

# Italy

**Official Title** Italian Republic



## General Information:

**Capital** Rome

**Total Area** 301,230 km<sup>2</sup>      **Population (million)** 58.880

**Currency** 1 CAN\$= 0.64 EURO (EUR)(2008)

**National Holiday** June 2, Anniversary of the Founding of the Republic (1946)

**Language(s)** Italian and German, French, Slovene

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Parliamentary democracy

### Type of Government

Parliamentary democracy. Bicameral parliament with a 315-seat Senate, including 7 non-elected senators-for-life, and a 630-seat Chamber of Deputies (Camera dei Deputati). Prime Minister (generally leader of the majority party or of the majority coalition) appointed by the President and confirmed by Parliament. Council of Ministers nominated by the Prime Minister and approved by the President. Administrative divisions: 20 regions, 5 among them with partial autonomy.

**Head of State** President      Giorgio Napolitano

### Head of Government

Prime Minister      Silvio Berlusconi

**Ministers** Foreign Affairs: Franco Frattini  
 Defence : Ignazio La Russa  
 Economy & Finance: Giulio Tremonti

### Main Political Parties

Governing Coaliton: People's Freedom Party, Northern League, Movement for Autonomy; Democratic Party, Italy of Values, Union of Christian and Center Democrats  
 Chamber of Deputies: People's Freedom Party (276), Northern League(60), Movement for Autonomy (8), Democratic Party(217) Italy of Values (29), Union of Christian and Center Democrats (36), Südtiroler Volkspartei (2), Association for Italians Abroad (1), Independent (1)  
 Senate: People's Freedom Party (174), Democratic Party (118) Italy of Values (14) Union of Christian and Center Democrats (3), Südtiroler Volkspartei (4) Vallée D'Aoste (1) Association for Italians Abroad (1)

**Elections** President: 7 year term. Senate and Deputies: 5 year term; next Presidential in 2013, and Parliamentary in 2013.

## Economic Information: (2007)

	Italy	Canada
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	\$2,262.06	\$1,543.48
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$38,418.24	\$46,940.04
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	1.57	2.92
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	2.04	2.15
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	6.15	6.03

## Trade and investment: (2008)

<b>Canadian Exports to Italy</b>	\$2,347,429,782
<b>Canadian Imports from Italy</b>	\$5,116,843,998
<b>Foreign Direct Investment in Canada</b>	\$1,052 (million) (2007)
<b>Canadian Direct Investment to Italy</b>	\$1,138 (million) (2007)

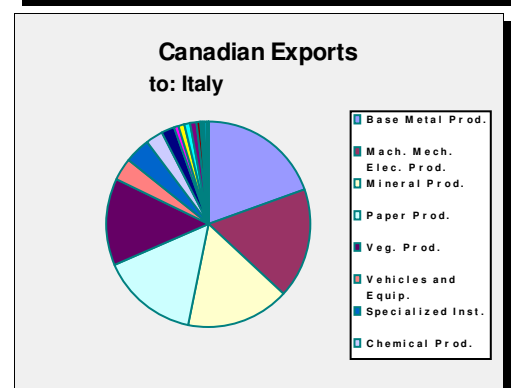
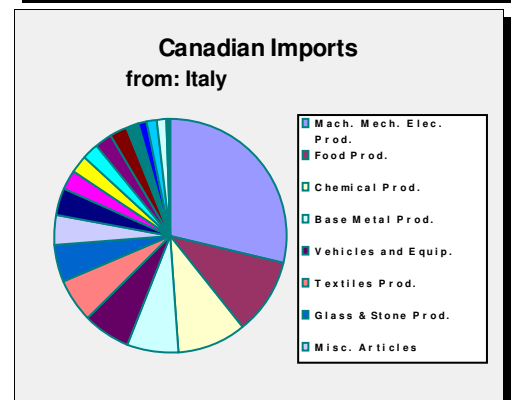
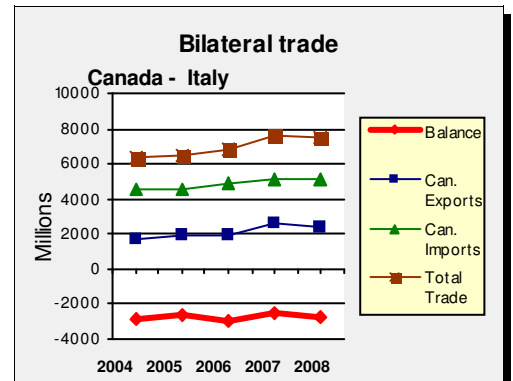
## Representation:

### Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Gabriele Sardo

### Canadian Representation Abroad

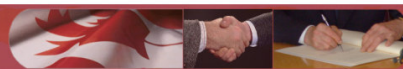
Ambassador Alex Himelfarb



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