

# South Africa



**Official Title:** Republic of South Africa

## General Information:

<b>Capital</b>	Tshwane (Pretoria)	<b>Population (million)</b> 58.823
<b>Total Area</b>	1,221,038 km <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Currency</b>	1 CAN\$=10.87 Rands (ZAR) (2019 - Annual average)	
<b>National Holiday</b>	27 April, Freedom Day	
<b>Language(s)</b>	Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu	

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Parliamentary Republic

**Type of Government**

Executive: President elected by the National Assembly for a 5-year term (eligible for a second term).

Legislative: Bicameral Parliament – National Assembly (400 members) and National Council of Provinces (90 members).

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**Ministers:** International Relations and Cooperation: Naledi Pandor  
Trade & Industry: Ebrahim Patel  
Finance: Tito Titus Mboweni

**Main Political Parties**  
African National Congress (ANC), Democratic Alliance (DA), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), National Freedom Party (NFP), United Democratic Movement (UDM), Freedom Front Plus (FFP), Congress of the People (COPE).

**Elections:** Last: 2019 (legislative-lower and upper house). Next: 2024 (legislative-lower and upper house).

## Economic Information: (2019) IMF (estimates)

	South Africa	Canada
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	\$472.16	\$2,277.52
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$8,026.78	\$60,806.37
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	0.15	1.64
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	4.13	1.95
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	28.70	5.67

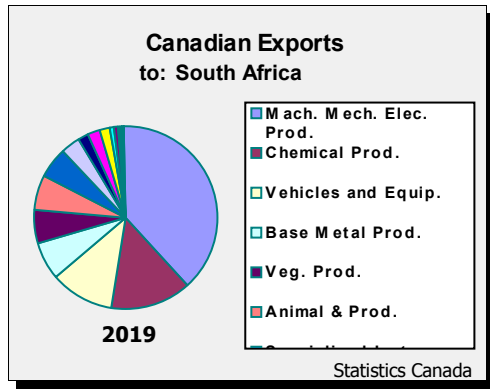
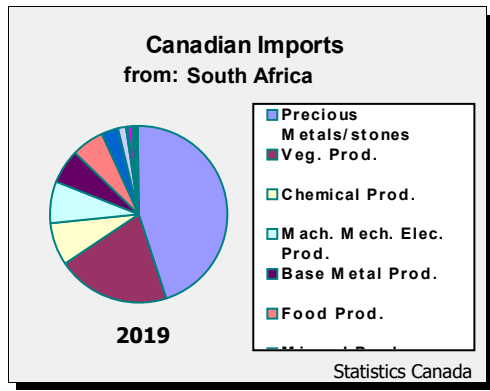
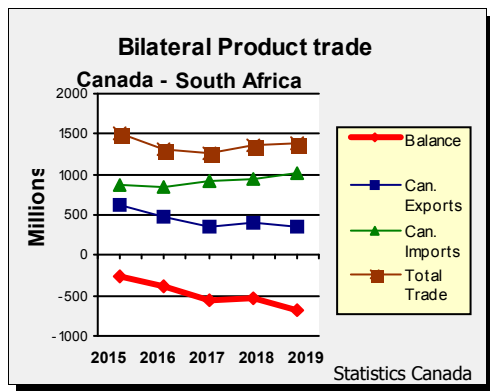
## Product Trade and Investment: (2019) Statistics Canada

<b>Canadian Exports:</b>	\$354,823,862
<b>Canadian Imports :</b>	\$1,027,171,062
<b>Foreign Direct Investment in Canada</b>	\$2,010 (million)
<b>Canadian Direct Investment in country</b>	\$859 (million)

## Representation:

**Foreign Representation in Canada**  
High Commissioner Sibongiseni Dlamini-Mntambo

**Canadian Representation Abroad**  
Acting High Commissioner Chris Cooter



Sources:  
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