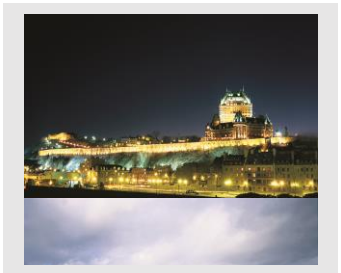


Québec



The province of Québec is characterized by its vast territory covering over 1,600,000 km² and counting more than 500 000 lakes and rivers. It is North America's largest renewable energy producer. Electricity satisfies 37% of Québec's energy needs, 99% of which is generated from renewable sources.

Driven by its will to fight climate changes and to build a new, strong, low-carbon economy while taking advantage of its innovative sectors, Québec adopted *The 2030 Energy Policy*, a policy that includes ambitious targets to be achieved by 2030, such as:

- enhance energy efficiency by 15%
- reduce by 40% the amount of petroleum products consumed
- eliminate the use of thermal coal
- increase by 25% overall renewable energy output
- increase by 50% bioenergy production



GOVERNEMENT

Head of Government Philippe Couillard	Assumed Office April 23, 2014	Length of Term 4 years
Party Affiliation Québec Liberal Party	Next Election October 2018	

Capital: Québec City

Population: 8 326 089

Area: 1 667 712 km²
(1 036 268 miles²)

Language: French official language

Unemployment Rate: 5.6% (2018, Ministère des Finances)

GDP (Québec): 415.6 G\$ (est. 2017)

GDP per capita: 37,884 US\$ PPP (2016)

GDP (Canada): 2 144.4 G\$ (est. 2017)

GDP per capita: 44,946 US\$ (2016)

MAJOR INDUSTRIES

The cleantech sector

In Québec, there are approximately a thousand organizations linked to cleantech, including 500 innovative companies and 200 public research groups.

- Energy
- Aerospace
- Agro-food
- Automotive – Electric Vehicle and Autonomous vehicle
- Gaming
- Life sciences
- Infrastructure and Construction

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

- Desjardins
- METRO
- Banque nationale
- Bell Canada Enterprise (BCE)
- Hydro-Québec
- Sobeys
- Groupe Jean Coutu
- Bombardier
- George Weston

TRADE

Exports (2017): 85 283 888 k\$

Major products: Aircraft, aluminum, cathodes, heavy petroleum oil preparations, iron ores & concentrates, lumber, newsprint, parts of turbo jets or turbo propellers, electrical energy, trucks

Imports (2017): 91 698 064 k\$

Major products: Motor vehicles, crude petroleum oils, light oils & preparations, trucks, parts of airplanes or helicopters, parts of turbo jets or turbo propellers, heavy petroleum oil preparations, medicaments, aluminum oxides