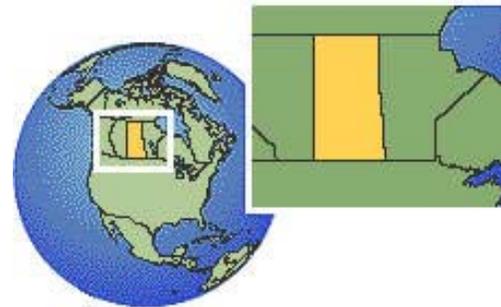




Fact Sheet Saskatchewan

SASKATCHEWAN'S PLACE IN THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

Saskatchewan's key economic sectors are advanced technology (biotech), agri-value (food processing), forestry (more than half is forested – about 355,000 square kilometers), manufacturing (top quality farm equipment), minerals (third-largest non-fuel mineral-producing province in Canada), and oil and gas (second-highest oil-producing and the third-highest natural gas producing province). In the heart of Canada's Bread Basket, Saskatchewan offers agricultural opportunities that are as plentiful as its producers.



Saskatchewan's Top 5 Imports 2003 (% of total imports)

Machinery	29.2%
Motor vehicles & parts	14.0%
Misc. Chemical	7.5%
Iron and steel	5.1%
Electrical machinery & equipment	4.6%

Saskatchewan Import Suppliers 2003 (% of total imports)

United States	89.3%
Germany	1.7%
China	1.0%
Japan	1.0%
United Kingdom	0.9%

Saskatchewan's Top 5 Exports 2003 (% of total exports)

Mineral fuels and oils	31.6%
Fertilizers	18.7%
Cereals	14.7%
Oil seeds	7.5%
Vegetables	3.6%

Saskatchewan's Export Market 2003 (% of total exports)

United States	63.8%
Japan	4.8%
China	4.0%
Belgium	2.3%
Mexico	2.2%

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- ◆ 995,000 people live in Saskatchewan
- ◆ Current GDP is \$M20,432 (US)
- ◆ GDP/capita is \$20,535 (US)
- ◆ Several national companies have established telephone call centers in Saskatchewan
- ◆ Food processing, the largest industry, accounts for more than 20% of it's total manufacturing/processing output
- ◆ Saskatchewan's first-rate manufacturing sector has some 30,000 employees and generated \$US5.8 billion in manufacturing shipments during 2003
- ◆ Forestry contributes more than \$US577 million annually into the provincial economy
- ◆ Over 10,000 people in some 250 companies generate over \$US620 million each year in the ICT industry.
- ◆ Saskatchewan offers extensive research and technological support, and Canada's largest renewable bio-product resources.
- ◆ The biggest science project in Canada in three decades, the Canadian Light Source synchrotron is in Saskatoon.
- ◆ Health care in Saskatchewan is funded by the provincial and federal governments. There are no personal premiums for basic and needed health services and employers do not pay premiums for provincial health care costs for their employees.

Sources: Industry Canada, Government of Saskatchewan, Statistics Canada

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