

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

CANADA–GHANA

GHANA'S PROFILE

Economic Indicators

- Gross domestic product (GDP) at purchasing power parity (PPP): US\$121.1 billion (2016)
- GDP per capita at PPP: US\$4,300 (2016)
- Population: 28.2 million (2016)
- International merchandise exports and imports: 57.7% of GDP at official exchange rates (2016)
- Canada's 72nd largest merchandise trade partner (2016)
- Ease of Doing Business ranking: 108th among 190 countries (2016)
- World Competitiveness ranking: 114th among 138 countries (2016)

Notable Trade and Investment Agreements between Canada and Ghana

- Canada–Ghana Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (negotiations commenced in 2011)



NOTES

The Library of Parliament's Trade and Investment series provides information on Canada's trade and investment relationship with the world and with selected countries. It also describes the trade relationship of each of Canada's 10 provinces and three territories with the world. In addition, it presents Canada's merchandise trade relationship with each of the United States' 50 states.

All figures were prepared using Statistics Canada data available in summer 2017.

To see the data tables used to generate the figures, view the HTML version of this profile at [Trade and Investment Series 2016](#).

The merchandise trade data are customs-based; the foreign direct investment data are balance of payments-based. Services trade data are unavailable for Ghana.

Numbers in this profile have been rounded.

Definitions appear at the end of this profile.

All dollar amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

The five most highly valued merchandise export and import categories have been identified based on 2016 values.

In the Economic Indicators section, data for GDP at PPP, GDP per capita at PPP, population, and international merchandise exports and imports as a share of GDP are from the World Bank's World Development Indicators database. The merchandise trade ranking is based on Statistics Canada data. The Ease of Doing Business ranking is from the World Bank's Doing Business project. The World Competitiveness ranking is from the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report.

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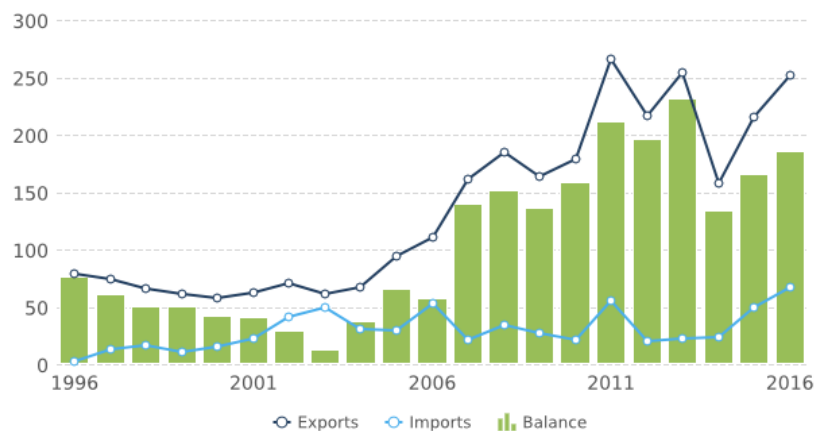
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CANADA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE WITH GHANA

Merchandise Trade

(\$ millions)

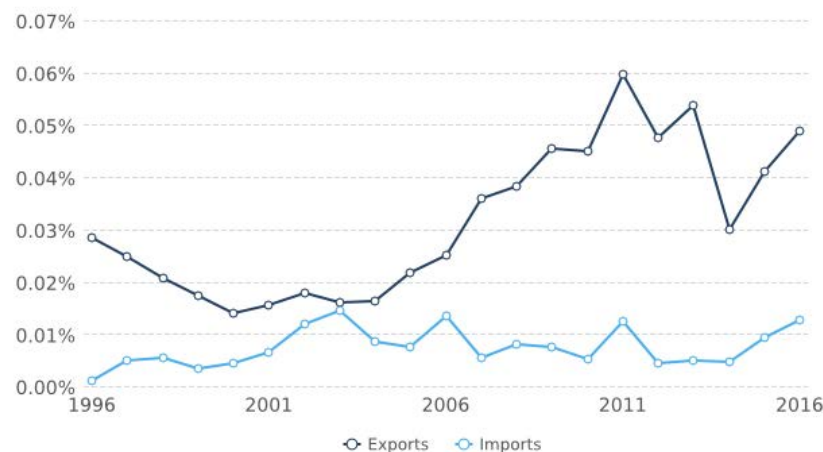


Bilateral merchandise trade in 2016:
\$319.5 million

- Exports: \$252.3 million, a 17.1% increase from 2015
- Imports: \$67.2 million, a 35.0% increase from 2015

Trade surplus in 2016:
\$185.1 million, an increase from
\$165.7 million in 2015

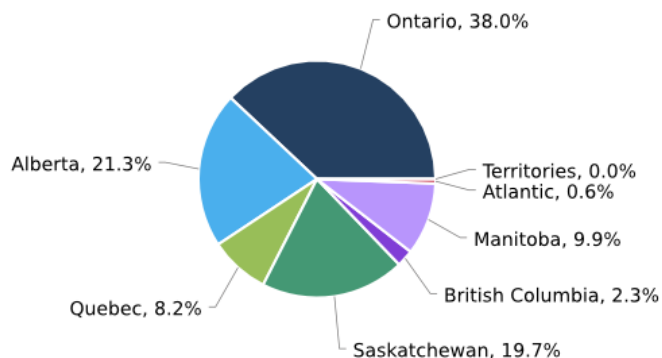
Share of the Total Value of Canadian Trade



Exports in 2016:
0.05% of the total value of
Canadian exports, an increase
from 0.04% in 2015

Imports in 2016:
0.01% of the total value of
Canadian imports, unchanged
from 2015

Share of Exports by Province/Territory

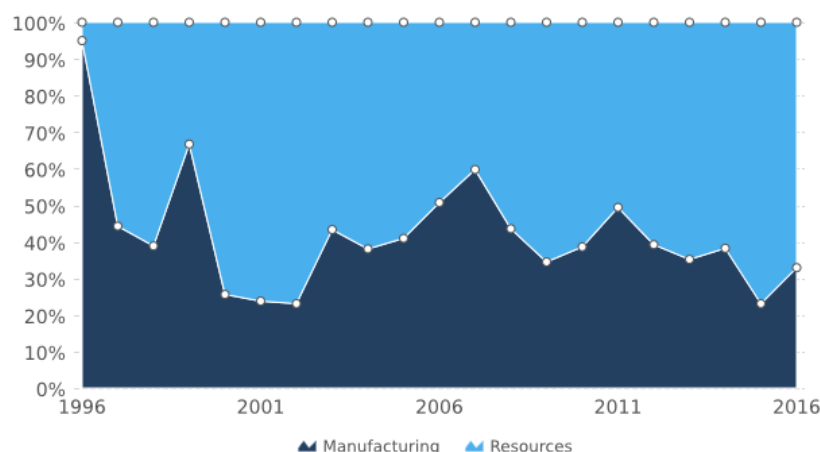


Highest-valued exporters in 2016:

- Ontario – \$95.9 million, an increase from \$63.7 million in 2015
- Alberta – \$53.8 million, an increase from \$48.7 million in 2015

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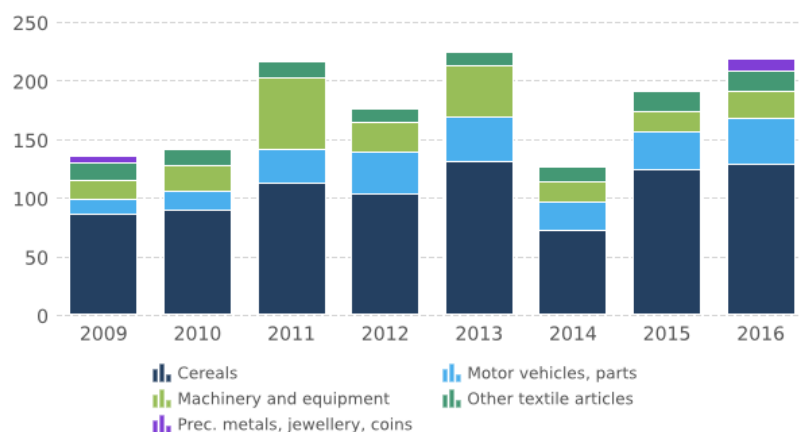
Share of Exports by Sector



Exports in 2016:

- Resource-based goods – 67.1%, a decrease from 76.9% in 2015
- Manufactured goods – 32.9%, an increase from 23.1% in 2015

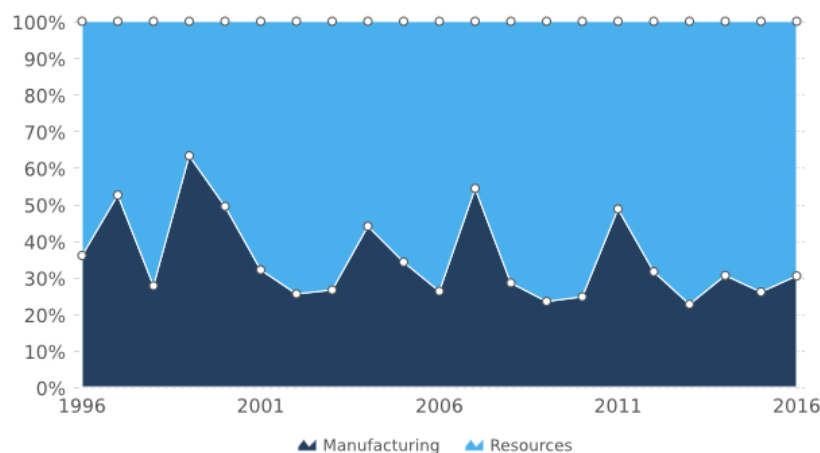
Most Highly Valued Exports by Product Category (\$ millions)



Highest-valued exports in 2016: Wheat and motor vehicles, together accounting for 65.5% of the total value of Canadian exports to Ghana

- Wheat: \$128.5 million, an increase from \$123.5 million in 2015
- Motor vehicles: \$36.7 million, an increase from \$30.1 million in 2015

Share of Imports by Sector

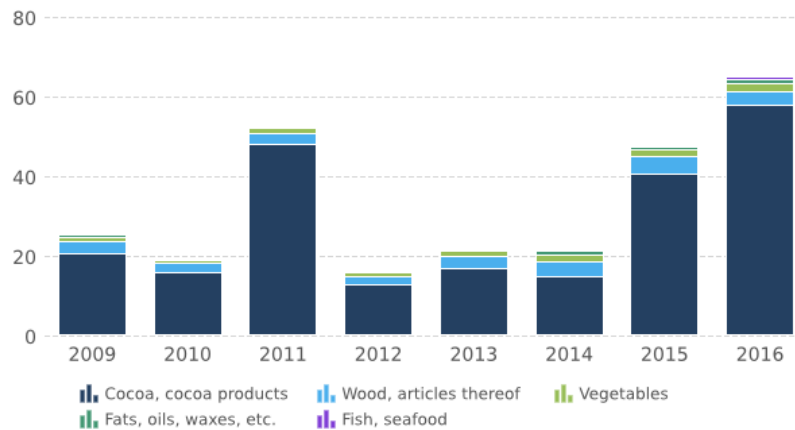


Imports in 2016:

- Resource-based goods – 69.6%, a decrease from 74.0% in 2015
- Manufactured goods – 30.4%, an increase from 26.0% in 2015

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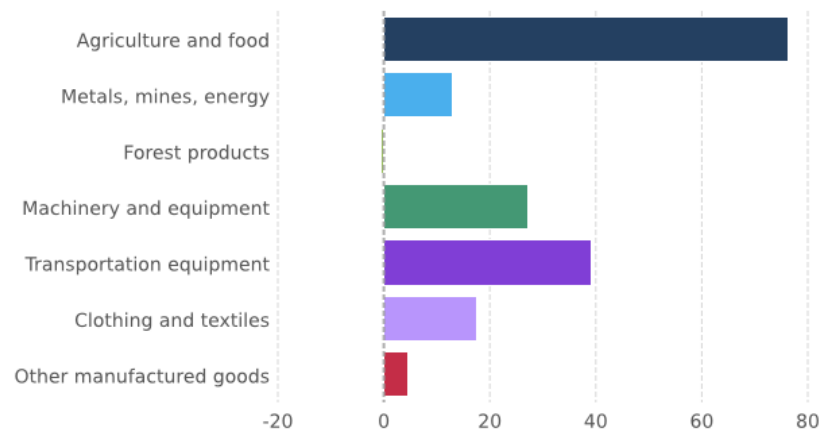
Most Highly Valued Imports by Product Category
(\$ millions)



Highest-valued imports in 2016: Cocoa beans and cocoa paste, together accounting for 86.1% of the total value of Canadian imports from Ghana

- Cocoa beans: \$44.0 million, an increase from \$34.9 million in 2015
- Cocoa paste: \$13.9 million, an increase from \$5.6 million in 2015

Trade Balance by Product Category
(\$ millions)

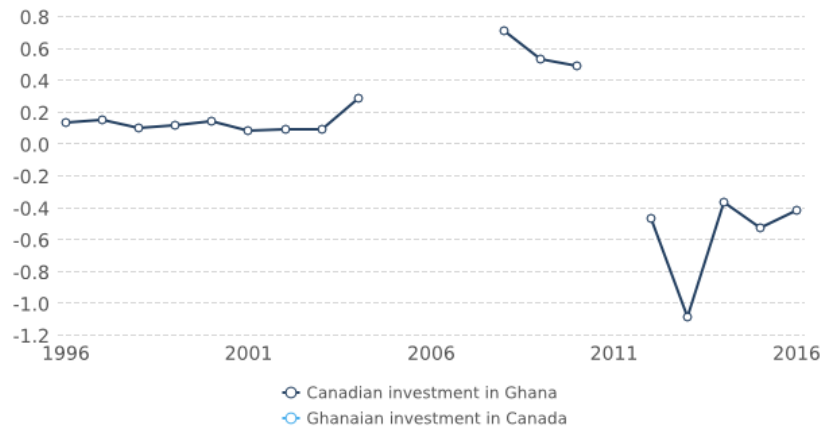


Largest merchandise trade deficit in 2016: Forest products, at \$539,100

Largest merchandise trade surplus in 2016: Agriculture and food, at \$76.4 million

CANADA'S FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT WITH GHANA

Stock of Foreign Direct Investment
(\$ billions)



Stock of Canadian direct investment in Ghana in 2016:

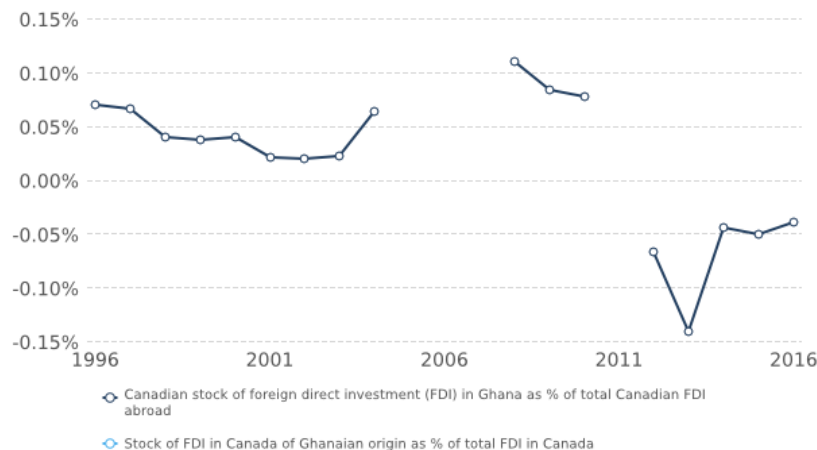
\$-419.0 million, a change from -\$532.0 million in 2015

Ghana as a destination for Canadian foreign direct investment among the 120 countries for which data were available for 2016: 120th largest

Data on Ghanaian direct investment in Canada are not available

Data on Canadian direct investment in Ghana are not available for 2005 to 2007 and 2011

Share of Foreign Direct Investment Stock



-0.04% of Canada's foreign direct investment stock was in Ghana in 2016, an increase from -0.05% in 2015

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DEFINITIONS

Balance of payments–based data: Balance of payments–based data calculate trade flows using surveys of international trade and investment activity of firms and other entities.

Balance of trade: The trade balance is the difference between the value of exports and the value of imports. There is a trade surplus if the value of exports exceeds the value of imports. There is a trade deficit if the value of imports exceeds the value of exports.

Customs-based data: Customs-based data are compiled from declarations filed with the Canada Border Services Agency and are used to track the flow of goods into and out of Canada.

Foreign direct investment (FDI): FDI occurs when an investor residing in one country holds at least 10% equity in an enterprise resident in another country. The stock of FDI is the value of the accumulated equity owned by investors abroad; the stock changes from year to year based on flows of FDI.

Gross domestic product (GDP): GDP measures an economy's total production in a given year. As one entity's income is another entity's spending, GDP is equal to the total value of final sales or to the total value of incomes.

Manufactured goods: Manufactured goods are finished or semi-finished products resulting from the transformation of materials and substances into new products (North American Industry Classification System, or NAICS, codes 31 to 33) and the output of establishments primarily engaged in operating electric, gas and water utilities (NAICS code 22).

Merchandise trade: Merchandise trade refers to trade in physical goods, such as cars, wheat and iron ore.

Purchasing power parity (PPP): To adjust for price differences across countries for identical products, a calculation of GDP that uses PPP assumes that a given product has the same price in each country.

Resource-based goods: Resource-based goods are products of the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting sector (NAICS code 11), as well as the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction sector (NAICS code 21).