



# Fact Sheet

## British Columbia

### QUICK FACTS

- ◆ Third largest province in Canada
- ◆ Population of over 4.2 million people
- ◆ Over 2 million people living in the Greater Vancouver Area
- ◆ Rich in forestry, freshwater, and fisheries resources
- ◆ Multicultural, gateway to Asia for US exporters

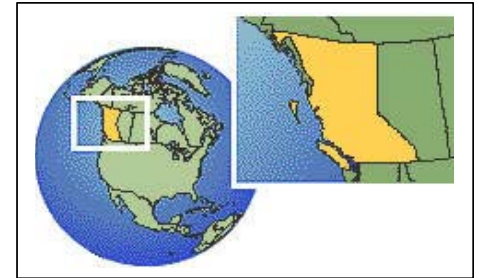
### THE ECONOMY

- ◆ US\$142.8 billion provincial economy
- ◆ Highly business oriented provincial government
- ◆ Over US\$12 billion in imports from the United States (2005)

### EXPORT POTENTIAL

- ◆ US\$700 million in telecom and computer equipment
- ◆ US\$520 million in aerospace equipment
- ◆ US\$450 million in life sciences equipment
- ◆ US\$35 million in environmental technologies

### 2010 Winter Olympics - Vancouver!!!



### KEY INDUSTRIES

- ◆ Forestry  
US\$8.98 billion
- ◆ Construction  
US\$8.53 billion
- ◆ Energy & Mining  
US\$6.62 billion
- ◆ Manufacturing  
US\$ 11,805.69
- ◆ Agriculture  
US\$1.25 billion
- ◆ Broadcasting & Communications  
US\$4.29 billion
- ◆ Accommodation & Food Services  
US\$4.33 billion
- ◆ Fisheries  
US\$412 million

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- ◆ BC major projects total over US\$87 billion

Examples include:

- ◆ Expansion of the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Center
- ◆ Major upgrading of the "Sea to Sky" highway connecting Vancouver to Whistler
- ◆ Building of multiple Olympic Facilities
- ◆ Expansion of the Vancouver International Airport
- ◆ New bridges and port development
- ◆ Improvements in airport, cross border, and inter-provincial security

Sources: Province of British Columbia; Statistics Canada -Fact sheet last updated: August 28, 2006.

Disclaimer: The above statistics are based on the percentage contribution of each industry to the chained 1997-dollar value for GDP on the Stat Canada website. These percentages have been multiplied by the current dollar GDP to achieve an industry breakdown and then converted to US dollars.

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