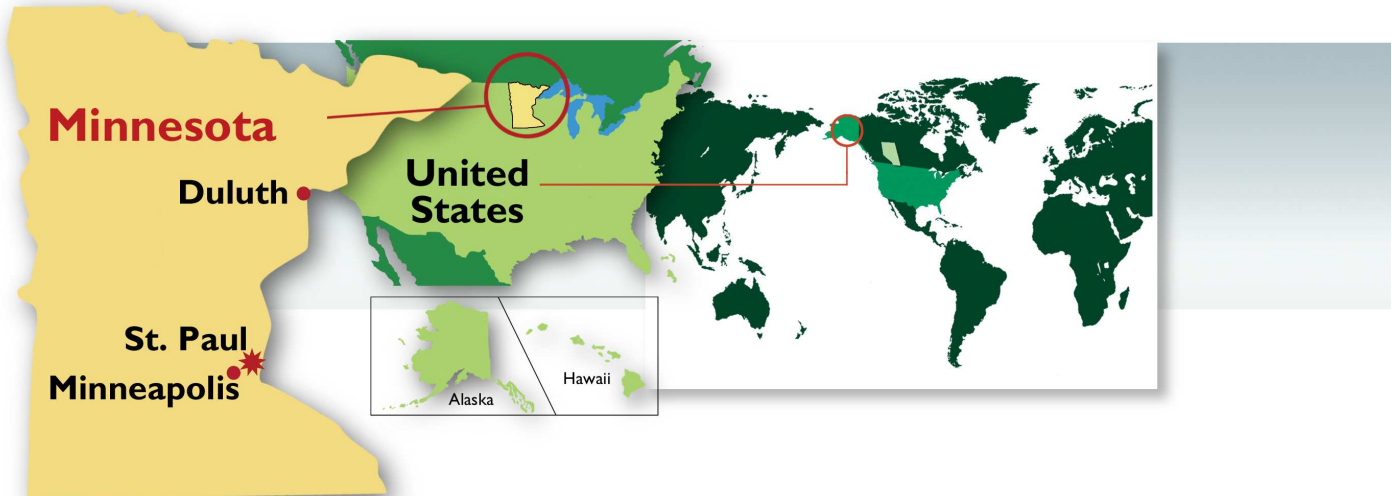


Minnesota – Alberta Relations

Government of Alberta ■



PROFILE

Capital: St. Paul

Population: 5,220,393 (2008 est)

Language: English

Government: Bicameral state government

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

GSP: US\$254.97 billion (2008)

Currency: \$1 CDN = \$0.985 US (April 2010)

GSP Per Capita: US\$41,353 (2008)

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

Unemployment: 7.4% (March 2010)

Major Cities (Metro Areas): (2008 est)

- Minneapolis/St. Paul/
Bloomington: 3,208,212
- Duluth: 274,308
- Rochester: 181,082

DID YOU KNOW?

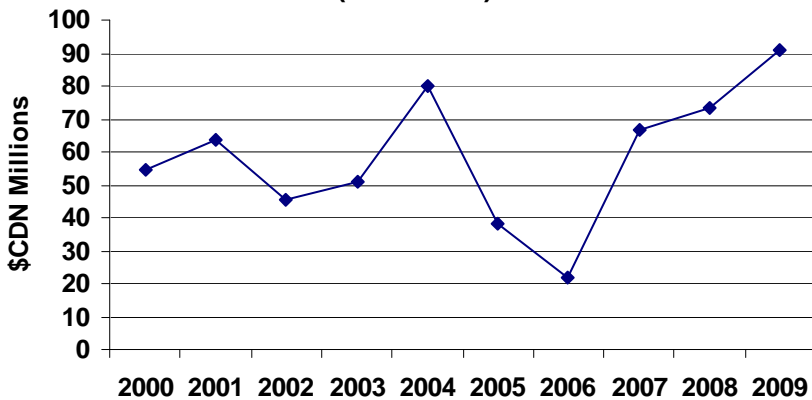
- Minnesota gets its name from the Dakota word *minisota*, meaning "water that reflects the sky."
- The Mall of America in Bloomington is the size of 78 football fields --- 9.5 million square feet.
- Minnesota, often called the "Land of 10,000 lakes," has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, 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.

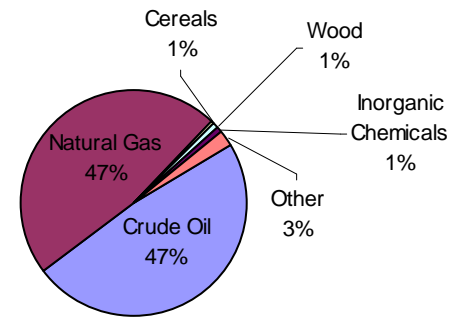
RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- 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 over 60% of the state's imports from Canada. Over 94% of Alberta exports to the state were energy related in 2007.
- Minnesota is Alberta's 4th largest international export market, largely due to oil and gas commodity shipments.

Alberta's Domestic Exports to Minnesota (2000-2009)



Alberta's Domestic Exports to Minnesota (2005 - 2009 Average)



TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Minnesota exports to Canada totaled approximately \$4.65 billion in 2009.
- Over the past five years, Alberta exports to Minnesota have averaged \$6.26 billion per year.
- Alberta exports to Minnesota include crude oil, natural gas, petrochemicals, lumber, steel bars and rods, and wood.
- Alberta imports from Minnesota include corn, soya bean oil, paper, stainless steel rods, and sugar.
- According to the CERI report, Minnesota's state GDP will increase by an average of \$US 588 million between 2010 and 2025 because of economic activity in Alberta's oil sands.
- Oil sands operations and activities will contribute 6, 800 jobs to the Minnesota economy between 2011 and 2025.

ENERGY

- Over two thirds of Minnesota homes use natural gas as their primary heating fuel, one of the highest proportions 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.

- Approximately 95% of Alberta's exports to Minnesota consist of oil and gas products.
- If conditions are right, nearly all diesel fuel sold in Minnesota will contain 5% biodiesel by mid-2009, 10% biodiesel by mid-2012, and 20% biodiesel by mid-2015. The new biodiesel mandate could exempt higher blends during colder months.
- Minnesota is the 3rd largest producer of wind power in the U.S.

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

- 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

- David Jacobson is the U.S. Ambassador in Ottawa.
- The Canadian Ambassador in Washington is Michael Wilson.
- The US Consul General in Calgary is Laura Lochman.
- The Canadian Consul General in Minneapolis is Mr. Martin Loken, with responsibility for Minnesota, Iowa (except the Quad-Cities portion which is covered by the Chicago Consulate General), Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

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