

INDICATOR	UNITS	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
ANNUAL AGGREGATE INDICATORS										
Population (July 1)	thousands	3,948.5	3,983.1	4,011.3	4,039.2	4,078.4	4,115.4	4,154.6	4,201.9	4,254.5
Gross domestic product (chained)	\$1997 millions	114,383	115,883	119,604	125,145	125,924	130,324	133,888	139,205	n/a
Personal income	\$1997 millions	95,925	97,163	99,087	103,286	104,417	104,470	105,919	108,995	n/a
Capital investment	\$millions	22,551.7	20,818.9	21,151.7	21,799.1	23,414.3	23,731.6	25,434.1	29,664.7	32,256.7
Business incorporations	number	22,958	20,759	21,009	21,515	19,749	21,262	23,243	25,428	28,593
Business bankruptcies	number	898	1,031	1,077	980	1,101	1,107	1,002	921	786
Consumer bankruptcies	number	7,368	7,324	8,181	9,184	9,476	9,531	9,385	8,378	8,173
LABOUR STATISTICS										
Labour force	thousands	2,030.6	2,038.3	2,064.8	2,079.9	2,082.6	2,147.6	2,190.7	2,221.9	2,263.4
Employment	thousands	1,860.5	1,858.4	1,894.4	1,931.3	1,921.6	1,965.0	2,014.7	2,062.7	2,130.5
Unemployment rate	percent	8.4	8.8	8.3	7.1	7.7	8.5	8.0	7.2	5.9
Participation rate	percent	65.5	64.9	65.1	64.8	64.0	65.1	65.6	65.5	65.6
PRICES AND EARNINGS										
Consumer price index (B.C.)	1992=100	109.7	110.0	111.2	113.3	115.2	117.9	120.4	122.8	125.3
Average weekly earnings (SEPH)	\$	638.8	643.1	651.0	662.9	667.5	674.8	682.7	696.4	716.4
Average weekly wage rate (LFS)	\$	612.6	621.2	628.8	639.4	648.2	668.0	683.7	686.7	704.5
Wages and salaries	\$millions	53,035	54,174	56,263	60,270	61,496	63,193	65,310	68,265	72,448
FINANCIAL INDICATORS										
Prime rate	percent	4.96	6.60	6.44	7.27	5.81	4.21	4.69	4.00	4.42
Canada/U.S. exchange rate	\$US	0.72	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.65	0.64	0.71	0.77	0.83
Canada/U.S. exchange rate	\$Cdn	1.38	1.48	1.49	1.49	1.55	1.57	1.40	1.30	1.21
Conventional (5 year) mortgage rate	percent	7.07	6.93	7.56	8.35	7.40	7.02	6.39	6.23	5.99
OTHER INDICATORS										
Manufacturing shipments	\$millions	33,495.8	31,756.7	36,678.8	40,699.0	38,302.6	38,511.5	37,243.1	42,343.6	42,927.1
Retail sales	\$millions	36,591	35,762	36,373	38,435	40,719	43,265	44,421	47,216.6	49,901.7
Housing starts	number	29,351	19,931	16,309	14,418	17,234	21,625	26,174	32,925	34,667
Non-residential building permits	\$millions	1,960	2,022	2,104	2,089	2,125	1,771	1,880	2,069.8	3,212.1
Tourism GDP	\$1997 millions	4,700	4,714	4,759	4,876	4,909	5,018	5,056	5,306	n/a
BC product exports	\$millions	26,698.6	25,942.1	29,043.8	33,639.4	31,679.7	28,828.4	28,189.3	30,977.6	34,089.2
COMMODITY DATA										
Lumber production	thousand m3	31,561.6	30,237.9	32,397.1	34,345.5	32,605.7	35,500.9	36,030.9	39,879.3	41,012.9
Market pulp shipments	000 tonnes	4,532	4,462	4,995	5,152	4,710	4,477	4,762	4,724	4,932
Newsprint, other paper & paperboard	000 tonnes	2,649	2,567	3,016	3,126	2,879	2,900	2,919	2,976	2,953
Coal production	000 tonnes	27,876	24,868	24,845	25,682	27,006	24,397	23,061	27,082	25,571
Solid mineral production	\$millions	3,047	2,893	2,445	2,891	2,867	2,864	2,927	3,577	n/a
Log production (timber scale billed)	thousand m3	68,628	64,967	75,998	76,988	72,212	73,519	61,925	92,361	83,134
Electric power generated	GW.h	66,961	67,710	68,045	68,241	57,332	64,945	63,051	60,496	67,627
Farm cash receipts	\$millions	1,739	1,814	1,906	2,048	2,224	2,195	2,285	2,407	2,531
Oil & natural gas & gas by-products	\$millions	1,599	1,569	2,177	4,786	5,663	4,251	6,185	n/a	n/a
Landed value of fish products	\$millions	419	307	309	367	360	359	371	390	n/a

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, Ministry of Energy Mines, BCSTATS

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