



Quick Facts

Alberta

Demographics

- Population: 3,306,359 (Jan 2006)
Canadian Population: 34.2 million
- Population Growth (2004-2005): 1.6%
Canadian Population Growth: 0.9%
- Median Age (2001): 35.0 years
Canadian Median Age: 37.6 years
- Visible Minority Population: 11.2% (2001)
Canadian Minority Population: 13.4%
- Urbanized: 80.9% (2001)

Aboriginal Population

- Aboriginal Population in Alberta: 156,225
Percentage of Canadian Aboriginal Population: 16%
- Average Age: 23.4 years
Canadian Average: 24.7 years
- Unemployment Rate: 14.9%
- Median income: \$14,786
- Percentage over 15 years with a high school diploma: 52%

Source: Statistics Canada Aboriginal Peoples Survey 2001

Key Economic Indicators

Year	2005	2006	2007f
(\$ Millions 1997)	137,647	143,641	148,348
Percentage change	4.9%	4.3%	3.3%
GDP at Basic Prices Canada (\$ Millions 1997)	1,155,947	1,190,410	1,227,209
Percentage change	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%
Inflation Rate (CPI-based)	2.1%	2.5%	2.4%
Inflation Rate Canada	2.4%	2.5%	2.0%
Retail Sales (\$ Millions)	48,935	53,126	55,147
Percentage Change	12.8%	8.6%	3.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.0%	4.2%
Unemployment Rate Canada	6.7%	6.7%	6.9%
Employment (000s)	1,787	1,829	1,865
Percentage Change	1.6%	2.4%	2.0%
Average Weekly Wages (\$)	773.00	802.5	825.8
Percentage Change	5.4%	3.8%	2.9%
Housing Starts (Number of Units)	40,847	37,850	33,429
Percentage Change	12.6%	-7.3%	-11.7%

Source: Conference Board of Canada Metropolitan Outlook (Winter 2006)

Top Five Exports by Merchandise Type (\$ millions)

	2003	2004	Percent Change
Mineral Fuels & Oils	40,120	46,204	15.2%
Plastics	1,861	2,480	33.3%
Organic Chemicals	1,124	2,163	92.4%
Machinery	1,652	1,998	20.9%
Meat	1,401	1,959	39.8%

Source: International Trade Canada