

STATISTICAL PROFILE



	<u>2006 CENSUS POPULATION</u>		<u>LAND AREA</u>		<u>POPULATION DENSITY</u>
	Number	% of Region	Sq. Km.	% of Region	Persons per Sq.Km.
Prince George, C	70,981	28.0%	316.0	0.1%	224.6
Fort St. John, C	17,402	6.9%	22.7	0.0%	765.3
Prince Rupert, C	12,815	5.1%	54.9	0.0%	233.4
Terrace, C	11,320	4.5%	41.5	0.0%	272.6
Dawson Creek, C	10,994	4.3%	22.3	0.0%	492.6
Quesnel, C	9,326	3.7%	35.3	0.0%	263.9
Kitimat, DM	8,987	3.5%	242.6	0.0%	37.0
Smithers, T	5,217	2.1%	15.7	0.0%	332.5
Mackenzie, DM	4,539	1.8%	159.1	0.0%	28.5
Fort Nelson, T	4,514	1.8%	13.3	0.0%	340.4
Vanderhoof, DM	4,064	1.6%	54.9	0.0%	74.1
Houston, DM	3,163	1.2%	72.8	0.0%	43.4
Rest of Region	90,086	35.5%	591,064.4	99.8%	0.2
Total Region	253,408	100.0%	592,115.6	100.0%	0.4
Total BC	4,113,487		925,344.7		4.4
Region as a % of BC	6.2%		64.0%		

NOTE: BC Total Land Area for RD's is different to that of LHA's due to different accounting for water bodies.
Please see the Glossary at <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/sep/index.asp>.

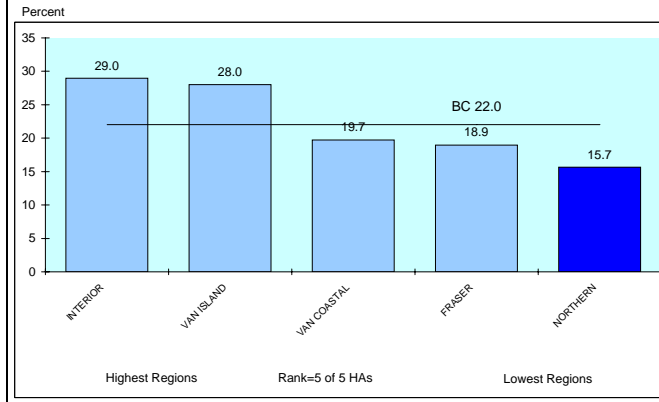
HEALTH AUTHORITY 5 - NORTHERN DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

2008

AGE STRUCTURE

	<u>NORTHERN</u>		<u>NORTHERN</u>		<u>B.C.</u>	
	2008	2008	2018	2008	2018	2018
Population Estimate			(Percent Distribution)			
0-17 years	68,786	24.2	21.6	19.5	18.0	
18-24 years	29,274	10.3	8.4	9.6	7.8	
25-64 years	156,692	55.2	54.3	56.4	56.1	
65+ years	29,159	10.3	15.7	14.5	18.1	
Total	283,911	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dependency Rate (%)						
Child		37.0	34.6	29.5	28.2	
Elderly		15.7	25.1	22.0	28.3	
Total		52.7	59.7	51.5	56.5	

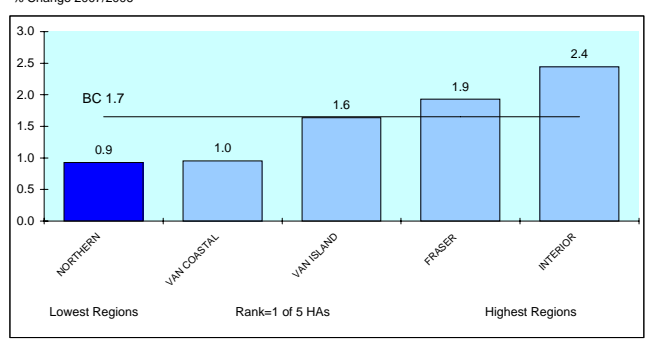
Elderly Dependency Rate - 2008



POPULATION GROWTH

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Annual Average Population Percent Change		
Last year	0.9	1.7
Last 5 years	0.0	1.3
Last 10 years	-0.7	1.0

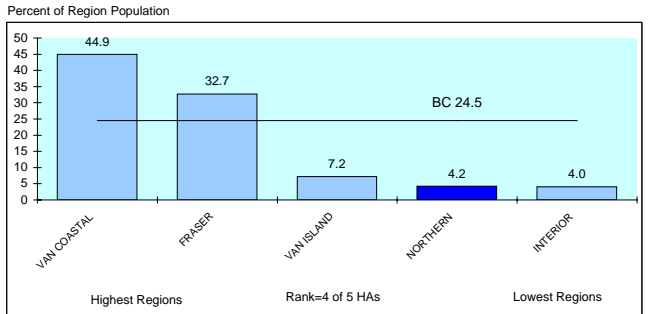
Population Growth



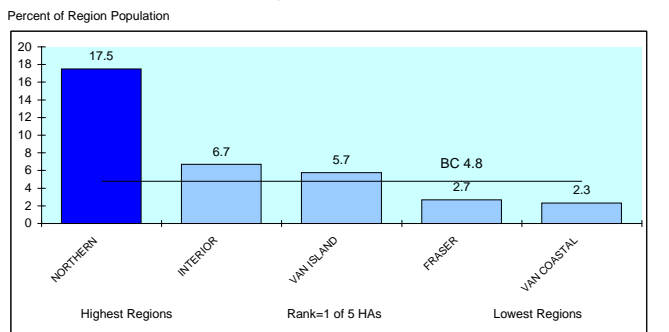
ETHNIC IDENTITY

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
	(Percent Distribution)		
2006			
Total Visible Minorities	11,600	4.2	24.5
Single Origins	11,385	4.1	28.1
Chinese	1,990	0.7	9.9
South Asian	4,985	1.8	6.4
Filipino	1,460	0.5	6.4
Japanese	450	0.2	0.9
Other	2,500	0.9	4.6
Multiple Origins	215	0.1	0.6
Total Aboriginal People	48,050	17.5	4.8
Rest of Population	214,855	78.3	70.7
Total	274,505	100.0	100.0

Visible Minority Population - 2006



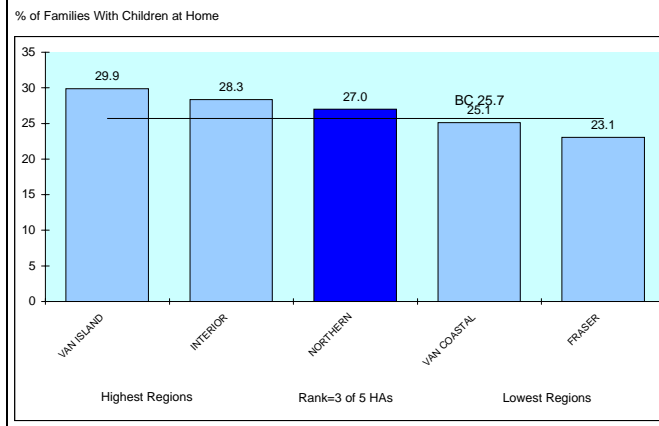
Aboriginal Identity - 2006



FAMILY STRUCTURE

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
	(Percent Distribution)		
Total Census Families - 2006	78,670		
No Children at Home	31,380	39.9	41.3
Children at Home	47,275	60.1	58.7
Families with Children			
Couples	34,520	73.0	74.3
Lone Parents	12,755	27.0	25.7
Avg Number of Children		1.8	1.8
		(% of Total in Economic Families)	
Unattached Individuals	35,725	15.1	17.9

Lone Parent Families as a % of Families With Children at Home - 2006



INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

INCOME LEVELS

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Average Family Income 2005 (\$) (see glossary)		
All Census Families	77,825	80,511
Husband/Wife	84,336	86,574
Female Lone Parent	38,119	43,491
Income Distribution Among Families		
< \$20,000	7.9	8.0
\$20,000 - \$79,999	50.7	53.8
\$80,000+	41.3	38.1
Incidence of Low Income in Economic Families	9.1	13.3
Income Inequality Measure		
Income Share of Bottom Half (poorest) of Households*	22.7	20.7

Income Share of Poorest Households* - 2005

Region	Percent
VAN COASTAL	18.8
VAN ISLAND	22.5
INTERIOR	22.5
FRASER	22.7
NORTHERN	23.1
BC	20.7

* The proportion of each region's household income that accrues to households earning less than the median income. In a situation of perfect equality, the bottom half (poorest) households would receive 50% of the total income.

HOUSING COSTS

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Households (Occupied non-farm non-reserve) - 2006		
% Renting	25.5	30.4
Gross Rent or Major Monthly Payment (\$)		
Tenants	642	828
Owners	822	1059
% Paying 30% or More of Their Income on Housing Costs		
Tenants	35.3	43.4
Owners	12.3	22.7
Total	18.2	29.0

Households Paying 30% or More on Housing Costs - 2005

Region	Percent of Households
VAN COASTAL	35.0
FRASER	29.9
VAN ISLAND	26.8
INTERIOR	24.3
NORTHERN	18.2
BC	29.0

INCOME ASSISTANCE

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of Population Receiving IA Benefits* - September 2008		
Total (0-64)	5.2	3.8
Children (0-18)	5.5	3.3
Youth (19-24)	5.3	3.0
By Duration		
>1 Year	3.2	2.7
<1 Year	2.0	1.2
% of Income Assistance Caseload that are Single Parent Families*	20.5	13.9
% of Population 19-64 on Income Assistance* and are Employable		
Total	1.6	0.8
By Duration		
>1 Year	0.6	0.3
<1 Year	1.0	0.5

* All Income Assistance recipients include the disabled but exclude Aboriginal persons on reserve.

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of OAS Recipients Receiving Max. Gov't Income Supp. - 2008		
Total	2.8	3.3
Males	2.4	2.7
Females	2.8	3.3

% of Population 19-64 Receiving Income Assistance* and are Employable - September 2008

Region	Percent of Population 19-65
NORTHERN	1.6
VAN ISLAND	0.9
INTERIOR	0.9
VAN COASTAL	0.7
FRASER	0.7
BC	0.8

INCOME DEPENDENCY

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Composition of Total Income - 2005		
Employment	82.9	77.1
Government Transfers	9.7	9.6
Other	7.4	13.4
Income Dependency 2005		
Forestry	24%	7%
Mining	12%	3%
Construction	7%	8%
Gov't transfer payments	13%	15%
Tourism	4%	6%
Public Sector	24%	26%

Income Dependency on Forestry, Mining & Fishing* - 2005

Region	Percent
NORTHERN	35.7
INTERIOR	15.2
VAN ISLAND	9.7
FRASER	5.7
VAN COASTAL	4.7
BC	11.0

BC data is a Weighted Average of LHAs/RDs

*Heavy dependency on the primary sector increases the vulnerability of a region to swings in the economic cycle resulting in economic hardship

INDICATORS OF LABOUR MARKET ISSUES

LABOUR DEMAND

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Labour Force 2006		
Industrial Structure (% Distribution)		
Goods		
Primary	12.6	4.4
Manufacturing	6.9	7.6
Construction	12.3	8.6
Services		
Non-Government	62.5	74.4
Government	<u>5.6</u>	<u>5.0</u>
	99.9	100.0
Occupational Structure (% Distribution)		
Management:	15.4	10.5
Professional Occupations in:		
Business & Finance	2.3	2.5
Natural & Applied Sciences	3.6	1.5
Health	4.1	3.4
Social sciences (excl. teachers)	3.3	2.9
Teachers	7.5	2.7
Art & Culture	1.1	1.3
Total	21.9	14.4
Technical Trades & Assorted Other High Skilled Occupations in:		
Finance & Insurance Admin.	3.3	2.2
Techs In Natural & Appl. Sciences	6.6	3.7
Techs. In Health	2.3	2.2
Paraprofs. in Soc Sci Educ etc	4.6	1.5
Techs in Art Culture & Rec.	2.2	2.0
Skilled Sales & Service	7.6	4.7
Trades & Skilled Transp & Equip Ops.	10.9	12.8
Total	37.4	29.1
Intermediate & Lesser Skilled Occups*	36.3	46.0

* High Skilled Occupations in Primary Manufacturing and Protective Services could not be separated out so are included in Intermediate & Lesser Skilled Occupations.

LABOUR SUPPLY

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of Population 20+ With Post Secondary Qualifications - 2006		
Total	49.9	61.8
With Post Secondary Certificate or Diploma	34.1	31.5
With University Degree	12.2	24.1
% Distribution by Field of Study		
Educational, Recreational & Counselling	9.4	7.5
Fine & Applied Arts	1.6	4.2
Humanities & Related	3.5	5.6
Social Sciences & Related	6.7	10.5
Commerce, Managmnt & Business Admin	18.4	21.0
Agricultural & Biological Sciences/Tech	2.2	3.5
Engineering & Applied Sciences	1.8	4.1
Engineerring & Applied Science Tech/Trades	29.3	21.1
Health Professions, Sciences & Tech	13.3	14.2
Mathematics & Physical Sciences	7.1	5.5
No Specialization & All Other n.e.c	<u>6.5</u>	<u>2.6</u>
	99.8	100.0
% of Population 20+ With a University Degree - 2006		

Region	Percentage
NORTHERN	12.2
INTERIOR	14.0
FRASER	22.0
VAN ISLAND	22.0
VAN COASTAL	37.4
BC	24.1

Worst Regions: Northern, Interior; Rank=1 of 5 HAs: Fraser, Van Island; Best Regions: Van Coastal

UNEMPLOYMENT

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries Sept. 2008		
Total Beneficiaries 19-64 Years of Age	7,677	69,154
Percent Female	51.3	63.6
Percent 19-24 Years Old	15.0	11.4
Total Beneficiaries as a Percent of Population 19-64		
Sep /08	4.2	2.4
Jun /08	5.3	2.5
Mar /08	5.7	2.9
Dec /07	4.8	3.1
Sep /07	<u>3.5</u>	<u>2.2</u>
Most recent 4 quarter average	5.0	2.8

EI Beneficiaries - 4 Quarter Average to September 2008

% of Population 19-64

Region	Percentage
NORTHERN	5.0
INTERIOR	3.4
VAN ISLAND	2.6
FRASER	2.8
VAN COASTAL	0.8
BC	2.8

Worst Regions: Northern; Rank=1 of 5 HAs: Interior, Van Island, Fraser; Best Regions: Van Coastal

OTHER

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Labour Force 2006		
Participation Rate		
Males	77.2	70.7
Females	65.3	60.7
Total	71.3	65.6
% Full Year, Full Time Workers	46.3	46.5
% Self Employed	12.1	14.1
Average Employment Income (\$) - 2005	28,726	34,978
Average Employment Income of Full-Year Full-Time Workers (\$)		
Males	60,693	57,772
Females	38,124	41,073
Ratio of Female to Male Income	62.8	71.1

Average Employment Income (\$) - 2005

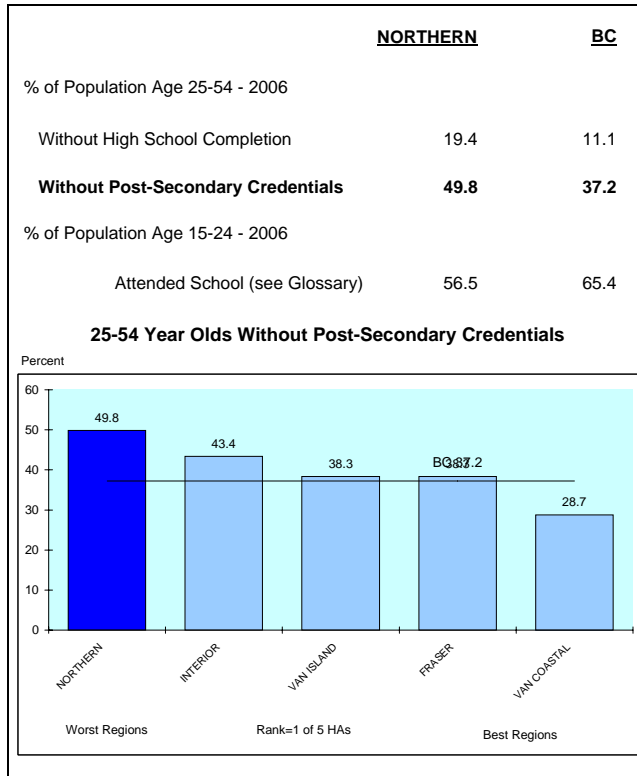
Dollars

Region	Income
INTERIOR	21,851
VAN ISLAND	23,371
FRASER	26,543
NORTHERN	28,726
VAN COASTAL	28,757
BC	34,978

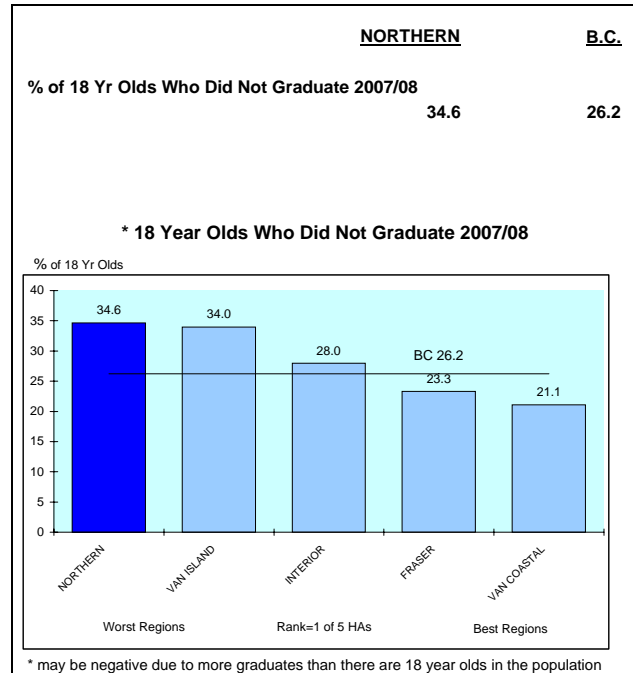
Worst Regions: Interior; Rank=4 of 5 HAs: Van Island, Fraser; Best Regions: Northern, Van Coastal

INDICATORS OF EDUCATION CONCERNS

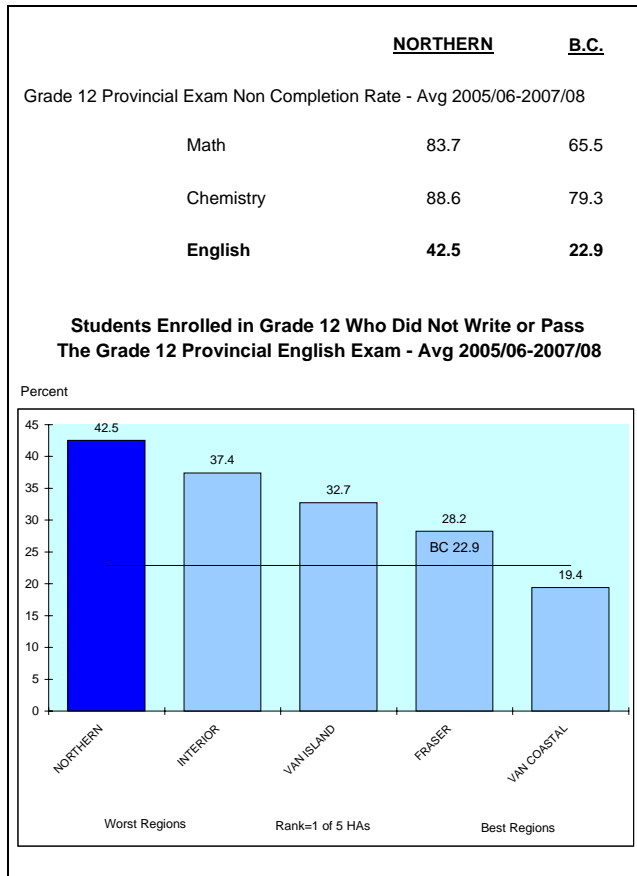
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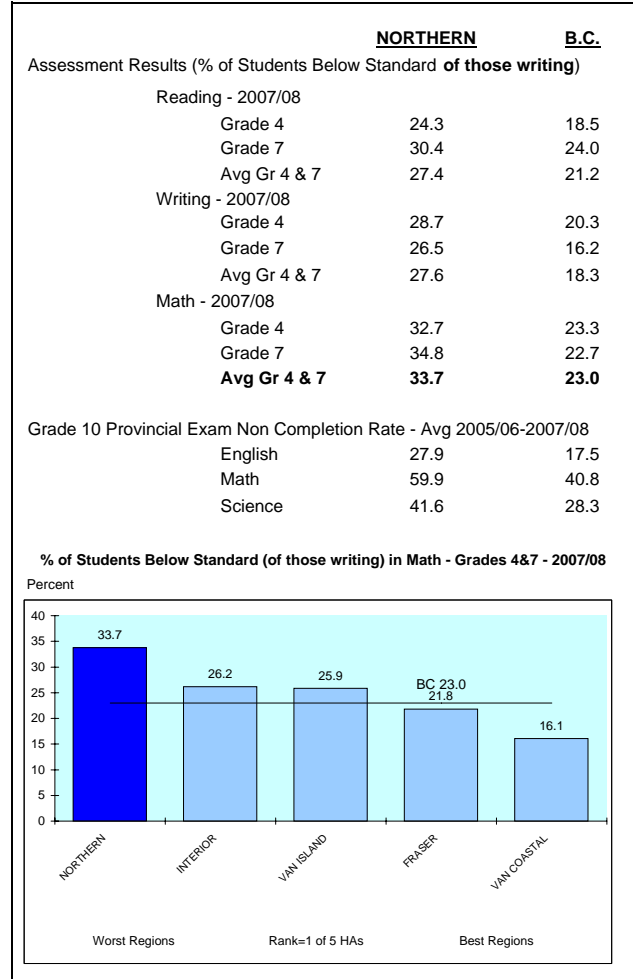
HIGH SCHOOL



PROVINCIAL EXAMS



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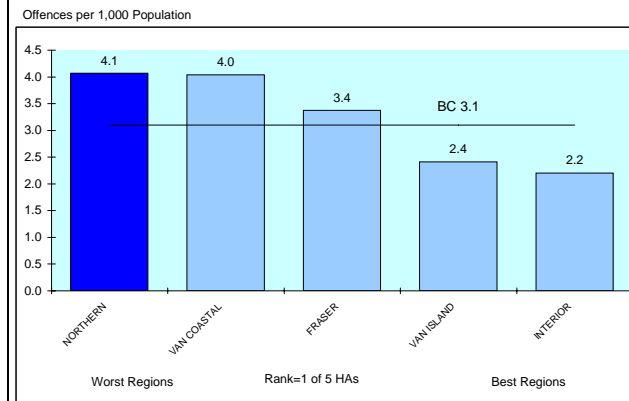


INDICATORS OF CRIME

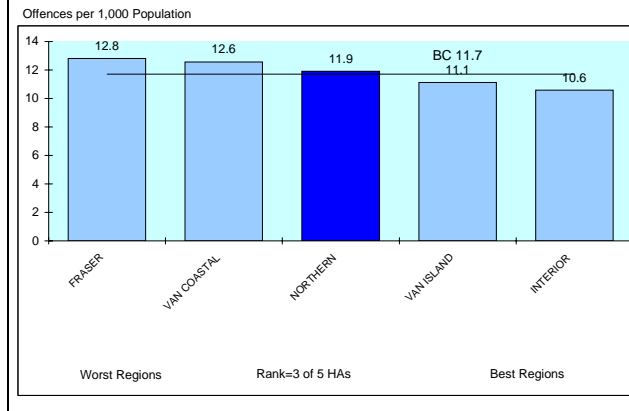
SERIOUS CRIME

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
<p>Serious Crime Rate - Avg 2004-2006</p> <p>Violent 4.1 3.1</p> <p>Property 11.9 11.7</p> <p>Total Serious 16.0 14.8</p> <p>Number of Serious Crimes Per Police Officer 11.3 10.9</p> <p>Serious Juvenile (Age 12-17) Crime Rate - Avg 2004-2006</p> <p>Violent 3.4 2.5</p> <p>Property 4.5 2.0</p> <p>Total Serious 7.9 4.5</p>		

Serious Violent Crime Rate - 2004-2006



Serious Property Crime Rate - 2004-2006



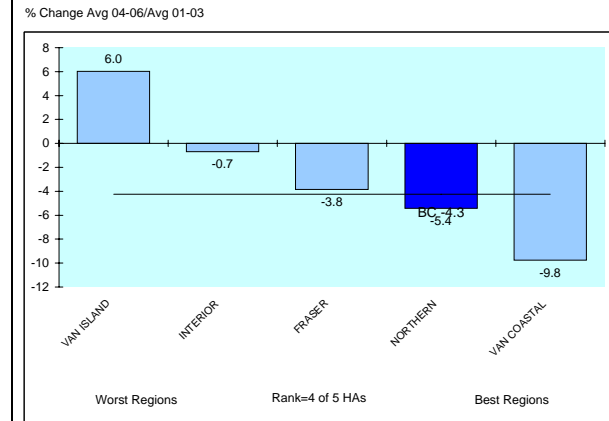
OTHER INDICATORS OF CRIME

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
<p>Crime Rate - Avg 2004-2006</p> <p>Motor Vehicle Theft 26.9 8.0</p>		

CHANGE IN CRIME RATE

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
<p>Change in Serious Crime Rate - Avg 2004-06 / Avg 2001-03</p> <p>Violent 21.1 8.0</p> <p>Property -12.3 -7.1</p> <p>Total Serious -5.4 -4.3</p>		

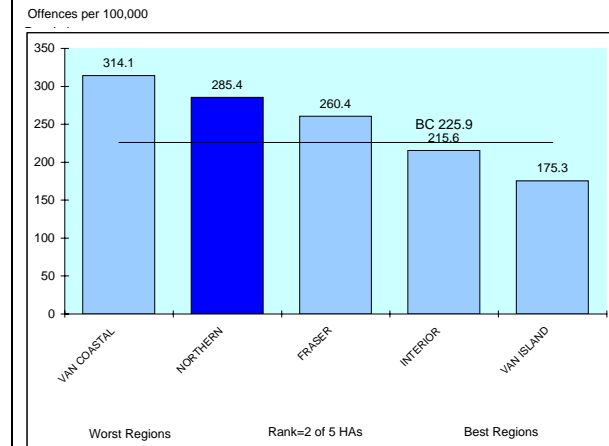
Change in Total Serious Crime Rate



SERIOUS DRUG CRIME

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
<p>Indicators of Serious Drug Crime - Avg 2004-2006</p> <p>Non-Cannabis Drug Offences 285.4 225.9 (Offences per 100,000 Pop)</p> <p>Juvenile (12-17) Non-Cannabis Drug Charges 44.2 47.0 (Charges per 100,000 Pop Age 12-17)</p> <p>Illicit Drug Deaths - Avg 2005-2007 3.7 7.2 (Deaths per 100,000 Pop Age 19-64)</p>		

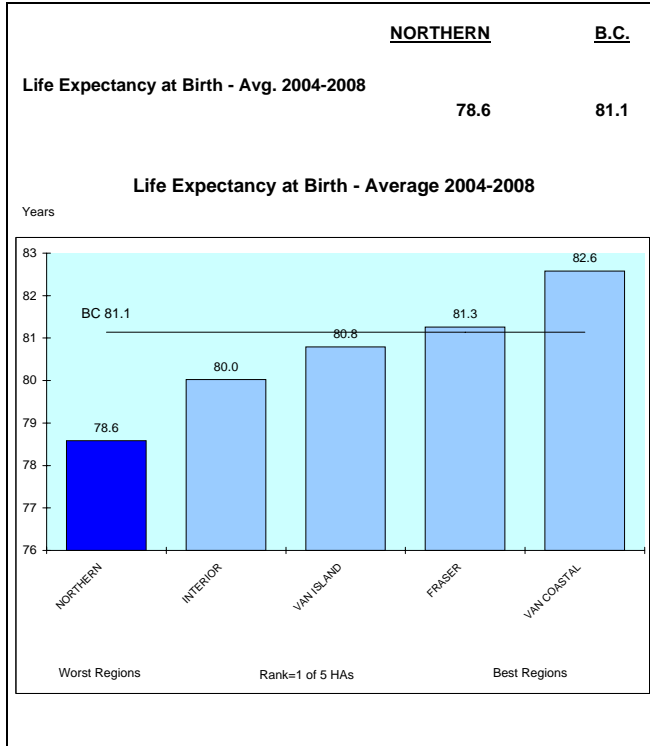
Non-Cannabis Drug Offences - Avg 2004-2006



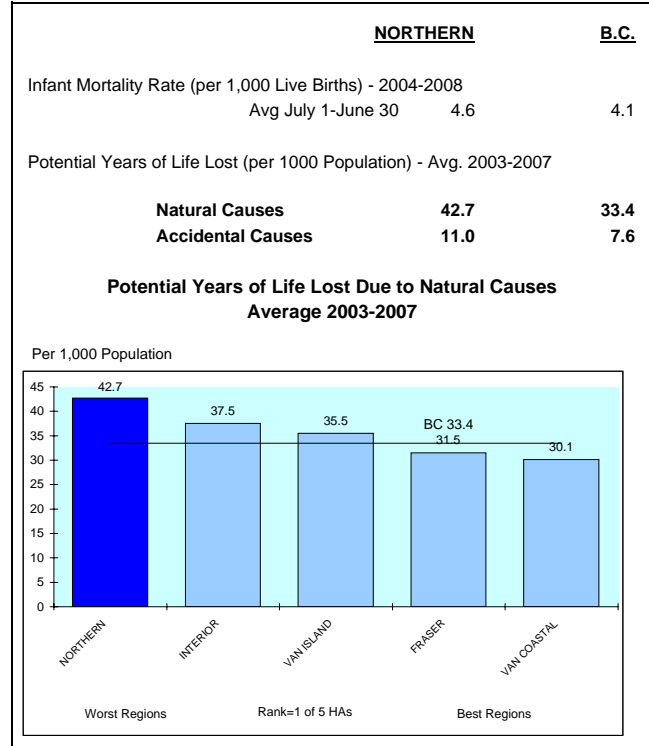
NOTE: Crime Rate = # of Offences(Charges for Juveniles) Per 1,000 Population unless otherwise noted.

INDICATORS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS

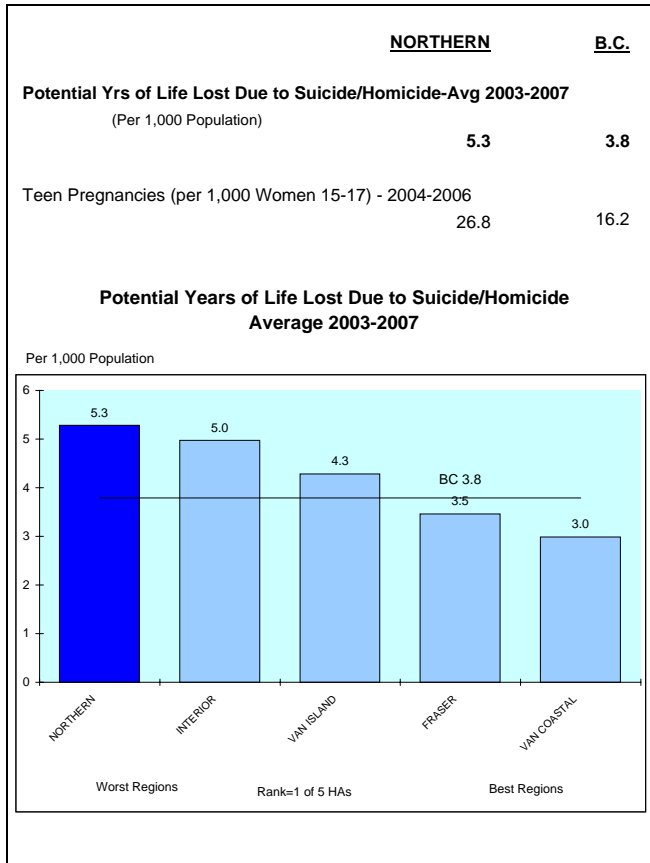
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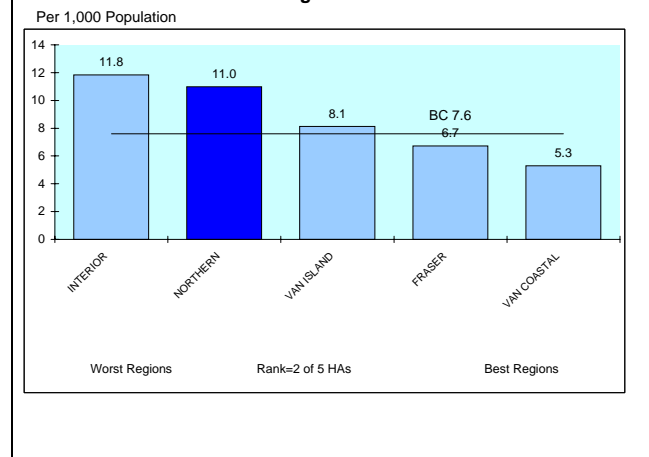
PHYSICAL HEALTH



MENTAL HEALTH



Potential Years of Life Lost Due to Accidental Causes Average 2003-2007



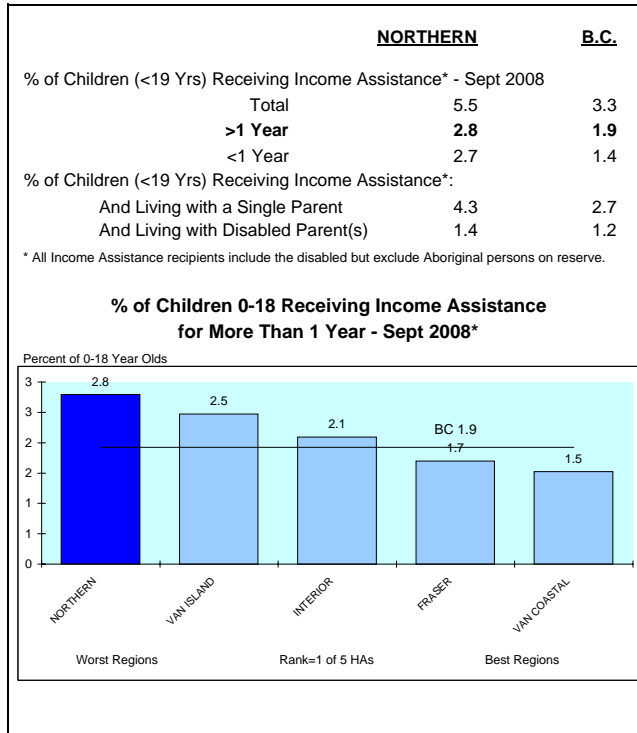
ALCOHOL SALES*

	NORTHERN	B.C.
Per Capita Alcohol Sales - 2008 (Per Population Age 19+)		
Dollars Spent (\$)	918	805
Litres Consumed	147	112
% Distribution of Litres Sold		
Spirits	6.8	6.5
Wine	7.5	14.5
Beer/Cider/Coolers	85.7	78.9

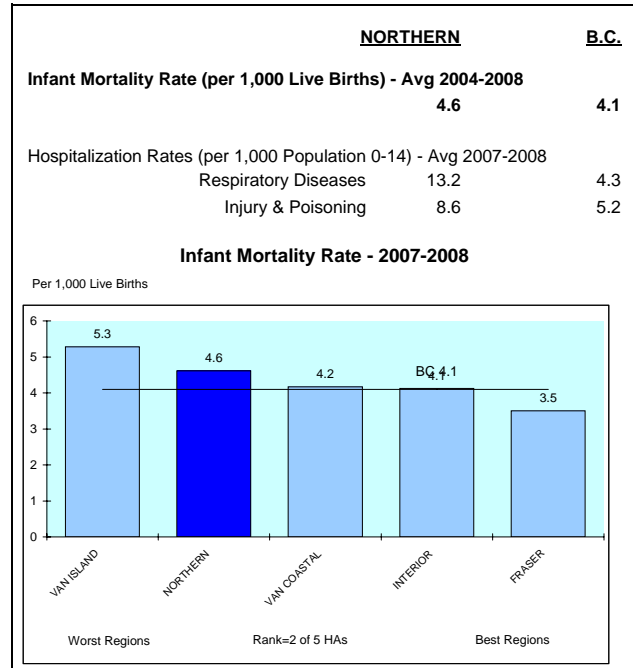
* Represents sales per resident population 19+, therefore high tourist areas will be overstated

INDICATORS OF CHILDREN AT RISK

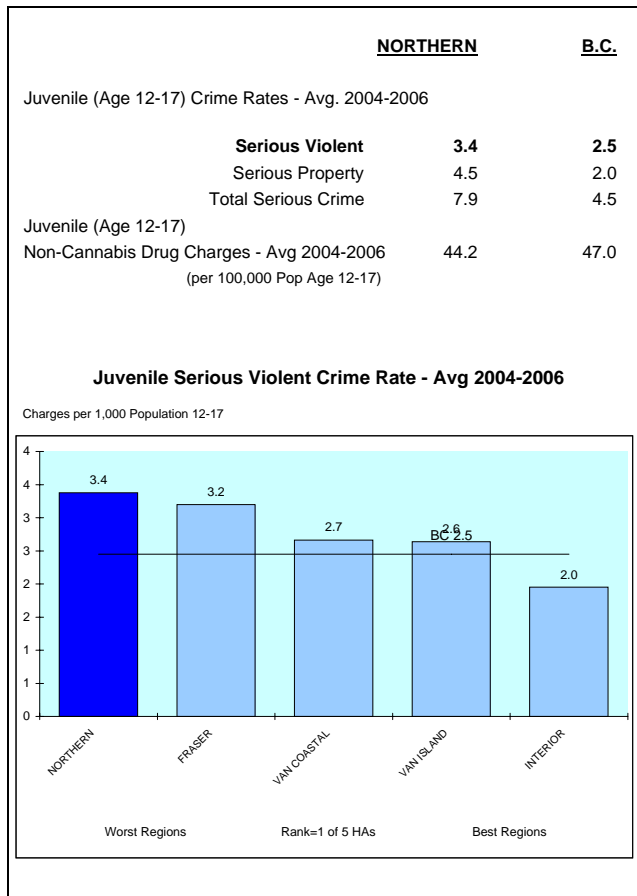
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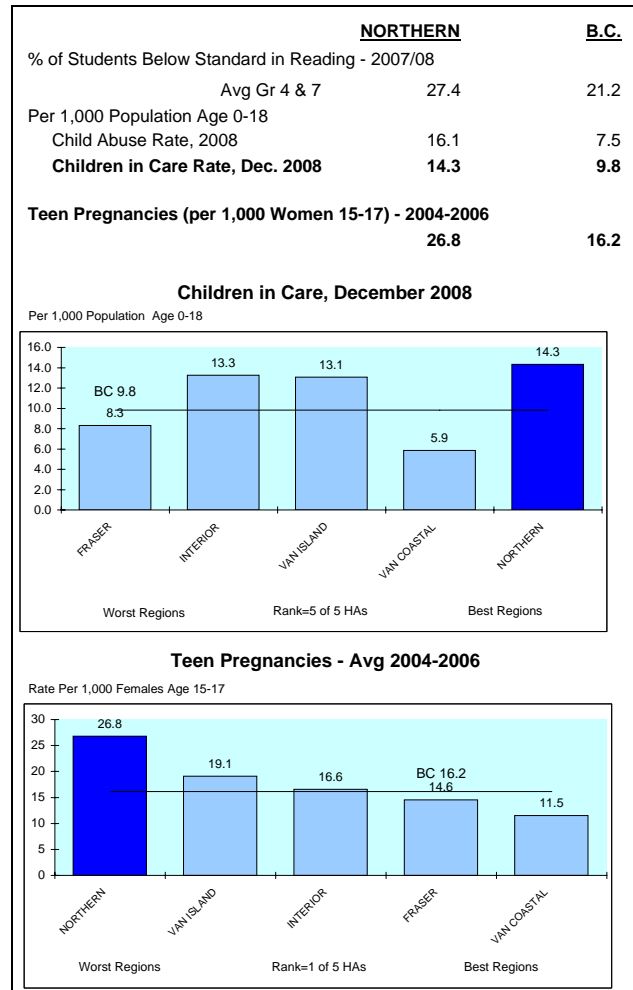
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CRIME



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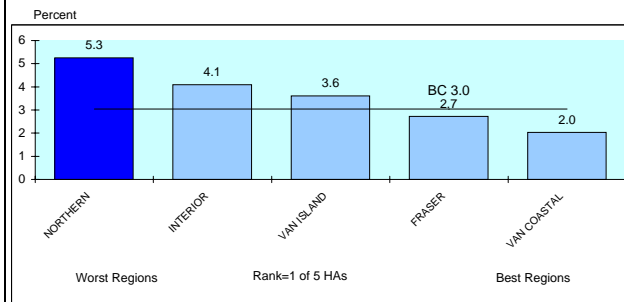


INDICATORS OF YOUTH AT RISK

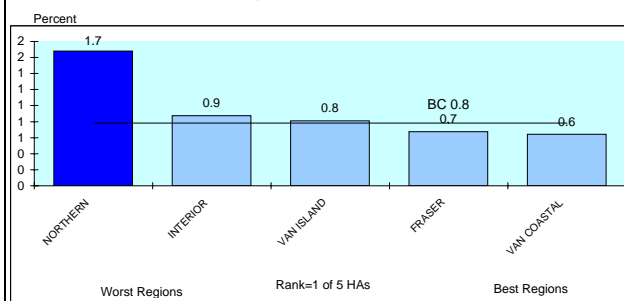
INCOME ASSISTANCE

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of Youth (Age 19-24) Receiving Income Assistance* - Sept 2008		
Total	5.3	3.0
> 1 Year	2.8	1.7
<1 Year	2.5	1.3
% of Youth (Age 19-24) on Income Assistance and Single Parents		
Total	1.4	0.6
% of Youth (Age 19-24) on Income Assistance and Employable		
Total	1.7	0.8

% of Youth 19-24 Receiving Income Assistance - September 2008



% of Youth 19-24 Receiving Income Assistance Who Are Employable

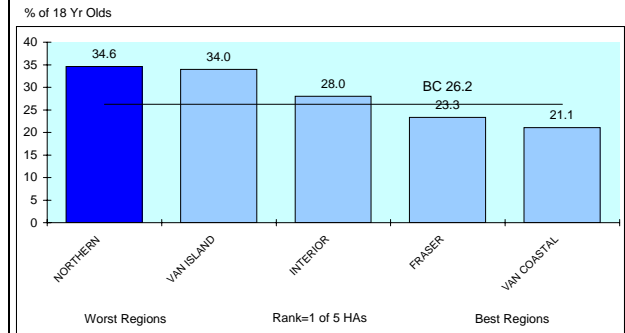


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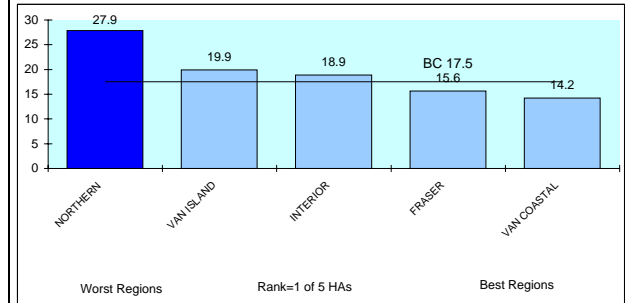
EDUCATION

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of 18 Yr Olds Who Did Not Graduate - 2007/08	34.6	26.2
Grade 12 Provincial Exam Non Completion Rate - Avg 2005/06-2007/08		
English	42.5	22.9
Chemistry	88.6	79.3
Math	83.7	65.5
Grade 10 Provincial Exam Non Completion Rate - Avg 2005/06-2007/08		
English	27.9	17.5

18 Year Olds Who Did Not Graduate - 2007/08



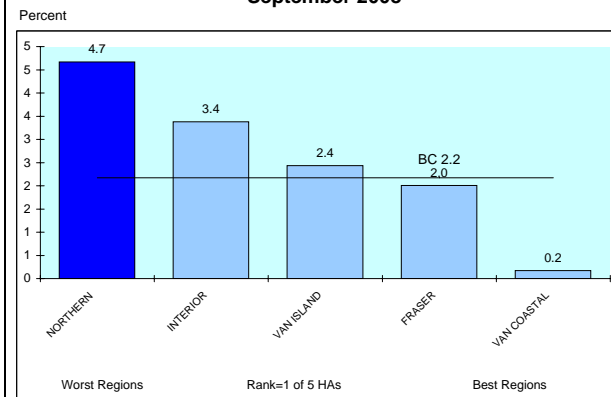
Gr. 10 Prov. Exam Non-Completion Rate - English - Avg 2005/06-2007/08



UNEMPLOYMENT

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries Age 19-24 - Sept 2008	4.7	2.2

Population 19-24 Receiving Employment Insurance September 2008



OTHER

	<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Total Juvenile Serious Crime Rate - Avg 2004-2006 (Offences per 1,000 Pop Age 12-17)	7.9	4.5
Non-Cannabis Juvenile Drug Offences - Avg 2004-2006 (Offences per 100,000 Pop Age 12-17)	44.2	47.0
Hospitalization rates from Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2007/08 (Per 1,000 Pop Age 15-24)	3.7	1.7

Hospitalization Rates from Motor Vehicle Accidents - 2007/08
Per 1,000 Population Age 15-24

