

UNUMPROVIDENT CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
RYAN WILLIAM J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BANKNORTH GROUP INC., TWO  
PORTLAND SQUARE, 7TH  
FLOOR

(Street)

PORTLAND, ME 04101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

UNUMPROVIDENT CORP [UNM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

05/17/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/17/2006		A	4,952 (1)	\$ 17.67	12,590 (2)	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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<b>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</b>	<b>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</b>	<b>3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</b>	<b>3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</b>	<b>4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</b>	<b>5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)</b>	<b>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</b>	<b>7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)</b>	<b>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</b>	<b>9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr</b>
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

RYAN WILLIAM J  
BANKNORTH GROUP INC.  
TWO PORTLAND SQUARE, 7TH FLOOR    X  
PORTLAND, ME 04101

## Signatures

/s/ Ryan,  
William J.                                    05/18/2006

\*\*Signature of                                    Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) All are deferred share rights.
- (2) Includes 11,190 deferred share rights.

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