

# Québec successful



Old Québec at night, seen from the Price Building  
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## QUÉBEC – INDIA

### TRADING FACTS



#### Bilateral trade with India

- In 2023: **14,875 crores** - (CA\$2,43 billion)

### A STABLE, HIGH-ENERGY BUSINESS CLIMATE



#### Innovation hub

- Québec is recognized the world over for its **creativity and expertise and the success** of its productions, especially in the video game, visual effects and animation industries.
- Québec's level of **investment in research and development** is the highest in Canada.
- Its 18 institutions of higher **learning**, many of which rank among the world's top universities, in addition to nearly 140 colleges and CEGEP with campuses across Québec.
- The province's **industrial clusters, excellence hubs and industrial research coalitions** help make Québec even more competitive in its driving sectors whilst **fostering collaboration between the academic community and industry**.



#### Natural resources

- The **abundance of natural resources** and vast energy potential of Québec's north create numerous business opportunities.
- Québec has deposits of several **rare materials** used in batteries, including lithium, graphite and cobalt.
- Québec is **one of the world's biggest producers of hydroelectricity**, with essentially 100% of its electricity coming from renewable sources.
- Québec supplies a full range of traditional and engineered **wood products** for a multitude of construction applications.

## ABOUT QUÉBEC

### POPULATION

- **8,87 million**
- **22.6%** of the Canadian population

### LANGUAGE

- French is the official language
- French is the mother tongue of **80%** of the population
- **45%** of the population speaks both English and French

### GDP

- **CA\$565,8 billion**  
(34,60,550 crores ₹ IN)
- Accounts for just under **19.6%** of Canada's GDP

### EDUCATION

#### Creative, innovative, competitive

- **89%** of the population has completed secondary or higher education
- **29%** of Quebecers aged 25 to 64 hold university degrees

# NOTABLE SECTORS OF EXCELLENCE



## Ground transportation

- Québec's modern, efficient transportation infrastructure allows for the shipment of goods by road, rail, air and sea. A thriving ground transportation equipment industry is known for its creativity and its success in producing bold, futuristic, workable ideas.



## Cleantech

- Approximately 330 Québec companies offer green technologies. Québec companies have acquired extensive expertise in the treatment of emissions and resulting effluents as well as in the production of renewable energies such as hydroelectricity and wind power. Environmental consulting is another of Québec's strengths that is recognized around the world. Indeed, Québec can count on a large pool of companies specializing in environmental engineering, the manufacture of a variety of systems and equipment, and the design and use of air, water, soil and waste treatment processes.



## Aerospace

- The 41,000 workers, 230 companies, and aerospace innovation zone, Espace Aéro, of Québec's aerospace industry make it the fifth largest in the world. It also boasts a number of internationally reputed contractors and equipment suppliers.



## Information and communication technology

- A solid IT industry with over 660,000 professionals and 10,000 businesses, which plays a pivotal role in the economy and in Québec's international outreach.



## Life sciences

- This industry is made up of the following three sub-sectors: biopharmaceuticals, medical technologies and natural health products. More than 1,150 companies employ around 38,000 people. They are also several large multinationals in the biopharmaceutical and medical equipment sectors.



## Artificial intelligence (AI)

- Québec and in particular its largest city, Montréal, are gaining more and more recognition in the international AI sector. Montréal is home to an unparalleled critical mass of AI researchers and doctoral candidates – many of them leading global authorities – as well as pioneering companies.



## Aluminium

- Québec is 4<sup>th</sup> global aluminium producer, 9 of the 10 aluminium smelters in Canada are in Québec, and it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest export sector in Québec.
- A complete value chain of close to 38,000 jobs, 1,700 manufacturers, and 2,400 suppliers.
- 75% of the North American primary aluminium production capacity with 2,8M metric tons in 2023, 50+ equipment manufacturers.

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