

STATISTICAL PROFILE



| | 2006 CENSUS POPULATION | | LAND AREA | | POPULATION DENSITY |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Number | % of Region | Sq. Km. | % of Region | Persons per Sq.Km. |
| Fort St. John, C | 17,402 | 27.1% | 22.7 | 0.0% | 765.3 |
| Dawson Creek, C | 10,994 | 17.1% | 22.3 | 0.0% | 492.6 |
| Fort Nelson, T | 4,514 | 7.0% | 13.3 | 0.0% | 340.4 |
| Chetwynd, DM | 2,633 | 4.1% | 64.3 | 0.0% | 40.9 |
| Tumbler Ridge, DM | 2,454 | 3.8% | 1574.5 | 0.9% | 1.6 |
| Taylor, DM | 1,384 | 2.2% | 16.6 | 0.0% | 83.3 |
| Hudson's Hope, DM | 1,012 | 1.6% | 869.4 | 0.5% | 1.2 |
| Pouce Coupe, VL | 739 | 1.2% | 2.1 | 0.0% | 358.7 |
| Rest of Region | 22,975 | 35.8% | 169,210.3 | 98.5% | 0.1 |
| Total Region | 64,107 | 100.0% | 171,795.5 | 100.0% | 0.4 |
| Total BC | 4,113,487 | | 925,344.7 | | 4.4 |
| Region as a % of BC | 1.6% | | 18.6% | | |

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>.

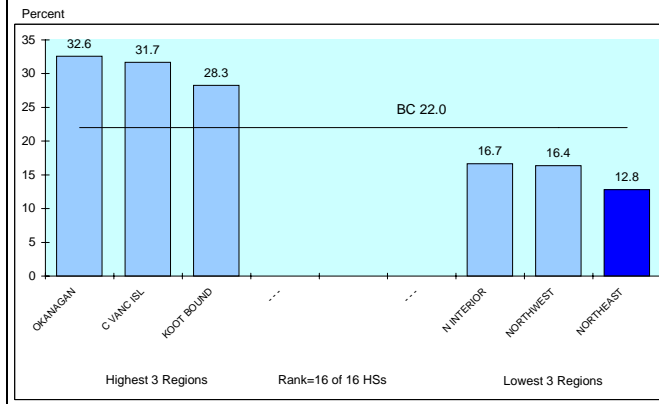
HSDA 53 - NORTHEAST DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

2008

AGE STRUCTURE

| | NORTHEAST | | NORTHEAST | | B.C. | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2018 | 2008 | 2018 | 2018 |
| Population Estimate | | | | (Percent Distribution) | | |
| 0-17 years | 17,435 | 26.1 | 24.4 | 19.5 | 18.0 | |
| 18-24 years | 7,146 | 10.7 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 7.8 | |
| 25-64 years | 36,585 | 54.8 | 54.9 | 56.4 | 56.1 | |
| 65+ years | 5,594 | 8.4 | 12.2 | 14.5 | 18.1 | |
| Total | 66,760 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Dependency Rate (%) | | | | | | |
| Child | | 39.9 | 38.4 | 29.5 | 28.2 | |
| Elderly | | 12.8 | 19.2 | 22.0 | 28.3 | |
| Total | | 52.7 | 57.5 | 51.5 | 56.5 | |

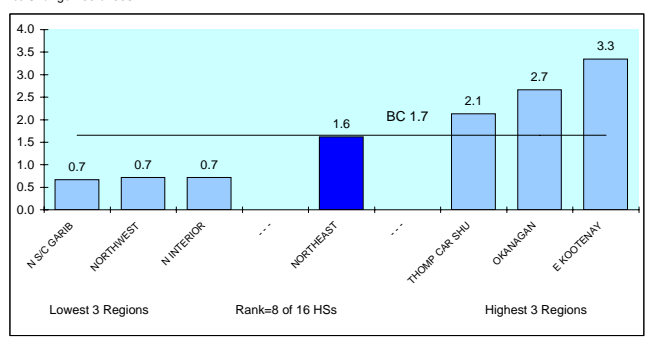
Elderly Dependency Rate - 2008



POPULATION GROWTH

| | NORTHEAST | B.C. |
|--|------------|------------|
| Annual Average Population Percent Change | | |
| Last year | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Last 5 years | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Last 10 years | 0.5 | 1.0 |

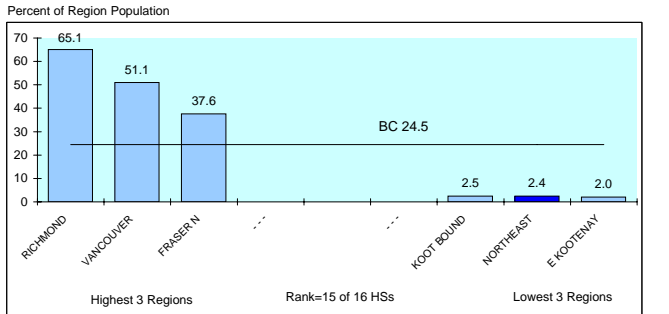
Population Growth



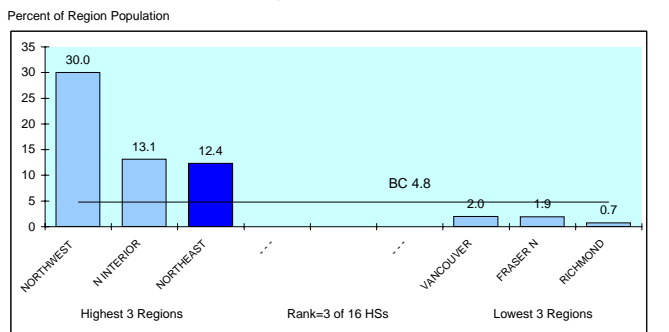
ETHNIC IDENTITY

| | NORTHEAST | NORTHEAST | B.C. |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2006 | | | |
| Total Visible Minorities | 1,550 | 2.4 | 24.5 |
| Single Origins | 1,530 | 2.4 | 28.1 |
| Chinese | 290 | 0.5 | 9.9 |
| South Asian | 415 | 0.7 | 6.4 |
| Filipino | 270 | 0.4 | 6.4 |
| Japanese | 30 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Other | 525 | 0.8 | 4.6 |
| Multiple Origins | 20 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Total Aboriginal People | 7,885 | 12.4 | 4.8 |
| Rest of Population | 54,400 | 85.2 | 70.7 |
| Total | 63,835 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Visible Minority Population - 2006



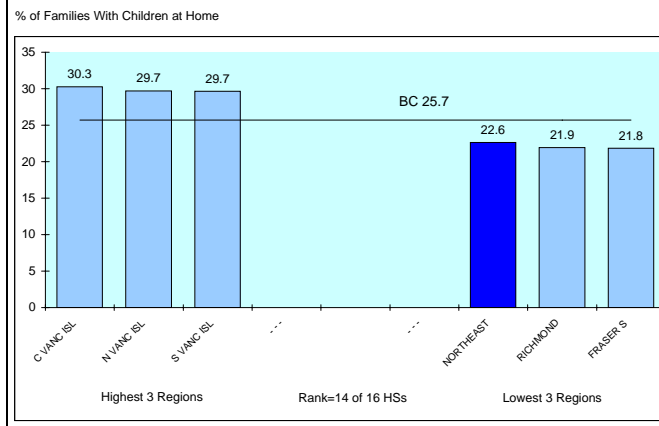
Aboriginal Identity - 2006



FAMILY STRUCTURE

| | NORTHEAST | NORTHEAST | B.C. |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Census Families - 2006 | 17,860 | | |
| No Children at Home | 7,105 | 39.8 | 41.3 |
| Children at Home | 10,745 | 60.2 | 58.7 |
| Families with Children | | | |
| Couples | 8,315 | 77.4 | 74.3 |
| Lone Parents | 2,430 | 22.6 | 25.7 |
| Avg Number of Children | | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| | | (% of Total in Economic Families) | |
| Unattached Individuals | 8,325 | 15.2 | 17.9 |

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



INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

INCOME LEVELS

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Average Family Income 2005 (\$) (see glossary) | | |
| All Census Families | 88,288 | 80,511 |
| Husband/Wife | 93,994 | 86,574 |
| Female Lone Parent | 45,661 | 43,491 |
| Income Distribution Among Families | | |
| < \$20,000 | 5.0 | 8.0 |
| \$20,000 - \$79,999 | 47.7 | 53.8 |
| \$80,000+ | 47.3 | 38.1 |
| Incidence of Low Income in Economic Families | 6.1 | 13.3 |
| Income Inequality Measure | | |
| Income Share of Bottom Half (poorest) of Households* | 22.8 | 20.7 |
| Income Share of Poorest Households* - 2005 | | |

* 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>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Households (Occupied non-farm non-reserve) - 2006 | | |
| % Renting | 26.2 | 30.4 |
| Gross Rent or Major Monthly Payment (\$) | | |
| Tenants | 750 | 828 |
| Owners | 931 | 1059 |
| % Paying 30% or More of Their Income on Housing Costs | | |
| Tenants | 31.4 | 43.4 |
| Owners | 13.1 | 22.7 |
| Total | 17.9 | 29.0 |

Households Paying 30% or More on Housing Costs - 2005

INCOME ASSISTANCE

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| % of Population Receiving IA Benefits* - September 2008 | | |
| Total (0-64) | 2.6 | 3.8 |
| Children (0-18) | 2.3 | 3.3 |
| Youth (19-24) | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| By Duration | | |
| >1 Year | 1.6 | 2.7 |
| <1 Year | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| % of Income Assistance Caseload that are Single Parent Families* | 18.6 | 13.9 |
| % of Population 19-64 on Income Assistance* and are Employable | | |
| Total | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| By Duration | | |
| >1 Year | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| <1 Year | 0.5 | 0.5 |

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

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| % of OAS Recipients Receiving Max. Gov't Income Supp. - 2008 | | |
| Total | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Males | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Females | 3.1 | 3.3 |

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

INCOME DEPENDENCY

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Composition of Total Income - 2005 | | |
| Employment | 87.4 | 77.1 |
| Government Transfers | 6.7 | 9.6 |
| Other | 5.9 | 13.4 |
| Income Dependency 2005 | | |
| Forestry | 12% | 7% |
| Mining | 29% | 3% |
| Construction | 10% | 8% |
| Gov't transfer payments | 9% | 15% |
| Tourism | 5% | 6% |
| Public Sector | 17% | 26% |

Income Dependency on Forestry, Mining & Fishing* - 2005

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>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Labour Force 2006 | | |
| Industrial Structure (% Distribution) | | |
| Goods | | |
| Primary | 18.8 | 4.4 |
| Manufacturing | 10.3 | 7.6 |
| Construction | 5.6 | 8.6 |
| Services | 61.2 | 74.4 |
| Non-Government | <u>3.9</u> | <u>5.0</u> |
| Government | 99.9 | 100.0 |
| Occupational Structure (% Distribution) | | |
| Management: | 15.8 | 10.5 |
| Professional Occupations in: | | |
| Business & Finance | 1.9 | 2.5 |
| Natural & Applied Sciences | 2.7 | 1.5 |
| Health | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| Social sciences (excl. teachers) | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| Teachers | 5.7 | 2.7 |
| Art & Culture | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Total | 16.8 | 14.4 |
| Technical Trades & Assorted Other High Skilled Occupations in: | | |
| Finance & Insurance Admin. | 5.4 | 2.2 |
| Techs In Natural & Appl. Sciences | 7.2 | 3.7 |
| Techs. In Health | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Paraprofs. in Soc Sci Educ etc | 3.3 | 1.5 |
| Techs in Art Culture & Rec. | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| Skilled Sales & Service | 7.3 | 4.7 |
| Trades & Skilled Transp & Equip Ops. | 14.4 | 12.8 |
| Total | 41.5 | 29.1 |
| Intermediate & Lesser Skilled Occups* | 45.3 | 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>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| % of Population 20+ With Post Secondary Qualifications - 2006 | | |
| Total | 49.4 | 61.8 |
| With Post Secondary Certificate or Diploma | 36.0 | 31.5 |
| With University Degree | 10.2 | 24.1 |
| % Distribution by Field of Study | | |
| Educational, Recreational & Counselling | 9.5 | 7.5 |
| Fine & Applied Arts | 1.8 | 4.2 |
| Humanities & Related | 3.8 | 5.6 |
| Social Sciences & Related | 5.4 | 10.5 |
| Commerce, Managmnt & Business Admin | 17.8 | 21.0 |
| Agricultural & Biological Sciences/Tech | 1.5 | 3.5 |
| Engineering & Applied Sciences | 1.8 | 4.1 |
| Engineerring & Applied Science Tech/Trades | 35.4 | 21.1 |
| Health Professions, Sciences & Tech | 11.3 | 14.2 |
| Mathematics & Physical Sciences | 6.3 | 5.5 |
| No Specialization & All Other n.e.c | <u>5.3</u> | <u>2.6</u> |
| | 99.8 | 100.0 |
| % of Population 20+ With a University Degree - 2006 | | |

UNEMPLOYMENT

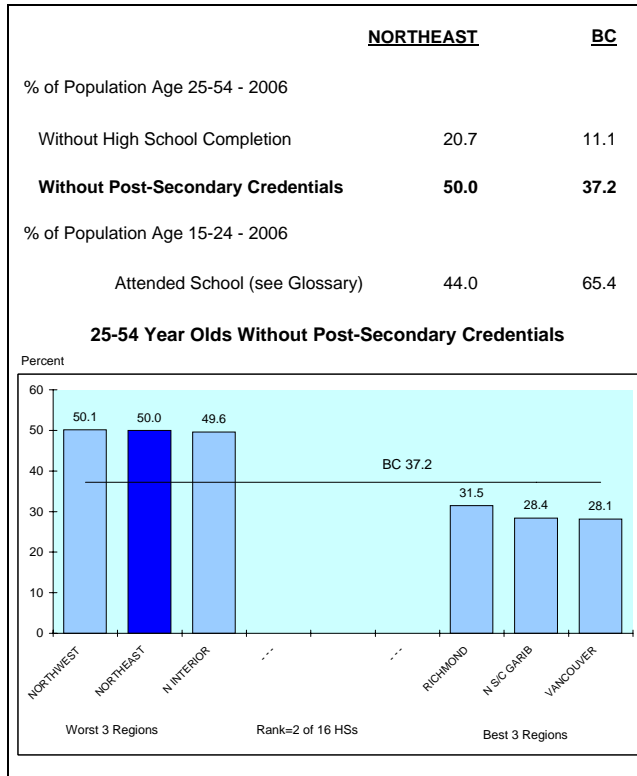
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| Employment Insurance Beneficiaries Sept. 2008 | | |
| Total Beneficiaries 19-64 Years of Age | 1,318 | 69,154 |
| Percent Female | 60.5 | 63.6 |
| Percent 19-24 Years Old | 19.4 | 11.4 |
| Total Beneficiaries as a Percent of Population 19-64 | | |
| Sep /08 | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| Jun /08 | 3.7 | 2.5 |
| Mar /08 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| Dec /07 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| Sep /07 | <u>3.0</u> | <u>2.2</u> |
| Most recent 4 quarter average | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| EI Beneficiaries - 4 Quarter Average to September 2008 | | |

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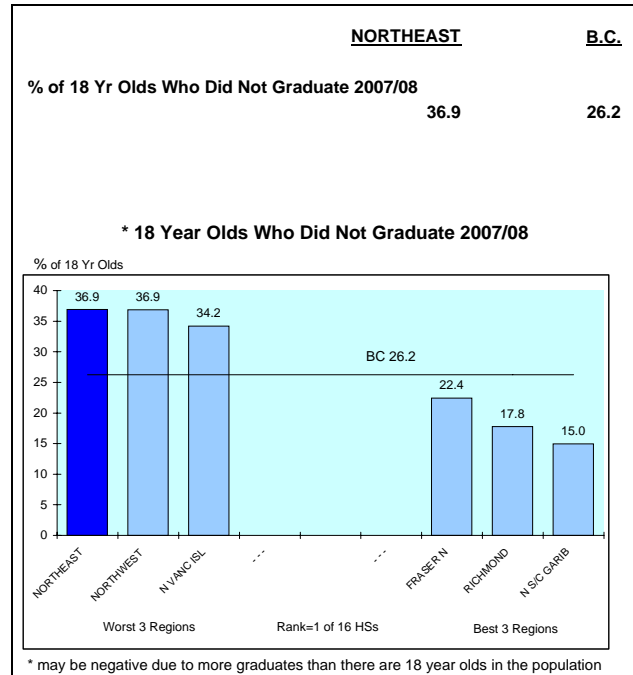
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|---|------------------|---------------|
| Labour Force 2006 | | |
| Participation Rate | | |
| Males | 84.4 | 70.7 |
| Females | 69.0 | 60.7 |
| Total | 76.9 | 65.6 |
| % Full Year, Full Time Workers | 47.7 | 46.5 |
| % Self Employed | 16.0 | 14.1 |
| Average Employment Income (\$) - 2005 | 34,163 | 34,978 |
| Average Employment Income of Full-Year Full-Time Workers (\$) | | |
| Males | 66,390 | 57,772 |
| Females | 37,673 | 41,073 |
| Ratio of Female to Male Income | 56.7 | 71.1 |
| Average Employment Income (\$) - 2005 | | |

INDICATORS OF EDUCATION CONCERNS

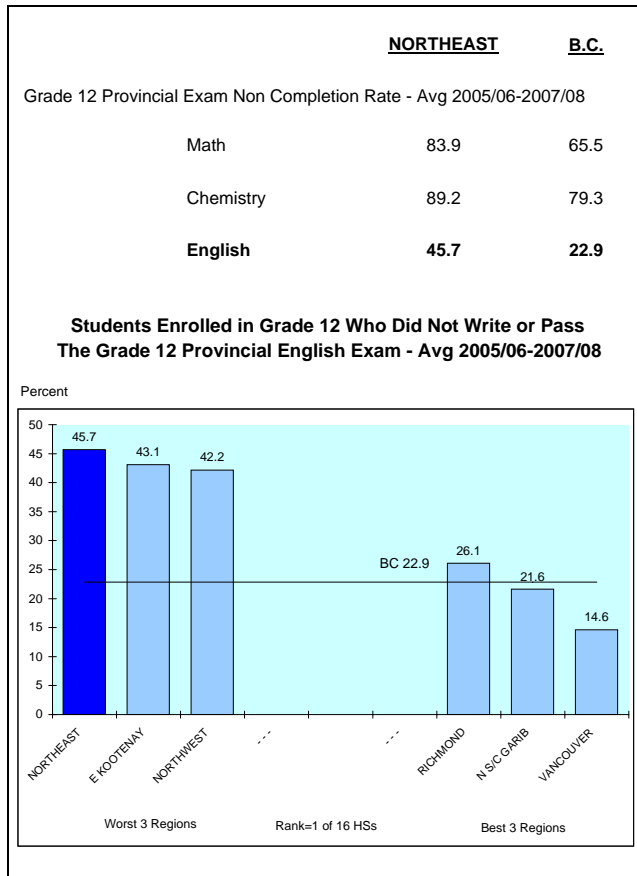
GENERAL EDUCATION



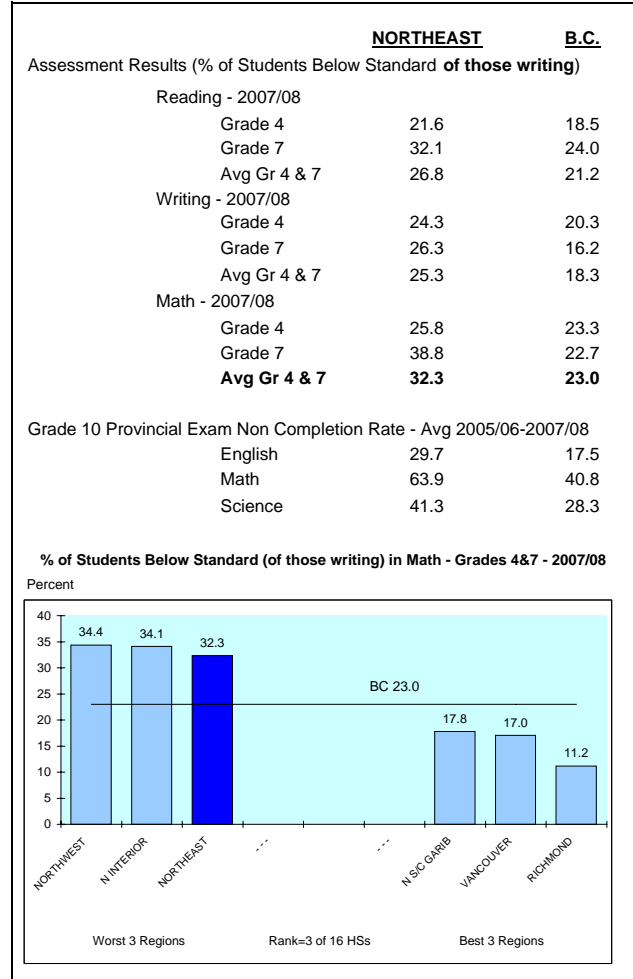
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PROVINCIAL EXAMS



TEST SCORES



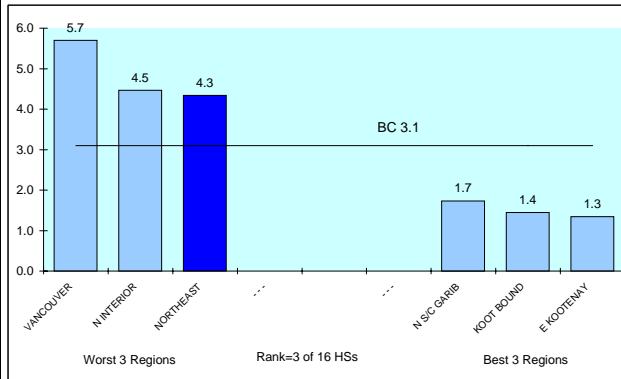
INDICATORS OF CRIME

SERIOUS CRIME

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Serious Crime Rate - Avg 2004-2006 | | |
| Violent | 4.3 | 3.1 |
| Property | 11.8 | 11.7 |
| Total Serious | 16.2 | 14.8 |
| Number of Serious Crimes Per Police Officer | 12.6 | 10.9 |
| Serious Juvenile (Age 12-17) Crime Rate - Avg 2004-2006 | | |
| Violent | 4.2 | 2.5 |
| Property | 4.7 | 2.0 |
| Total Serious | 8.9 | 4.5 |

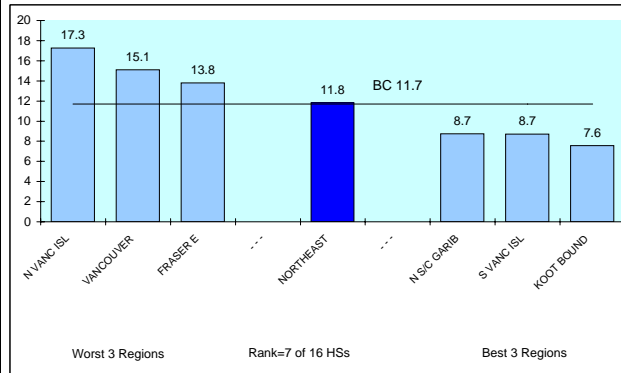
Serious Violent Crime Rate - 2004-2006

Offences per 1,000 Population



Serious Property Crime Rate - 2004-2006

Offences per 1,000 Population



OTHER INDICATORS OF CRIME

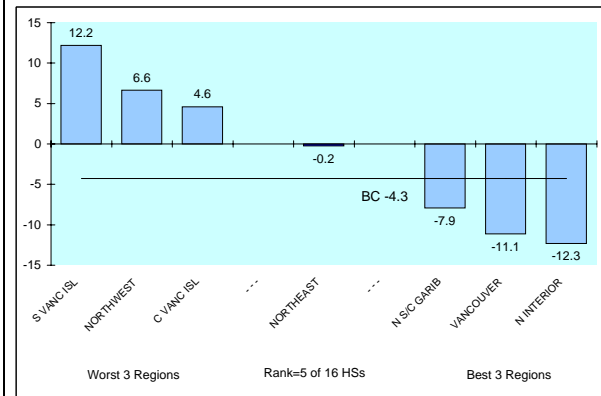
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|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Crime Rate - Avg 2004-2006 | | |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 22.6 | 8.0 |

CHANGE IN CRIME RATE

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Change in Serious Crime Rate - Avg 2004-06 / Avg 2001-03 | | |
| Violent | 35.3 | 8.0 |
| Property | -9.3 | -7.1 |
| Total Serious | -0.2 | -4.3 |

Change in Total Serious Crime Rate

% Change Avg 04-06/Avg 01-03

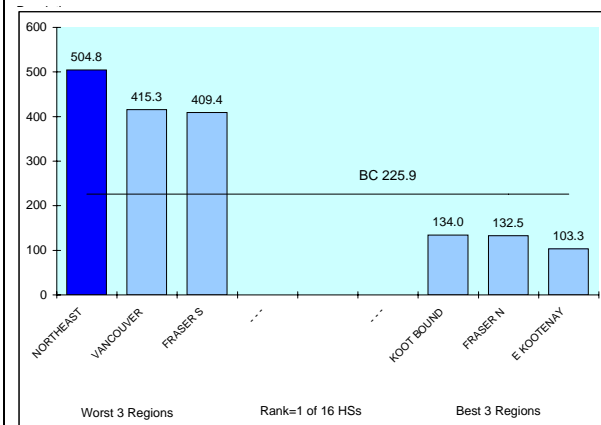


SERIOUS DRUG CRIME

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Indicators of Serious Drug Crime - Avg 2004-2006 | | |
| Non-Cannabis Drug Offences (Offences per 100,000 Pop) | 504.8 | 225.9 |
| Juvenile (12-17) Non-Cannabis Drug Charges (Charges per 100,000 Pop Age 12-17) | 53.4 | 47.0 |
| Illicit Drug Deaths - Avg 2005-2007 (Deaths per 100,000 Pop Age 19-64) | 2.3 | 7.2 |

Non-Cannabis Drug Offences - Avg 2004-2006

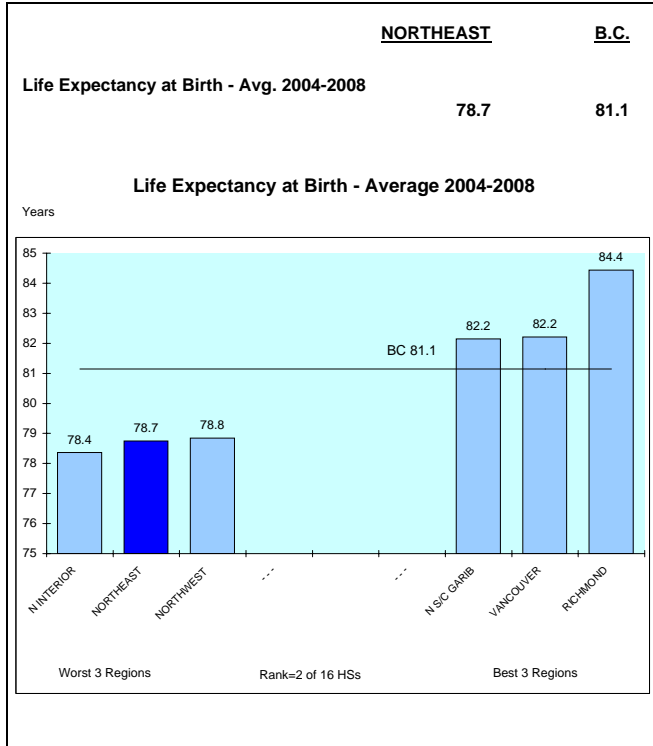
Offences per 100,000



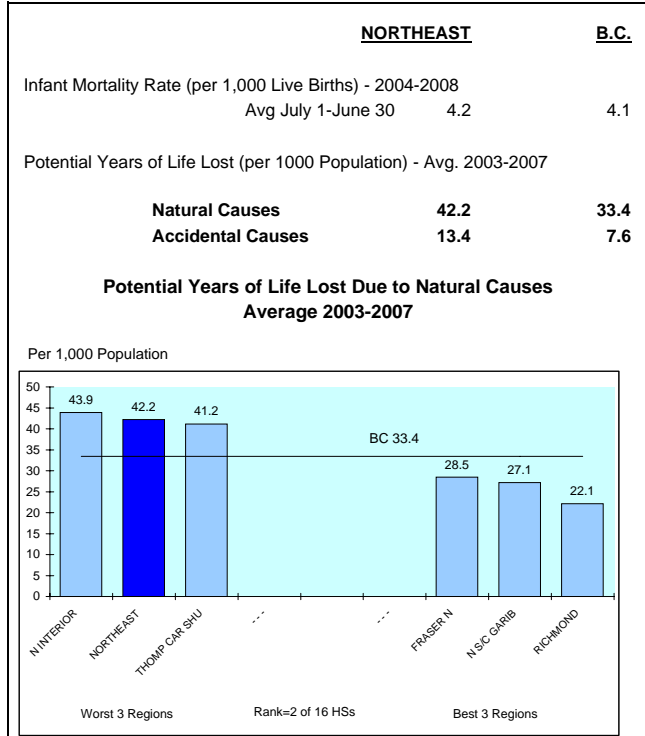
NOTE: Crime Rate = # of Offences(Charges for Juveniles) Per 1,000 Population unless otherwise noted.

INDICATORS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS

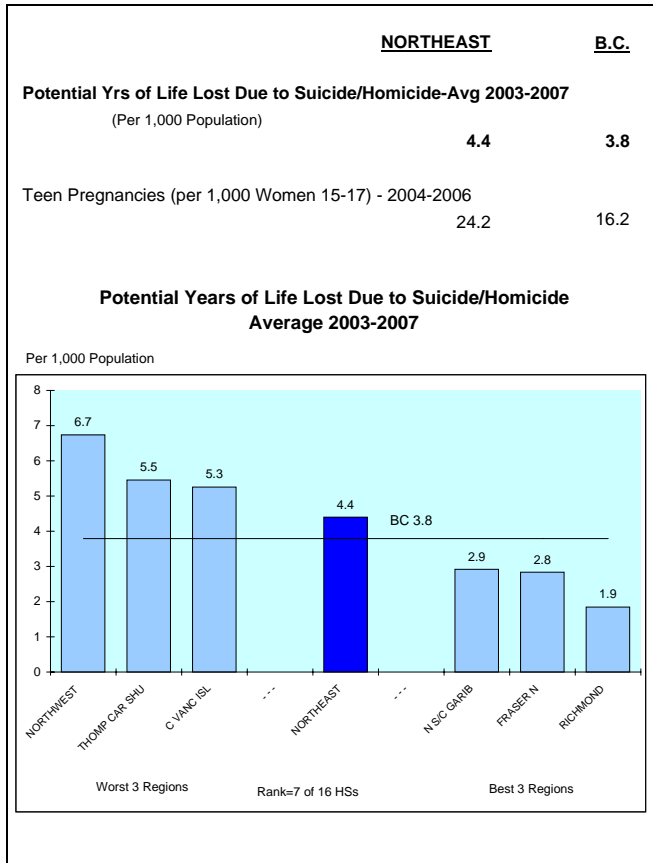
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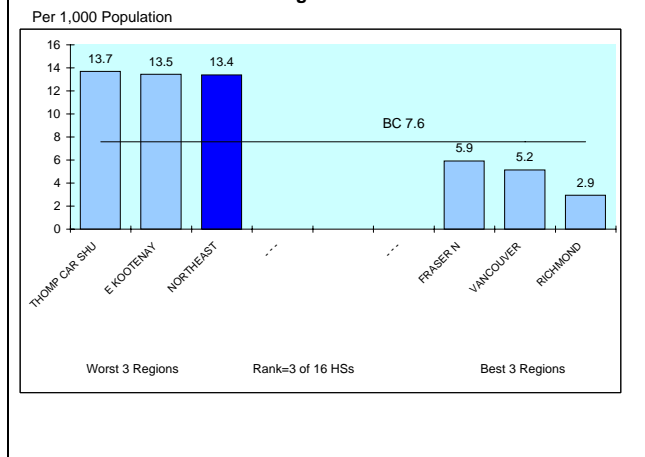
PHYSICAL HEALTH



MENTAL HEALTH



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



ALCOHOL SALES*

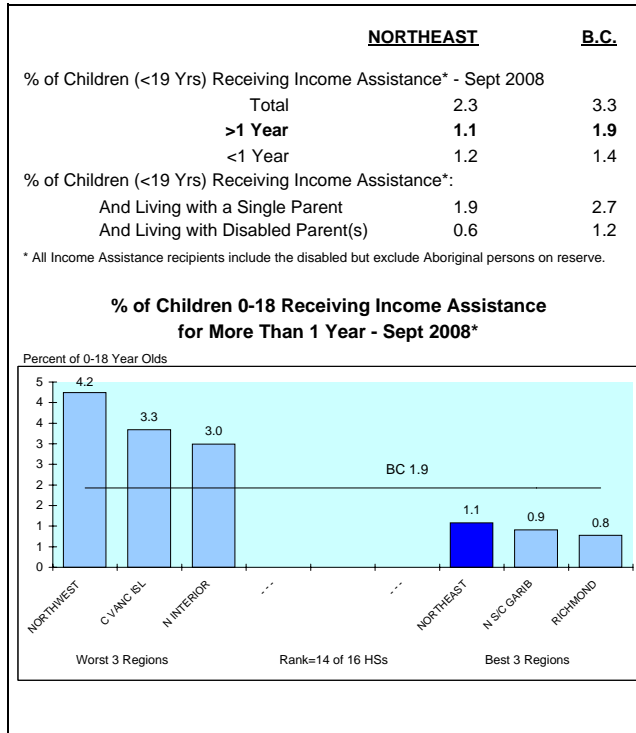
| | NORTHEAST | B.C. |
|---|-----------|------|
| Per Capita Alcohol Sales - 2008 (Per Population Age 19+) | | |
| Dollars Spent (\$) | 1029 | 805 |
| Litres Consumed | 162 | 112 |
| % Distribution of Litres Sold | | |
| Spirits | 7.7 | 6.5 |
| Wine | 5.1 | 14.5 |
| Beer/Cider/Coolers | 87.2 | 78.9 |

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

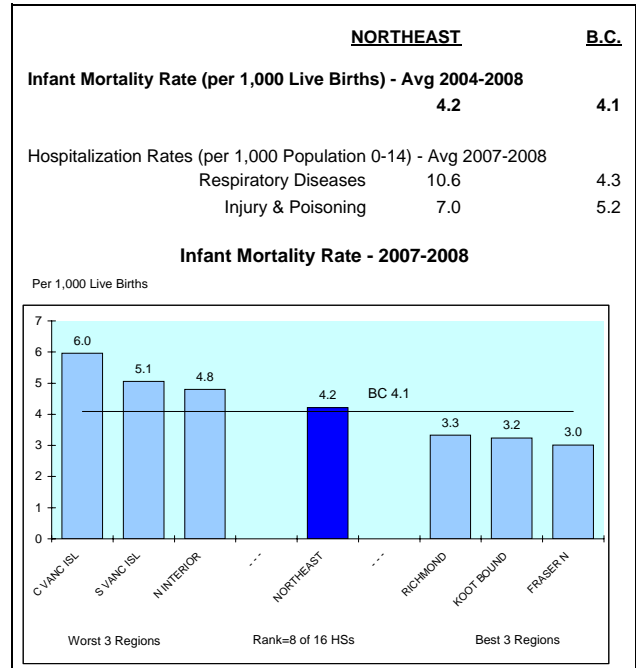
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INDICATORS OF CHILDREN AT RISK

2008

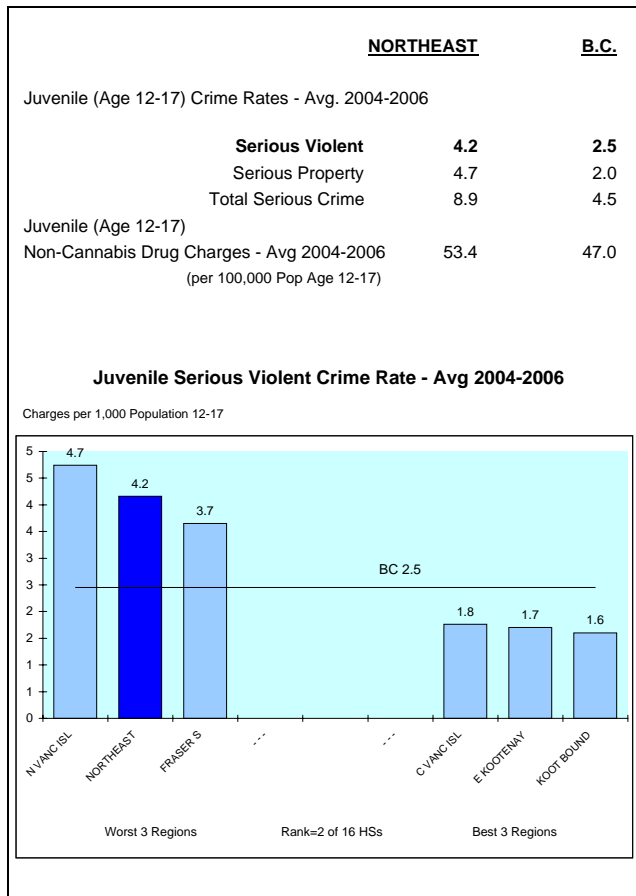
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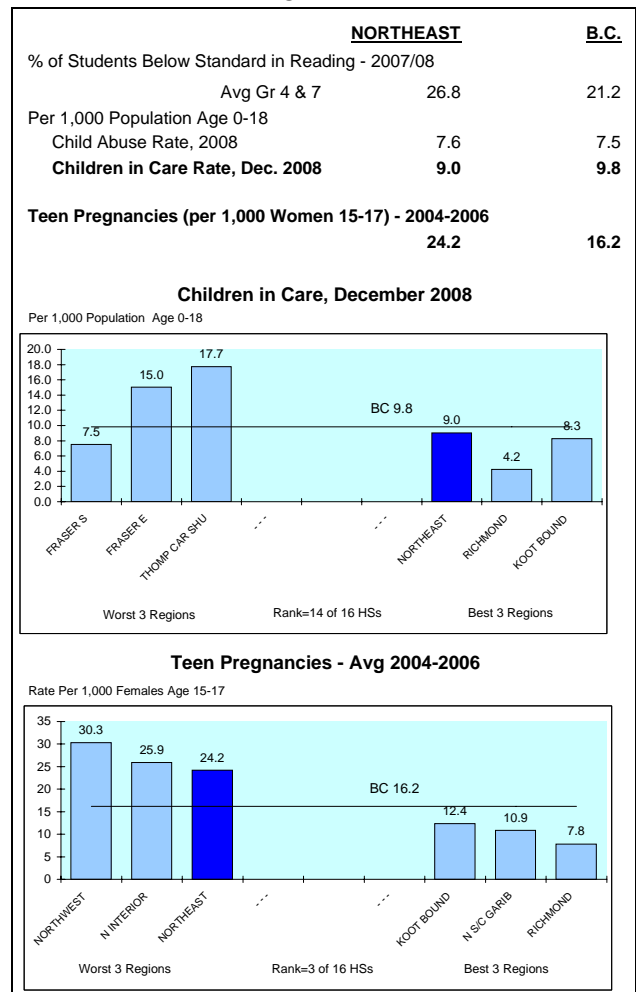
HEALTH



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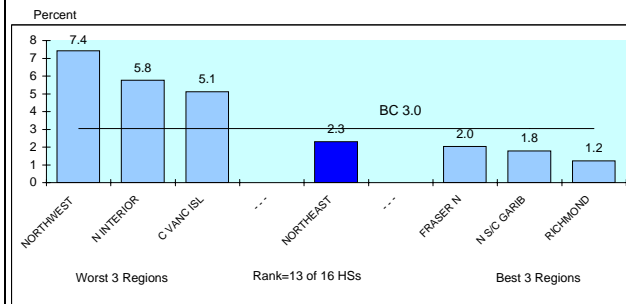


INDICATORS OF YOUTH AT RISK

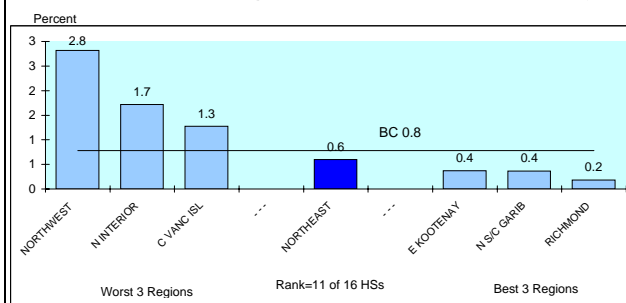
INCOME ASSISTANCE

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|---|------------------|-------------|
| % of Youth (Age 19-24) Receiving Income Assistance* - Sept 2008 | | |
| Total | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| > 1 Year | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| <1 Year | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| % of Youth (Age 19-24) on Income Assistance and Single Parents | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| % of Youth (Age 19-24) on Income Assistance and Employable | | |
| Total | 0.6 | 0.8 |

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



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

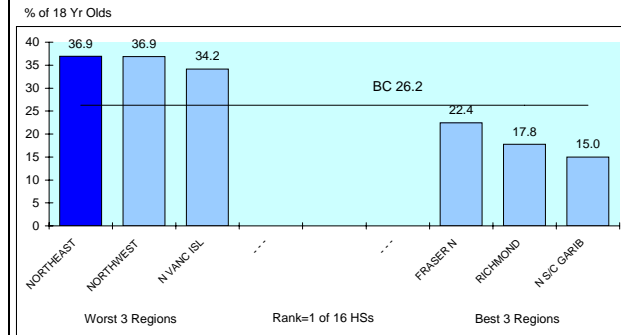


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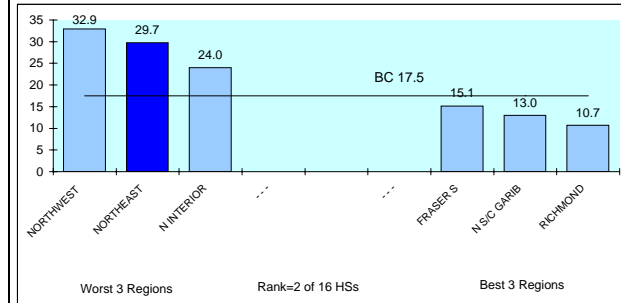
EDUCATION

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| % of 18 Yr Olds Who Did Not Graduate - 2007/08 | 36.9 | 26.2 |
| Grade 12 Provincial Exam Non Completion Rate - Avg 2005/06-2007/08 | | |
| English | 45.7 | 22.9 |
| Chemistry | 89.2 | 79.3 |
| Math | 83.9 | 65.5 |
| Grade 10 Provincial Exam Non Completion Rate - Avg 2005/06-2007/08 | | |
| English | 29.7 | 17.5 |

18 Year Olds Who Did Not Graduate - 2007/08



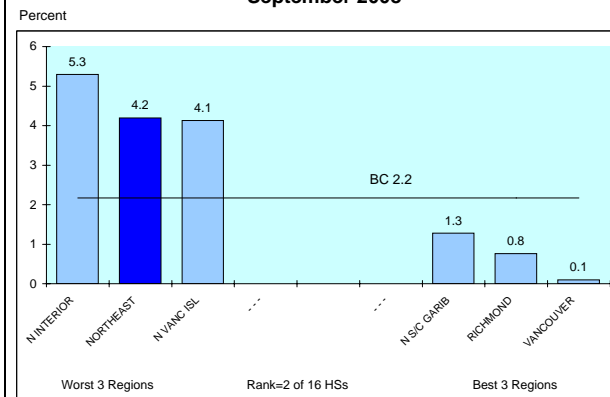
Gr. 10 Prov. Exam Non-Completion Rate - English - Avg 2005/06-2007/08



UNEMPLOYMENT

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
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| Employment Insurance Beneficiaries Age 19-24 - Sept 2008 | 4.2 | 2.2 |

Population 19-24 Receiving Employment Insurance September 2008



OTHER

| | <u>NORTHEAST</u> | <u>B.C.</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Total Juvenile Serious Crime Rate - Avg 2004-2006 (Offences per 1,000 Pop Age 12-17) | 8.9 | 4.5 |
| Non-Cannabis Juvenile Drug Offences - Avg 2004-2006 (Offences per 100,000 Pop Age 12-17) | 53.4 | 47.0 |
| Hospitalization rates from Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2007/08 (Per 1,000 Pop Age 15-24) | 4.7 | 1.7 |

Hospitalization Rates from Motor Vehicle Accidents - 2007/08

