

## June 99 Interim Update

Updates to the data variables that make up the components of the *Overall Socio-Economic Index* are available at various times throughout the year. Some of the data inputs, such as income assistance rates, are available on a quarterly basis, while others such as Grade 12 provincial examination pass rates, are only available annually. As a result, a complete update of the data variables that form the various indicators can only be produced on an annual basis, and will coincide with the December report. However, an interim update of some of the data variables will normally be available in June of each year. This report contains the results for the June 99 update.

### I. Inventory of Updated Variables

Of the data variables that make up the *Overall Socio-Economic Index*, only the following have been updated:

Data Variable	Time Period		Indicator
	Was	Now Is	
% of population 0-64 receiving income assistance < 1 year	Sept 1998	March 1999	<i>Human Economic Hardship</i>
% of population 0-64 receiving income assistance < 1 year	Sept 1998	March 1999	
% of seniors population receiving maximum GIS benefits.	June 1997	June 1998	
% change in IA recipients 19-64	Sept 97 – Sept 98	Mar 98-Mar 99	<i>Impending Change in Economic Hardship</i>
% change in EI recipients 19-64	Sept 97 – Sept 98	Mar 98-Mar 99	
% of children (<19) receiving income assistance < 1 year	Sept 1999	March 1999	<i>Children at Risk</i>
% of children (<19) receiving income assistance < 1 year	Sept 1999	March 1999	
% of youth (19-24) receiving income assistance < 1 year	Sept 1999	March 1999	<i>Youth at Risk</i>
% of youth (19-24) receiving income assistance < 1 year	Sept 1999	March 1999	

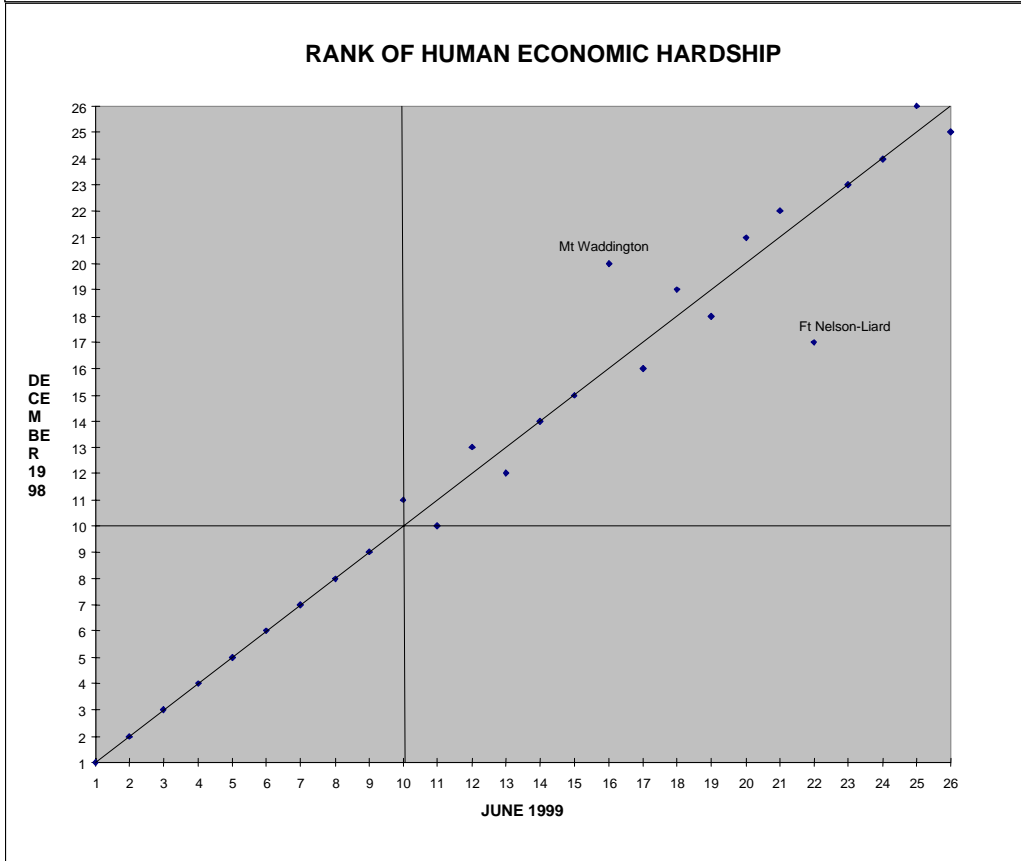
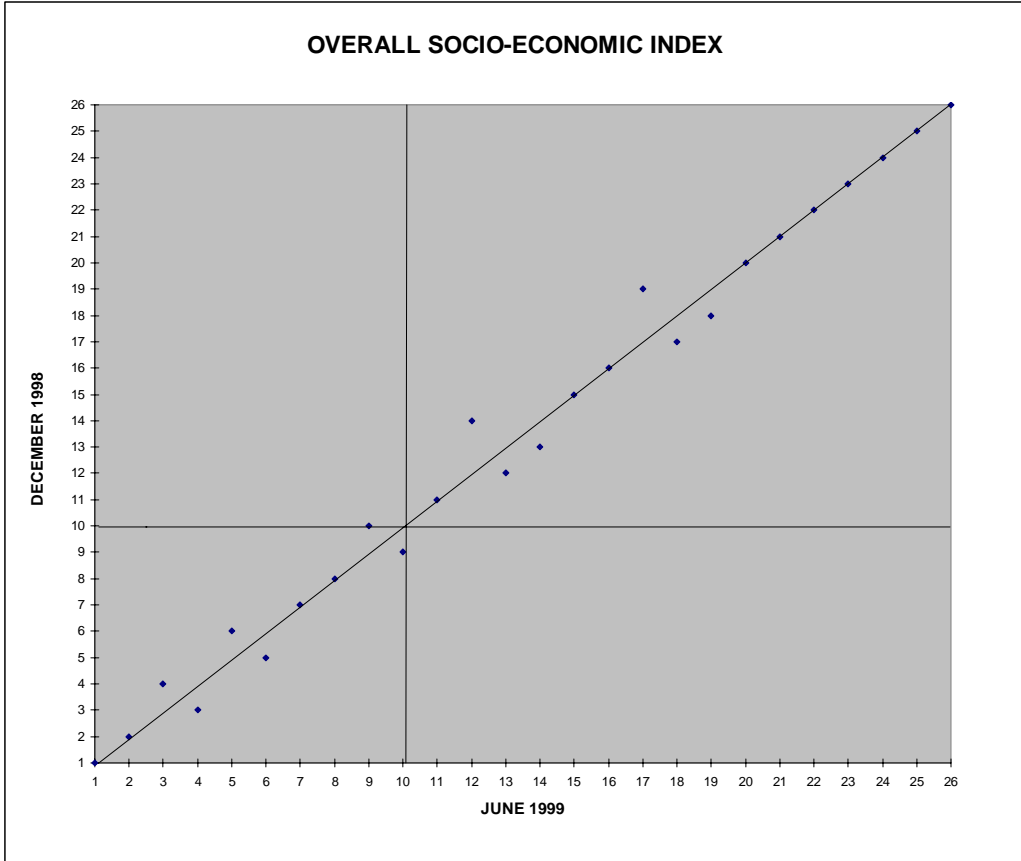
Indicators that have not been updated include *Crime, Education* and *Health*. Hence, the results reported in the following tables should only be viewed as a partial indication of what to expect from the December 99 release.

## II. Results

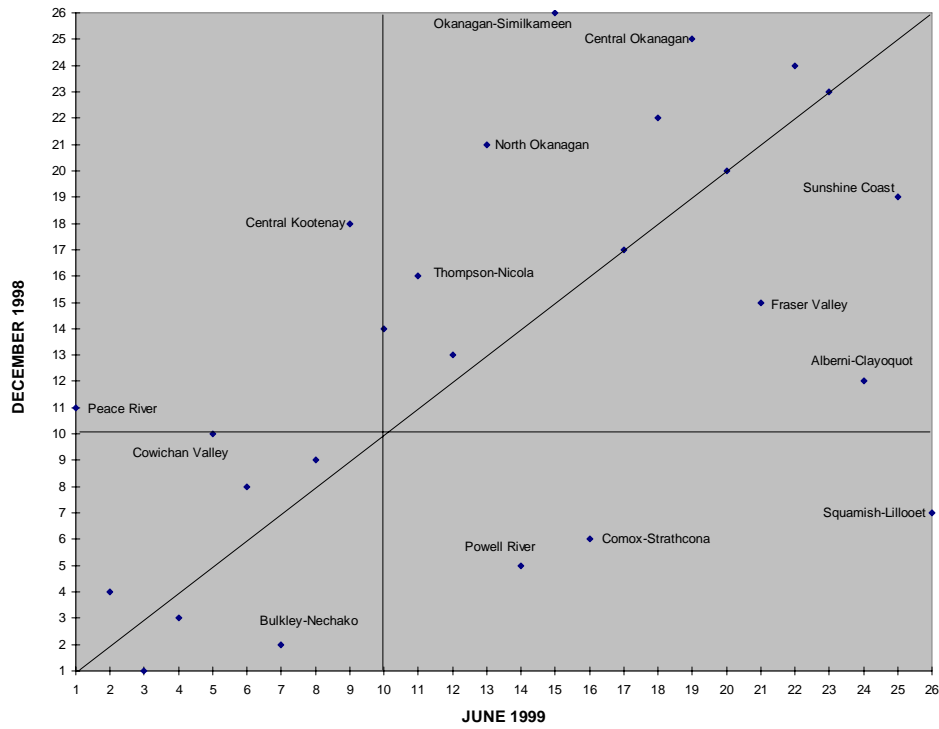
The results from the June interim update are very similar that of the revised December report. The ten regions that ranked lowest on the *Overall Socio-Economic Index* in the December report were the same ten in the June report. In addition, there was little change in the individual ranking (see scatter plots). This pattern was generally true for all but one of the component indicators as well. The exception was the *Index of Impending Change in Economic Hardship*.

Updating the annual income assistance and Employment Insurance growth rate data from September 97/98 to March 98/99 resulted in some significant changes in the rankings for this indicator. The fact that the indicator was telling us that conditions are changing in the regions is not necessarily reason for concern. However, the indicator should attempt to accurately predict the change. The original intent of this “change” index was to measure recent changes in economic conditions across regions to identify areas likely to experience a change in the level of economic hardship in the near future. The goal was to anticipate future swings in the *Human Economic Hardship Index*, thus having the affect of moderating the volatility of the *Overall Socio-Economic Index*. When examining the results from the June 99 update it is difficult to conclude that the goal is being achieved. The “change” variable as constructed does not appear to consistently predict changes in the *Human Economic Hardship Index*. **Hence, we recommend that it be dropped from the *Overall Socio-Economic Index* calculation and be maintained as a supplementary data set only.** This recommendation is consistent with comments made by a number of the external reviewers.

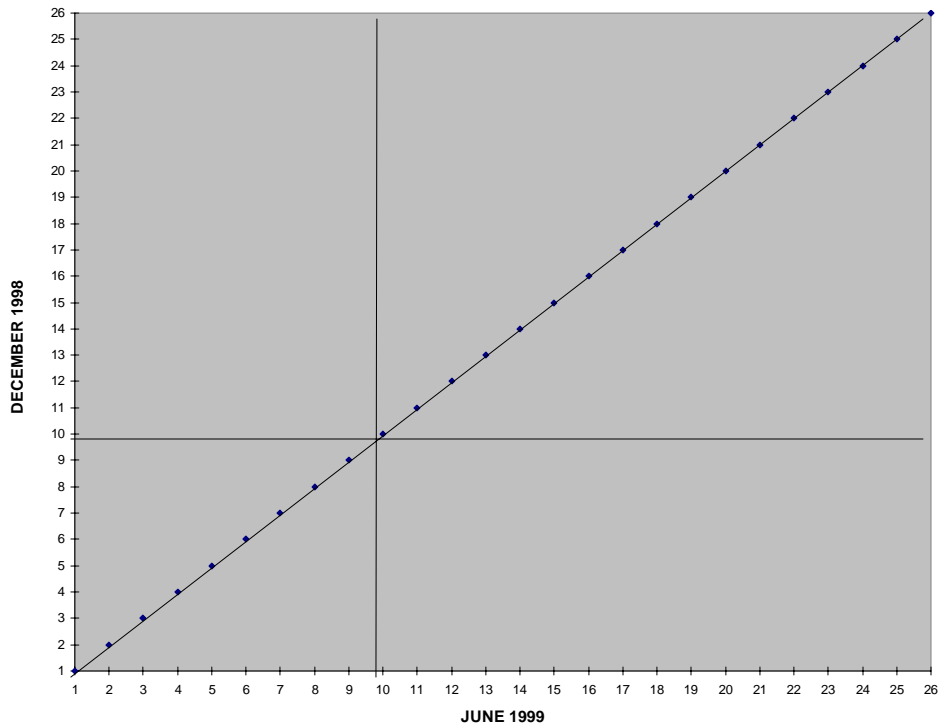
- “The data used in the construction of the Impending Change in Economic Hardship Indicator are very likely to be too variable month-to-month to give robust indicators.”
- “The use of dependence on primary industries in the Impending Change in Economic Hardship Indicator may not be appropriate as the data is updated infrequently. In addition, the decline in forestry has been recent and may not be a negative factor in future years.”
- “The Impending Change in Economic Hardship Indicator is very narrowly based. Possible improvements may be to use new IA and EI claims, capital investment intentions, or population change.”
- “I did not find the variable Impending Change in Economic Hardship very useful as it is based on past changes, which are not necessarily indicative of future changes. I recommend it be dropped.”
- “The weight given to the Impending Change in Economic Hardship (i.e. 5%) is so low that including it in the overall index becomes doubtful. Perhaps it should be removed from the overall index, but still calculated and sued separately as a leading indicator.”

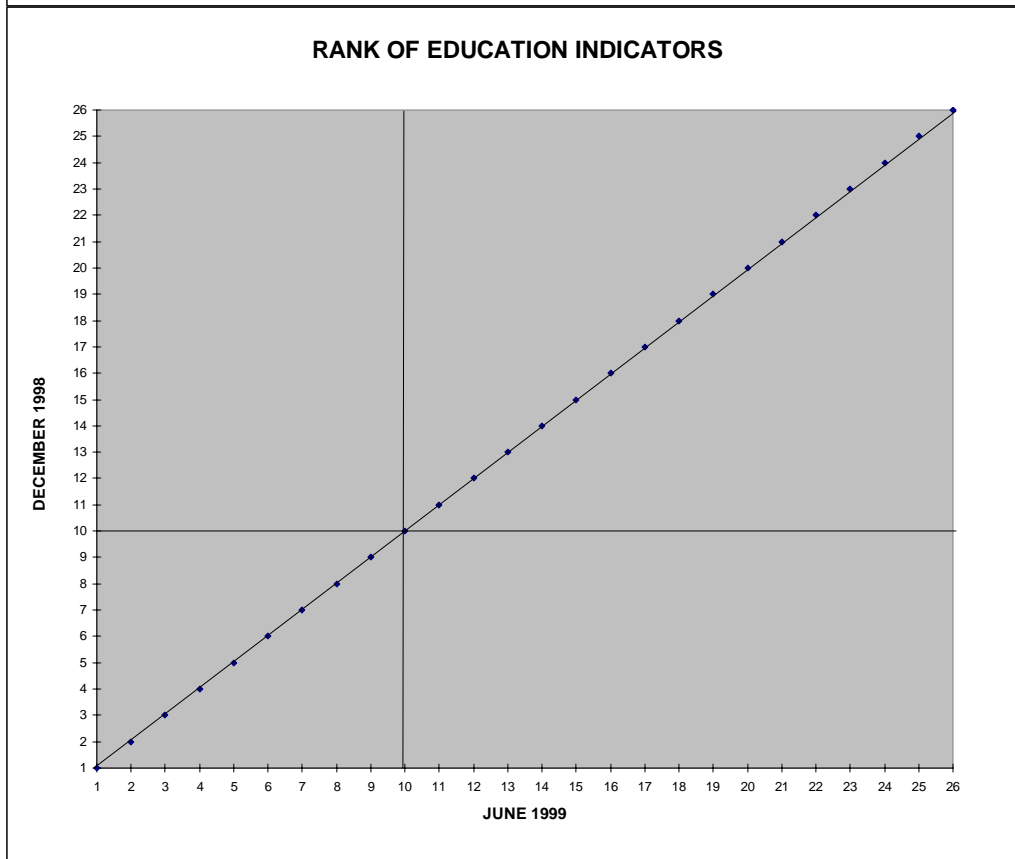
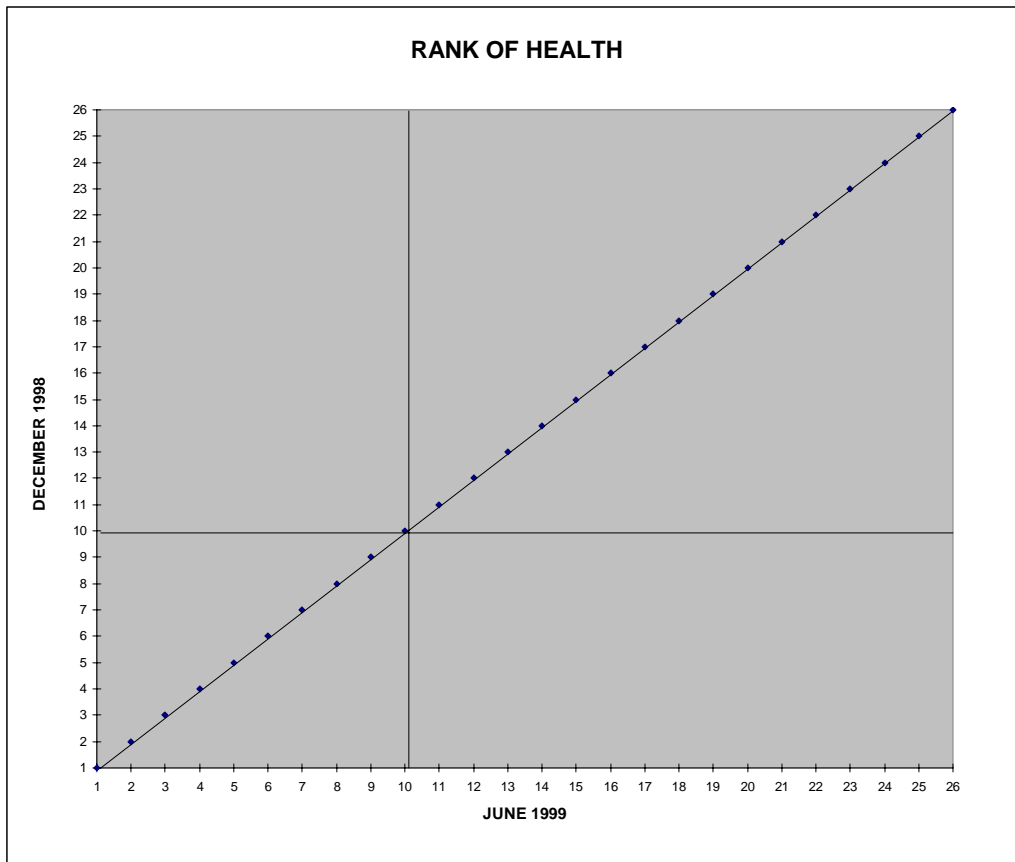


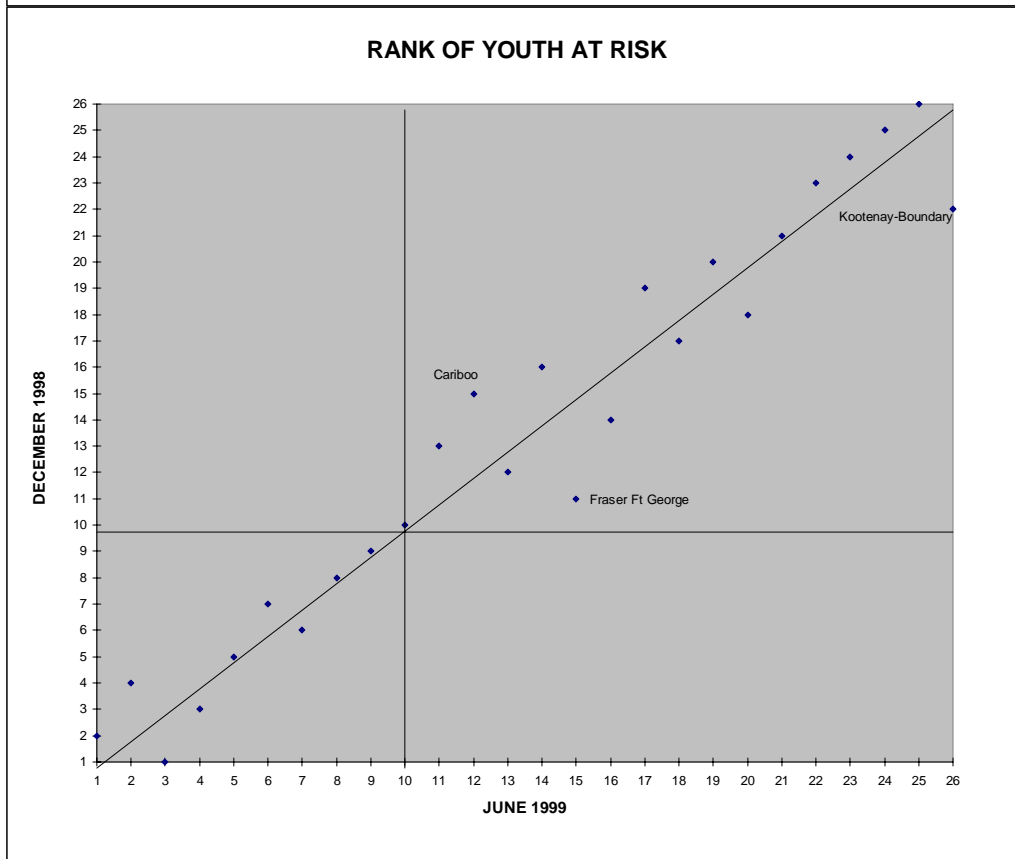
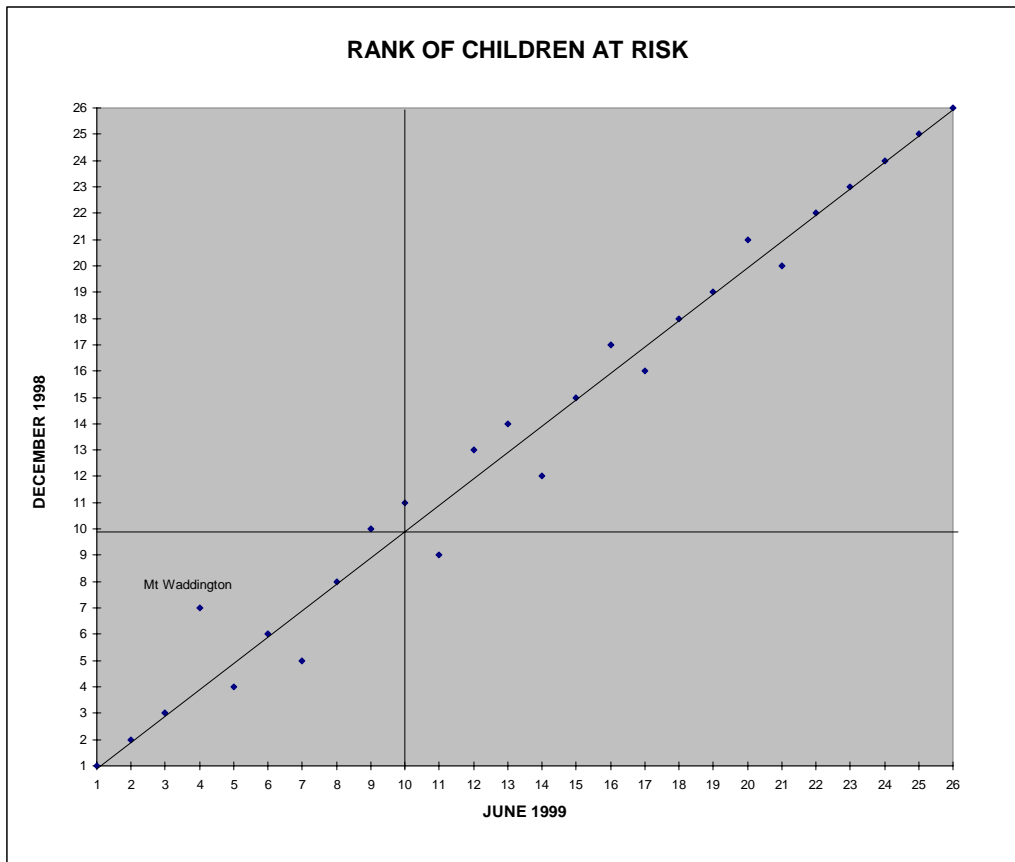
**RANK OF IMPENDING CHANGE IN ECONOMIC HARDSHIP**



**RANK OF CRIME**







## REGIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDEX

June, 1999

Ranked from Worst-Off to Best-Off Regions

Regional Districts*	Regional Socio-Economic Index <sup>&amp;</sup>		Human Economic Hardship		Impending Change in Economic Hardship		Crime		Health		Education		Children		Youth	
	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank
			Wt=(.25)		Wt=(.05)		Wt=(.2)		Wt=(.2)		Wt=(.2)		Wt=(.05)		Wt=(.05)	
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.61	1	0.45	4	-0.48	24	0.68	3	0.94	1	0.64	4	0.78	1	0.56	3
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.48	2	0.75	1	-0.33	18	-0.12	17	0.58	3	0.76	2	0.66	2	0.71	1
Mount Waddington	0.43	3	-0.15	16	0.73	3	0.62	5	0.86	2	0.46	7	0.46	4	0.51	6
Kitimat-Stikine	0.39	4	0.56	3	0.74	2	-0.01	15	0.40	7	0.41	8	0.51	3	0.56	4
Fraser-Fort George	0.35	5	0.37	5	0.58	4	0.44	7	0.37	9	0.23	9	0.23	11	0.06	15
Fort Nelson-Liard	0.34	6	-0.42	22	-0.15	17	1.01	1	0.51	5	0.68	3	0.42	5	-0.15	16
Cariboo	0.29	7	0.37	6	0.11	8	-0.31	21	0.40	8	0.84	1	0.02	15	0.07	12
Thompson-Nicola	0.19	8	0.28	8	0.06	11	0.12	11	0.55	4	-0.11	14	0.05	14	0.07	11
Bulkley-Nechako	0.18	9	-0.20	18	0.16	7	0.07	13	0.49	6	0.54	6	0.29	8	-0.21	17
Powell River	0.15	10	0.19	9	0.01	14	0.17	9	-0.01	13	0.16	10	0.25	9	0.63	2
Nanaimo	0.12	11	0.62	2	-0.39	20	0.11	12	-0.20	17	-0.22	17	0.34	7	0.52	5
Sunshine Coast	0.02	12	-0.12	15	-0.52	25	0.51	6	0.06	11	-0.27	19	0.07	13	0.27	8
Fraser Valley	0.02	13	0.01	13	-0.43	21	0.64	4	-0.49	22	0.07	11	-0.26	18	0.11	10
Comox-Strathcona	0.01	14	0.30	7	-0.12	16	0.14	10	-0.34	19	-0.21	15	0.08	12	0.46	7
Cowichan Valley	0.01	15	0.16	11	0.35	5	-0.23	19	0.26	10	-0.38	22	0.38	6	0.07	13
Peace River	-0.04	16	-0.30	20	0.83	1	0.00	14	-0.47	21	0.58	5	-0.33	22	-0.25	19
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.08	17	0.15	12	-0.11	15	-0.32	22	-0.24	18	-0.09	13	0.23	10	0.07	14
Central Kootenay	-0.10	18	0.19	10	0.10	9	-0.53	24	0.04	12	-0.24	18	-0.21	16	0.19	9
North Okanagan	-0.11	19	-0.01	14	0.03	13	-0.16	18	-0.06	15	-0.21	16	-0.31	20	-0.27	20
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.22	20	-0.56	25	-0.62	26	-0.05	16	-0.01	14	0.05	12	-0.44	24	-0.50	24
Greater Vancouver	-0.27	21	-0.21	19	-0.47	23	0.80	2	-0.71	24	-0.79	25	-0.51	25	-0.63	25
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.33	22	-0.41	21	0.23	6	-0.40	23	-0.39	20	-0.27	20	-0.28	19	-0.31	21
Central Okanagan	-0.41	23	-0.60	26	-0.35	19	0.37	8	-0.92	26	-0.49	23	-0.31	21	-0.38	22
Kootenay Boundary	-0.48	24	-0.18	17	0.07	10	-0.89	26	-0.12	16	-0.84	26	-0.64	26	-0.67	26
East Kootenay	-0.48	25	-0.53	24	0.04	12	-0.56	25	-0.66	23	-0.37	21	-0.23	17	-0.49	23
Capital	-0.54	26	-0.50	23	-0.45	22	-0.30	20	-0.85	25	-0.66	24	-0.44	23	-0.25	18
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>-0.21</b>		<b>-0.20</b>		<b>-0.42</b>		<b>0.54</b>		<b>-0.56</b>		<b>-0.51</b>		<b>-0.33</b>		<b>-0.37</b>	

\*Excludes Stikine and Central Coast RD's due to small numbers.

<sup>&</sup> The Regional Socio-Economic Index is the weighted average of the individual subject matter "composite indices". See attached sheets for the derivation of these composite indices.

## Indicators of Human Economic Hardship

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup>		% of Population Age 0-64 on Income Assistance									% of		
	of Human Economic Hardship		as at March 1999						Seniors Receiving			Maximum GIS - 1998		
	Index	Rank	Total		For More Than 1 Yr			For Less Than 1 Yr			%	Index	Rank	
			%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank				
Ranked from worst to best				Wt=.50			Wt = .25			Wt = .25				
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.75	1	10.8	1	5.3	0.65	2	5.5	1.16	1	4.3	0.53	9	
Nanaimo	0.62	2	10.7	2	6.2	1.03	1	4.5	0.86	4	1.8	-0.46	23	
Kitimat-Stikine	0.56	3	8.9	5	4.6	0.27	8	4.3	0.67	5	5.7	1.02	4	
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.45	4	9.4	3	5.3	0.65	3	4.1	0.48	9	3.0	0.02	13	
Fraser-Fort George	0.37	5	8.6	7	4.5	0.22	9	4.2	0.57	6	4.1	0.46	10	
Cariboo	0.37	6	8.1	11	4.1	0.00	13	4.0	0.38	10	6.6	1.10	2	
Comox-Strathcona	0.30	7	9.2	4	4.7	0.32	5	4.5	0.86	3	2.2	-0.30	22	
Thompson-Nicola	0.28	8	8.5	10	4.4	0.16	10	4.2	0.57	7	3.5	0.22	12	
Powell River	0.19	9	8.7	6	4.7	0.32	6	4.0	0.38	12	2.3	-0.26	21	
Central Kootenay	0.19	10	8.1	12	4.1	0.00	14	4.0	0.38	11	3.9	0.38	11	
Cowichan Valley	0.16	11	8.5	9	5.0	0.49	4	3.5	-0.10	15	2.3	-0.26	20	
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.15	12	8.6	8	4.1	0.00	12	4.5	0.86	2	2.3	-0.26	19	
Fraser Valley	0.01	13	7.8	13	4.7	0.32	7	3.0	-0.57	22	2.9	-0.02	15	
North Okanagan	-0.01	14	7.7	15	4.0	-0.05	15	3.7	0.10	13	2.9	-0.02	16	
Sunshine Coast	-0.12	15	7.7	14	4.3	0.11	11	3.4	-0.19	17	1.7	-0.50	25	
Mount Waddington	-0.15	16	6.7	17	2.6	-0.81	22	4.1	0.48	8	4.3	0.53	8	
Kootenay Boundary	-0.18	17	7.0	16	3.8	-0.16	16	3.2	-0.38	19	2.9	-0.02	14	
Bulkley-Nechako	-0.20	18	6.0	21	2.6	-0.81	23	3.4	-0.19	16	5.7	1.02	5	
Greater Vancouver	-0.21	19	5.6	23	3.6	-0.27	17	2.0	-1.11	26	5.0	0.81	7	
Peace River	-0.30	20	5.6	24	2.3	-0.97	24	3.3	-0.29	18	5.9	1.04	3	
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.41	21	6.4	18	2.9	-0.65	19	3.5	-0.10	14	2.4	-0.22	18	
Fort Nelson-Liard	-0.42	22	4.1	26	1.6	-1.08	26	2.5	-1.01	24	15.7	1.50	1	
Capital	-0.50	23	6.2	19	3.5	-0.32	18	2.7	-0.86	23	1.7	-0.50	24	
East Kootenay	-0.53	24	5.9	22	2.8	-0.70	20	3.1	-0.48	20	2.4	-0.22	17	
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.56	25	4.1	25	2.1	-1.02	25	2.1	-1.09	25	5.2	0.89	6	
Central Okanagan	-0.60	26	6.0	20	2.8	-0.70	21	3.1	-0.48	21	1.7	-0.50	26	
<b>British Columbia</b>	-0.20		6.6		3.8	-0.16		2.8	-0.76		3.7	0.30		

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## Further Information on Human Economic Hardship

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>α</sup>		as at Dec 1998				1995		1995		Per Capita 1995	
	of Human Economic Hardship		% of Pop 0-64 not on IA & on MSP Subsidy		4Q Avg to March 99 % of 19-64 on EI		Per Capita Income		Income Inequality		Net Taxes Paid Minus Transfer Payments	
	Index	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	\$	Rank	Index	Rank	Avg \$	Rank
	Ranked from worst to best											
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.75	1	31.2	1	7.3	1	15,985	2	8.5	3	548	18
Nanaimo	0.62	2	16.8	24	4.1	16	17,669	14	7.5	13	-1366	2
Kitimat-Stikine	0.56	3	24.2	2	6.1	3	17,366	10	7.6	11	1323	21
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.45	4	22.2	5	5.0	6	17,180	9	8.0	5	-419	13
Cariboo	0.37	5	20.0	10	4.6	10	16,464	4	8.2	4	443	17
Fraser-Fort George	0.36	6	12.5	26	5.3	5	19,752	23	7.3	16	1541	24
Comox-Strathcona	0.30	7	17.5	21	5.5	4	17,913	17	6.9	22	-303	14
Thompson-Nicola	0.28	8	20.8	8	4.7	9	17,776	16	9.7	1	-76	15
Powell River	0.19	9	17.9	19	4.2	15	18,070	19	7.3	15	-617	10
Central Kootenay	0.19	10	19.8	11	4.4	12	16,342	3	7.5	14	-1037	3
Cowichan Valley	0.16	11	18.6	15	3.7	22	17,481	12	7.6	10	-898	6
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.15	12	23.3	3	4.8	7	16,728	5	7.0	20	-2187	1
Fraser Valley	0.01	13	18.4	16	4.3	13	16,761	6	7.1	19	-469	11
North Okanagan	-0.01	14	20.8	9	4.0	17	16,880	8	7.6	9	-953	4
Sunshine Coast	-0.11	15	18.8	13	3.6	24	17,399	11	7.7	8	-847	7
Mount Waddington	-0.16	16	22.4	4	7.0	2	17,965	18	7.9	6	1971	25
Kootenay Boundary	-0.18	17	17.2	22	3.7	23	17,733	15	6.4	26	-933	5
Bulkley-Nechako	-0.20	18	22.2	6	4.5	11	16,842	7	6.8	25	1016	19
Greater Vancouver	-0.21	19	17.8	20	2.8	25	21,109	25	9.3	2	1272	20
Peace River	-0.30	20	18.6	14	4.0	21	18,367	22	7.0	21	1425	23
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.40	21	17.0	23	4.7	8	15,855	1	7.2	18	-786	9
Fort Nelson-Liard	-0.42	22	17.9	18	4.3	14	21,863	26	7.9	7	2973	26
Capital	-0.50	23	18.4	17	2.7	26	20,779	24	6.8	24	-460	12
East Kootenay	-0.52	24	16.3	25	4.0	19	18,123	20	6.9	23	275	16
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.57	25	21.5	7	4.0	18	17,629	13	7.6	12	1327	22
Central Okanagan	-0.59	26	19.0	12	4.0	20	18,213	21	7.2	17	-809	8
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>-0.20</b>		<b>18.6</b>		<b>3.5</b>		<b>19,508</b>		<b>8.2</b>		<b>458</b>	

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## Indicators of Crime\*

June, 1999

Regional Districts**	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Crime		Offences per 1,000 Population																	
			Avg 95-97									Avg 95-97/Avg 92-94								
	Index	Rank	Serious Violent Crime <sup>1</sup>			Serious Property Crime <sup>2</sup>			Total Serious Crime		# of Serious Crimes Per Police Officer			Chg in Serious Violent Crime <sup>1</sup>		Chg in Serious Property Crime <sup>2</sup>		Change in Total Serious Crime		
			Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank
Ranked from worst to best		Wt=.25			Wt=.40					Wt=.10							Wt=.25			
Fort Nelson-Liard	1.01	1	4.7	1.15	1	22.4	1.04	2	27.1	2	13.9	0.04	13	38.4	4	31.3	1	32.5	1.20	1
Greater Vancouver	0.80	2	4.4	1.11	3	23.6	1.08	1	27.9	1	19.3	1.05	2	-4.3	20	-2.2	12	-2.6	-0.04	14
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.68	3	3.7	1.01	4	20.4	0.85	5	24.2	4	16.0	0.49	7	0.0	16	1.0	10	0.9	0.17	10
Fraser Valley	0.64	4	2.7	0.21	12	18.9	0.60	8	21.6	8	16.3	0.57	6	42.8	3	25.4	2	27.4	1.15	2
Mount Waddington	0.62	5	2.4	0.01	13	20.0	0.78	6	22.4	5	15.1	0.30	10	2.9	14	23.9	3	21.2	1.09	3
Sunshine Coast	0.51	6	1.4	-0.75	24	20.4	0.85	4	21.9	7	22.5	1.18	1	-24.5	26	18.3	4	14.0	0.97	4
Fraser-Fort George	0.44	7	4.5	1.13	2	20.6	0.87	3	25.1	3	16.7	0.65	5	-6.7	21	-23.4	25	-20.8	-1.03	26
Central Okanagan	0.37	8	2.4	-0.01	14	17.6	0.41	10	20.1	9	19.0	1.04	3	28.8	6	2.3	9	4.9	0.42	6
Powell River	0.17	9	2.4	-0.03	15	14.5	-0.09	17	16.9	17	14.3	0.13	12	83.0	1	4.7	5	11.4	0.81	5
Comox-Strathcona	0.14	10	2.2	-0.19	17	16.8	0.28	11	19.0	11	16.0	0.48	8	21.1	7	-2.6	13	-0.4	0.10	12
Thompson-Nicola	0.12	11	2.7	0.23	11	14.7	-0.06	15	17.4	15	13.3	-0.10	15	5.5	12	4.1	7	4.3	0.38	8
Nanaimo	0.11	12	2.3	-0.12	16	19.9	0.77	7	22.2	6	17.6	0.85	4	-14.5	24	-19.8	24	-19.3	-1.01	24
Bulkley-Nechako	0.07	13	3.4	0.77	6	14.7	-0.06	16	18.1	14	12.8	-0.19	17	1.0	15	-8.7	18	-7.0	-0.31	18
Peace River	0.00	14	3.1	0.55	7	15.6	0.08	12	18.7	12	13.1	-0.13	16	9.2	8	-15.6	19	-12.2	-0.62	20
Kitimat-Stikine	-0.01	15	3.0	0.45	9	14.1	-0.15	18	17.1	16	10.4	-0.73	23	57.2	2	-8.6	17	-1.4	0.04	13
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.05	16	2.0	-0.29	18	17.8	0.43	9	19.8	10	9.7	-0.88	25	-22.8	25	-4.1	14	-6.4	-0.27	16
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	-0.12	17	3.5	0.85	5	14.9	-0.02	14	18.5	13	9.7	-0.88	24	-8.9	23	-19.3	23	-17.5	-0.94	23
North Okanagan	-0.16	18	1.6	-0.61	21	13.6	-0.23	19	15.2	21	15.7	0.42	9	-8.7	22	2.3	8	1.0	0.18	9
Cowichan Valley	-0.23	19	1.6	-0.64	22	15.2	0.02	13	16.8	18	13.6	-0.04	14	-0.8	18	-7.4	16	-6.8	-0.29	17
Capital	-0.30	20	3.1	0.51	8	12.2	-0.45	22	15.3	20	10.6	-0.67	22	-2.5	19	-15.9	21	-13.5	-0.70	21
Cariboo	-0.31	21	2.9	0.39	10	13.3	-0.29	20	16.2	19	11.8	-0.41	19	-0.7	17	-23.4	26	-20.1	-1.02	25
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.32	22	1.8	-0.49	20	12.5	-0.41	21	14.3	22	14.8	0.22	11	3.2	13	-6.6	15	-5.5	-0.21	15
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.40	23	1.3	-0.88	25	12.0	-0.49	23	13.3	23	12.7	-0.23	18	9.0	9	-0.3	11	0.5	0.15	11
Central Kootenay	-0.53	24	1.2	-0.92	26	9.8	-0.84	25	11.0	25	10.7	-0.66	21	7.4	11	4.5	6	4.8	0.41	7
East Kootenay	-0.56	25	2.0	-0.35	19	10.5	-0.72	24	12.5	24	11.2	-0.54	20	32.3	5	-15.6	20	-10.5	-0.51	19
Kootenay Boundary	-0.89	26	1.6	-0.67	23	7.5	-1.05	26	9.0	26	8.7	-1.02	26	7.8	10	-18.7	22	-15.1	-0.80	22
<b>British Columbia</b>	0.54		3.5	0.81		19.5	0.70		22.9		16.7	0.65		0.3		-2.9		-2.4	-0.03	

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# Further Information on Crime\*

June, 1999

Regional Districts**	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Crime		Indicators of Serious Drug Crime								Indicators of Youth (Age 12-17) Crime					
			Offences per 1,000 Population				Offences per 100,000 Pop				Charges per 1,000 Population			Charges per 100,000 Pop		
	Index	Rank	Ava 95-97		Ava 95-97		Ava 95-97		1996		Ava 95-97		Ava 95-97		Ava 95-97	
			Motor Vehicle Theft	Spousal Assault	Non-Cannabis Drug Offences <sup>3</sup>	per 100,000 Pop 19-64 Illicit Drug Deaths	Youth Serious Violent Crime <sup>1</sup>	Youth Serious Property Crime <sup>2</sup>	Youth Non-Cannabis Drug Offences <sup>3</sup>							
	Ranked from worst to best		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Fort Nelson-Liard	1.01	1	16.9	1	8.9	1	119.3	10	0.0	23	8.2	1	15.8	7	0.0	26
Greater Vancouver	0.80	2	12.1	2	2.0	20	130.4	8	33.5	1	4.9	6	3.8	26	62.5	5
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.68	3	5.4	9	4.2	8	119.8	9	29.4	4	5.7	4	18.8	3	22.0	13
Fraser Valley	0.64	4	8.7	3	3.1	13	101.2	12	24.5	5	3.6	13	6.9	24	15.3	17
Mount Waddington	0.62	5	3.7	15	7.3	2	176.6	5	30.5	3	3.3	18	30.1	1	0.0	24
Sunshine Coast	0.51	6	3.0	21	2.8	15	50.5	23	6.4	17	3.4	17	21.7	2	17.1	16
Fraser-Fort George	0.44	7	8.7	4	4.6	6	107.4	11	17.4	10	5.9	3	7.9	22	30.4	11
Central Okanagan	0.37	8	8.4	5	2.4	19	71.0	16	6.8	15	4.0	10	9.2	20	52.9	6
Powell River	0.17	9	2.1	25	3.4	12	254.2	1	7.9	14	5.2	5	16.5	6	79.3	3
Comox-Strathcona	0.14	10	3.6	16	3.4	11	156.5	6	19.9	8	3.5	15	14.9	8	51.4	7
Thompson-Nicola	0.12	11	5.4	8	3.4	10	78.7	15	23.7	6	3.6	14	9.6	18	3.0	22
Nanaimo	0.11	12	4.9	10	2.0	21	196.9	3	17.9	9	4.0	11	9.2	19	65.3	4
Bulkley-Nechako	0.07	13	3.8	12	5.6	5	66.0	19	0.0	24	2.1	20	18.6	4	0.0	25
Peace River	0.00	14	5.9	7	4.0	9	181.8	4	5.4	18	3.4	16	13.4	9	35.5	9
Kitimat-Stikine	-0.01	15	3.4	19	5.8	4	97.3	13	3.5	20	4.6	8	18.2	5	7.4	20
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.05	16	4.0	11	2.9	14	140.4	7	16.4	11	2.8	19	13.0	10	42.3	8
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	-0.12	17	2.3	24	6.5	3	245.2	2	30.9	2	4.8	7	11.7	13	263.0	1
North Okanagan	-0.16	18	3.8	13	2.6	17	54.0	21	13.4	12	2.1	21	7.1	23	20.4	14
Cowichan Valley	-0.23	19	3.7	14	3.5	26	35.9	26	9.0	13	3.8	12	12.1	11	31.1	10
Capital	-0.30	20	3.6	17	1.4	25	89.3	14	20.4	7	7.3	2	6.9	25	126.2	2
Cariboo	-0.31	21	7.2	6	4.3	7	68.9	17	6.6	16	1.4	25	10.3	15	4.8	21
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.32	22	3.5	18	2.5	18	64.5	20	2.3	22	4.2	9	11.9	12	17.7	15
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.40	23	3.2	20	1.9	23	66.3	18	0.0	26	1.8	23	10.0	16	23.1	12
Central Kootenay	-0.53	24	2.5	23	1.8	24	49.2	24	2.7	21	1.1	26	8.0	21	12.7	18
East Kootenay	-0.56	25	2.6	22	2.7	16	51.9	22	5.3	19	1.6	24	9.8	17	12.3	19
Kootenay Boundary	-0.89	26	1.8	26	2.0	22	38.6	25	0.0	25	1.8	22	10.7	14	0.0	23
<b>British Columbia</b>	0.54		8.6		2.5		114.6		24.3		4.4		7.5		5.2	

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## NOTES ON CRIME

\* Qualifier by Ministry of Attorney General: "Since the Crime Index is based on resident population and does not take into consideration non-resident or transient populations such as tourists or seasonal workers, and because of large demographic and geographic differences between Regional Districts, the Crime Index is not, and cannot be used as an indicator of the relative safety of one region over another. It is the Ministry of AG's view that all regions of BC are safe places in which to live and work."

\*\* Excludes Stikine and Central Coast RD's due to small numbers.

& The Composite Index is the weighted average of the sub-indices. The sub-indices are calculated as the distance from the *median* value (standardized by the interquartile range). For example, a region with a **+0.75** index means that region is 0.75 standard units worse than the *median* region; while a **-0.75** index means that region is 0.75 standard units better than the *median* region. Indices >+-1 are tempered by the power of 1/4.

1 Serious violent crime includes all crimes involving a weapon as well as sexual assaults resulting in bodily harm, non-sexual assaults resulting in serious injury and abductions.

2 Breaking & Entering is the only property crime included in "serious". Property crimes excluded are Motor Vehicle Theft and minor crimes such as bicycle theft and pickpocketing. Motor Vehicle Theft is shown separately on page 2.

3 Drug offences include possession and trafficking/importing/cultivation of illegal drugs excluding cannabis. Variations in the rates between regions may reflect differing police enforcement of drug possession between jurisdictions as well as differing levels of non-cannabis drug use.

## Indicators of Health Problems

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Health		Avg 93-97		Per 1,000 Pop - Avg 93-97								
			Life Expectancy		Natural Causes			Accidental Causes			Suicide/Homicide		
	Index <i>Ranked from worst to best</i>	Rank	At Birth		Pyll Rate	Index Wt=.40	Rank	Pyll Rate	Index Wt = .30	Rank	Pyll Rate	Index Wt = .30	Rank
			Years	Rank									
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.94	1	76.2	4	54.9	1.38	2	16.3	0.12	13	10.0	1.15	1
Mount Waddington	0.86	2	75.0	1	58.2	1.46	1	17.9	0.48	6	7.8	0.42	9
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.58	3	75.9	3	51.7	1.29	4	17.7	0.44	7	6.7	-0.24	17
Thompson-Nicola	0.55	4	77.0	6	42.0	0.20	12	18.9	0.70	5	8.5	0.85	3
Fort Nelson-Liard	0.51	5	75.8	2	53.0	1.33	3	28.1	1.29	1	1.1	-1.38	26
Bulkley-Nechako	0.49	6	77.1	9	42.6	0.36	8	23.5	1.15	2	7.1	0.00	13
Kitimat-Stikine	0.40	7	77.5	11	44.5	0.87	6	17.1	0.30	9	6.9	-0.12	16
Cariboo	0.40	8	77.1	7	40.3	-0.26	17	22.6	1.11	3	8.0	0.55	7
Fraser-Fort George	0.37	9	76.7	5	45.4	1.03	5	15.2	-0.12	14	7.1	0.00	14
Cowichan Valley	0.26	10	78.1	15	42.4	0.31	10	15.1	-0.15	15	8.1	0.61	4
Sunshine Coast	0.06	11	78.0	13	41.3	0.01	13	12.7	-0.68	21	8.5	0.85	2
Central Kootenay	0.04	12	78.6	19	41.2	-0.01	14	16.4	0.15	12	7.1	0.00	11
Powell River	-0.01	13	78.5	16	42.5	0.34	9	10.7	-1.03	22	8.0	0.55	6
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.01	14	77.1	8	40.0	-0.34	18	20.0	0.95	4	6.2	-0.55	20
North Okanagan	-0.06	15	78.5	17	39.3	-0.52	21	16.9	0.26	10	7.5	0.24	10
Kootenay Boundary	-0.12	16	77.4	10	42.1	0.23	11	17.3	0.35	8	5.1	-1.05	23
Nanaimo	-0.20	17	78.5	18	43.5	0.60	7	13.2	-0.57	19	5.6	-0.91	21
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.24	18	79.0	21	40.0	-0.34	19	14.1	-0.37	17	7.1	0.00	12
Comox-Strathcona	-0.34	19	78.1	14	37.7	-0.95	23	14.4	-0.30	16	7.8	0.42	8
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.39	20	79.5	24	36.8	-1.05	24	16.5	0.17	11	7.0	-0.06	15
Peace River	-0.47	21	77.9	12	40.9	-0.09	15	13.9	-0.41	18	5.3	-1.02	22
Fraser Valley	-0.49	22	78.7	20	39.2	-0.55	22	13.1	-0.59	20	6.6	-0.30	18
East Kootenay	-0.66	23	79.2	23	32.2	-1.25	25	10.0	-1.06	23	8.0	0.55	5
Greater Vancouver	-0.71	24	79.1	22	40.6	-0.17	16	10.0	-1.06	24	4.9	-1.07	25
Capital	-0.85	25	79.5	25	39.4	-0.50	20	8.3	-1.14	26	5.1	-1.05	24
Central Okanagan	-0.92	26	80.7	26	31.9	-1.26	26	9.5	-1.09	25	6.6	-0.30	19
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>-0.56</b>		<b>78.8</b>		<b>40.5</b>	<b>-0.20</b>		<b>12.1</b>	<b>-0.82</b>		<b>5.8</b>	<b>-0.79</b>	

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For example, a region with a **+0.75** index means that region is 0.75 standard units **worse** than the *median* region; while a **-0.75** index means that region is 0.75 standard units **better** than the *median* region. Indices >+1 are tempered by the power of 1/4.

## Further Information on Health Problems

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Health		Per 1,000 Pop Age 15-17 1995-1997 Teen Pregnancy		Per 1,000 Live Births 1993-1997 Infant Mortality Rate		Per Population Age 12+ 1997 Prevalence of Smokers**	
	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	%	Rank
	Ranked from worst to best							
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.94	1	47.8	4	7.8	4	24	17
Mount Waddington	0.86	2	48.4	3	12.6	1	26	11
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.58	3	64.0	1	5.3	13	29	1
Thompson-Nicola	0.55	4	30.6	21	5.3	14	27	7
Fort Nelson-Liard	0.51	5	53.7	2	11.6	2	29	4
Bulkley-Nechako	0.49	6	46.6	6	6.9	8	28	5
Kitimat-Stikine	0.40	7	36.7	14	5.1	18	29	2
Cariboo	0.40	8	37.8	11	4.5	22	27	8
Fraser-Fort George	0.37	9	42.3	9	7.2	7	28	6
Cowichan Valley	0.26	10	40.4	10	7.6	5	24	15
Sunshine Coast	0.06	11	43.1	8	5.3	15	25	14
Central Kootenay	0.04	12	25.6	23	7.9	3	22	20
Powell River	-0.01	13	35.0	15	5.6	12	25	13
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.01	14	43.8	7	2.7	26	25	12
North Okanagan	-0.06	15	30.9	20	4.9	19	21	24
Kootenay Boundary	-0.12	16	20.2	26	3.3	25	21	23
Nanaimo	-0.20	17	37.3	13	6.5	9	24	16
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.24	18	31.3	19	7.3	6	23	18
Comox-Strathcona	-0.34	19	37.5	12	4.1	23	26	10
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.39	20	34.5	16	5.6	11	22	22
Peace River	-0.47	21	47.0	5	4.0	24	29	3
Fraser Valley	-0.49	22	34.4	17	4.8	21	22	21
East Kootenay	-0.66	23	20.3	25	6.5	10	26	9
Greater Vancouver	-0.71	24	23.5	24	5.2	16	21	25
Capital	-0.85	25	32.1	18	5.1	17	19	26
Central Okanagan	-0.92	26	27.4	22	4.8	20	23	19
<b>British Columbia</b>	-0.56		30.1		5.4		22	

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\*\*Data are estimates of aggregates of Health Unit rates weighted by population.

## Indicators of Education Concerns

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Education		% of Population Age 25-54 - 1996			% of 18 Year Olds Who			Gr 12 Provincial Exam Non Completion Rate**						% of Enrolment Not						
	Index Ranked from worst to best	Rank	Without High School Compl.		Without Completed Post-Secondary		Did Not Graduate In 1997/98			Math		1997/98 Chem		English		in Career Prep***					
			%	Rank	%	Index Wt=.40	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank		
Cariboo	0.84	1	34.3	2	58.0	0.94	1	42.4	0.78	6	84.1	1.05	1	86.9	5	47.4	1.01	2	59.8	0.23	10
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.76	2	34.2	3	55.7	0.63	6	48.4	1.07	2	78.8	0.35	9	87.5	4	42.8	0.55	4	75.0	0.90	3
Fort Nelson-Liard	0.68	3	35.1	1	55.1	0.56	7	51.4	1.12	1	76.7	0.02	13	89.0	1	37.3	0.01	13	95.3	1.16	1
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.64	4	33.7	5	56.2	0.70	4	45.9	1.02	3	81.8	0.83	4	85.0	12	44.4	0.72	3	28.6	-1.03	24
Peace River	0.58	5	33.4	6	56.1	0.70	5	42.6	0.80	5	79.9	0.53	7	82.7	19	39.5	0.22	9	50.5	-0.18	15
Bulkley-Nechako	0.54	6	33.7	4	56.7	0.77	2	39.0	0.47	8	80.8	0.68	5	83.7	15	41.5	0.43	6	49.2	-0.23	17
Mount Waddington	0.46	7	30.3	8	53.7	0.37	9	44.1	0.93	4	83.8	1.04	2	85.3	10	40.3	0.30	8	32.1	-0.98	23
Kitimat-Stikine	0.41	8	32.8	7	56.4	0.73	3	33.7	-0.01	14	80.0	0.54	6	80.4	24	37.2	-0.01	14	69.8	0.67	4
Fraser-Fort George	0.23	9	29.2	9	53.8	0.39	8	37.2	0.31	11	75.8	-0.13	16	85.4	9	30.1	-0.72	20	69.8	0.67	5
Powell River	0.16	10	27.7	13	53.6	0.36	10	33.9	0.01	13	70.1	-1.02	24	82.4	20	37.8	0.06	12	80.1	1.03	2
Fraser Valley	0.07	11	28.1	10	53.4	0.34	11	33.4	-0.03	15	73.8	-0.46	19	83.7	16	38.0	0.07	11	50.4	-0.18	16
Squamish-Lillooet	0.05	12	20.1	24	45.2	-0.74	24	39.9	0.55	7	82.6	0.97	3	86.3	6	42.4	0.52	5	62.5	0.35	8
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.09	13	27.8	12	49.9	-0.13	15	28.4	-0.49	20	79.8	0.52	8	88.7	2	39.1	0.19	10	61.9	0.33	9
Thompson-Nicola	-0.11	14	26.7	16	50.4	-0.06	14	32.8	-0.09	16	76.8	0.03	11	83.3	17	24.8	-1.06	23	64.6	0.44	6
Comox-Strathcona	-0.21	15	25.4	17	51.3	0.06	13	29.9	-0.36	18	76.8	0.02	12	87.6	3	35.4	-0.19	16	26.1	-1.06	25
North Okanagan	-0.21	16	27.3	14	52.0	0.16	12	24.9	-0.81	25	78.5	0.31	10	84.8	13	40.4	0.31	7	34.4	-0.88	22
Nanaimo	-0.22	17	24.1	19	47.2	-0.48	20	38.1	0.39	10	73.2	-0.56	21	85.0	11	26.7	-1.02	22	57.4	0.13	11
Central Kootenay	-0.24	18	23.2	22	46.2	-0.61	23	38.5	0.42	9	76.3	-0.06	15	86.1	7	24.8	-1.06	25	51.8	-0.12	14
Sunshine Coast	-0.27	19	24.0	20	48.1	-0.36	18	35.9	0.18	12	71.3	-0.86	23	80.4	23	31.3	-0.60	19	46.8	-0.34	18
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.27	20	27.8	11	49.6	-0.16	17	26.7	-0.64	23	76.5	-0.02	14	80.5	22	31.9	-0.54	18	63.7	0.40	7
East Kootenay	-0.37	21	24.0	21	47.2	-0.48	19	27.1	-0.60	22	75.2	-0.22	17	82.8	18	47.6	1.01	1	37.5	-0.75	21
Cowichan Valley	-0.38	22	26.9	15	49.8	-0.14	16	28.1	-0.51	21	75.2	-0.23	18	85.7	8	24.8	-1.06	24	45.7	-0.39	19
Central Okanagan	-0.49	23	22.9	23	46.3	-0.59	22	29.3	-0.41	19	73.7	-0.48	20	81.4	21	35.7	-0.15	15	39.0	-0.68	20
Capital	-0.66	24	17.0	26	40.5	-1.08	26	32.3	-0.14	17	69.8	-1.03	25	83.8	14	27.7	-0.96	21	57.4	0.13	12
Greater Vancouver	-0.79	25	19.7	25	42.8	-1.01	25	25.8	-0.73	24	57.8	-1.32	26	72.8	26	32.3	-0.50	17	57.3	0.12	13
Kootenay Boundary	-0.84	26	24.9	18	46.7	-0.54	21	18.6	-1.08	26	72.0	-0.75	22	77.6	25	22.2	-1.11	26	19.2	-1.12	26
<b>British Columbia</b>	-0.51		22.6		46.0	-0.63		29.8	-0.36		66.8	-1.12		78.5		33.4	-0.39		54.5	0.00	

\* Excludes Stikine and Central Coast RD's due to small numbers.

\*\* % of Students Enrolled in Grade 12 who did not pass the Provincial Exam.

\*\*\* % of Students Enrolled in Grade 11/12 who are not enrolled in Career Prep, Co-op or Apprenticeship Programs.

<sup>&</sup> The Composite Index is the weighted average of the sub-indices. The sub-indices are calculated as the distance from the *median* value (standardized by the interquartile range).For example, a region with a **+0.75** index means that region is 0.75 standard units **worse** than the *median* region; while a **-0.75** index means that region is 0.75 standard units **better** than the *median* region. Indices >+-1 are tempered by the power of 1/4.

## Further Information on Education Concerns

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Education		Average Test Score for Reading						Average Test Score for Writing						Average Test Score for Math					
			1998						1998						1995					
	Index	Rank	Grade4		Grade7		Grade10		Grade4		Grade7		Grade10		Grade4		Grade7		Grade10	
			Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank
Ranked from worst to best																				
Cariboo	0.84	1	63.1	9	65.0	8	66.1	5	3.01	14	3.56	8	3.92	3	56.3	7	51.7	10	54.1	5
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.76	2	53.8	1	57.0	1	64.8	3	2.73	1	3.45	1	4.18	22	52.6	3	49.7	2	51.1	2
Fort Nelson-Liard	0.68	3	60.6	3	59.1	2	61.2	1	3.00	12	3.52	6	3.60	1	50.6	1	49.9	3	51.6	3
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.64	4	64.8	15	62.9	5	68.9	18	3.17	25	3.45	2	4.15	20	54.6	4	50.7	6	57.9	12
Peace River	0.58	5	63.8	11	66.6	13	67.4	10	3.07	18	3.66	13	4.04	11	57.2	10	54.2	13	58.3	15
Bulkley-Nechako	0.54	6	62.5	7	61.7	4	67.3	9	2.83	2	3.54	7	4.06	12	60.0	17	50.7	7	58.6	17
Mount Waddington	0.46	7	62.9	8	66.1	11	67.5	13	2.86	4	3.71	18	3.94	6	58.5	13	50.6	5	55.1	6
Kitimat-Stikine	0.41	8	60.5	2	60.9	3	62.9	2	2.85	3	3.51	5	3.93	4	52.1	2	49.2	1	56.0	7
Fraser-Fort George	0.23	9	63.7	10	67.1	17	67.4	11	2.92	6	3.66	12	4.15	19	59.9	16	56.9	23	59.1	18
Powell River	0.16	10	61.7	6	64.2	6	67.1	8	2.89	5	3.49	3	3.80	2	62.3	25	55.6	19	56.5	8
Fraser Valley	0.07	11	66.2	18	67.3	19	69.0	19	3.04	17	3.73	21	4.19	23	60.5	18	54.9	15	57.9	11
Squamish-Lillooet	0.05	12	61.4	5	64.8	7	65.3	4	2.97	10	3.66	11	3.93	5	58.1	12	50.2	4	45.7	1
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.09	13	67.7	21	67.8	22	68.3	17	3.11	22	3.71	17	4.14	18	61.6	23	55.3	16	61.6	23
Thompson-Nicola	-0.11	14	64.0	13	65.7	10	69.4	22	3.01	15	3.68	15	4.20	24	55.7	5	52.8	11	59.3	21
Comox-Strathcona	-0.21	15	66.5	19	66.3	12	68.0	15	3.07	19	3.57	9	4.15	21	58.8	15	51.2	8	53.4	4
North Okanagan	-0.21	16	66.1	17	69.0	26	69.1	20	3.09	21	3.81	24	4.12	16	58.6	14	57.7	25	62.0	24
Nanaimo	-0.22	17	63.9	12	67.3	20	66.8	6	2.96	9	3.67	14	4.01	8	58.0	11	56.3	21	58.0	13
Central Kootenay	-0.24	18	68.2	24	67.2	18	71.2	26	3.11	23	3.72	19	4.12	14	61.6	22	54.3	14	58.2	14
Sunshine Coast	-0.27	19	64.4	14	66.7	14	70.0	25	2.95	7	3.60	10	3.96	7	56.3	6	56.8	22	61.3	22
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.27	20	67.1	20	66.8	15	67.8	14	2.97	11	3.72	20	4.12	15	61.5	21	55.5	17	59.1	19
East Kootenay	-0.37	21	65.5	16	67.0	16	67.0	7	3.04	16	3.51	4	4.03	9	60.9	19	55.5	18	59.1	20
Cowichan Valley	-0.38	22	60.8	4	65.2	9	68.3	16	2.96	8	3.78	23	4.20	25	56.7	9	51.4	9	57.1	9
Central Okanagan	-0.49	23	68.1	23	67.4	21	69.4	23	3.19	26	3.81	25	4.08	13	61.1	20	54.2	12	58.3	16
Capital	-0.66	24	70.4	26	68.5	25	69.2	21	3.08	20	3.76	22	4.13	17	63.1	26	57.3	24	62.1	25
Greater Vancouver	-0.79	25	68.1	22	68.0	23	67.4	12	3.11	24	3.83	26	4.20	26	62.2	24	58.6	26	63.0	26
Kootenay Boundary	-0.84	26	69.6	25	68.4	24	69.5	24	3.00	13	3.71	16	4.04	10	56.4	8	55.8	20	57.2	10
<b>British Columbia</b>	-0.51		67.2		67.6		68.2		3.08		3.77		4.17		60.5		56.2		60.6	

\*Excludes Stikine and Central Coast RD's due to small numbers.

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## Indicators of Children at Risk

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Children at Risk		% of Children (<19 Yrs) on Income Assistance as at March 1999			Per 1,000 Pop (0-18) 1998			Rate/1,000 Live Births 1993-1997			Average Test Scores 1998			Charges per 1,000 Pop 12-17 Avg 95-97					
			For > 1 Yr		For < 1 Yr		Children In Care			Infant Mortality Rate			Reading/Gr4,7&10			Total Serious Youth Crime <sup>1</sup>				
	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank			
	Ranked from worst to best		Wt=.20	Wt=.10	Wt=.10	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20	Wt=.20			
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.78	1	7.4	0.79	2	5.4	0.57	5	16	1.13	2	7.8	1.03	4	65.5	0.22	10	24.5	1.04	3
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.66	2	7.3	0.72	3	6.1	1.05	1	18	1.24	1	5.3	0.00	13	58.5	1.26	1	16.5	0.19	10
Kitimat-Stikine	0.51	3	5.9	0.06	12	4.8	0.13	9	14	0.91	5	5.1	-0.09	18	61.4	1.12	3	22.8	0.95	5
Mount Waddington	0.46	4	3.7	-1.00	22	5.2	0.45	7	13	0.55	7	12.6	1.33	1	65.5	0.24	9	33.4	1.22	1
Fort Nelson-Liard	0.42	5	2.2	-1.15	26	3.4	-1.01	23	13	0.55	8	11.6	1.29	2	60.3	1.19	2	24.0	1.02	4
Cowichan Valley	0.38	6	7.1	0.61	4	4.6	-0.05	14	10	-0.55	20	7.6	1.00	5	64.7	0.49	8	15.9	0.11	12
Nanaimo	0.34	7	9.0	1.11	1	5.4	0.61	4	11	-0.18	14	6.5	0.52	9	66.0	0.06	12	13.2	-0.21	16
Bulkley-Nechako	0.29	8	3.4	-1.03	24	4.0	-0.57	18	16	1.13	3	6.9	0.71	8	63.8	0.79	4	20.8	0.71	7
Powell River	0.25	9	6.2	0.20	9	4.8	0.12	10	7	-1.13	25	5.6	0.11	12	64.3	0.62	6	21.6	0.81	6
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.23	10	6.1	0.13	11	5.8	0.94	2	12	0.18	9	7.3	0.89	6	67.9	-0.57	21	16.0	0.13	11
Fraser-Fort George	0.23	11	6.4	0.29	7	4.7	0.05	12	12	0.18	10	7.2	0.82	7	66.1	0.05	13	13.8	-0.14	15
Comox-Strathcona	0.08	12	6.7	0.45	5	5.6	0.78	3	11	-0.18	19	4.1	-0.51	23	66.9	-0.25	16	18.4	0.42	8
Sunshine Coast	0.07	13	6.4	0.29	8	4.3	-0.35	16	8	-1.06	23	5.3	-0.02	15	67.0	-0.27	17	25.1	1.05	2
Thompson-Nicola	0.05	14	6.1	0.14	10	5.3	0.52	6	12	0.18	12	5.3	0.00	14	66.3	-0.05	14	13.2	-0.22	18
Cariboo	0.02	15	5.6	-0.11	15	4.7	0.05	13	14	0.91	6	4.5	-0.37	22	64.7	0.49	7	11.7	-0.39	21
Central Kootenay	-0.21	16	5.8	0.00	13	4.8	0.14	8	8	-1.06	22	7.9	1.03	3	68.9	-0.90	24	9.1	-0.72	25
East Kootenay	-0.23	17	4.3	-0.73	20	3.9	-0.63	20	11	-0.18	15	6.5	0.51	10	66.5	-0.10	15	11.4	-0.44	22
Fraser Valley	-0.26	18	6.7	0.42	6	3.6	-0.90	22	11	-0.18	18	4.8	-0.22	21	67.5	-0.43	19	10.5	-0.54	23
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.28	19	4.2	-0.78	21	4.5	-0.15	15	12	0.18	11	5.6	0.11	11	67.3	-0.35	18	11.8	-0.39	20
North Okanagan	-0.31	20	5.8	0.00	14	4.8	0.11	11	11	-0.18	17	4.9	-0.19	19	68.1	-0.62	22	9.3	-0.69	24
Central Okanagan	-0.31	21	4.4	-0.66	19	3.9	-0.61	19	15	1.06	4	4.8	-0.21	20	68.3	-0.70	23	13.2	-0.21	17
Peace River	-0.33	22	3.1	-1.07	25	3.7	-0.83	21	12	0.18	13	4.0	-0.58	24	65.9	0.10	11	16.9	0.23	9
Capital	-0.44	23	5.0	-0.37	18	3.2	-1.06	24	11	-0.18	16	5.1	-0.07	17	69.4	-1.02	26	14.1	-0.10	14
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.44	24	3.5	-1.03	23	2.7	-1.14	25	9	-0.91	21	2.7	-1.03	26	63.8	0.79	5	15.8	0.10	13
Greater Vancouver	-0.51	25	5.5	-0.12	16	2.5	-1.16	26	8	-1.06	24	5.2	-0.03	16	67.8	-0.54	20	8.6	-0.77	26
Kootenay Boundary	-0.64	26	5.4	-0.18	17	4.0	-0.57	17	7	-1.13	26	3.3	-0.89	25	69.2	-1.00	25	12.5	-0.30	19
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>-0.33</b>		<b>5.7</b>	<b>-0.06</b>		<b>3.5</b>	<b>-0.99</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>-0.55</b>		<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.05</b>		<b>67.7</b>	<b>-0.50</b>		<b>11.9</b>	<b>-0.38</b>	

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<sup>1</sup> See Crime Page 3 for definition of Serious Crime

## Further Information on Children at Risk

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>a</sup> of Children at Risk		Indicators of Youth (Age 12-17) Crime								Per 1,000 Pop (0-14)				Per 1,000			
			Offences per 1,000 Population				Offences per 100,000 Pop				Hospitalization Rates				Women 15-17			
			% of Population Age 17-18		Avg 95-97		Avg 95-97		Avg 95-97		1997				Avg 95-97		Per 1,000 Pop (0-18)	
			March 99		Youth Serious		Youth Serious		Youth Non-Cannabis		Respiratory		Injury and		Teen(15-17)		1998	
	Index	Rank	On IA & On Their Own		Violent Crime <sup>b</sup>		Property Crime <sup>c</sup>		Drug Offences <sup>d</sup>		Diseases		Poisoning		Pregnancies		Child Abuse	
Ranked from worst to best		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.78	1	2.5	5	5.7	4	18.8	3	22.0	13	13.5	21	10.1	14	47.8	4	25	6
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.66	2	1.2	22	4.8	7	11.7	13	263.0	1	22.8	5	11.1	10	64.0	1	24	8
Kitimat-Stikine	0.51	3	1.8	12	4.6	8	18.2	5	7.4	20	20.7	10	10.6	12	36.7	14	24	9
Mount Waddington	0.46	4	2.2	8	3.3	18	30.1	1	0.0	23	35.1	1	15.6	1	48.4	3	36	3
Fort Nelson-Liard	0.42	5	0.6	26	8.2	1	15.8	7	0.0	24	27.5	2	10.7	11	53.7	2	41	2
Cowichan Valley	0.38	6	1.6	16	3.8	12	12.1	11	31.1	10	19.2	13	8.1	22	40.4	10	9	24
Nanaimo	0.34	7	3.9	1	4.0	10	9.2	19	65.3	4	18.6	15	6.8	25	37.3	13	15	15
Bulkley-Nechako	0.29	8	1.5	18	2.1	20	18.6	4	0.0	25	25.3	3	13.4	2	46.6	6	34	4
Powell River	0.25	9	2.6	4	5.2	5	16.5	6	79.3	3	20.7	11	9.0	18	35.0	15	11	21
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.23	10	2.1	9	4.2	9	11.9	12	17.7	15	13.4	22	10.6	13	31.3	19	25	5
Fraser-Fort George	0.23	11	3.2	2	5.9	3	7.9	22	30.4	11	21.1	9	7.7	23	42.3	9	24	10
Comox-Strathcona	0.08	12	2.7	3	3.5	15	14.9	8	51.4	7	14.4	19	11.2	9	37.5	12	9	25
Sunshine Coast	0.07	13	2.1	10	3.4	16	21.7	2	17.1	16	11.6	25	12.2	4	43.1	8	8	26
Thompson-Nicola	0.05	14	2.3	7	3.6	13	9.6	18	3.0	22	16.9	17	8.4	21	30.6	21	13	19
Cariboo	0.02	15	1.6	17	1.4	25	10.3	15	4.8	21	18.7	14	12.7	3	37.8	11	23	11
Central Kootenay	-0.21	16	1.8	15	1.1	26	8.0	21	12.7	18	22.2	7	11.6	5	25.6	23	19	13
East Kootenay	-0.23	17	0.9	24	1.6	24	9.8	17	12.3	19	22.5	6	11.5	6	20.3	25	42	1
Fraser Valley	-0.26	18	1.8	13	3.6	14	6.9	25	15.3	17	17.3	16	8.4	20	34.4	17	13	18
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.28	19	1.5	19	1.8	23	10.0	16	23.1	12	13.7	20	9.4	17	34.5	16	20	12
North Okanagan	-0.31	20	2.1	11	2.1	21	7.1	23	20.4	14	8.5	26	9.6	15	30.9	20	14	17
Central Okanagan	-0.31	21	0.7	25	4.0	11	9.2	20	52.9	6	11.8	24	7.6	24	27.4	22	14	16
Peace River	-0.33	22	1.1	23	3.4	17	13.4	9	35.5	9	19.3	12	11.4	7	47.0	5	25	7
Capital	-0.44	23	2.4	6	7.3	2	6.9	24	126.2	2	15.3	18	8.6	19	32.1	18	10	22
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.44	24	1.8	14	2.8	19	13.0	10	42.3	8	24.2	4	11.3	8	43.8	7	18	14
Greater Vancouver	-0.51	25	1.2	21	4.9	6	3.8	26	62.5	5	12.6	23	6.3	26	23.5	24	9	23
Kootenay Boundary	-0.64	26	1.4	20	1.8	22	10.7	14	0.0	26	22.2	8	9.5	16	20.2	26	11	20
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>-0.33</b>		<b>1.7</b>		<b>4.4</b>		<b>7.5</b>		<b>5.2</b>		<b>15.3</b>		<b>8.1</b>		<b>30.1</b>		<b>14</b>	

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· See Crime Page 3 for Crime definitions

## Indicators of Youth at Risk

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Youth at Risk		% of Youth Age 19-24 on Income Assistance as at March 1999									% of 18 Year Olds Who Did Not Graduate 97/98			Offences per 1,000 Pop Avg 95-97		
			Total			For More Than 1 Yr			For Less Than 1 Yr			Indicator of Pop 19-24 with Incompleted HS			Total Serious Crime <sup>1</sup>		
	Index	Rank	%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	
	Ranked from worst to best				Wt=.40			Wt=.20			Wt=.20			Wt=.20			
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.71	1	18.1	1	7.0	1.14	1	11.1	1.14	1	48.4	1.07	2	-17.5	-0.94	23	
Powell River	0.63	2	13.9	5	5.2	0.82	5	8.7	0.71	5	33.9	0.01	13	11.4	0.81	5	
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.56	3	12.3	7	5.0	0.74	6	7.3	0.14	12	45.9	1.02	3	0.9	0.17	10	
Kitimat-Stikine	0.56	4	14.4	3	5.7	1.02	3	8.7	0.73	4	33.7	-0.01	14	-1.4	0.04	13	
Nanaimo	0.52	5	16.0	2	6.4	1.09	2	9.6	1.02	2	38.1	0.39	10	-19.3	-1.01	24	
Mount Waddington	0.51	6	11.9	8	3.4	-0.07	15	8.5	0.65	7	44.1	0.93	4	21.2	1.09	3	
Comox-Strathcona	0.46	7	14.1	4	5.3	0.90	4	8.8	0.74	3	29.9	-0.36	18	-0.4	0.10	12	
Sunshine Coast	0.27	8	11.1	13	3.4	-0.03	14	7.7	0.28	9	35.9	0.18	12	14.0	0.97	4	
Central Kootenay	0.19	9	11.1	12	3.2	-0.14	16	7.9	0.38	8	38.5	0.42	9	4.8	0.41	7	
Fraser Valley	0.11	10	8.9	18	3.7	0.09	11	5.2	-0.75	23	33.4	-0.03	15	27.4	1.15	2	
Thompson-Nicola	0.07	11	10.5	14	3.6	0.03	13	7.0	-0.01	14	32.8	-0.09	16	4.3	0.38	8	
Cariboo	0.07	12	11.5	11	3.8	0.15	10	7.6	0.27	10	42.4	0.78	6	-20.1	-1.02	25	
Cowichan Valley	0.07	13	11.7	10	4.6	0.56	7	7.0	0.01	13	28.1	-0.51	21	-6.8	-0.29	17	
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.07	14	12.5	6	3.8	0.17	9	8.6	0.68	6	28.4	-0.49	20	-5.5	-0.21	15	
Fraser-Fort George	0.06	15	11.9	9	4.3	0.38	8	7.6	0.26	11	37.2	0.31	11	-20.8	-1.03	26	
Fort Nelson-Liard	-0.15	16	5.2	26	1.5	-0.98	26	3.7	-1.09	24	51.4	1.12	1	32.5	1.20	1	
Bulkley-Nechako	-0.21	17	8.7	22	2.7	-0.40	19	6.0	-0.43	20	39.0	0.47	8	-7.0	-0.31	18	
Capital	-0.25	18	9.3	16	3.7	0.08	12	5.6	-0.57	21	32.3	-0.14	17	-13.5	-0.70	21	
Peace River	-0.25	19	8.7	21	2.3	-0.59	21	6.4	-0.25	16	42.6	0.80	5	-12.2	-0.62	20	
North Okanagan	-0.27	20	9.4	15	3.0	-0.23	17	6.3	-0.28	17	24.9	-0.81	25	1.0	0.18	9	
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.31	21	8.9	19	2.8	-0.35	18	6.1	-0.38	19	26.7	-0.64	23	0.5	0.15	11	
Central Okanagan	-0.38	22	7.8	23	2.2	-0.65	23	5.6	-0.58	22	29.3	-0.41	19	4.9	0.42	6	
East Kootenay	-0.49	23	8.7	20	2.5	-0.52	20	6.3	-0.30	18	27.1	-0.60	22	-10.5	-0.51	19	
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.50	24	5.3	24	1.8	-0.84	25	3.5	-1.10	25	39.9	0.55	7	-6.4	-0.27	16	
Greater Vancouver	-0.63	25	5.2	25	2.2	-0.63	22	3.0	-1.14	26	25.8	-0.73	24	-2.6	-0.04	14	
Kootenay Boundary	-0.67	26	8.9	17	2.1	-0.69	24	6.8	-0.08	15	18.6	-1.08	26	-15.1	-0.80	22	
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>-0.37</b>		<b>7.7</b>		<b>3.0</b>	<b>-0.27</b>		<b>4.8</b>	<b>-0.92</b>		<b>29.8</b>	<b>-0.36</b>		<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-0.03</b>		

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<sup>1</sup> See Crime Page 3 for definition of Serious Crime

## Further Information on Youth at Risk

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Youth at Risk		% of Pop Age 19-24 1997		Deaths per 10,000 Age 15-24 Avg 95-97		Offences per 100,000 Pop Avg 95-97		% of Pop Age 19-24 March 99		% of Pop Age 18-24 Avg 95-97	
			Smoking Rate**		Motor Vehicle Accidents		Non-Cannabis Drug Offences <sup>1</sup>		Receiving EI		Net Migration	
	Index <i>Ranked from worst to best</i>	Rank	%	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.71	1	41	13	1.1	24	245.2	2	8.3	2	0.4	12
Powell River	0.63	2	43	8	0.0	25	254.2	1	5.5	18	-3.3	25
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.56	3	34	21	3.1	18	119.8	9	6.1	14	-1.8	22
Kitimat-Stikine	0.56	4	41	11	5.5	6	97.3	13	7.3	6	-0.7	18
Nanaimo	0.52	5	34	20	3.6	14	196.9	3	4.3	23	0.1	15
Mount Waddington	0.51	6	44	6	2.8	20	176.6	5	7.4	4	-0.6	16
Comox-Strathcona	0.46	7	44	7	2.8	21	156.5	6	6.0	15	0.6	11
Sunshine Coast	0.27	8	43	9	0.0	26	50.5	23	5.0	20	0.3	13
Central Kootenay	0.19	9	44	3	5.7	5	49.2	24	7.7	3	-1.3	20
Fraser Valley	0.11	10	25	26	3.0	19	101.2	12	5.6	16	2.7	5
Thompson-Nicola	0.07	11	41	12	4.1	12	78.7	15	7.1	10	0.2	14
Cariboo	0.07	12	47	1	6.4	4	68.9	17	6.7	11	1.0	9
Cowichan Valley	0.07	13	34	19	3.8	13	35.9	26	4.8	22	-0.6	17
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.07	14	44	4	3.5	15	64.5	20	7.2	9	-2.0	23
Fraser-Fort George	0.06	15	28	24	4.2	11	107.4	11	7.2	7	1.9	6
Fort Nelson-Liard	-0.15	16	37	14	12.6	1	119.3	10	3.5	24	9.2	1
Bulkley-Nechako	-0.21	17	33	22	7.7	3	66.0	19	6.1	13	1.0	10
Capital	-0.25	18	32	23	1.3	23	89.3	14	3.4	25	1.9	7
Peace River	-0.25	19	37	15	4.9	10	181.8	4	6.4	12	2.7	4
North Okanagan	-0.27	20	34	18	5.1	9	54.0	21	5.0	19	-0.9	19
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.31	21	34	17	5.1	8	66.3	18	7.3	5	-1.7	21
Central Okanagan	-0.38	22	44	5	3.3	17	71.0	16	5.6	17	1.5	8
East Kootenay	-0.49	23	37	16	3.3	16	51.9	22	8.3	1	-2.1	24
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.50	24	43	10	8.3	2	140.4	7	4.9	21	9.2	2
Greater Vancouver	-0.63	25	26	25	1.6	22	130.4	8	2.8	26	4.3	3
Kootenay Boundary	-0.67	26	46	2	5.2	7	38.6	25	7.2	8	-4.0	26
<b>British Columbia</b>	-0.37		31		2.6		114.6		4.3		2.7	

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\*\*Data are estimates of aggregates of Health Unit rates weighted by population.

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<sup>1</sup> See Crime Page 3 for Crime definitions

## Indicators of Impending Change in Economic Hardship

June, 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index <sup>&amp;</sup> of Impending Change in Economic Hardship		% Change in Recipients Age 19-64 - Mar99/Mar98									Income Dependency on Forestry, Fishing & Mining			Forestry Workers on EI as a % of Total EI Recipients - Mar/99	
			IA + EI		IA			EI			%	Index	Rank	%Chg	Rank	
	%Chg	Rank	%Chg	Index Wt=.40	Rank	%Chg	Index Wt=.30	Rank	Wt=.30							
Peace River	0.83	1	15.3	1	-3.4	0.61	5	44.6	1.48	1	37	0.47	7	10.4	12	
Kitimat-Stikine	0.74	2	4.4	2	-3.7	0.56	6	10.3	1.06	2	41	0.64	4	17.5	4	
Mount Waddington	0.73	3	0.2	5	0.9	1.05	1	-2.2	-0.02	14	56	1.07	1	20.6	3	
Fraser-Fort George	0.58	4	0.3	3	-1.4	0.88	2	2.1	0.43	7	34	0.33	10	14.5	6	
Cowichan Valley	0.35	5	-1.0	6	-3.2	0.64	3	2.2	0.44	6	24	-0.11	14	11.2	11	
Columbia-Shuswap	0.23	6	0.3	4	-3.3	0.62	4	1.1	0.32	11	18	-0.38	18	8.1	15	
Bulkley-Nechako	0.16	7	-4.7	13	-6.5	0.17	11	-6.0	-0.41	18	43	0.73	3	17.2	5	
Cariboo	0.11	8	-5.8	15	-5.2	0.35	9	-8.0	-0.62	20	38	0.51	5	21.0	2	
Central Kootenay	0.10	9	-2.5	9	-6.8	0.12	12	1.9	0.41	10	21	-0.24	16	12.0	10	
Kootenay Boundary	0.07	10	-4.8	14	-8.2	-0.06	15	-0.3	0.18	12	30	0.16	12	8.9	14	
Thompson-Nicola	0.06	11	-3.5	11	-5.3	0.33	10	-1.9	0.02	13	21	-0.24	17	8.1	16	
East Kootenay	0.04	12	-2.5	8	-13.8	-0.85	24	7.0	0.94	4	34	0.33	11	9.1	13	
North Okanagan	0.03	13	-1.4	7	-9.7	-0.27	17	9.0	1.03	3	14	-0.56	20	7.0	20	
Powell River	0.01	14	-8.5	22	-4.2	0.49	7	-16.0	-1.10	25	37	0.47	8	7.2	19	
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.11	15	-3.1	10	-7.9	-0.02	14	1.9	0.41	9	10	-0.73	22	3.7	23	
Comox-Strathcona	-0.12	16	-10.0	23	-4.6	0.44	8	-16.0	-1.10	24	29	0.11	13	12.7	9	
Fort Nelson-Liard	-0.15	17	-10.1	24	-10.3	-0.36	19	-12.2	-1.01	23	49	1.00	2	28.3	1	
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	-0.33	18	-7.2	18	-14.4	-0.93	25	-5.1	-0.32	17	37	0.47	9	5.9	22	
Central Okanagan	-0.35	19	-3.9	12	-12.1	-0.61	21	3.5	0.57	5	6	-0.91	24	2.4	24	
Nanaimo	-0.39	20	-7.4	19	-7.5	0.02	13	-9.4	-0.76	22	14	-0.56	21	6.6	21	
Fraser Valley	-0.43	21	-7.0	16	-8.7	-0.14	16	-6.2	-0.44	19	8	-0.82	23	7.3	18	
Capital	-0.45	22	-7.5	20	-9.9	-0.30	18	-2.7	-0.07	15	2	-1.02	26	2.1	25	
Greater Vancouver	-0.47	23	-7.1	17	-13.5	-0.81	23	1.9	0.41	8	6	-0.91	25	1.6	26	
Alberni-Clayoquot	-0.48	24	-23.3	26	-11.8	-0.58	20	-34.7	-1.36	26	38	0.51	6	13.7	7	
Sunshine Coast	-0.52	25	-10.3	25	-12.2	-0.63	22	-9.1	-0.73	21	23	-0.16	15	7.6	17	
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.62	26	-8.4	21	-15.9	-1.03	26	-4.2	-0.23	16	16	-0.47	19	13.6	8	
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>-0.42</b>		<b>-5.9</b>		<b>-10.3</b>	<b>-0.36</b>		<b>-0.9</b>	<b>0.11</b>			<b>-1.04</b>		<b>6.2</b>		

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