

# Belize

**Official Title:** Belize

## General Information:

<b>Capital</b>	Belmopan	<b>Population (million)</b> 0.419
<b>Total Area</b>	22,923 km²	
<b>Currency</b>	1 CAN\$=1.504 Belize \$ (BZD) (2020 - Annual average)	
<b>National Holiday</b>	September 21	
<b>Language(s)</b>	English, Spanish	

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Parliamentary Democracy

### Type of Government

Representative democracy; formerly known as British Honduras; bicameral legislature with 8 members appointed to the Senate and 29 members elected to the House of Representatives for 5-year terms.

### Head of State

(Queen Elizabeth II) Gov. Gen.  
Colville Norbert Young

### Head of Government

Prime Minister  
Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow

**Ministers:** Deputy PM; Natural Resources & Env: Gaspar VEGA  
Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs: Wilfred ELRINGTON  
Trade & Investment: Erwin CONTRERAS

### Main Political Parties

UDP - United Democratic Party: 17  
PUP - People's United Party: 14

**Elections:** Next: 2020

## Economic Information: (2020)

IMF (estimates)

	<b>Belize</b>	<b>Canada</b>
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	\$2.17	\$2,162.38
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$5,190.71	\$56,945.03
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	-14.09	-5.40
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	0.12	0.72
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	23.70	9.60

## Product Trade and Investment: (2020)

Statistics Canada

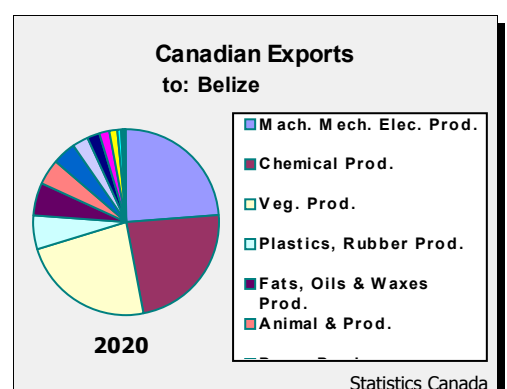
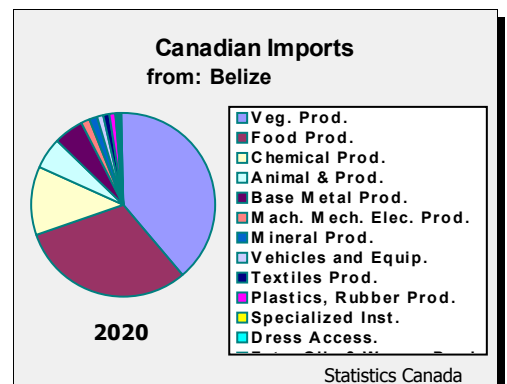
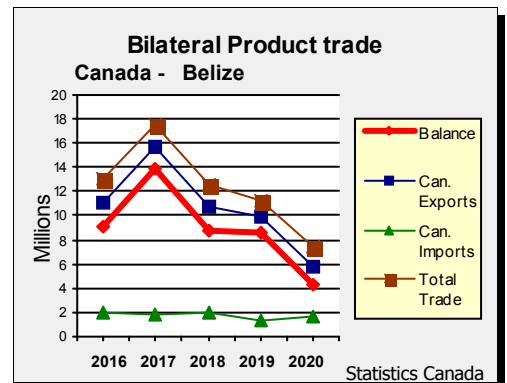
<b>Canadian Exports:</b>	\$5,858,112	
<b>Canadian Imports:</b>	\$1,629,266	
<b>Foreign Direct Investment in Canada</b>	n/a	(million)
<b>Canadian Direct Investment in country</b>	\$230	(million)

## Representation:

### Foreign Representation in Canada

### Canadian Representation Abroad

High Commissioner Rita Rudaitis-Renaud



Sources:  
Statistics/Industry Canada  
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