United Kingdom

**Official Title:** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

### General Information:

- **Capital:** London
- **Population (million):** 66.87
- **Total Area:** 244,820 km²
- **Currency:** 1 CAN$=0.59 Pound (GBP) (2019 - Annual average)
- **National Holiday:**
- **Language(s):** English, Welsh, Scots, Gaelic

### Political Information:

- **Type of State:** Constitutional monarchy
- **Type of Government:** Parliamentary democracy. Bicameral parliament with a 650-seat House of Commons and a House of Lords (upper house). Prime Minister (leader of the largest party or coalition in parliament). Cabinet of Ministers appointed by the Prime Minister. Administrative divisions: 3 devolved assemblies, 9 English regions, and 418 local authorities. Governing party: Conservative Party.

#### Head of State

Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II (Accession 1952)

#### Head of Government

Prime Minister
Boris Johnson (Con)

#### Ministers:

- Foreign Secretary: Dominic Raab
- Trade Secretary: Elizabeth Truss
- Development Secretary: Anne-Marie Trevelyan
- Defence Secretary: Ben Wallace

#### Main Political Parties

- Conservative (Con), Labour (Lab), Scottish National Party (SNP), Liberal Democrat (LibDem), Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), Sinn Féin (SF), Party of Wales (Plaid Cymru) (PC), Green Party, Alliance, Social Democratic & Labour Party (SDLP)

House of Commons: Con (365), Lab (202), SNP (47), Independent (1), LibDem (11), DUP (8), SF (7), PC (4), Green Party (1), Speaker (1), SDLP (2), Alliance (1).

#### Elections:

Monarchy is hereditary. House of Commons (5 year term). Next on May 2, 2024.

### Economic Information: (2019)

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<td>GDP: (billion)</td>
<td>$3,609.98</td>
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<td>GDP per capita</td>
<td>$53,987.15</td>
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<td>GDP Growth rate: (%)</td>
<td>1.41</td>
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### Product Trade and Investment: (2019)

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<td>Canadian Direct Investment in country</td>
<td>$106,989 (million)</td>
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### Representation:

**Foreign Representation in Canada**

High Commissioner Susan le Jeune d'Allegheersheque

**Canadian Representation Abroad**

High Commissioner Janice Charette

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