

British Columbia



Area: 365,946 sq. mi. 5th by rank

Population: 4,095,900 (2001) 3rd by rank

Capital: Victoria

Major Cities: Victoria, Vancouver, Surrey

Language: 82.1% English, 16.3% other, 1.6% French

Settled: 1750 by Haida Indians

Admitted to Confederation: July 20, 1871

Provincial flower: Dogwood

Provincial bird: Stellar's Jay

Average January Temperature: Victoria 37.4°F, Vancouver 37.4°F, Prince George 48.2°F

Average July Temperature: Victoria 60°F, Vancouver 62.6°F, Prince George 59°F

Industries & Products: Wood, paper products, food and beverages, petroleum, and coal products, fruits, vegetables, barley, oats, cattle, pigs, sheep and tourism.

Interesting facts: British Columbia is known as Canada's "playground." Glacier skiing is also popular in British Columbia.