

SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

	UNITS	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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
Gross domestic product (chained)	\$2002 millions	121,177	122,766	126,708	132,578	133,403	138,193
Personal income	\$2002 millions	103,927	105,295	107,484	111,992	113,083	113,451
Capital investment	\$millions	22,551.7	20,818.9	21,151.7	21,799.1	23,414.3	23,731.6
Business incorporations	number	22,958	20,759	21,009	21,515	19,749	21,262
Business bankruptcies	number	898	1,031	1,077	980	1,101	1,105
Consumer bankruptcies	number	7,368	7,324	8,181	9,184	9,476	9,531
LABOUR STATISTICS							
Labour force	thousands	2,030.6	2,038.3	2,064.8	2,079.9	2,082.6	2,147.6
Employment	thousands	1,860.5	1,858.4	1,894.4	1,931.3	1,921.6	1,965.0
Unemployment rate	percent	8.4	8.8	8.3	7.1	7.7	8.5
Participation rate	percent	65.5	64.9	65.1	64.8	64.0	65.1
PRICES AND EARNINGS							
Consumer price index (annual % change)	2002=100	0.8	0.3	1.1	1.8	1.7	2.4
Average weekly earnings (SEPH) <i>(Survey of Employment, Payrolls & Hours)</i>	\$	638.8	643.1	651.0	662.9	663.8	672.0
Average weekly wage rate (LFS) <i>(Labour Force Survey)</i>	\$	612.6	621.2	628.8	639.4	648.2	668.0
Wages and salaries	\$millions	53,034.5	54,173.5	56,263.5	60,270.2	61,495.9	63,192.7
FINANCIAL INDICATORS (Canada)							
Prime rate	percent	4.96	6.60	6.44	7.27	5.81	4.21
Canada/U.S. exchange rate	\$US	0.72	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.65	0.64
Canada/U.S. exchange rate	\$Cdn	1.38	1.48	1.49	1.49	1.55	1.57
Conventional (5 year) mortgage rate	percent	7.07	6.93	7.56	8.35	7.40	7.02
OTHER INDICATORS							
Manufacturing shipments	\$millions	33,495.8	31,756.7	36,678.8	40,699.0	38,302.6	38,610.1
Retail sales	\$millions	36,591.3	35,761.6	36,372.8	38,434.6	40,718.9	43,265.0
Housing starts	number	29,351	19,931	16,309	14,418	17,234	21,625
Residential building permits	\$millions	3,584.3	2,717.3	2,591.7	2,403.1	2,829.9	3,888.1
Non-residential building permits	\$millions	1,959.5	2,022.4	2,103.8	2,088.9	2,124.9	1,771.3
BC product exports	\$millions	26,698.6	25,942.1	29,043.8	33,639.4	31,679.7	28,828.4
COMMODITY DATA							
Lumber production	thousand m3	31,561.6	30,237.9	32,397.1	34,345.5	32,605.7	35,500.9
Market pulp shipments	000 tonnes	4,532.0	4,462.0	4,995.0	5,152.0	4,710.0	4,477.0
Newsprint, other paper & paperboard	000 tonnes	2,649	2,567	3,016	3,126	2,879	2,900
Coal production	000 tonnes	27,876	24,868	24,845	25,682	27,006	24,397
Solid mineral shipments	\$millions	3,047	2,893	2,445	2,891	2,867	2,864
Log production (timber scale billed)	thousand m3	68,628	64,967	75,998	76,988	72,008	73,386
Electric power generated	GW.h	66,961.3	67,709.7	68,044.9	68,240.9	57,332.1	64,945.0
Farm cash receipts	\$millions	1,738.9	1,814.3	1,906.0	2,048.4	2,224.5	2,195.0
Oil & natural gas & gas by-products	\$millions	1,588	1,574	2,091	4,783	5,666	4,251
Landed value of seafood products	\$millions	604	547	613	667	647	664

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	UNITS	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
ANNUAL AGGREGATE INDICATORS						
Population (July 1)	thousands	4,155.4	4,203.8	4,260.2	4,320.3	4,380.3
Gross domestic product (chained)	\$2002 millions	141,435	146,629	153,208	158,335	
Personal income	\$2002 millions	115,509	120,593	125,902	133,489	
Capital investment	\$millions	25,434.1	29,664.7	33,254.2	37,575.8	38,747.9
Business incorporations	number	23,243	25,428	28,593	30,667	30,824
Business bankruptcies	number	1,002	921	786	587	
Consumer bankruptcies	number	9,385	8,378	8,173	7,021	
LABOUR STATISTICS						
Labour force	thousands	2,190.7	2,221.9	2,263.4	2,305.1	2,366.4
Employment	thousands	2,014.7	2,062.7	2,130.5	2,195.5	2,266.3
Unemployment rate	percent	8.0	7.2	5.9	4.8	4.2
Participation rate	percent	65.6	65.5	65.6	65.7	66.3
PRICES AND EARNINGS						
Consumer price index (annual % change)	2002=100	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.8
Average weekly earnings (SEPH) <i>(Survey of Employment, Payrolls & Hours)</i>	\$	679.7	692.1	712.6	739.8	
Average weekly wage rate (LFS) <i>(Labour Force Survey)</i>	\$	683.7	686.7	704.5	726.0	747.8
Wages and salaries	\$millions	65,310.1	69,383.5	74,448.5	80,805.2	
FINANCIAL INDICATORS (Canada)						
Prime rate	percent	4.69	4.00	4.42	5.81	6.10
Canada/U.S. exchange rate	\$US	0.71	0.77	0.83	0.88	0.93
Canada/U.S. exchange rate	\$Cdn	1.40	1.30	1.21	1.13	1.07
Conventional (5 year) mortgage rate	percent	6.39	6.23	5.99	6.66	7.07
OTHER INDICATORS						
Manufacturing shipments	\$millions	39,691.0	42,146.9	43,212.5	44,552.5	
Retail sales	\$millions	44,421.0	47,216.6	49,286.3	52,626.9	
Housing starts	number	26,174	32,925	34,667	36,443	39,195
Residential building permits	\$millions	4,514.2	5,868.9	6,970.8	7,620.7	
Non-residential building permits	\$millions	1,880.1	2,069.8	3,212.1	3,920.8	
BC product exports	\$millions	28,264.4	30,991.6	34,101.4	33,413.1	
COMMODITY DATA						
Lumber production	thousand m3	36,030.9	39,879.3	41,012.9	41,050.7	
Market pulp shipments	000 tonnes	4,762.0	4,724.0	4,932.0	4,736.0	
Newsprint, other paper & paperboard	000 tonnes	2,919	2,976	2,953	3,019	
Coal production	000 tonnes	23,061	27,082	25,571	21,131	
Solid mineral shipments	\$millions	2,914	3,674	4,925	5,620	
Log production (timber scale billed)	thousand m3	61,925	92,361	83,134	81,526	75,557
Electric power generated	GW.h	63,050.9	60,495.6	67,811.2	62,021.4	
Farm cash receipts	\$millions	2,283.3	2,403.1	2,405.2	2,333.2	
Oil & natural gas & gas by-products	\$millions	6,230	6,784	8,967	7,050	
Landed value of seafood products	\$millions	645	635	703	789	

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