$7.5 billion, are in Illinois.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

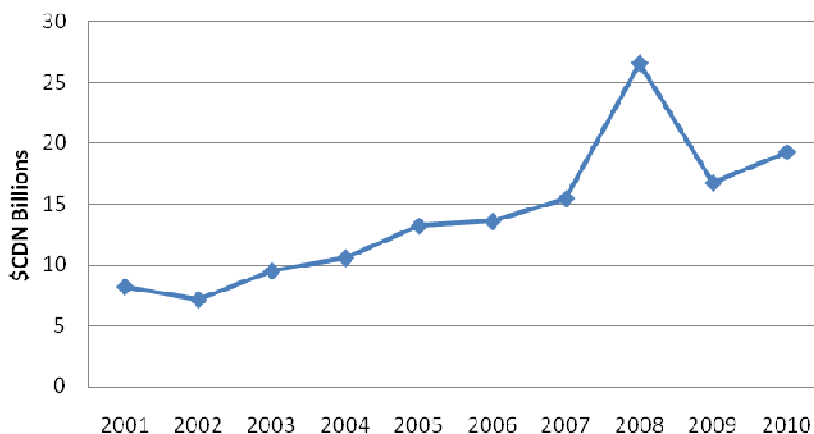
- As the location of major natural gas and oil pipeline hubs, 24% of Alberta's worldwide exports go to Illinois, with energy (natural gas, oil and propane) accounting for 95% of exports.
- From 2006 to 2010, Alberta's exports to Illinois averaged \$18.3 billion. The value of Alberta's exports to Illinois has more than doubled in the last ten years.

- Caterpillar is located in Peoria, Illinois. Caterpillar is a machinery provider for Alberta oil and gas and construction companies.
- Alberta has imported an average of CDN \$ 260 million per year of machinery from Illinois over the last five years.

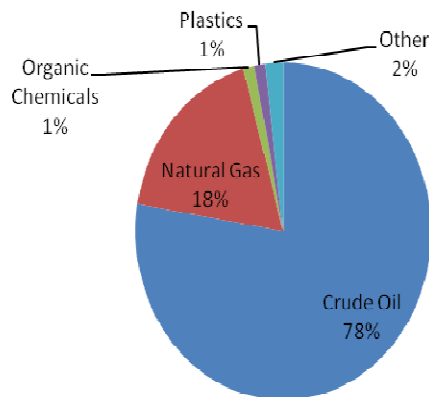
ENERGY

- Estimated recoverable coal reserves in Illinois account for almost one-eighth of total U.S. coal reserves. Illinois supports clean coal technology with the largest state-sponsored coal research program in the United States.
- Natural Gas from Alberta and western Canada is piped to major hubs in Illinois, the Chicago Hub and the ANR Joliet Hub. From this location it is shipped to consumption markets in Northeast and Midwest U.S.
- The Lakehead and Express/Platte Pipeline systems from Alberta terminate at refineries in Illinois.
- Alberta exports of crude from the oil sands have increased so much that some pipelines have reversed their flow to serve Gulf Coast markets.
- Illinois has an abundance of electrical capacity. (45,000 megawatts)

Alberta's Domestic Exports to Illinois 2001-2010



Alberta's Domestic Exports to Illinois (2006 to 2010 Average)



- 47% of Illinois' electricity is generated from coal-fired facilities.
- Illinois is one of the top producers of ethanol in the U.S.
- The Illinois nuclear power industry helps make the State one of the top electricity-generating States in the Nation and a leading net exporter of electricity to other States.
- Nuclear power typically accounts for nearly one-half of Illinois electricity generation and more than one-tenth of all the nuclear power generated in the United States.

AGRICULTURE

- Cash receipts for Illinois' agricultural commodities generate more than \$8.3 billion U.S. annually. Corn accounts for nearly 40% of that total. Marketing of soybeans contributes nearly one-third, with the combined marketing of livestock, dairy and poultry generating about 22%.
- Food processing is the state's number-one manufacturing activity, adding almost \$14 billion annually to the value of Illinois' raw agricultural commodities.

ENVIRONMENT

- The Illinois state park system has over 60 parks and about the same number of recreational and wildlife areas. Ten National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois total more than 124,000 acres
- Illinois has an average of 35 tornadoes annually.
- Four major rivers flow through Illinois: Mississippi River, Ohio River, Illinois River, and Wabash River.

- In 2007, Illinois set a goal to slash the production of heat-trapping greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020 and 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.
- Chicago is one of the world's greenest cities. Chicago boasts over 7 million sq. ft. of green rooftops, an extensive public transit system, and 165 miles of pathway. In 2008, Chicago launched the Chicago Climate Action Plan.

EDUCATION

- Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD) attend an art event and the NACAC conferences in Chicago.
- University of Calgary is part of the National Student Exchange with over 100 U.S. partner institutions. Illinois is home to a few of these institutions: Northeastern Illinois University; Illinois State University; and Eastern Illinois University.
- Illinois is home to multiple state and private post secondary institutions. Some notable institutions include: University of Chicago; Northwestern University; University of Illinois; and Southern Illinois University.

TRANSPORTATION

- Chicago's O'Hare airport is one of the busiest airports in the U.S.
- Chicago is the largest rail gateway in the U.S.
- Illinois has 1,118 miles of navigable waterways linking to the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico.

- The Port of Chicago offers terminals that can handle ocean and lake vessels, as well as barges.
- The Lake Michigan port is served by four railroads and has access to Interstates 90 and 94.
- 2,164 miles of Interstate highway serve Illinois (3rd in nation). Over a dozen Illinois communities are home to major east-west/north-south Interstate interchanges.

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

- As a result of the Alberta oil sands there is a great opportunity for investment from Illinois firms and business.

RECENT VISITS

- September 2010: MLA Len Mitzel represented Alberta at the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Annual Meeting in Rapid City.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- The Canadian Consulate responsible for Illinois is located in Chicago, Illinois. Georges Rioux is the Consul General.
- David Jacobson is the U.S. Ambassador in Ottawa.
- The Canadian Ambassador in Washington, D.C. is Gary Doer.
- The U.S. Consul General in Calgary is Laura Lochman.

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