Canada’s Provinces and Territories
First Nations People at Contact with Europeans
This map shows the locations of First Nations people at the time of their first sustained contact with Europeans. The times of contact vary, depending on the area. For the East Coast and Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River region, the date was 1534; for the southern Plains of what is now Canada, it was 1754; for the West Coast it was 1778.

Two names appear for many First Nations people. The top one is the name given by Europeans. The name in red is the one preferred by First Nations people.
Territorial Evolution of North America

1608–1763

1763–1791

1791–1841

Legend

- British
- French
- American
- British/American

--- Colonial or territorial border

After 1776, the British Colonies became the United States. The term “Indian Territory” is historical. Today we use “First Nations.”
Territorial Evolution of Canada

1866

British Territory/Colony
American
- Colonial or territorial border
- Unresolved border
British Columbia reached its present boundaries in 1866

1898

1905

2001

Legend

0 500 1000 kilometres
Physical Features and Regions of Canada
Population Distribution of Canada
Francophone Population in Canada
Climate of Some Canadian Cities

THUNDER BAY
Total Precipitation: 712 mm

CALGARY
Total Precipitation: 413 mm

RESOLUTE
Total Precipitation: 150 mm

MONTRÉAL
Total Precipitation: 1056 mm

VANCOUVER
Total Precipitation: 1199 mm

HALIFAX
Total Precipitation: 1508 mm

Legend
- Temperature
- Precipitation
Vegetation in Canada
Energy Resources in Canada
Agricultural Products and Forestry Resources in Canada
Transportation in Canada

Legend
- Trans-Canada Highway
- Highways and roads
- Major railways
- Airports
- Ports

Busiest Ports
- Vancouver
- Sept-Îles
- Contrecoeur
- Saint John
- Québec/Levis

Busiest Airports
- Toronto
- Vancouver
- Montréal
- Calgary
- Edmonton