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By most standards Canada is among the world's leaders in telecommunications capacity: telephones and TV sets per capita, annual phone calls per capita, number of cable-delivered TV channels, and percentage of households with cable-TV.

Canadians telephone around the world almost as easily as they call across town, in most cases by direct dialing on circuits linking Canada to more than 180 countries, protectorates and territories.

Many communications services are provided by satellite technology. Canada was the third country, after the United States and the USSR, to put a satellite into orbit. Now Canada has eight satellites providing communications services.

For the past several years computer technology has played a growing role in communications. There are more than 16,000 large computer installations across Canada costing \$17,000 or more. Microcomputers generated about \$820 million in sales in 1983. The supporting software industry added another \$600 million.