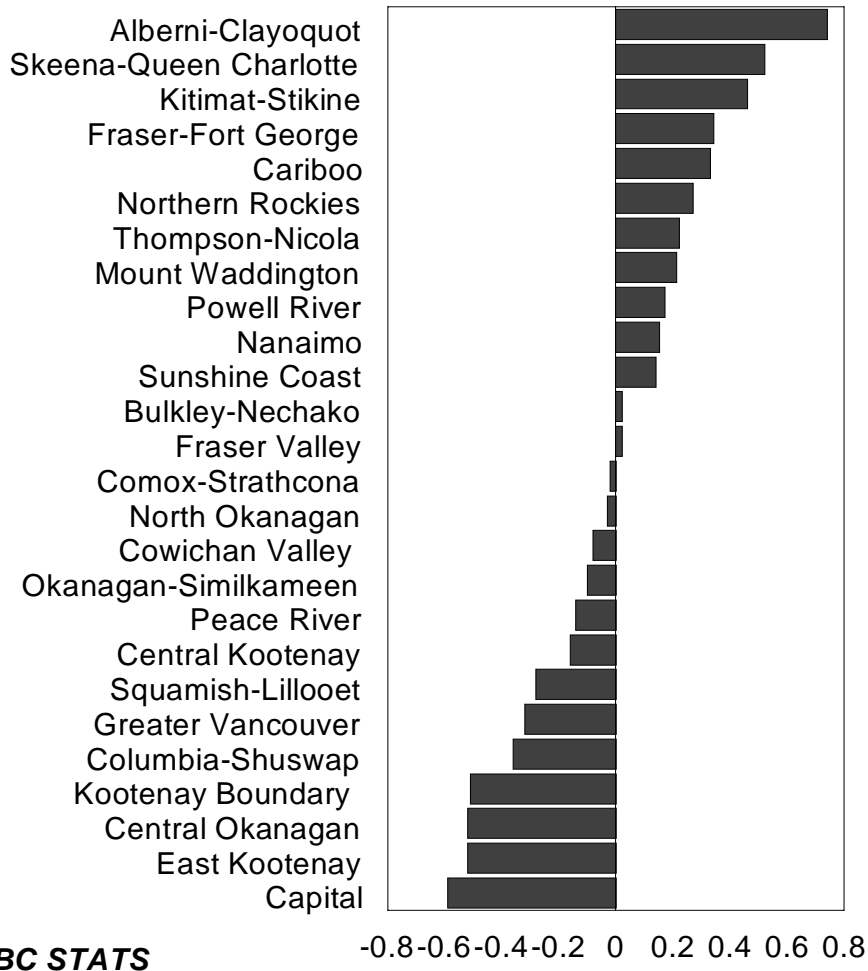


Regional Socio-Economic Index Results - 1999

**Overall Regional Socio-Economic Index
1999**

Sorted from Worst-Off to Best-Off



The Five Most Socially Stressed Regional Districts

In 1999, the **Alberni-Clayoquot** Regional District stands out as the region with the most severe socio-economic problems. Across all the dimensions of socio-economic stress (i.e. economic, health, education, crime youth and children), Alberni-Clayoquot consistently ranks among the top three worst areas. The dimension where conditions appear most serious is health; particularly mental health as measured by the suicide/homicide rate. Also, the social factors that most affect children and youth are poor in this region. Most significant are the high incidence of children living in families on income assistance; children living in care; and juvenile crime. In 1998, this region also ranked worst overall in terms of socio-economic conditions. The data for 1999 indicates that there appear to be no signs of improvement.

Among the next four regional districts that face serious social problems, all are in the north-west/north central part of the province.

The second most stressed region in the province for both 1998 and 1999 is the **Skeena-Queen Charlotte** Regional District. This area differs somewhat from Alberni-Clayoquot in that the Crime Index, although worse than the provincial median, is not as poor as the other indicators. Also, there has been notable improvement in the Human Economic Hardship indicator, with the incidence of persons on both short and long term income assistance falling off substantially since 1998. However, this area has the highest proportion of the population receiving Employment Insurance benefits, most likely the result of the very seasonal nature of the work in the region. On the negative side, hard drug crime, particularly among juveniles, is particularly bad and there are some very serious concerns for children. The Skeena-Queen Charlotte region has the lowest test scores in the province among grade 4's and 7's in reading and writing and the highest incidence of children living in care and children who suffer abuse. As well, despite high Economic Hardship and low graduation rates, this area shows very low participation in career preparation programs.

The next three regions with socio-economic concerns are **Kitimat-Stikine**, **Fraser-Fort George** and the **Cariboo**. All three regions score low on the Human Economic Hardship scale, but display some inconsistency across the other dimensions. For example, the Cariboo and Kitimat-Stikine have relatively low serious crime rates and Fraser-Fort George scores relatively well in both the Health and Education Indices. Surprisingly, the Cariboo has the poorest rating for Education but a relatively good index score for Children at Risk. This region has the second lowest serious violent juvenile crime rate in the province and a relatively low incidence of hard drug charges against children.

In 1998, the **Northern Rockies** Regional District (previously called Fort Nelson-Liard) was the third most socially stressed region. This region has now dropped to sixth place because of a significant improvement in the Education indicator. The proportion of high school graduates among 18 year olds saw great improvement in 1999, as well as completion rates for grade 12 math examinations. To some extent, these indicators will fluctuate from one year to the next based on the achievements of any particular cohort of students. Whether 1998 was a particularly bad year, or 1999 was an exceptionally good one for the region, can only be determined once more years of data become available. Interestingly,

the area has the highest serious crime rate alongside the lowest suicide rate in the province.

The Five Least Socially Stressed Regional Districts

The same five regional districts that were ranked as the best off on the Overall Socio-Economic Index in 1998 were also best in 1999.

The **Capital** Regional District ranks very high in all the broad topic areas but the detailed variables point to some hot spots. For example, although the Capital ranks 22 out of 26 on the aggregate Crime Index, there are indications of problems. Serious crime is relatively bad, particularly amongst children. In the areas of both juvenile violent crime and juvenile hard drug charges, the Capital is the second worst region in the province. There are problems for youth with high usage of long-term income assistance and relatively high levels of hard drug offences. As well, there are comparatively high levels of infant mortality that may be associated with the hard drug use. There are other variables that point to a polarization between well off and less well off children and youth in the region. Education data reveals that while those in school do very well, there are a relatively high percentage of children who are not graduating from high school (this despite the fact that the adult population is the best educated in the province). There is also a high proportion of kids living on their own and relying on income assistance (indicator of “street kids”).

East Kootenay is the second most socially robust region in the province. It has the best score on the Economic Hardship scale but there are some downsides. Juvenile property crime is relatively high as well as suicide/homicide and child abuse rates. While the current graduation rate is high, there are relatively few students passing the grade 12 provincial English and Math examinations. These subjects are required to continue on to university.

Kootenay Boundary, which is similar to East Kootenay in terms of its economic dependency on forestry and mining, also ranks well across the board. If there is any weakness in the region, it is in the area of Economic Hardship with a relatively high proportion of the population on income assistance. This area does very well academically, particularly in the proportion of grade 12 students who pass their English, Math and Chemistry provincial examinations. In both 1998 and 1999, Kootenay Boundary had the best pass rate for English 12. As well, average test scores for reading in grades 4, 7 and 10 are among the best in the province.

The **Central Okanagan**, which has been one of the fastest growing regions over the last five years, has had good results on all indices with the exception of Crime. Serious property crime is relatively high and policing strength appears low when compared to the volume of serious crimes in the region. Relative to the other social indicators, juvenile hard drug crime is high, as is the rate of Children in Care.

The **Columbia-Shuswap** is an interesting region in that it has the lowest per capita income but ranks fifth highest on the Overall Socio-Economic Index. The area stands apart from other regions with low levels of economic hardship (despite low per capita income), and the lowest level of serious violent crime. Children and Youth both do well, regardless of a fairly low high school graduation rate. The Health Index for the region is below

average, primarily due to a high accidental death rate. Like many other areas in the eastern part of the province, the rates of child abuse and children in care are relatively high.

Issues of Note among the Other 16 Regional Districts

- **Nanaimo** stands out as a region that is somewhat polarized. It has the highest proportion of lone parent families and also the highest per cent of population dependent on income assistance (an indicator of poverty). This holds true for children, youth and adults. These negative outcomes occur alongside a moderate per capita income and a senior's community that shows few signs of economic hardship. Relative to its overall ranking, Nanaimo does well in Health and moderately well on the Crime and Education indices. Yet the drug problem is bad as well as juvenile violent crime. Because of the high income assistance rate and dependency and hard drug use, the scores for both the Youth and Children indices are among the five worst in the province.
- **Bulkley-Nechako** is a surprise in that although the employment base in the region is more dependent on forestry than any other region in the province, there is a low level of economic hardship despite recent problems in the forest sector. This is in contrast to other forestry dependent regions in the province.
- **Fraser Valley** has a relatively high property crime rate, with both property and violent crime rates recording large increases over the last six years. On a more positive note, the young appear to have relatively high achievement in education compared to the education levels of their parents.
- **Cowichan Valley** is another region with idiosyncrasies among the indices. The data indicates that the region has some problems on the Economic Hardship dimension, and yet the crime rates are low and have been improving over the last six years. Students who make it to grade 12 do exceptionally well in English and Math, and yet they appear to have a fairly high proportion of children who do not graduate. This region also has a high suicide/homicide rate.
- **Peace River** ranks 18th overall but ranks 5th in Education Concerns. The adult population has generally a low level of education and it appears as though the high school drop out rate is high. However, those who remain in school appear to do fairly well academically. The non-senior population has one of the lowest dependence on income assistance while the senior population has one of the highest.
- **Central Kootenay** Regional District, like its next door neighbour Kootenay Boundary, does very well on the Education Index, particularly with respect to English test scores. The region ranks second on the grade 12 English pass rate in both 1998 and 1999. The grade 10's ranked best in the province on the reading tests.¹

¹ . It would be interesting to explore, based on two years of data, why Kootenay Boundary, Central Kootenay and Cowichan Valley do so exceptionally well in passing grade 12 students through the provincial English exam.

- **Squamish-Lillooet** scores well in all sub-indices except Education. The numbers seem to reflect the dominant “ski-community” culture. This area, although having one of the lowest proportion of the non-senior population on income assistance as well as one of the best educated adult populations in the province, suffers from the lowest per cent of 18 year olds graduating from high school. The proportions that pass the English, Math and Chemistry provincial exams are all low. The average test scores for grades 4, 7 and 10 are not very high in all subject areas and the marks get worse as the grade increases. There is a high rate of drug offences among juveniles and, to a lesser extent, among adults. The health related statistics show a high death rate due to accidents, which is partially caused by a high death rate due to motor vehicle accidents among youth.
- **Greater Vancouver** scores relatively well on all dimensions with the exception of Crime. The region has the worst serious property crime rate in the province and the third worst serious violent crime rate. Hard drug crime and death rates are relatively high as well as infant mortality rates. Greater Vancouver scores the best in practically all the education indicators, the one exception being that a relatively small number are enrolled in Career Preparation programs. Also, the proportion of grade 12’s that pass the English provincial exam is low and the average grade 10 mark for Reading Competency is comparatively low. Both these latter indicators likely reflect the large proportion of students in Greater Vancouver who have English as a second language.

OVERALL REGIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDEX

1999

Ranked from Worst-Off to Best-Off Regions

Regional Districts*	Regional Socio-Economic Index ^{&}		Human											
	Index	Rank	Economic Hardship		Crime		Health		Education		Children		Youth	
			Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank
			Wt=(.30)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.2)		Wt=(.05)		Wt=(.05)	
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.74	1	0.49	3	0.75	2	1.14	1	0.65	3	0.82	1	0.95	1
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.52	2	0.44	5	0.19	9	0.63	3	0.83	2	0.52	3	0.75	3
Kitimat-Stikine	0.46	3	0.61	2	-0.03	13	0.49	7	0.60	4	0.57	2	0.71	5
Fraser-Fort George	0.34	4	0.44	4	0.58	4	0.13	13	0.06	13	0.29	9	0.72	4
Cariboo	0.33	5	0.34	6	-0.33	20	0.57	4	0.87	1	-0.06	15	0.16	9
Northern Rockies	0.27	6	-0.30	19	0.91	1	0.49	6	0.33	7	0.51	4	-0.23	16
Thompson-Nicola	0.22	7	0.32	7	0.16	10	0.51	5	-0.07	15	-0.01	13	0.15	10
Mount Waddington	0.21	8	-0.53	21	0.47	6	1.01	2	0.34	6	0.19	11	-0.13	14
Powell River	0.17	9	0.08	11	0.19	8	0.16	10	0.22	8	0.30	8	0.35	7
Nanaimo	0.15	10	0.68	1	-0.05	16	-0.28	20	-0.23	18	0.38	5	0.82	2
Sunshine Coast	0.14	11	-0.14	15	0.39	7	0.23	9	0.16	9	0.23	10	0.19	8
Bulkley-Nechako	0.02	12	-0.29	18	0.07	11	0.32	8	0.13	11	0.32	7	-0.24	18
Fraser Valley	0.02	13	0.00	14	0.56	5	-0.28	19	-0.10	16	-0.30	20	-0.11	13
Comox-Strathcona	-0.02	14	0.27	8	-0.24	18	-0.14	16	-0.23	19	-0.01	14	0.51	6
North Okanagan	-0.03	15	0.03	12	0.02	12	0.13	12	-0.20	17	-0.30	18	-0.28	19
Cowichan Valley	-0.08	16	0.14	10	-0.63	25	0.14	11	-0.25	20	0.32	6	0.10	11
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.10	17	0.02	13	-0.21	17	-0.42	21	0.09	12	0.12	12	-0.08	12
Peace River	-0.14	18	-0.25	17	-0.04	14	-0.67	23	0.52	5	-0.30	19	-0.24	17
Central Kootenay	-0.16	19	0.19	9	-0.45	23	0.13	14	-0.63	23	-0.13	17	-0.37	21
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.28	20	-0.65	24	-0.34	21	-0.05	15	0.15	10	-0.32	21	-0.46	22
Greater Vancouver	-0.32	21	-0.32	20	0.74	3	-0.74	24	-0.83	26	-0.57	25	-0.58	24
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.36	22	-0.55	22	-0.50	24	-0.20	17	-0.03	14	-0.42	24	-0.51	23
Kootenay Boundary	-0.51	23	-0.24	16	-0.78	26	-0.21	18	-0.82	25	-0.58	26	-0.87	26
Central Okanagan	-0.52	24	-0.66	25	-0.04	15	-0.99	26	-0.39	21	-0.34	22	-0.36	20
East Kootenay	-0.52	25	-0.69	26	-0.26	19	-0.67	22	-0.43	22	-0.10	16	-0.76	25
Capital	-0.59	26	-0.58	23	-0.36	22	-0.85	25	-0.70	24	-0.42	23	-0.22	15

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

[&] 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

1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^{&} of Human Economic Hardship		% of Population Age 0-64 on Income Assistance as at Sept 1999									% of Seniors Receiving Maximum GIS - 1999		
	Index Ranked from worst to best	Rank	Total		For More Than 1 Yr			For Less Than 1 Yr			%	Index Wt = .25	Rank	
			%	Rank	%	Index Wt = .50	Rank	%	Index Wt = .25	Rank				
Nanaimo	0.68	1	10.4	1	6.1	1.07	1	4.2	1.06	1	1.8	-0.49	23	
Kitimat-Stikine	0.61	2	8.5	4	4.5	0.26	6	4.0	1.00	2	5.5	0.90	5	
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.49	3	8.8	2	5.0	0.59	2	3.8	0.76	4	3.1	0.00	14	
Fraser-Fort George	0.44	4	8.4	5	4.4	0.20	8	4.0	1.00	3	4.0	0.34	10	
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.44	5	8.3	6	4.6	0.33	5	3.6	0.53	7	4.6	0.56	9	
Cariboo	0.34	6	7.5	12	4.1	0.00	13	3.4	0.29	10	6.3	1.05	2	
Thompson-Nicola	0.32	7	8.2	7	4.5	0.26	7	3.7	0.65	5	3.4	0.11	12	
Comox-Strathcona	0.27	8	8.5	3	4.7	0.39	4	3.7	0.65	6	2.2	-0.34	22	
Central Kootenay	0.19	9	7.7	10	4.2	0.07	11	3.5	0.41	8	3.7	0.22	11	
Cowichan Valley	0.14	10	8.0	8	4.8	0.46	3	3.1	-0.06	14	2.3	-0.30	20	
Powell River	0.08	11	7.7	9	4.4	0.20	9	3.3	0.18	12	2.4	-0.26	19	
North Okanagan	0.03	12	7.4	13	3.9	-0.13	15	3.5	0.41	9	3.0	-0.04	15	
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.02	13	7.7	11	4.2	0.07	12	3.4	0.29	11	2.2	-0.34	21	
Fraser Valley	0.00	14	7.2	14	4.4	0.20	10	2.8	-0.41	18	3.1	0.00	13	
Sunshine Coast	-0.14	15	7.2	15	4.1	0.00	14	3.1	-0.06	15	1.8	-0.49	24	
Kootenay Boundary	-0.24	16	6.6	16	3.8	-0.20	16	2.8	-0.41	19	2.7	-0.15	16	
Peace River	-0.25	17	5.6	21	2.4	-1.03	23	3.2	0.06	13	6.0	1.02	3	
Bulkley-Nechako	-0.29	18	5.7	19	2.6	-0.98	22	3.0	-0.18	16	5.7	0.97	4	
Northern Rockies	-0.30	19	4.1	25	1.2	-1.17	26	2.9	-0.29	17	14.1	1.42	1	
Greater Vancouver	-0.32	20	5.2	23	3.4	-0.46	18	1.8	-1.12	25	5.1	0.75	7	
Mount Waddington	-0.53	21	4.9	24	2.3	-1.04	24	2.6	-0.65	21	4.7	0.60	8	
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.55	22	5.7	18	3.1	-0.66	19	2.6	-0.65	22	2.5	-0.22	17	
Capital	-0.58	23	5.8	17	3.4	-0.46	17	2.4	-0.88	24	1.7	-0.52	25	
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.65	24	3.3	26	1.8	-1.11	25	1.5	-1.18	26	5.2	0.79	6	
Central Okanagan	-0.66	25	5.6	20	2.9	-0.79	20	2.7	-0.53	20	1.7	-0.52	26	
East Kootenay	-0.69	26	5.3	22	2.7	-0.92	21	2.6	-0.65	23	2.4	-0.26	18	
British Columbia			6.1		3.7			2.5			3.7			

*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.

Further Information on Human Economic Hardship 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^a of Human Economic Hardship		4Q Avg to Sept 99 % of 19-64 on EI		1996 Per Capita Income		1995 Income Inequality		Per Capita 1996 Net Taxes Paid Taxes minus Transfers	
	Index	Rank	%	Rank	\$	Rank	Index	Rank	Avg \$	Rank
	Ranked from worst to best									
Nanaimo	0.68	1	3.8	20	18,049	17	7.5	13	-1292	2
Kitimat-Stikine	0.61	2	5.8	3	17,348	11	7.6	11	1287	20
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.49	3	4.5	12	17,303	10	8.0	5	-436	12
Fraser-Fort George	0.44	4	5.1	4	19,782	23	7.3	16	1725	24
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.44	5	6.7	1	16,317	3	8.5	3	642	17
Cariboo	0.34	6	4.8	6	16,988	6	8.2	4	647	18
Thompson-Nicola	0.32	7	4.8	8	17,873	12	9.7	1	-37	15
Comox-Strathcona	0.27	8	4.9	5	18,302	20	6.9	22	-335	14
Central Kootenay	0.19	9	4.4	14	16,080	2	7.5	14	-946	4
Cowichan Valley	0.14	10	3.4	23	17,982	15	7.6	10	-871	6
Powell River	0.08	11	3.9	19	18,153	19	7.3	15	-711	9
North Okanagan	0.03	12	4.0	17	17,288	9	7.6	9	-950	3
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.02	13	4.8	7	17,157	8	7.0	20	-2250	1
Fraser Valley	0.00	14	4.0	16	16,364	4	7.1	19	-548	11
Shushine Coast	-0.14	15	3.3	24	18,038	16	7.7	8	-835	7
Kootenay Boundary	-0.24	16	3.7	21	17,898	13	6.4	26	-701	10
Peace River	-0.25	17	4.7	10	18,146	18	7.0	21	1429	21
Bulkley-Nechako	-0.29	18	4.7	9	16,955	5	6.8	25	1141	19
Northern Rockies	-0.30	19	4.5	13	21,695	26	7.9	7	2784	26
Greater Vancouver	-0.32	20	2.8	25	21,134	24	9.3	2	1449	22
Mount Waddington	-0.53	21	6.2	2	17,130	7	7.9	6	1741	25
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.55	22	4.6	11	15,884	1	7.2	17	-929	5
Capital	-0.58	23	2.6	26	21,298	25	6.8	24	-409	13
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.65	24	3.7	22	17,955	14	7.6	12	1547	23
Central Okanagan	-0.66	25	4.0	18	18,681	22	7.2	18	-729	8
East Kootenay	-0.69	26	4.1	15	18,576	21	6.9	23	376	16
British Columbia			3.4		19,663		8.2		581	

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

^a 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.

Indicators of Crime*

1999

Regional Districts [†]	Composite Index [§] of Crime		Offences per 1,000 Population											% Change - Avg 96-98/Avg 93-95						
			Avg 96-98									# of Serious Crimes		Chg in Serious		Chg in Serious		Change in Total		
	Index	Rank	Serious			Serious			Total		Per Police Officer		Violent Crime ¹		Property Crime ²		Serious Crime			
			Violent Crime ¹			Property Crime ²			Serious Crime		Per Police Officer		Violent Crime ¹		Property Crime ²		Serious Crime			
			Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Index	Rank
Ranked from worst to best			Wt=.25			Wt=.40					Wt=.10						Wt=.25			
Northern Rockies	0.91	1	4.4	1.10	2	20.3	0.97	3	24.7	3	13.8	-0.04	14	10.1	6	22.1	1	19.8	1.00	1
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.75	2	3.6	0.84	5	20.0	0.92	5	23.6	4	16.2	0.52	8	-3.1	12	9.4	6	7.3	0.46	8
Greater Vancouver	0.74	3	4.2	1.08	3	21.8	1.05	1	26.1	1	18.2	0.99	2	-6.4	16	-8.3	16	-8.0	-0.21	16
Fraser-Fort George	0.58	4	4.4	1.11	1	20.3	0.97	2	24.8	2	17.2	0.76	5	-5.2	15	-20.2	23	-17.8	-0.64	23
Fraser Valley	0.56	5	2.6	0.07	13	18.7	0.68	7	21.3	7	16.8	0.67	6	12.8	4	15.8	2	15.4	0.82	2
Mount Waddington	0.47	6	2.6	0.10	12	18.7	0.69	6	21.4	6	14.5	0.13	12	11.7	5	10.5	5	10.6	0.61	5
Sunshine Coast	0.39	7	1.5	-0.76	23	20.1	0.94	4	21.7	5	22.3	1.18	1	-25.7	26	8.5	8	5.1	0.36	10
Powell River	0.19	8	2.3	-0.14	15	15.2	0.06	12	17.5	15	15.1	0.26	10	42.9	2	8.8	7	12.3	0.68	3
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.19	9	3.7	0.94	4	15.6	0.14	11	19.3	9	10.1	-0.91	24	-14.8	21	-1.5	13	-4.3	-0.05	14
Thompson-Nicola	0.16	10	2.8	0.22	10	14.9	0.01	13	17.7	14	14.1	0.04	13	-1.2	10	6.9	10	5.5	0.38	9
Bulkley-Nechako	0.07	11	3.1	0.46	8	14.8	-0.02	17	17.8	10	13.4	-0.12	15	-15.8	22	-3.2	14	-5.6	-0.11	15
North Okanagan	0.02	12	1.5	-0.79	24	14.8	-0.01	15	16.3	18	17.2	0.76	4	-18.7	23	14.5	3	10.4	0.60	6
Kitimat-Stikine	-0.03	13	3.2	0.57	6	13.2	-0.28	18	16.5	17	10.3	-0.86	23	43.1	1	-7.8	15	-0.9	0.10	12
Peace River	-0.04	14	3.0	0.41	9	14.8	-0.01	16	17.8	12	13.1	-0.20	16	-12.3	19	-13.8	18	-13.5	-0.45	18
Central Okanagan	-0.04	15	2.2	-0.26	16	15.6	0.14	10	17.8	11	17.8	0.89	3	-8.4	17	-15.0	19	-14.2	-0.48	19
Nanaimo	-0.05	16	2.4	-0.07	14	16.9	0.37	8	19.3	8	16.3	0.55	7	-2.9	11	-27.0	25	-24.7	-0.95	25
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.21	17	1.8	-0.52	20	12.7	-0.37	19	14.6	20	15.3	0.30	9	7.3	7	-0.5	12	0.4	0.16	11
Comox-Strathcona	-0.24	18	1.9	-0.47	19	14.8	-0.01	14	16.7	16	14.9	0.21	11	-10.2	18	-16.4	20	-15.8	-0.55	21
East Kootenay	-0.26	19	2.0	-0.40	18	11.4	-0.60	23	13.4	23	12.2	-0.41	19	14.0	3	7.3	9	8.2	0.50	7
Cariboo	-0.33	20	2.7	0.15	11	12.5	-0.41	20	15.2	19	11.9	-0.47	20	-13.5	20	-18.5	22	-17.7	-0.64	22
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.34	21	2.0	-0.36	17	15.7	0.15	9	17.7	13	10.3	-0.85	22	-24.4	25	-23.6	24	-23.7	-0.90	24
Capital	-0.36	22	3.1	0.50	7	11.2	-0.65	24	14.3	21	10.1	-0.91	25	-4.0	13	-17.6	21	-14.9	-0.52	20
Central Kootenay	-0.45	23	1.4	-0.90	25	10.3	-0.81	25	11.6	25	11.5	-0.58	21	3.7	9	12.6	4	11.5	0.64	4
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.50	24	1.2	-1.01	26	11.7	-0.56	22	12.8	24	12.5	-0.33	18	-23.3	24	0.8	11	-2.0	0.05	13
Cowichan Valley	-0.63	25	1.6	-0.67	21	12.3	-0.45	21	14.0	22	12.7	-0.30	17	-5.0	14	-28.4	26	-26.3	-1.00	26
Kootenay Boundary	-0.78	26	1.6	-0.69	22	7.3	-1.07	26	8.9	26	8.5	-1.06	26	4.8	8	-12.2	17	-9.5	-0.28	17
British Columbia			3.4			18.2			21.6		16.1			-4.7		-7.8		-7.3		

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Further Information on Crime* 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^{&} of Crime		Indicators of Serious Drug Crime								Indicators of Juvenile (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 Ranked from worst to best	Rank	Avg-96-98		Avg-96-98		Avg-96-98		1997		Avg-96-98		Avg-96-98		Avg-96-98	
			Motor Vehicle Theft		Spousal Assault		Non-Cannabis Drug Offences ³		per-100,000 Pop-19-64 Illicit Drug Deaths		Juvenile Serious Violent Crime ¹		Juvenile Serious Property Crime ²		Juvenile Non-Cannabis Drug Charges ³	
			Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Northern Rockies	0.91	1	14.7	1	9.2	1	194.7	5	0.0	19	8.7	1	19.1	2	54.5	8
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.75	2	5.6	8	3.9	9	113.8	10	9.8	8	5.4	4	18.9	3	21.6	14
Greater Vancouver	0.74	3	11.8	2	1.9	23	139.5	7	16.7	3	4.2	7	3.3	26	68.0	5
Fraser-Fort George	0.58	4	8.8	3	4.3	7	104.1	13	7.4	12	6.1	3	7.6	23	29.0	13
Fraser Valley	0.56	5	8.4	4	3.4	13	105.6	12	16.0	4	3.5	13	6.8	24	33.6	12
Mount Waddington	0.47	6	3.4	18	6.9	2	236.7	1	20.2	1	3.2	15	22.8	1	0.0	23
Sunshine Coast	0.39	7	3.5	16	2.8	16	85.9	15	0.0	19	3.0	17	17.4	5	0.0	23
Powell River	0.19	8	2.0	25	3.6	11	195.4	4	0.0	19	3.5	12	13.4	7	74.3	4
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.19	9	2.0	24	6.5	3	228.8	3	18.3	2	4.1	8	12.4	10	171.2	1
Thompson-Nicola	0.16	10	5.6	9	3.6	10	67.2	19	12.7	6	3.3	14	7.9	21	5.8	19
Bulkley-Nechako	0.07	11	3.9	13	5.3	5	56.4	21	0.0	19	1.7	22	18.0	4	0.0	23
North Okanagan	0.02	12	4.4	11	2.8	17	52.9	22	4.5	15	2.0	20	7.6	22	4.9	21
Kitimat-Stikine	-0.03	13	3.3	19	5.7	4	111.0	11	3.5	16	4.6	6	14.9	6	21.2	15
Peace River	-0.04	14	5.7	7	4.1	8	231.2	2	5.5	13	2.9	18	13.3	8	56.6	7
Central Okanagan	-0.04	15	8.4	5	2.5	19	77.1	16	4.6	14	3.5	11	8.5	18	52.3	9
Nanaimo	-0.05	16	4.5	10	2.1	21	152.0	6	12.9	5	5.0	5	9.4	16	64.9	6
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.21	17	3.9	14	2.4	20	68.1	17	0.0	19	3.7	9	11.2	13	5.6	20
Comox-Strathcona	-0.24	18	3.6	15	3.3	14	115.3	9	10.9	7	2.6	19	11.3	12	48.7	10
East Kootenay	-0.26	19	2.8	22	2.7	18	45.5	23	0.0	19	1.8	21	12.2	11	17.8	16
Cariboo	-0.33	20	6.5	6	4.4	6	67.4	18	2.2	18	1.3	26	9.1	17	4.6	22
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.34	21	4.2	12	3.3	15	134.5	8	8.5	11	3.6	10	12.9	9	90.4	3
Capital	-0.36	22	3.3	20	1.4	26	101.6	14	8.7	10	6.8	2	6.2	25	104.6	2
Central Kootenay	-0.45	23	2.4	23	1.8	24	30.0	26	2.7	17	1.5	24	8.2	19	6.0	18
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.50	24	3.1	21	1.9	22	64.7	20	0.0	19	1.3	25	8.1	20	7.3	17
Cowichan Valley	-0.63	25	3.5	17	3.4	12	36.1	25	9.1	9	3.0	16	10.2	14	34.8	11
Kootenay Boundary	-0.78	26	1.9	26	1.8	25	43.5	24	0.0	25	1.7	23	9.6	15	0.0	23
British Columbia			8.4		2.5		118.1		12.4		4.0		6.8		53.3	

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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 1999

Regional Districts [‡]	Composite Index ^{&} of Health		Avg 94-98		Per 1,000 Pop - Avg 94-98								
			Life Expectancy		Natural Causes			Accidental Causes			Suicide/Homicide		
	Index <i>Ranked from worst to best</i>	Rank	At Birth		Pyll			Pyll			Pyll		
			Years	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank
Alberni-Clayoquot	1.14	1	76.8	4	50.3	1.17	2	19.5	0.97	6	10.8	1.27	1
Mount Waddington	1.01	2	75.8	2	49.0	1.13	3	21.2	1.08	4	8.0	0.79	5
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.63	3	76.5	3	48.9	1.13	4	15.3	0.04	13	7.6	0.54	8
Cariboo	0.57	4	77.5	7	40.5	0.13	9	22.3	1.12	3	7.7	0.60	7
Thompson-Nicola	0.51	5	77.7	9	40.1	0.06	12	17.9	0.62	7	8.4	1.01	2
Northern Rockies	0.49	6	75.4	1	54.5	1.27	1	27.0	1.27	1	2.0	-1.32	26
Kitimat-Stikine	0.49	7	77.5	8	43.9	0.73	5	15.7	0.13	12	7.6	0.54	9
Bulkley-Nechako	0.32	8	78.1	11	40.4	0.11	10	23.0	1.15	2	6.4	-0.22	15
Sunshine Coast	0.23	9	79.6	22	40.8	0.19	8	13.3	-0.40	20	8.2	0.92	3
Powell River	0.16	10	78.9	15	43.2	0.61	7	14.0	-0.24	18	6.7	-0.03	14
Cowichan Valley	0.14	11	78.8	14	38.4	-0.24	16	14.8	-0.07	15	8.1	0.86	4
North Okanagan	0.13	12	79.5	20	37.6	-0.38	18	16.1	0.22	11	7.9	0.73	6
Fraser-Fort George	0.13	13	77.2	6	43.5	0.66	6	14.9	-0.04	14	6.1	-0.41	20
Central Kootenay	0.13	14	79.2	16	40.4	0.11	11	17.9	0.62	8	6.2	-0.35	17
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.05	15	77.1	5	36.4	-0.59	22	20.0	1.02	5	6.1	-0.41	19
Comox-Strathcona	-0.14	16	78.6	13	36.9	-0.50	20	14.5	-0.13	16	7.3	0.35	10
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.20	17	79.4	17	34.7	-0.89	24	17.0	0.42	9	6.9	0.10	12
Kootenay Boundary	-0.21	18	78.0	10	39.9	0.03	13	16.3	0.26	10	5.1	-1.01	23
Fraser Valley	-0.28	19	79.4	18	38.5	-0.22	15	13.5	-0.35	19	6.3	-0.29	16
Nanaimo	-0.28	20	79.4	19	39.6	-0.03	14	12.6	-0.55	21	6.2	-0.35	18
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.42	21	79.6	21	37.0	-0.48	19	11.6	-0.77	22	6.8	0.03	13
East Kootenay	-0.67	22	80.2	24	32.1	-1.08	25	9.1	-1.07	24	7.2	0.29	11
Peace River	-0.67	23	78.3	12	35.3	-0.78	23	14.3	-0.18	17	5.1	-1.01	24
Greater Vancouver	-0.74	24	80.1	23	38.3	-0.26	17	9.5	-1.05	23	4.7	-1.07	25
Capital	-0.85	25	80.5	25	36.7	-0.54	21	7.8	-1.13	26	5.2	-0.98	22
Central Okanagan	-0.99	26	81.8	26	31.3	-1.10	26	8.5	-1.10	25	5.6	-0.73	21
British Columbia			79.7		38.4			11.7			5.7		

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Further Information on Health Problems

1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^{&} of Health		Per 1,000 Pop Age 15-17 1996-1998 Teen Pregnancy		Per 1,000 Live Births 1994-1998 Infant Mortality Rate		Per Population Age 12+ 1997 Prevalence of Smokers**	
	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	%	Rank
	Ranked from worst-off to best-off							
Alberni-Clayoquot	1.14	1	47.5	3	7.5	5	24	17
Mount Waddington	1.01	2	64.4	1	10.6	2	26	11
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.63	3	57.9	2	4.3	22	29	1
Cariboo	0.57	4	37.1	12	4.2	23	27	8
Thompson-Nicola	0.51	5	28.8	19	4.4	20	27	7
Northern Rockies	0.49	6	44.4	4	11.6	1	29	4
Kitimat-Stikine	0.49	7	41.0	7	5.4	12	29	2
Bulkley-Nechako	0.32	8	41.2	5	7.2	6	28	5
Sunshine Coast	0.23	9	37.6	11	5.2	14	25	14
Powell River	0.16	10	36.9	13	7.5	4	25	13
Cowichan Valley	0.14	11	38.3	9	6.8	7	24	15
North Okanagan	0.13	12	23.4	23	4.9	15	21	24
Fraser-Fort George	0.13	13	37.7	10	6.0	10	28	6
Central Kootenay	0.13	14	26.2	20	8.6	3	22	20
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.05	15	38.8	8	2.2	26	25	12
Comox-Strathcona	-0.14	16	35.1	14	4.4	21	26	10
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.20	17	31.8	16	4.5	19	22	22
Kootenay Boundary	-0.21	18	16.0	26	4.0	24	21	23
Fraser Valley	-0.28	19	31.4	17	4.8	17	22	21
Nanaimo	-0.28	20	33.0	15	5.8	11	24	16
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.42	21	25.6	21	6.6	8	23	18
East Kootenay	-0.67	22	21.6	25	6.4	9	26	9
Peace River	-0.67	23	41.2	6	3.4	25	29	3
Greater Vancouver	-0.74	24	22.1	24	5.3	13	21	25
Capital	-0.85	25	31.0	18	4.8	16	19	26
Central Okanagan	-0.99	26	25.0	22	4.5	18	23	19
British Columbia			28.0		5.3		22	

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

Indicators of Education Concerns 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^{&} of Education		% of Population Age 25-54 - 1996						% of 18 Year Olds Who Did Not Graduate In 1998/99			Gr 12 Provincial Exam Non-Completion Rate** 1998/99						% of Enrolment Not in Career Prep*** 1998			
	Index Ranked from worst to best	Rank	Without High School Compl.		Without Completed Post-Secondary		In 1998/99			Math		Chem		English		in Career Prep***					
			%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	
					Wt = .40		Wt = .30			Wt = .10					Wt = .10		Wt = .10				
Cariboo	0.87	1	34.3	2	58.0	0.94	1	41.0	0.79	5	83.4	1.06	1	87.9	3	46.4	1.17	2	59.3	0.33	10
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.83	2	34.2	3	55.7	0.63	6	47.3	1.10	2	76.9	0.31	9	77.9	25	44.2	1.11	4	76.1	1.02	2
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.65	3	33.7	5	56.2	0.70	4	42.1	0.91	4	80.6	0.84	3	83.8	14	48.0	1.21	1	25.9	-1.04	24
Kitimat-Stikine	0.60	4	32.8	7	56.4	0.73	3	37.7	0.45	6	79.7	0.71	5	79.6	24	37.8	0.50	7	63.7	0.53	6
Peace River	0.52	5	33.4	6	56.1	0.70	5	37.6	0.43	7	76.6	0.26	10	81.8	20	35.6	0.15	11	68.4	0.74	4
Mount Waddington	0.34	6	30.3	8	53.7	0.37	9	34.6	0.12	11	81.7	1.00	2	92.1	1	45.3	1.14	3	38.5	-0.62	21
Northern Rockies	0.33	7	35.1	1	55.1	0.56	7	33.7	0.03	13	70.6	-0.61	21	86.7	5	36.8	0.34	9	98.9	1.21	1
Powell River	0.22	8	27.7	13	53.6	0.36	10	37.3	0.41	8	67.8	-1.00	24	89.6	2	32.5	-0.34	18	72.3	0.92	3
Sunshine Coast	0.16	9	24.0	20	48.1	-0.36	18	45.4	1.06	3	75.9	0.15	11	82.3	18	35.0	0.07	12	45.1	-0.32	18
Squamish-Lillooet	0.15	10	20.1	24	45.2	-0.74	24	47.5	1.10	1	79.6	0.69	6	86.1	7	37.7	0.48	8	52.4	0.01	13
Bulkley-Nechako	0.13	11	33.7	4	56.7	0.77	2	27.2	-0.65	20	79.8	0.72	4	84.3	10	34.8	0.03	13	39.6	-0.57	20
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.09	12	27.8	12	49.9	-0.13	15	33.2	-0.03	14	75.2	0.05	13	87.8	4	41.0	1.00	5	62.1	0.46	8
Fraser-Fort George	0.06	13	29.2	9	53.8	0.39	8	31.4	-0.21	17	74.1	-0.10	16	84.0	13	30.5	-0.66	21	62.2	0.46	7
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.03	14	27.8	11	49.6	-0.16	17	36.8	0.35	9	72.0	-0.41	18	84.0	12	31.4	-0.51	20	56.0	0.18	12
Thompson-Nicola	-0.07	15	26.7	16	50.4	-0.06	14	31.9	-0.16	16	77.3	0.37	8	83.3	16	28.5	-0.97	23	64.6	0.57	5
Fraser Valley	-0.10	16	28.1	10	53.4	0.34	11	26.7	-0.70	22	74.2	-0.10	15	82.7	17	33.6	-0.17	17	51.7	-0.01	14
North Okanagan	-0.20	17	27.3	14	52.0	0.16	12	26.0	-0.77	23	78.4	0.52	7	86.3	6	35.9	0.21	10	30.6	-0.98	22
Nanaimo	-0.23	18	24.1	19	47.2	-0.48	20	35.5	0.22	10	71.3	-0.50	19	84.1	11	31.7	-0.47	19	50.6	-0.07	15
Comox-Strathcona	-0.23	19	25.4	17	51.3	0.06	13	30.8	-0.28	18	71.2	-0.52	20	83.5	15	33.8	-0.14	16	23.8	-1.07	25
Cowichan Valley	-0.25	20	26.9	15	49.8	-0.14	16	34.4	0.10	12	68.9	-0.85	23	82.2	19	26.8	-1.06	24	45.9	-0.28	16
Central Okanagan	-0.39	21	22.9	23	46.3	-0.59	22	32.2	-0.13	15	74.5	-0.05	14	81.1	21	34.4	-0.03	15	30.0	-1.00	23
East Kootenay	-0.43	22	24.0	21	47.2	-0.48	19	22.0	-1.05	25	75.7	0.13	12	84.8	9	40.6	0.95	6	45.3	-0.31	17
Central Kootenay	-0.63	23	23.2	22	46.2	-0.61	23	26.8	-0.69	21	72.8	-0.29	17	85.3	8	25.2	-1.10	25	42.3	-0.45	19
Capital	-0.70	24	17.0	26	40.5	-1.08	26	30.1	-0.35	19	67.1	-1.03	25	80.6	22	28.6	-0.96	22	59.4	0.34	9
Kootenay Boundary	-0.82	25	24.9	18	46.7	-0.54	21	23.3	-1.02	24	69.6	-0.75	22	80.0	23	21.7	-1.20	26	21.6	-1.09	26
Greater Vancouver	-0.83	26	19.7	25	42.8	-1.01	25	21.1	-1.06	26	57.5	-1.26	26	73.6	26	34.5	-0.03	14	56.1	0.18	11
British Columbia			22.6		46.0			27.0			65.5			78.3		34.0			53.1		

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

** % of Students Enrolled in Grade 12 who did not take or 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.

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Further Information on Education Concerns 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^{&} 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	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10						
			Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank							
Ranked from worst to best																				
Cariboo	0.87	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	0.83	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
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.65	3	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
Kitimat-Stikine	0.60	4	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
Peace River	0.52	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
Mount Waddington	0.34	6	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
Northern Rockies	0.33	7	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
Powell River	0.22	8	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
Sunshine Coast	0.16	9	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
Squamish-Lillooet	0.15	10	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
Bulkley-Nechako	0.13	11	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
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.09	12	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
Fraser-Fort George	0.06	13	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
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.03	14	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
Thompson-Nicola	-0.07	15	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
Fraser Valley	-0.10	16	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
North Okanagan	-0.20	17	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	-0.23	18	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
Comox-Strathcona	-0.23	19	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
Cowichan Valley	-0.25	20	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	-0.39	21	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
East Kootenay	-0.43	22	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
Central Kootenay	-0.63	23	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
Capital	-0.70	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
Kootenay Boundary	-0.82	25	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
Greater Vancouver	-0.83	26	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
British Columbia			67.2		67.6		68.2		3.08		3.77		4.17		60.5		56.2		60.6	

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Indicators of Children at Risk 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^{&} of Children at Risk		% of Children (<19 Yrs) on Income Assistance Per 1,000 Pop (0-18) as at Sept 1999						Rate/1,000 Live Births 1994-1998			Average Test Scores 1998			Charges per 1,000 Pop 12-17 Avg 96-98					
	Index Ranked from worst to best	Rank	-For > 1 Yr			For < 1 Yr			Children In Care			Infant Mortality Rate			Reading/Gr 4,7&10			Total Serious Juvenile Crime ¹		
			%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank
			Wt=.20			Wt=.10			Wt=.10			Wt=.20			Wt=.20			Wt=.20		
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.82	1	7.3	0.81	2	5.2	0.73	2	16	1.15	2	7.5	0.94	5	65.5	0.22	10	24.3	1.17	3
Kitimat-Stikine	0.57	2	5.9	0.05	12	4.8	0.46	7	13	0.85	6	5.4	0.05	12	61.4	1.12	3	19.5	0.98	6
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.52	3	6.5	0.37	7	4.9	0.55	6	19	1.29	1	4.3	-0.41	22	58.5	1.26	1	16.5	0.46	8
Northern Rockies	0.51	4	1.8	-1.21	26	3.2	-0.85	24	14	0.96	5	11.6	1.28	1	60.3	1.19	2	27.8	1.25	1
Nanaimo	0.38	5	9.1	1.15	1	5.5	0.98	1	11	-0.15	16	5.8	0.21	11	66.0	0.06	12	14.4	0.08	12
Cowichan Valley	0.32	6	7.1	0.72	3	4.5	0.18	11	10	-0.42	20	6.8	0.66	7	64.7	0.49	8	13.3	-0.13	16
Bulkley-Nechako	0.32	7	3.6	-1.04	22	3.5	-0.57	21	13	0.61	7	7.2	0.82	6	63.8	0.79	4	19.8	1.01	5
Powell River	0.30	8	5.8	0.02	13	4.2	-0.07	14	6	-1.17	25	7.5	0.95	4	64.3	0.62	6	16.9	0.52	7
Fraser-Fort George	0.29	9	6.4	0.31	9	5.0	0.61	4	14	1.03	3	6.0	0.32	10	66.1	0.05	13	13.6	-0.06	15
Sunshine Coast	0.23	10	6.5	0.39	5	4.3	0.07	13	11	-0.01	14	5.2	-0.02	14	67.0	-0.27	17	20.3	1.03	4
Mount Waddington	0.19	11	3.3	-1.08	23	3.3	-0.75	22	10	-0.50	22	10.6	1.23	2	65.5	0.24	9	26.0	1.21	2
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.12	12	6.5	0.38	6	4.8	0.45	8	10	-0.31	18	6.6	0.57	8	67.9	-0.57	21	14.9	0.16	11
Thompson-Nicola	-0.01	13	6.5	0.35	8	5.0	0.60	5	12	0.48	10	4.4	-0.37	20	66.3	-0.05	14	11.2	-0.49	20
Comox-Strathcona	-0.01	14	6.7	0.50	4	5.0	0.64	3	10	-0.47	21	4.4	-0.41	21	66.9	-0.25	16	13.9	-0.01	14
Cariboo	-0.06	15	5.8	-0.02	14	4.4	0.11	12	12	0.52	8	4.2	-0.47	23	64.7	0.49	7	10.4	-0.63	21
East Kootenay	-0.10	16	4.2	-0.88	21	3.9	-0.26	16	12	0.26	12	6.4	0.46	9	66.5	-0.10	15	14.1	0.01	13
Central Kootenay	-0.13	17	6.3	0.25	11	4.8	0.40	10	8	-1.04	24	8.6	1.09	3	68.9	-0.90	24	9.7	-0.76	23
North Okanagan	-0.30	18	5.7	-0.05	15	4.8	0.41	9	11	-0.14	15	4.9	-0.18	15	68.1	-0.62	22	9.7	-0.77	24
Peace River	-0.30	19	3.2	-1.09	24	4.1	-0.13	15	11	0.01	13	3.4	-0.84	25	65.9	0.10	11	16.2	0.40	10
Fraser Valley	-0.30	20	6.3	0.28	10	3.6	-0.56	20	10	-0.39	19	4.8	-0.23	17	67.5	-0.43	19	10.3	-0.66	22
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.32	21	3.1	-1.10	25	2.2	-1.14	26	10	-0.19	17	2.2	-1.08	26	63.8	0.79	5	16.5	0.45	9
Central Okanagan	-0.34	22	4.6	-0.63	19	3.8	-0.36	17	14	1.01	4	4.5	-0.32	18	68.3	-0.70	23	12.0	-0.35	18
Capital	-0.42	23	5.0	-0.43	18	3.3	-0.78	23	12	0.27	11	4.8	-0.22	16	69.4	-1.02	26	13.0	-0.18	17
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.42	24	4.6	-0.63	20	3.7	-0.47	19	12	0.51	9	4.5	-0.33	19	67.3	-0.35	18	9.4	-0.82	25
Greater Vancouver	-0.57	25	5.3	-0.25	17	2.4	-1.10	25	8	-1.01	23	5.3	0.02	13	67.8	-0.54	20	7.5	-1.04	26
Kootenay Boundary	-0.58	26	5.7	-0.06	16	3.8	-0.37	18	5	-1.22	26	4.0	-0.57	24	69.2	-1.00	25	11.3	-0.49	19
British Columbia			5.6			3.4			10			5.3			67.7			10.8		

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¹ Total Serious Crime is the sum of serious property and serious violent crime. See Crime Page 3 footnotes for details.

Further Information on Children at Risk 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^a of Children at Risk		Indicators of Juvenile (Age 12-17) Crime										Per 1,000 Pop (0-14)					
	Index	Rank <i>Ranked from worst to best</i>	% of Population Age 17-18		Charges per 1,000 Population				Charges per 100,000 Pop				Hospitalization Rate		Per 1,000 Women 15-17		Per 1,000 Pop (0-18)	
			Sept 99		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		1998		Avg 96-98		1999			
			On IA & On Their Own		Violent Crime ¹		Property Crime ²		Drug Charges ³		Respiratory Diseases		Injury and Poisoning		Teen(15-17)Pregnancies		Child Abuse	
			Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.82	1	2.2	5	5.4	4	18.9	3	21.6	14	15.1	13	11.3	6	47.5	3	26	7
Kitimat-Stikine	0.57	2	1.9	9	4.6	6	14.9	6	21.2	15	18.5	7	7.9	21	41.0	7	21	14
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.52	3	1.1	19	4.1	8	12.4	10	171.2	1	24.3	3	11.3	5	57.9	2	47	1
Northern Rockies	0.51	4	1.0	21	8.7	1	19.1	2	54.5	8	16.3	10	13.6	2	44.4	4	24	9
Nanaimo	0.38	5	3.1	2	5.0	5	9.4	16	64.9	6	12.9	21	6.7	24	33.0	15	17	21
Cowichan Valley	0.32	6	1.2	17	3.0	17	10.2	14	34.8	11	19.9	5	9.7	11	38.3	9	19	15
Bulkley-Nechako	0.32	7	1.0	23	1.7	22	18.0	4	0.0	24	24.9	2	11.0	7	41.2	5	35	3
Powell River	0.30	8	2.1	7	3.5	11	13.4	7	74.3	4	13.4	19	8.2	19	36.9	13	19	16
Fraser-Fort George	0.29	9	3.1	1	6.1	3	7.6	22	29.0	13	15.8	12	8.8	14	37.7	10	32	4
Sunshine Coast	0.23	10	1.5	14	3.0	16	17.4	5	0.0	26	8.0	26	8.0	20	37.6	11	18	19
Mount Waddington	0.19	11	1.5	13	3.2	15	22.8	1	0.0	23	27.0	1	18.9	1	64.4	1	26	8
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.12	12	1.9	10	3.7	9	11.2	13	5.6	20	13.2	20	9.5	13	25.6	21	17	20
Thompson-Nicola	-0.01	13	2.2	6	3.3	14	7.9	21	5.8	19	13.5	18	7.5	23	28.8	19	22	12
Comox-Strathcona	-0.01	14	2.6	3	2.6	19	11.3	12	48.7	10	11.6	23	8.5	17	35.1	14	9	25
Cariboo	-0.06	15	1.3	16	1.3	25	9.1	17	4.6	22	15.8	11	12.2	3	37.1	12	29	6
East Kootenay	-0.10	16	0.8	25	1.8	21	12.2	11	17.8	16	19.9	6	8.8	15	21.6	25	36	2
Central Kootenay	-0.13	17	2.0	8	1.5	24	8.2	19	6.0	18	14.9	14	11.6	4	26.2	20	23	10
North Okanagan	-0.30	18	1.6	12	2.0	20	7.6	23	4.9	21	9.8	25	8.7	16	23.4	23	19	17
Peace River	-0.30	19	1.0	22	2.9	18	13.3	8	56.6	7	16.6	9	10.2	10	41.2	6	22	13
Fraser Valley	-0.30	20	1.7	11	3.5	13	6.8	24	33.6	12	14.7	15	8.4	18	31.4	17	13	22
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.32	21	1.3	15	3.6	10	12.9	9	90.4	3	17.5	8	10.7	8	38.8	8	22	11
Central Okanagan	-0.34	22	0.6	26	3.5	12	8.5	18	52.3	9	13.8	17	5.9	25	25.0	22	12	23
Capital	-0.42	23	2.2	4	6.8	2	6.2	25	104.6	2	14.5	16	7.9	22	31.0	18	18	18
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.42	24	1.1	20	1.3	26	8.1	20	7.3	17	12.8	22	10.3	9	31.8	16	30	5
Greater Vancouver	-0.57	25	1.1	18	4.2	7	3.3	26	68.0	5	10.5	24	5.8	26	22.1	24	11	24
Kootenay Boundary	-0.58	26	1.0	24	1.7	23	9.6	15	0.0	25	20.5	4	9.7	12	16.0	26	6	26
British Columbia			1.5		4.0		6.8		53.3		13.0		7.5		28.0		16	

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¹ See Crime Page 3 for Crime definitions

Indicators of Youth at Risk 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^{&} of Youth at Risk		% of Youth, Age 19-24, on Income Assistance as at Sept 1999									% of 18 Year Olds Who Did Not Graduate 98/99			Offences per 1,000 Pop Avg 96-98		
	Index Ranked from worst to best	Rank	Total		For More Than 1 Yr			For Less Than 1 Yr			Indicator of Pop 19-24 with incomplete HS			Total Serious Crime ¹			
			%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	
					Wt=.40			Wt=.20			Wt=.20			Wt=.20			Wt=.20
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.95	1	11.8	4	4.6	0.91	5	7.2	1.04	3	42.1	0.91	4	23.6	0.98	4	
Nanaimo	0.82	2	15.0	1	6.4	1.21	1	8.5	1.21	1	35.5	0.22	10	19.3	0.27	8	
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.75	3	11.0	6	5.1	1.05	4	5.9	0.28	9	47.3	1.10	2	19.3	0.27	9	
Fraser-Fort George	0.72	4	11.6	5	4.6	0.89	6	7.0	1.01	4	31.4	-0.21	17	24.8	1.04	2	
Kitimat-Stikine	0.71	5	13.0	2	5.4	1.09	2	7.6	1.11	2	37.7	0.45	6	16.5	-0.20	17	
Comox-Strathcona	0.51	6	12.0	3	5.3	1.07	3	6.7	0.84	6	30.8	-0.28	18	16.7	-0.16	16	
Powell River	0.35	7	10.5	7	3.6	0.19	10	6.9	0.99	5	37.3	0.41	8	17.5	-0.03	15	
Sunshine Coast	0.19	8	8.0	16	3.1	-0.18	15	4.9	-0.42	18	45.4	1.06	3	21.7	0.66	5	
Cariboo	0.16	9	9.2	10	3.5	0.14	12	5.7	0.11	10	41.0	0.79	5	15.2	-0.41	19	
Thompson-Nicola	0.15	10	9.8	8	3.7	0.25	8	6.1	0.40	7	31.9	-0.16	16	17.7	0.00	14	
Cowichan Valley	0.10	11	9.7	9	4.0	0.48	7	5.6	0.08	11	34.4	0.10	12	14.0	-0.62	22	
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.08	12	9.0	12	3.4	0.05	13	5.6	0.04	12	33.2	-0.03	14	14.6	-0.52	20	
Fraser Valley	-0.11	13	7.9	17	3.6	0.17	11	4.4	-0.80	23	26.7	-0.70	22	21.3	0.59	7	
Mount Waddington	-0.14	14	7.6	18	2.5	-0.56	19	5.1	-0.29	15	34.6	0.12	11	21.4	0.61	6	
Capital	-0.22	15	8.3	15	3.7	0.23	9	4.6	-0.64	20	30.1	-0.35	19	14.3	-0.56	21	
Northern Rockies	-0.23	16	6.5	24	0.9	-1.13	26	5.6	0.04	13	33.7	0.03	13	24.7	1.04	3	
Peace River	-0.24	17	7.4	19	2.3	-0.66	22	5.1	-0.32	17	37.6	0.43	7	17.8	0.02	12	
Bulkley-Nechako	-0.24	18	8.4	13	2.9	-0.28	17	5.5	-0.04	14	27.2	-0.65	20	17.8	0.03	10	
North Okanagan	-0.28	19	8.3	14	3.2	-0.05	14	5.1	-0.30	16	26.0	-0.77	23	16.3	-0.23	18	
Central Okanagan	-0.36	20	7.2	20	2.5	-0.59	20	4.8	-0.54	19	32.2	-0.13	15	17.8	0.02	11	
Central Kootenay	-0.37	21	9.0	11	3.0	-0.24	16	6.0	0.33	8	26.8	-0.69	21	11.6	-1.00	25	
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.46	22	3.4	26	1.2	-1.09	25	2.2	-1.24	26	47.5	1.10	1	17.7	0.00	13	
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.51	23	6.6	23	2.5	-0.54	18	4.1	-1.01	24	36.8	0.35	9	12.8	-0.80	24	
Greater Vancouver	-0.58	24	4.7	25	2.0	-0.86	24	2.6	-1.20	25	21.1	-1.06	26	26.1	1.08	1	
East Kootenay	-0.76	25	6.8	21	2.4	-0.65	21	4.4	-0.77	22	22.0	-1.05	25	13.4	-0.71	23	
Kootenay Boundary	-0.87	26	6.7	22	2.2	-0.78	23	4.6	-0.67	21	23.3	-1.02	24	8.9	-1.10	26	
British Columbia			6.8		2.8			4.0			27.0			21.6			

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¹ Total Serious Crime is the sum of serious property and serious violent crime. See Crime Page 3 footnotes for details.

Further Information on Youth at Risk 1999

Regional Districts*	Composite Index ^{&} of Youth at Risk		% of Pop Age 19-24 1997		Deaths per 10,000 Age 15-24 Avg 96-98		Offences per 100,000 Pop Avg 96-98		% of Pop Age 19-24 Sept 99		% of Pop Age 18-24 Avg 95-97	
	Index <i>Ranked from worst to best</i>	Rank	Smoking Rate**		Motor Vehicle Accidents		Non-Cannabis Drug Offences ¹		Receiving EI		Net Migration	
			%	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.95	1	34	19	3.6	9	113.8	10	2.5	21	-1.8	5
Nanaimo	0.82	2	34	20	3.2	13	151.9	6	2.8	17	0.1	12
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.75	3	41	13	0.9	23	228.7	3	2.7	19	0.4	15
Fraser-Fort George	0.72	4	28	24	4.9	4	104.0	13	4.3	4	2.0	21
Kitimat-Stikine	0.71	5	41	11	3.3	12	110.9	11	3.3	9	-0.7	9
Comox-Strathcona	0.51	6	44	5	2.3	18	115.3	9	2.8	16	0.6	16
Powell River	0.35	7	43	8	0.0	25	195.3	4	2.7	18	-3.3	2
Sunshine Coast	0.19	8	43	9	0.0	26	85.7	15	2.1	25	0.3	14
Cariboo	0.16	9	47	1	7.1	2	67.4	18	4.4	3	0.9	17
Thompson-Nicola	0.15	10	41	12	3.1	14	67.2	19	3.8	6	0.1	13
Cowichan Valley	0.10	11	34	21	1.5	22	36.1	25	2.4	22	-0.6	11
Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.08	12	44	7	1.6	20	68.1	17	2.9	15	-2.0	4
Fraser Valley	-0.11	13	25	26	3.4	10	105.5	12	3.5	7	2.6	23
Mount Waddington	-0.13	14	44	4	3.0	15	236.6	1	2.6	20	-0.6	10
Capital	-0.22	15	32	23	0.7	24	101.6	14	2.2	24	1.9	20
Northern Rockies	-0.23	16	37	15	3.4	11	194.6	5	4.8	2	9.2	26
Peace River	-0.24	17	37	14	4.5	6	230.9	2	5.8	1	2.6	22
Bulkley-Nechako	-0.24	18	33	22	7.8	1	56.4	21	4.2	5	1.0	18
North Okanagan	-0.28	19	34	18	4.5	7	52.9	22	3.2	13	-1.0	8
Central Okanagan	-0.36	20	44	6	1.7	19	77.1	16	3.2	12	1.5	19
Central Kootenay	-0.37	21	44	3	3.8	8	30.0	26	3.4	8	-1.4	7
Squamish-Lillooet	-0.46	22	43	10	5.9	3	134.5	8	2.4	23	9.1	25
Columbia-Shuswap	-0.51	23	34	17	4.8	5	64.7	20	3.1	14	-1.8	6
Greater Vancouver	-0.58	24	26	25	1.5	21	139.5	7	1.9	26	4.3	24
East Kootenay	-0.76	25	37	16	2.8	16	45.5	23	3.2	10	-2.1	3
Kootenay Boundary	-0.87	26	46	2	2.5	17	43.5	24	3.2	11	-4.0	1
British Columbia			31		2.3		118.1		2.6		2.7	

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

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¹ See Crime Page 3 for Crime definitions

Background Information

1999

Regional Districts*	1996 Census																
	1999 Population			1999/1998 1 Yr Pop Growth		Avg Annual 99/94 5 Yr Pop Growth		% Aboriginal		% Visible Minorities		Lone Parent Families as a % of Total Families with Children at Home		1999 % Seniors		Income Dependency on Forestry, Fishing & Mining	
	Count	% of BC	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Greater Vancouver	1,990,961	49.4	1	0.9	5	2.0	10	1.7	25	31.1	1	21.8	18	11.8	14	6	24
Capital	334,368	8.3	2	-0.1	23	0.6	24	2.2	23	7.4	4	26.2	3	17.8	2	2	26
Fraser Valley	240,601	6.0	3	0.8	8	2.1	7	4.2	16	9.2	2	22.2	16	13.8	12	8	23
Central Okanagan	150,755	3.7	4	0.8	7	2.4	3	2.1	24	3.9	14	24.3	8	17.4	6	6	25
Nanaimo	133,404	3.3	5	1.0	3	2.2	6	3.5	19	5.1	7	27.4	1	17.7	3	14	20
Thompson-Nicola	128,821	3.2	6	0.5	9	2.1	9	8.5	9	5.0	9	25.0	6	11.6	16	21	17
Fraser-Fort George	106,526	2.6	7	0.0	19	1.6	15	6.5	12	4.4	12	22.2	17	6.2	23	34	11
Comox-Strathcona	105,321	2.6	8	0.0	20	1.9	11	4.3	14	3.1	16	23.2	11	11.7	15	29	13
Okanagan-Similkameen	80,370	2.0	9	0.4	13	0.9	22	2.7	21	4.7	10	25.9	4	24.0	1	10	22
North Okanagan	76,640	1.9	10	0.3	16	1.5	16	3.2	20	2.8	18	25.2	5	16.3	7	14	21
Cowichan Valley	76,386	1.9	11	0.4	12	1.8	14	8.0	11	3.4	15	23.0	12	15.4	9	24	14
Cariboo	72,988	1.8	12	0.1	17	2.1	8	8.9	8	5.1	8	21.2	20	9.0	18	38	6
Central Kootenay	61,466	1.5	13	0.1	18	1.3	17	2.3	22	2.4	21	23.5	10	15.0	10	21	16
East Kootenay	61,163	1.5	14	1.7	2	1.9	12	3.8	17	2.3	22	20.6	23	11.4	17	34	10
Peace River	60,370	1.5	15	0.4	10	1.3	18	9.1	7	1.8	26	20.0	24	7.0	20	37	9
Columbia-Shuswap	52,653	1.3	16	0.9	4	2.4	4	3.7	18	1.9	25	20.8	21	14.7	11	18	18
Kitimat-Stikine	46,622	1.2	17	0.4	11	1.1	19	23.5	2	4.6	11	20.7	22	6.6	22	41	4
Bulkley-Nechako	45,169	1.1	18	0.3	15	1.9	13	13.6	5	2.9	17	18.2	25	7.3	19	43	3
Squamish-Lillooet	35,911	0.9	19	1.8	1	4.2	1	8.3	10	6.9	5	22.4	15	5.8	24	16	19
Kootenay Boundary	34,136	0.8	20	-0.2	25	0.3	25	1.6	26	2.6	20	22.4	14	17.4	5	30	12
Alberni-Clayoquot	33,284	0.8	21	-0.2	24	0.9	21	11.7	6	6.0	6	24.6	7	12.1	13	38	5
Sunshine Coast	27,248	0.7	22	0.9	6	2.3	5	4.5	13	2.6	19	26.7	2	17.5	4	23	15
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	25,467	0.6	23	-0.1	22	0.1	26	32.9	1	8.8	3	24.1	9	6.6	21	37	8
Powell River	21,182	0.5	24	-0.1	21	1.1	20	4.3	15	2.2	24	22.5	13	15.6	8	37	7
Mount Waddington	15,181	0.4	25	-0.6	26	0.7	23	16.9	3	4.0	13	21.4	19	5.0	25	56	1
Northern Rockies	6,465	0.2	26	0.3	14	3.1	2	15.2	4	2.3	23	15.1	26	2.7	26	49	2
British Columbia	4,029,253			0.7		1.8		3.8		17.9		22.7		12.9			

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