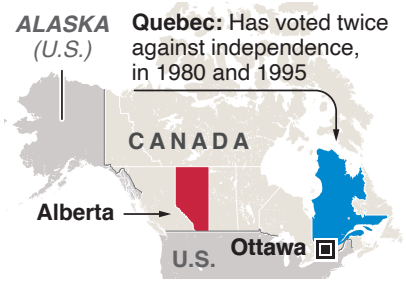
Alberta to vote on remaining in Canada

Alberta will hold a referendum on whether the oil-rich province should remain in Canada or pursue a binding independence vote, marking the country's most significant test of unity in decades





*Alberta's Premier **Danielle Smith** and Prime Minister **Mark Carney***

■ Growing independence movement fuelled by anger over natural resource policy, with some Albertans blaming federal government for hindering province's oil and gas industry in favour of pro-climate legislation





Alberta

Area:	**661,848 sq. km**
Population:	**4.9 million** *(2024)*
GDP:	**$452bn** *(2023)*
Exports to U.S.:	**$162.1bn** *(2024)*



Canada
Including Alberta

Area:	**9,984,670 sq. km**
Population:	**41 million** *(2026)*
GDP:	**$2.42 trillion** *(2026)*
Exports to U.S.:	**$547.4 billion** *(2024)*

Sources: Canada Government, IMF, EIA, Reuters

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