

Iran

Official Title Islamic Republic of Iran



General Information:

Capital	Tehran		
Total Area	1,636,000 km ²	Population (million)	74.761
Currency	1 CAN\$= 9,635.61 Rial (IRR)(2010)		
National Holiday	11 February, National Day		
Language(s)	Farsi		

Political Information:

Type of State Islamic Republic
Type of Government Islamic Consultative Assembly ("Majles-e-Shura-ye-Eslami")

Head of State Spiritual Leader Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei
Head of Government President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

Ministers Head of Presidential Office: Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei
 Minister of Foreign Affairs: Dr. Ali Akbar Salehi
 Head of Parliament (Majles): Ali Ardeshir Larijani

Main Political Parties

There are currently 223 registered political parties in Iran who usually operate in alignment with the two main coalitions: conservative and reformist. The five main political parties authorized in the Islamic Republic of Iran include: the Islamic Society of Engineers; the Combatant Clergy Association; the National Confidence Party; the Islamic Iran Participation Front; the Executives of Construction Party; and the Association of Combatant Clerics.

Elections: Last: 2008 (Parliamentary), 2009 (Presidential),

Economic Information: (2010)

IMF/Statistics Canada

	Iran	Canada
GDP: (billion)	\$419.58	\$1,624.26
GDP per capita:	\$5,612.29	\$47,688.92
GDP Growth rate: (%)	3.244	3.215
Inflation: (%)	12.4	1.777
Unemployment: (%)	14.6	7.992

Trade and investment: (2010)

Statistics Canada

Canadian Exports:	\$118,949,818
Canadian Imports:	\$38,037,366
Foreign Direct Investment in Canada	n/a (million)
Canadian Direct Investment to Iran	n/a (million)

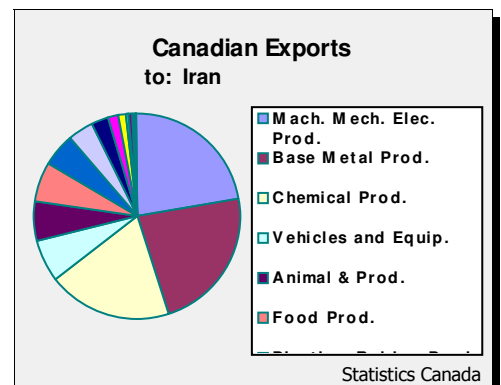
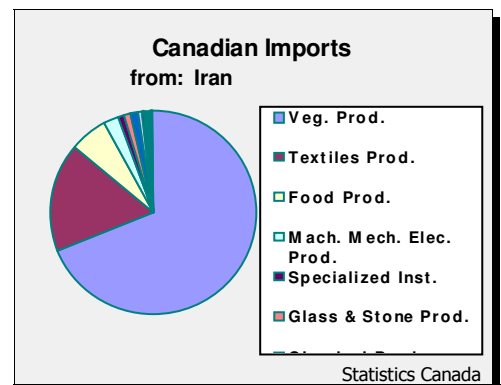
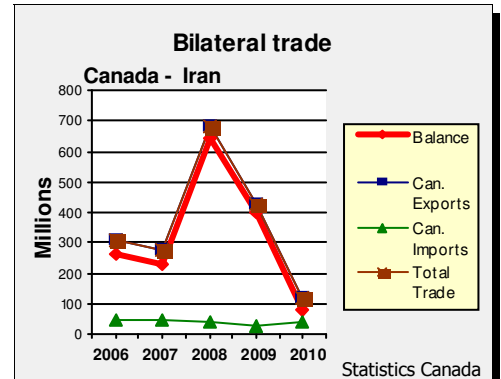
Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Kambiz Sheikh Hassani

Canadian Representation Abroad

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Dennis Horak



Sources:
 Statistics/Industry Canada
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 IMF
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