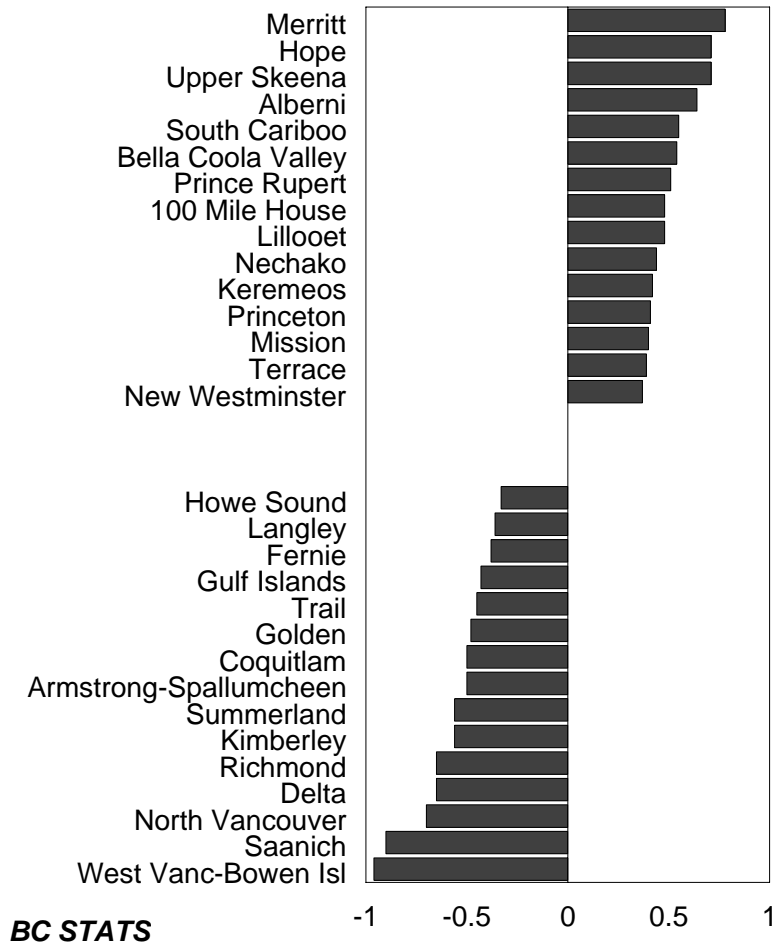


Local Health Area Socio-Economic Index Results - 1999

1999 LHA Socio-Economic Index
15 Worst-Off & Best-Off LHA's
Sorted from Worst-Off to Best-Off



The 5 Most Socially Stressed LHA's

Three of the five areas with the most severe socio-economic conditions in the province lie adjacent to each other. They cover the area alongside the Fraser River from Hope to Clinton (including the municipalities of Lytton, Cache Creek and Ashcroft), as well as the local health area (LHA) east of Lytton, which consists primarily of the municipality of Merritt. All three areas have a moderately high representation of aboriginal peoples within their population.

In 1999, the **Merritt** LHA stands out as the area in the province with the most severe social problems – primarily due to a very high index level associated with economic hardship and crime. The incidence of economic hardship is severe for both the senior and non-senior populations. On the bright side, the proportion of the population relying on income assistance has been declining over the last year. A high and rising serious property crime rate among adults is the reason for the high Crime Index. However, hard drug crime does not seem to be a problem in the area – in fact, juvenile charges of hard drug offences is one of the lowest in the province. Relative to its overall ranking, Merritt does well on the Education Index. Although the adult population is not highly educated, the graduation rate of 18 year olds is relatively high and the region does very well in graduating Grade 12's that have passed their English and Chemistry Provincial Exams. The economic base of this area is moderately dependent on forestry.

Hope, which lies southwest of Merritt, is the LHA with the second most severe socio-economic problems, primarily the result of a very severe long-term reliance on income assistance. Despite the area's economic hardship, Hope stands out as having a relatively low Crime Index, ranking 41st of 78, and appears to be declining as well. Neither does hard drug crime seem to be a problem. On the education side, while the proportion of 18 year olds who graduate is relatively low, students in the area appear to do very well in English. In fact, in 1998 the area had the highest average score in the Grade 10 writing test, and the pass rate in the Grade 12 Provincial English exam was relatively good. Hope has a relatively large senior population and a high proportion of single parent families.

South Cariboo LHA lying north of the Hope LHA has the fifth most severe socio-economic problems in the province. Health and education show up as the more serious issues. Deaths due to natural causes are high and relatively few Grade 12 students pass the English, Math and Chemistry provincial exams. Although South Cariboo scores badly overall, the area is average when it comes to economic hardship – the area ranks 43rd in the proportion of the population receiving income assistance and there has been considerable improvement since 1998. Youth's dependence on income assistance and Employment Insurance is also quite low. There does not seem to be a hard drug problem in the area. Mining and tourism are relatively important industries in the region.

The third most stressed region in the province in 1999 was the **Upper Skeena** LHA, a small LHA with a population of approximately 6,000. This LHA lies just north of Smithers. Close to 50 per cent of the population is made up of aboriginals living on-reserve. The income in the region is primarily generated from the forest and public sectors. All variables included in the economic hardship indicator show severe stress in the area. As

well, violent crime is high and there has been a rapid rise in that indicator over the last six years. There is also a high incidence of spousal assault. Relatively speaking, this area does not have serious health problems. Their infant mortality and suicide/homicide rates are fairly low.

Alberni LHA had the fourth highest level of socio-economic stress in the province¹. The most serious concerns for this area are with the health dimension, particularly mental health as measured by the suicide/homicide rate. Also, some social factors that affect children and youth are negative -- most significant are juvenile property crime, a high incidence of children living in families on income assistance, and children living in care. On the positive side, at least relatively, the rate of seniors who require the maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) supplement is low, and there is a high community participation in the career preparation programs in the high schools. The area has a heavy economic reliance on forestry, and a relatively large aboriginal population.

The 5 Least Socially Stressed LHAs

Four of the five best-off LHA's are within the GVRD and the fifth is within the CRD.

West Vancouver-Bowen Island LHA ranks very high in all the broad topic areas as well as in almost all variables. The only possible hot spots are a relatively high juvenile violent crime rate and juvenile hard drug charges. For children and youth, this area ranks the best in the province on almost every variable. Education achievement is also the best virtually right across the board.

Saanich is the second most socially robust LHA in the province. Some of the weaker areas include a high juvenile serious violent crime rate and juvenile hard drug charges. Also, the overall serious violent crime rate seems to have been increasing in recent years. The only other variables that stand out as inconsistent with the good ranking overall are a relatively high rate of infant mortality and a relatively low percentage of 18 year olds who graduate from high school.

The **North Vancouver** LHA ranks 76th out of 78 LHA's in the Overall Socio-Economic Index. The only weaknesses are in the crime area with very high rates of motor vehicle theft, illicit drug deaths, juvenile serious violent crime and juvenile hard drug charges.

The other two LHA's in the top five are the adjacent lower mainland areas of **Delta** and **Richmond** (both scored the same on the overall hardship scale). Richmond has a population ethnic mix of close to 50 per cent visible minorities. Delta has a visible minority representation of 18 per cent, which is relatively high compared to most other LHA's, is very much lower than Richmond. Both have positive marks in all areas with the exception of crime - Richmond has quite a high level of serious property crime. Both have high levels of motor vehicle theft and Richmond shows signs that hard drug crime is rela-

¹ Alberni LHA has the same geography as Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. In 1999, Alberni-Clayoquot stood out as the Regional District in the province with the most severe social problems. Because the LHA's have a finer geography than the Regional Districts, that data indicates that sub-areas of other Regional Districts have greater signs of stress than Alberni-Clayoquot does as a whole.

tively common. Delta has a juvenile hard drug issue. Other indicators for Richmond where the record is not as positive as the overall performance are: a relatively high proportion of seniors on Maximum GIS, a low proportion of Grade 12's who pass the English Provincial Exam (likely reflective of the high proportion of the population where English is a second language), and surprisingly, child abuse figures show that this LHA has the 7th worst rate in the province.

Other LHA's of Note

There are 68 other LHA's for which indices are available. Listed below are brief profiles of those that show significant discrepancies among the different sub-indices.

Queen Charlotte LHA stands out as the 19th most socially stressed area in the province, however, it ranks 65th on the Economic Hardship Index. This results primarily because the proportion of the population who have depended on income assistance for more than a year is very low – the 5th lowest in the province. This points out a potential shortcoming of the economic hardship indicator as aboriginals living on-reserve are not covered by the provincial income assistance program. In Queen Charlotte, 22 per cent of the population are aboriginals living on-reserve and if they are not participating fully in the economy, this could understate the economic hardship of the region. Similar problems show up for the **Nisga'a** LHA. Economic Hardship Index indicates a rank of 61st despite a ranking of 25th on the Overall Index. This LHA has 87 per cent of its population living on-reserve.

Enderby LHA, in the Columbia Shuswap region, although ranks 26th on the Overall Socio-Economic Index, and has severe economic hardship, has exceptionally low property and violent crime rates. As well, hard drug crime appears to be almost non-existent.

Quesnel LHA is similar with an overall rank of 28 but a rank of 73 for crime. **Windermere** LHA shows the opposite juxtaposition with excellent marks on the Economic, Health and Education Indices, but very high, and rising, property crime rates. Windermere also has the third highest juvenile property crime rate in the province.

Nelson LHA suffers from economic hardship but has an excellent performance on the Crime and Education Indices. This region has a highly educated adult population and an excellent high-school graduation rate among 18 year olds, with an exceptionally high rate of grade 12 students who pass the Provincial English Exam.

Burnaby and **Langley**, like many other LHA's in the GVRD, rank very well on all socio-economic indicators except crime.

Peace River North LHA does well in all indicators except Crime and Education. While it ranks 43rd overall, it ranks 8th for Education Concerns with low levels of education attainment among the adults and an unusually high school drop-out rate. However, those who do stay in school, appear to do well.

Two areas that stand out as doing well while surrounded geographically by areas that are under socio-economic hardship are the **Smithers** and **Kitimat** LHA's. Both these areas are in a region where forestry is the dominant industry, but Smithers has been faring well because its sawmills remained in operation despite the 1998/99 downturn in the forest sector. Kitimat is more diversified than its neighbours as mining (i.e. the Alcan smelter)

contributes more to its economy than does the forest sector. Another area that does well, while its neighbours do not do quite so well, is the Howe Sound LHA. Booming Whistler accounts for that. **Enderby** scores poorly while many of the neighbouring LHA's do better. This may be due to the fact that it does not have as favourable a forest sector or as booming a tourist trade as the Golden and Revelstoke LHA's.

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	Index ^{&}		Economic Hardship		Crime		Health		Education		Children		Youth	
	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank
			Wt=(-.30)		Wt=(-.20)		Wt=(-.20)		Wt=(-.20)		Wt=(-.05)		Wt=(-.05)	
31 Merritt	0.78	1	1.06	1	1.01	3	0.84	8	0.14	32	0.48	12	0.77	5
32 Hope	0.71	2	0.96	2	0.01	41	1.11	2	0.60	6	0.69	3	0.93	2
53 Upper Skeena	0.71	3	0.93	3	0.72	11	0.26	26	0.74	4	0.59	8	1.13	1
70 Alberni	0.64	4	0.45	13	0.76	10	0.90	7	0.49	12	0.68	4	0.77	6
30 South Cariboo	0.55	5	0.22	27	0.53	18	1.04	3	0.70	5	0.48	13	0.08	37
49 Bella Coola Valley	0.54	6	0.02	41	1.02	2	1.13	1	0.36	18	0.78	1	-0.06	43
52 Prince Rupert	0.51	7	0.68	8	0.23	29	0.42	21	0.51	10	0.64	5	0.79	4
25 100 Mile House	0.48	8	0.13	36	0.80	8	0.49	18	0.82	2	0.01	42	0.34	20
29 Lillooet	0.48	9	0.77	4	0.32	24	0.74	12	-0.03	39	0.54	10	0.24	25
56 Nechako	0.44	10	0.14	35	0.84	7	0.47	19	0.53	9	0.26	23	0.39	18
16 Keremeos	0.42	11	0.59	11	0.52	19	0.64	14	-0.02	38	0.29	20	-0.07	44
17 Princeton	0.41	12	0.64	10	-0.06	47	0.61	16	0.31	21	0.77	2	0.19	29
75 Mission	0.40	13	0.43	16	0.70	12	0.08	33	0.43	16	0.06	38	0.51	13
88 Terrace	0.39	14	0.65	9	-0.03	45	0.37	22	0.29	23	0.62	7	0.66	7
40 New Westminster	0.37	15	0.34	21	0.79	9	0.62	15	-0.23	51	0.18	29	0.55	10
57 Prince George	0.36	16	0.45	15	0.59	15	0.18	28	0.12	34	0.27	22	0.66	8
55 Burns Lake	0.35	17	0.15	33	-0.16	53	0.94	6	0.50	11	0.63	6	0.39	17
33 Chilliwack	0.34	18	0.29	23	0.93	4	0.01	37	0.16	31	0.15	30	0.50	14
50 Queen Charlotte	0.33	19	-0.46	65	0.66	13	0.79	10	0.92	1	-0.06	49	-0.09	46
76 Agassiz - Harrison	0.31	20	-0.16	51	0.25	28	1.03	4	0.43	15	0.13	31	0.20	28
81 Fort Nelson	0.31	21	-0.18	53	0.88	5	0.47	20	0.36	19	0.50	11	-0.09	47
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.30	22	0.20	29	-0.30	59	0.67	13	0.78	3	0.05	40	0.13	32
39 Vancouver	0.27	23	0.38	19	1.03	1	0.31	25	-0.58	65	0.09	33	-0.09	48
85 Vancouver Island North	0.26	24	-0.27	56	0.54	17	0.76	11	0.30	22	0.32	19	0.10	34
92 Nisga'a	0.26	25	-0.36	61	0.33	23	0.97	5	0.60	7	-0.06	46	-0.24	56
78 Enderby	0.26	26	0.53	12	-0.42	68	0.61	17	0.38	17	-0.18	55	-0.17	50
68 Nanaimo	0.25	27	0.69	6	0.27	27	-0.01	41	-0.36	56	0.55	9	0.80	3
28 Quesnel	0.22	28	0.75	5	-0.57	73	0.05	36	0.45	14	-0.01	44	0.27	23

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			Wt=(.30)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.05)	
47 Powell River	0.22	29	0.14	34	0.32	25	0.19	27	0.18	28	0.37	17	0.37	19
66 Lake Cowichan	0.19	30	0.68	7	0.00	42	-0.60	68	0.28	24	0.42	16	0.60	9
46 Sunshine Coast	0.17	31	-0.02	45	0.46	20	0.18	29	0.08	36	0.27	21	0.32	21
72/84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl W	0.16	32	0.15	31	0.19	30	0.06	35	0.14	33	0.21	26	0.54	11
24 Kamloops	0.12	33	0.26	25	0.14	33	0.18	30	-0.17	45	-0.05	45	0.20	27
6 Kootenay Lake	0.11	34	0.34	20	0.15	32	0.36	24	-0.55	64	0.09	34	0.17	31
80 Kitimat	0.10	35	0.09	39	-0.02	43	-0.01	42	0.31	20	0.20	28	0.22	26
22 Vernon	0.10	36	0.18	30	0.29	26	0.12	32	-0.22	49	0.03	41	0.07	38
59 Peace River South	0.07	37	0.29	24	-0.11	51	-0.37	58	0.27	25	0.26	24	0.29	22
15 Penticton	0.07	38	0.38	18	0.03	39	-0.50	62	0.10	35	0.11	32	0.48	16
26 North Thompson	0.05	39	0.13	37	-0.39	66	-0.08	45	0.49	13	0.07	37	-0.03	40
67 Ladysmith	0.02	40	-0.01	43	-0.34	62	0.80	9	-0.27	53	-0.14	53	-0.11	49
5 Creston	0.01	41	-0.07	48	0.11	35	-0.13	47	0.17	29	-0.06	47	0.09	35
12 Grand Forks	0.01	42	0.01	42	-0.06	48	-0.02	43	0.18	27	0.05	39	-0.40	64
60 Peace River North	0.00	43	-0.27	57	0.34	22	-0.31	55	0.53	8	-0.43	67	-0.22	54
14 Southern Okanagan	-0.01	44	-0.25	54	0.03	40	0.14	31	0.22	26	0.22	25	-0.35	62
9 Castlegar	-0.01	45	0.20	28	-0.07	49	0.08	34	-0.43	61	0.43	15	-0.23	55
36 Surrey	-0.02	46	0.12	38	0.57	16	-0.49	61	-0.36	58	-0.07	50	-0.03	41
71 Courtenay	-0.03	47	0.38	17	-0.25	57	-0.14	48	-0.47	63	0.07	36	0.48	15
10 Arrow Lakes	-0.04	48	0.22	26	0.11	36	-0.35	57	-0.22	48	-0.17	54	-0.02	39
65 Cowichan	-0.05	49	0.15	32	-0.41	67	-0.01	40	-0.23	50	0.46	14	0.27	24
69 Qualicum	-0.07	50	-0.03	46	-0.39	65	-0.16	50	0.16	30	-0.14	52	0.53	12
13 Kettle Valley	-0.07	51	0.30	22	-0.34	60	-0.02	44	-0.25	52	-0.28	61	-0.46	68
20 Salmon Arm	-0.09	52	-0.05	47	-0.07	50	-0.08	46	-0.18	46	-0.06	48	-0.05	42
7 Nelson	-0.09	53	0.45	14	-0.59	74	0.36	23	-0.84	74	-0.10	51	-0.18	52
41 Burnaby	-0.14	54	-0.01	44	0.86	6	-0.54	64	-0.88	76	-0.28	62	-0.28	57
2 Cranbrook	-0.15	55	0.08	40	-0.05	46	-0.22	51	-0.64	68	0.35	18	-0.17	51
61 Greater Victoria	-0.19	56	-0.13	49	0.11	34	-0.25	54	-0.64	67	-0.01	43	0.19	30

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34 Abbotsford	-0.21	57	-0.16	52	0.19	31	-0.45	59	-0.36	57	-0.40	65	-0.31	59
19 Revelstoke	-0.26	58	-0.46	64	-0.46	70	0.00	38	-0.07	41	-0.19	57	-0.20	53
54 Smithers	-0.29	59	-0.27	55	-0.36	64	-0.23	52	-0.38	60	0.09	35	-0.45	66
62 Sooke	-0.30	60	-0.36	60	-0.36	63	-0.51	63	-0.05	40	-0.25	59	0.10	33
4 Windermere	-0.30	61	-0.98	76	0.65	14	-0.55	65	-0.10	42	0.20	27	-0.43	65
42 Maple Ridge	-0.31	62	-0.37	62	-0.15	52	-0.34	56	-0.34	54	-0.30	63	-0.31	60
23 Central Okanagan	-0.31	63	-0.38	63	0.10	37	-0.68	72	-0.35	55	-0.18	56	-0.07	45
48 Howe Sound	-0.33	64	-0.74	72	-0.21	56	-0.15	49	0.00	37	-0.45	68	-0.30	58
35 Langley	-0.36	65	-0.66	70	0.38	21	-0.59	67	-0.38	59	-0.63	73	-0.36	63
1 Fernie	-0.38	66	-0.30	58	-0.50	71	-0.64	70	-0.15	44	-0.37	64	-0.33	61
64 Gulf Islands	-0.43	67	-0.32	59	-0.56	72	-0.89	76	-0.18	47	-0.28	60	0.08	36
11 Trail	-0.45	68	-0.16	50	-0.74	77	-0.01	39	-1.03	77	-0.40	66	-0.46	67
18 Golden	-0.48	69	-0.70	71	-0.68	75	-0.25	53	-0.15	43	-0.51	71	-0.67	71
43 Coquitlam	-0.50	70	-0.55	67	0.04	38	-0.64	69	-0.82	72	-0.48	69	-0.58	70
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.50	71	-0.52	66	-0.27	58	-0.67	71	-0.44	62	-0.67	74	-0.70	72
77 Summerland	-0.56	72	-0.63	69	-0.44	69	-0.47	60	-0.76	70	-0.19	58	-0.57	69
3 Kimberley	-0.56	73	-0.79	74	-0.02	44	-0.55	66	-0.73	69	-0.50	70	-0.78	75
38 Richmond	-0.65	74	-0.59	68	-0.20	55	-1.01	78	-0.79	71	-0.63	72	-0.80	76
37 Delta	-0.65	75	-0.75	73	-0.34	61	-0.83	73	-0.59	66	-0.69	75	-0.81	77
44 North Vancouver	-0.70	76	-0.81	75	-0.17	54	-0.88	75	-0.83	73	-0.87	77	-0.75	74
63 Saanich	-0.90	77	-0.99	77	-0.93	78	-0.86	74	-0.86	75	-0.69	76	-0.72	73
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-0.96	78	-1.05	78	-0.71	76	-0.98	77	-1.05	78	-0.91	78	-1.03	78

* Excludes 51 Snow Country, 83 Central Coast, 87 Stikine and 94 Telegraph Creek 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

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Local Health Areas*	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 <i>Ranked from worst to best</i>	Rank	Total		For More Than 1 Yr			For Less Than 1 Yr			%	Index	Rank	
			%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank				
														Wt = .50
31 Merritt	1.06	1	11.0	4	5.9	1.01	4	5.1	1.14	1	7.2	1.09	9	
32 Hope	0.96	2	14.3	1	9.4	1.27	1	4.9	1.11	3	4.0	0.19	29	
53 Upper Skeena	0.93	3	10.2	5	5.2	0.71	8	5.0	1.13	2	8.6	1.18	5	
29 Lillooet	0.77	4	8.8	13	5.0	0.62	15	3.7	0.62	16	9.4	1.22	4	
28 Quesnel	0.75	5	8.9	11	5.0	0.62	13	3.9	0.77	13	6.1	0.99	11	
68 Nanaimo	0.69	6	11.5	3	6.9	1.10	3	4.6	1.07	5	2.2	-0.50	62	
66 Lake Cowichan	0.68	7	11.6	2	7.4	1.15	2	4.2	1.00	8	2.0	-0.57	66	
52 Prince Rupert	0.68	8	9.6	8	5.6	0.90	6	4.0	0.85	12	3.7	0.08	38	
88 Terrace	0.65	9	9.9	6	5.2	0.71	9	4.7	1.08	4	3.8	0.11	35	
17 Princeton	0.64	10	9.6	7	5.6	0.90	5	4.1	0.92	9	3.1	-0.15	44	
16 Keremeos	0.59	11	8.7	14	5.5	0.85	7	3.2	0.23	29	4.6	0.42	22	
78 Enderby	0.53	12	8.1	20	4.4	0.34	23	3.7	0.62	18	5.6	0.80	16	
70 Alberni	0.45	13	8.8	12	5.0	0.62	14	3.8	0.69	15	3.1	-0.15	46	
7 Nelson	0.45	14	8.5	15	4.8	0.53	18	3.7	0.62	19	3.8	0.11	34	
57 Prince George	0.45	15	8.4	17	4.4	0.34	22	4.0	0.85	10	4.2	0.27	26	
75 Mission	0.43	16	8.2	19	5.2	0.71	10	2.9	0.00	39	4.3	0.30	25	
71 Courtenay	0.38	17	9.0	9	5.1	0.67	11	3.9	0.77	14	1.9	-0.61	67	
15 Penticton	0.38	18	9.0	10	4.8	0.53	17	4.2	1.00	7	2.1	-0.53	64	
39 Vancouver	0.38	19	6.8	37	4.7	0.48	21	2.1	-0.62	63	8.2	1.16	6	
6 Kootenay Lake	0.34	20	8.4	16	4.8	0.53	19	3.6	0.54	22	2.9	-0.23	49	
40 New Westminster	0.34	21	7.8	22	4.9	0.57	16	2.9	0.00	40	4.1	0.23	28	
13 Kettle Valley	0.30	22	6.9	36	4.0	0.16	34	2.8	-0.08	44	6.0	0.95	12	
33 Chilliwack	0.29	23	8.3	18	5.1	0.67	12	3.2	0.23	30	2.4	-0.42	57	
59 Peace River South	0.29	24	7.0	35	3.3	-0.16	48	3.7	0.62	17	5.7	0.84	15	
24 Kamloops	0.26	25	8.0	21	4.4	0.34	24	3.7	0.62	20	2.8	-0.27	50	
10 Arrow Lakes	0.22	26	7.5	27	3.5	-0.07	42	4.0	0.85	11	3.9	0.15	30	
30 South Cariboo	0.22	27	6.4	43	3.5	-0.07	43	2.9	0.00	38	6.2	1.01	10	
9 Castlegar	0.20	28	7.4	29	4.0	0.16	32	3.4	0.38	24	3.7	0.08	36	
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.20	29	6.1	47	3.2	-0.21	51	3.0	0.08	35	7.8	1.13	7	

Indicators of Human Economic Hardship

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Local Health Areas*	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	Rank	
			%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank				
														Wt = .50
22 Vernon	0.18	30	7.8	23	4.1	0.21	27	3.7	0.62	21	2.6	-0.34	54	
72&84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl W	0.15	31	7.8	24	3.5	-0.07	41	4.3	1.02	6	2.7	-0.30	53	
65 Cowichan	0.15	32	7.7	25	4.7	0.48	20	3.0	0.08	37	2.3	-0.46	59	
55 Burns Lake	0.15	33	6.2	45	2.9	-0.34	54	3.3	0.31	25	6.0	0.95	13	
47 Powell River	0.14	34	7.7	26	4.4	0.34	25	3.3	0.31	27	2.4	-0.42	58	
56 Nechako	0.14	35	6.0	48	2.9	-0.34	55	3.1	0.15	32	7.3	1.10	8	
25 100 Mile House	0.13	36	7.3	30	4.0	0.16	33	3.3	0.31	26	3.2	-0.11	42	
26 North Thompson	0.13	37	7.1	33	4.1	0.21	30	2.9	0.00	41	3.7	0.08	37	
36 Surrey	0.12	38	6.6	39	4.3	0.30	26	2.3	-0.46	60	4.4	0.34	23	
80 Kitimat	0.09	39	6.1	46	3.5	-0.07	44	2.6	-0.23	52	5.4	0.72	18	
2 Cranbrook	0.08	40	7.2	32	3.8	0.07	37	3.5	0.46	23	2.7	-0.30	52	
49 Bella Coola Valley	0.02	41	5.1	59	2.0	-0.76	65	3.1	0.15	31	14.9	1.44	2	
12 Grand Forks	0.01	42	6.4	42	3.6	-0.02	40	2.7	-0.15	48	4.1	0.23	27	
67 Ladysmith	-0.01	43	7.0	34	4.1	0.21	31	2.9	0.00	42	2.3	-0.46	60	
41 Burnaby	-0.01	44	5.6	54	3.5	-0.07	46	2.1	-0.62	64	5.4	0.72	17	
46 Sunshine Coast	-0.02	45	7.2	31	4.1	0.21	29	3.1	0.15	34	1.8	-0.65	69	
69 Qualicum	-0.03	46	7.4	28	4.1	0.21	28	3.3	0.31	28	1.3	-0.84	77	
20 Salmon Arm	-0.05	47	6.8	38	3.8	0.07	38	3.0	0.08	36	2.4	-0.42	56	
5 Creston	-0.07	48	6.2	44	3.2	-0.21	50	3.1	0.15	33	3.5	0.00	40	
61 Greater Victoria	-0.13	49	6.6	41	3.9	0.11	36	2.7	-0.15	50	2.0	-0.57	65	
11 Trail	-0.16	50	6.6	40	3.9	0.11	35	2.8	-0.08	47	1.5	-0.76	73	
76 Agassiz - Harrison	-0.16	51	5.9	49	3.7	0.02	39	2.2	-0.54	61	3.1	-0.15	47	
34 Abbotsford	-0.16	52	5.9	50	3.5	-0.07	45	2.4	-0.38	58	3.2	-0.11	43	
81 Fort Nelson	-0.18	53	4.0	65	1.2	-1.03	73	2.8	-0.08	43	14.1	1.42	3	
14 Southern Okanagan	-0.25	54	5.9	52	3.3	-0.16	49	2.7	-0.15	49	2.1	-0.53	63	
54 Smithers	-0.27	55	5.2	57	2.4	-0.57	60	2.8	-0.08	46	3.9	0.15	33	
85 Vancouver Island North	-0.27	56	4.8	61	2.2	-0.67	63	2.6	-0.23	53	4.8	0.50	21	
60 Peace River North	-0.27	57	4.4	62	1.6	-0.94	68	2.8	-0.08	45	5.8	0.88	14	
1 Fernie	-0.30	58	5.2	56	2.6	-0.48	57	2.6	-0.23	54	3.5	0.00	39	

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Local Health Areas*	Composite Index ^{&} of Human Economic Hardship		% of Population Age 0-64 on Income Assistance									% of Seniors Receiving Maximum GIS - 1999		
	Index Ranked from worst to best	Rank	Total		as at Sept 1999			For Less Than 1 Yr			Maximum GIS - 1999			
			%	Rank	For More Than 1 Yr		For Less Than 1 Yr			Maximum GIS - 1999				
					%	Index Wt=.50	Rank	%	Index Wt = .25	Rank	%	Index Wt = .25	Rank	
64 Gulf Islands	-0.32	59	5.9	51	3.4	-0.11	47	2.5	-0.31	57	1.5	-0.76	74	
62 Sooke	-0.36	60	5.7	53	3.2	-0.21	52	2.5	-0.31	56	1.6	-0.72	72	
92 Nisga'a	-0.36	61	-	76	-	-	76	1.9	-0.77	67	16.5	1.49	1	
42 Maple Ridge	-0.37	62	5.1	58	3.1	-0.25	53	2.0	-0.69	66	2.8	-0.27	51	
23 Central Okanagan	-0.38	63	5.6	55	2.9	-0.34	56	2.7	-0.15	51	1.7	-0.69	70	
19 Revelstoke	-0.46	64	5.0	60	2.6	-0.48	58	2.4	-0.38	59	2.2	-0.50	61	
50 Queen Charlotte	-0.46	65	3.6	69	1.1	-1.04	74	2.5	-0.31	55	5.0	0.57	20	
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.52	66	4.3	64	2.3	-0.62	61	2.0	-0.69	65	3.1	-0.15	45	
43 Coquitlam	-0.55	67	3.8	67	2.2	-0.67	64	1.5	-1.02	71	3.9	0.15	31	
38 Richmond	-0.59	68	2.6	73	1.6	-0.94	69	1.1	-1.08	75	5.1	0.61	19	
77 Summerland	-0.63	69	4.3	63	2.5	-0.53	59	1.9	-0.77	68	1.7	-0.69	71	
35 Langley	-0.66	70	3.9	66	2.3	-0.62	62	1.6	-1.00	70	2.5	-0.38	55	
18 Golden	-0.70	71	2.6	75	1.0	-1.05	75	1.6	-1.00	69	4.3	0.30	24	
48 Howe Sound	-0.74	72	2.6	74	1.4	-1.01	72	1.2	-1.07	73	3.9	0.15	32	
37 Delta	-0.75	73	2.7	71	1.7	-0.90	67	1.0	-1.10	76	3.3	-0.08	41	
3 Kimberley	-0.79	74	3.8	68	1.7	-0.90	66	2.2	-0.54	62	1.4	-0.80	75	
44 North Vancouver	-0.81	75	2.7	72	1.5	-0.99	71	1.2	-1.07	74	3.0	-0.19	48	
4 Windermere	-0.98	76	1.6	77	0.7	-1.08	77	0.9	-1.11	77	1.8	-0.65	68	
63 Saanich	-0.99	77	2.9	70	1.5	-0.99	70	1.4	-1.04	72	1.0	-0.95	78	
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-1.05	78	0.9	78	0.5	-1.10	78	0.4	-1.18	78	1.4	-0.80	76	
British Columbia			6.1		3.7			2.5			3.7			

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Further Information on Human Economic Hardship

December, 1999

Local Health Areas*	Composite Index ^{&} of Human Economic Hardship		4Q Avg to Sept 99 % of 19-64 on EI		1996 Average Household Income	
	Index	Rank	%	Rank	\$	Rank
	Ranked from worst to best					
31 Merritt	1.06	1	4.5	26	40,562	15
32 Hope	0.96	2	4.8	20	39,357	10
53 Upper Skeena	0.93	3	7.5	2	42,250	19
29 Lillooet	0.77	4	4.6	23	42,301	20
28 Quesnel	0.75	5	5.1	12	48,570	50
68 Nanaimo	0.69	6	3.9	46	45,100	33
66 Lake Cowichan	0.68	7	3.4	60	42,696	21
52 Prince Rupert	0.68	8	7.2	3	53,508	62
88 Terrace	0.65	9	6.3	5	54,528	65
17 Princeton	0.64	10	3.7	51	44,035	27
16 Keremeos	0.59	11	5.9	7	30,322	1
78 Enderby	0.53	12	3.7	53	36,095	3
70 Alberni	0.45	13	4.5	29	45,329	35
7 Nelson	0.45	14	4.7	21	40,786	17
57 Prince George	0.45	15	5.1	13	56,341	71
75 Mission	0.43	16	3.6	57	47,130	44
71 Courtenay	0.38	17	4.3	35	44,754	30
15 Penticton	0.38	18	4.5	25	40,541	14
39 Vancouver	0.38	19	2.7	70	48,297	48
6 Kootenay Lake	0.34	20	4.4	30	35,654	2
40 New Westminster	0.34	21	3.2	65	44,385	29
13 Kettle Valley	0.30	22	3.6	55	36,966	5
33 Chilliwack	0.29	23	3.5	59	43,266	23
59 Peace River South	0.29	24	4.9	18	49,098	54
24 Kamloops	0.26	25	4.9	16	48,797	52
10 Arrow Lakes	0.22	26	5.1	11	38,061	6
30 South Cariboo	0.22	27	4.4	31	38,193	7
9 Castlegar	0.20	28	4.1	40	45,547	37
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.20	29	4.8	19	51,393	59

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	Index	Rank	%	Rank	\$	Rank
	Ranked from worst to best					
22 Vernon	0.18	30	4.2	38	43,658	25
72/84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl W	0.15	31	5.3	10	51,254	58
65 Cowichan	0.15	32	3.3	63	47,151	46
55 Burns Lake	0.15	33	3.9	45	46,917	43
47 Powell River	0.14	34	4.0	43	45,015	32
56 Nechako	0.14	35	4.7	22	49,511	55
25 100 Mile House	0.13	36	4.2	39	40,925	18
26 North Thompson	0.13	37	5.3	9	49,065	53
36 Surrey	0.12	38	3.8	49	54,215	64
80 Kitimat	0.09	39	3.4	61	60,917	74
2 Cranbrook	0.08	40	4.2	36	46,592	40
49 Bella Coola Valley	0.02	41	4.6	24	39,939	11
12 Grand Forks	0.01	42	4.2	37	40,165	13
67 Ladysmith	-0.01	43	3.7	52	44,956	31
41 Burnaby	-0.01	44	2.6	71	48,791	51
46 Sunshine Coast	-0.02	45	3.3	62	45,521	36
69 Qualicum	-0.03	46	3.8	50	42,873	22
20 Salmon Arm	-0.05	47	4.3	34	40,004	12
5 Creston	-0.07	48	3.8	48	36,244	4
61 Greater Victoria	-0.13	49	2.6	72	46,876	42
11 Trail	-0.16	50	3.6	54	45,959	38
76 Agassiz - Harrison	-0.16	51	3.3	64	39,128	9
34 Abbotsford	-0.16	52	4.5	27	49,914	56
81 Fort Nelson	-0.18	53	4.4	32	55,946	69
14 Southern Okanagan	-0.25	54	6.2	6	38,263	8
54 Smithers	-0.27	55	4.9	17	55,085	67
85 Vancouver Island North	-0.27	56	8.4	1	54,687	66
60 Peace River North	-0.27	57	4.5	28	55,414	68
1 Fernie	-0.30	58	4.3	33	50,991	57

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Local Health Areas*	Composite Index [‡] of Human Economic Hardship		4Q Avg to Sept 99 % of 19-64 on EI		1996 Average Household Income	
	Index	Rank	%	Rank	\$	Rank
	Ranked from worst to best					
64 Gulf Islands	-0.32	59	2.1	77	44,153	28
62 Sooke	-0.36	60	3.1	66	52,124	60
92 Nisga'a	-0.36	61	6.5	4	40,569	16
42 Maple Ridge	-0.37	62	2.9	67	52,513	61
23 Central Okanagan	-0.38	63	4.0	42	46,162	39
19 Revelstoke	-0.46	64	5.0	15	46,664	41
50 Queen Charlotte	-0.46	65	5.6	8	48,566	49
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.52	66	3.5	58	43,645	24
43 Coquitlam	-0.55	67	2.5	73	58,497	73
38 Richmond	-0.59	68	2.3	74	53,899	63
77 Summerland	-0.63	69	3.9	47	43,691	26
35 Langley	-0.66	70	2.8	68	56,528	72
18 Golden	-0.70	71	5.0	14	47,133	45
48 Howe Sound	-0.74	72	3.6	56	56,051	70
37 Delta	-0.75	73	2.7	69	65,724	77
3 Kimberley	-0.79	74	4.0	41	45,103	34
44 North Vancouver	-0.81	75	2.2	75	63,971	76
4 Windermere	-0.98	76	3.9	44	47,648	47
63 Saanich	-0.99	77	2.1	76	62,526	75
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-1.05	78	1.0	78	91,458	78
British Columbia			3.4		50,667	

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Indicators of Crime

December, 1999

Local Health Areas*	Composite Index ^{&} of Crime		Offences per 1,000 Population										% Change - Avg 96-98/Avg 93-95							
			Avg 96-98										Chg in Serious Violent Crime ¹		Chg in Serious Property Crime ²		Change in Total Serious Crime			
	Index	Rank	Serious Violent Crime ¹			Serious Property Crime ²			Total Serious Crime		# of Serious Crimes Per Police Officer			%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Index	Rank
			Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank							
39 Vancouver	1.03	1	7.9	1.42	1	33.2	1.28	1	41.1	1	20.4	0.99	6	-2.4	36	0.9	30	0.2	0.24	31
49 Bella Coola Valley	1.02	2	4.2	1.10	7	28.4	1.20	2	32.6	3	21.7	1.04	3	-36.4	75	24.8	9	11.0	0.66	19
31 Merritt	1.01	3	3.1	0.69	18	25.4	1.13	4	28.5	4	18.8	0.76	10	2.4	25	60.6	1	51.2	1.22	1
33 Chilliwack	0.93	4	3.0	0.61	21	22.7	1.06	6	25.7	6	20.5	1.00	5	15.9	15	24.1	10	23.1	1.03	10
81 Fort Nelson	0.88	5	4.4	1.12	6	20.5	0.94	8	24.9	8	12.6	-0.20	49	7.5	21	22.3	11	19.4	0.98	12
41 Burnaby	0.86	6	4.0	1.08	10	23.9	1.09	5	28.0	5	22.4	1.07	1	-5.6	42	-0.1	32	-1.0	0.19	32
56 Nechako	0.84	7	4.2	1.10	9	20.4	0.94	10	24.6	9	16.1	0.33	26	-22.5	67	20.0	14	9.8	0.61	20
25 100 Mile House	0.80	8	2.9	0.56	22	19.0	0.73	15	21.9	15	19.4	0.85	8	47.9	6	35.3	4	36.9	1.13	3
40 New Westminster	0.79	9	7.7	1.41	2	25.9	1.14	3	33.6	2	17.1	0.50	18	-7.0	46	-14.3	52	-12.7	-0.26	52
70 Alberni	0.76	10	3.6	1.00	14	20.0	0.88	12	23.6	11	15.5	0.25	28	-3.3	38	9.3	21	7.2	0.51	23
53 Upper Skeena	0.72	11	4.8	1.18	4	18.6	0.68	19	23.4	12	16.8	0.45	21	101.0	2	-6.6	41	5.0	0.42	27
75 Mission	0.70	12	2.7	0.37	27	21.5	1.02	7	24.2	10	19.3	0.83	9	14.1	16	5.0	27	6.0	0.46	25
50 Queen Charlotte	0.66	13	3.8	1.04	11	16.6	0.41	24	20.4	23	11.5	-0.37	55	8.1	20	41.2	3	33.7	1.11	4
4 Windermere	0.65	14	1.8	-0.26	50	20.0	0.87	13	21.7	16	22.0	1.06	2	0.2	29	26.3	6	23.7	1.04	9
57 Prince George	0.59	15	4.5	1.13	5	20.4	0.94	9	24.9	7	16.7	0.43	22	-3.8	40	-19.7	63	-17.3	-0.44	60
36 Surrey	0.57	16	3.2	0.72	17	19.3	0.78	14	22.5	14	20.4	0.99	7	2.5	24	-9.2	44	-7.7	-0.07	41
85 Vancouver Island North	0.54	17	2.6	0.34	28	18.8	0.71	18	21.4	19	14.3	0.07	36	12.1	17	11.1	19	11.2	0.66	18
30 South Cariboo	0.53	18	3.6	1.00	13	17.5	0.54	22	21.1	21	10.3	-0.56	60	-6.5	44	10.1	20	6.9	0.50	24
16 Keremeos	0.52	19	3.0	0.64	19	15.6	0.26	31	18.6	28	17.3	0.53	17	-6.6	45	21.2	12	15.6	0.83	14
46 Sunshine Coast	0.46	20	1.5	-0.44	61	20.1	0.89	11	21.6	17	21.7	1.04	4	-26.0	69	8.2	25	4.8	0.42	28
35 Langley	0.38	21	2.6	0.33	29	18.9	0.73	16	21.5	18	17.6	0.57	16	-16.9	61	-10.3	48	-11.1	-0.20	47
60 Peace River North	0.34	22	3.4	0.88	16	16.0	0.32	28	19.4	26	13.8	-0.02	42	-14.2	54	-4.1	38	-6.0	0.00	40
92 Nisga'a	0.33	23	6.8	1.35	3	16.4	0.38	25	23.2	13	17.8	0.60	13	45.9	7	-40.8	78	-28.3	-0.87	74
29 Lillooet	0.32	24	3.4	0.88	15	13.7	-0.01	40	17.0	37	12.5	-0.22	50	-11.9	51	13.3	17	7.2	0.51	22
47 Powell River	0.32	25	2.3	0.13	34	15.2	0.21	34	17.5	33	15.7	0.27	27	43.5	8	8.8	22	12.4	0.71	17
22 Vernon	0.29	26	1.7	-0.33	57	16.4	0.37	26	18.1	30	16.9	0.47	19	-18.2	62	17.3	15	12.7	0.72	16
68 Nanaimo	0.27	27	2.9	0.56	24	18.4	0.66	20	21.3	20	16.3	0.37	25	-0.5	32	-26.2	69	-23.5	-0.68	69

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			Avg 96-98						# of Serious Crimes						Chg in Serious		Chg in Serious		Change in Total	
	Index		Rank		Violent Crime ¹		Property Crime ²		Total Serious Crime		Per Police Officer		Violent Crime ¹		Property Crime ²		Serious Crime			
	Ranked from worst to best		Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Index	Rank
		Wt=.25		Wt=.40		Wt=.10														
76 Agassiz - Harrison	0.25	28	2.1	-0.02	41	18.3	0.64	21	20.4	24	13.2	-0.11	46	-34.3	74	0.6	31	-4.6	0.05	37
52 Prince Rupert	0.23	29	3.7	1.02	12	15.3	0.23	33	19.0	27	9.7	-0.65	64	-20.5	65	-9.2	45	-11.6	-0.22	49
72/84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl. West	0.19	30	2.2	0.01	39	17.5	0.53	23	19.7	25	15.0	0.17	32	-15.5	57	-9.7	47	-10.4	-0.17	46
34 Abbotsford	0.19	31	2.4	0.20	31	15.4	0.24	32	17.9	31	15.1	0.19	31	-1.9	35	-4.0	37	-3.7	0.09	35
6 Kootenay Lake	0.15	32	1.3	-0.60	66	13.4	-0.04	44	14.7	48	14.9	0.15	33	50.5	5	48.9	2	49.0	1.21	2
24 Kamloops	0.14	33	2.8	0.43	25	13.4	-0.04	43	16.2	41	14.0	0.01	39	-0.5	31	-1.3	33	-1.1	0.19	33
61 Greater Victoria	0.11	34	4.2	1.10	8	13.0	-0.10	48	17.2	36	9.7	-0.64	63	-3.6	39	-14.8	54	-12.3	-0.25	51
5 Creston	0.11	35	1.3	-0.61	68	12.6	-0.15	51	13.9	52	17.7	0.59	14	16.8	14	26.3	7	25.3	1.05	7
10 Arrow Lakes	0.11	36	2.3	0.14	32	11.2	-0.35	59	13.5	57	13.8	-0.01	41	80.8	3	8.3	23	16.4	0.87	13
23 Central Okanagan	0.10	37	2.2	0.01	38	15.6	0.27	29	17.8	32	18.0	0.63	11	-7.4	47	-14.6	53	-13.7	-0.30	54
43 Coquitlam	0.04	38	2.1	-0.01	40	15.1	0.20	35	17.3	35	17.6	0.57	15	-23.6	68	-14.2	51	-15.5	-0.37	57
15 Penticton	0.03	39	2.2	0.02	37	13.7	0.01	39	15.9	43	15.2	0.19	30	9.9	18	-7.7	43	-5.6	0.01	38
14 Southern Okanagan	0.03	40	1.4	-0.51	63	13.6	-0.01	41	15.1	47	16.9	0.46	20	-12.6	53	8.2	24	5.8	0.46	26
32 Hope	0.01	41	1.7	-0.30	55	18.9	0.72	17	20.6	22	8.4	-0.85	74	-41.8	77	-15.4	55	-18.5	-0.49	63
66 Lake Cowichan	0.00	42	1.9	-0.18	44	15.6	0.26	30	17.5	34	17.9	0.62	12	-18.4	64	-18.2	60	-18.2	-0.47	61
80 Kitimat	-0.02	43	2.0	-0.07	42	10.3	-0.48	64	12.3	62	9.0	-0.76	68	42.6	9	24.8	8	27.4	1.07	5
3 Kimberley	-0.02	44	2.3	0.14	33	8.9	-0.67	71	11.3	68	10.6	-0.50	57	39.8	10	20.1	13	23.7	1.04	8
88 Terrace	-0.03	45	3.0	0.61	20	12.4	-0.18	53	15.4	44	8.9	-0.77	69	50.6	4	-17.3	59	-9.4	-0.13	43
2 Cranbrook	-0.05	46	2.2	0.04	36	11.4	-0.33	57	13.6	55	12.8	-0.17	47	29.8	12	-1.3	34	2.7	0.34	30
17 Princeton	-0.06	47	1.9	-0.18	45	13.2	-0.07	47	15.1	46	12.2	-0.26	51	5.6	22	-2.6	35	-1.6	0.17	34
12 Grand Forks	-0.06	48	1.9	-0.15	43	10.6	-0.43	61	12.6	59	14.5	0.09	35	34.8	11	4.2	28	8.0	0.54	21
9 Castlegar	-0.07	49	1.5	-0.49	62	10.5	-0.45	63	12.0	65	11.6	-0.35	54	28.3	13	26.4	5	26.6	1.06	6
20 Salmon Arm	-0.07	50	1.2	-0.68	70	12.9	-0.11	49	14.1	51	16.5	0.40	23	-16.4	60	7.0	26	4.6	0.41	29
59 Peace River South	-0.11	51	2.7	0.37	26	13.5	-0.02	42	16.2	39	10.5	-0.53	58	-8.9	48	-22.7	65	-20.7	-0.57	66
42 Maple Ridge	-0.15	52	1.8	-0.27	53	14.3	0.09	38	16.1	42	14.2	0.05	37	-18.2	63	-18.4	61	-18.4	-0.48	62
55 Burns Lake	-0.16	53	2.6	0.30	30	14.4	0.10	37	17.0	38	9.3	-0.70	66	-10.6	50	-29.0	73	-26.7	-0.80	71
44 North Vancouver	-0.17	54	1.8	-0.26	51	13.3	-0.05	45	15.1	45	12.6	-0.20	48	-1.5	34	-14.2	50	-12.9	-0.27	53

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			Avg 96-98												Chg in Serious Violent Crime ¹		Chg in Serious Property Crime ²		Change in Total Serious Crime	
	Index <i>Ranked from worst to best</i>	Rank	Serious Violent Crime ¹			Serious Property Crime ²			Total Serious Crime		# of Serious Crimes Per Police Officer			%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Index	Rank
			Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank							
38 Richmond	-0.20	55	1.8	-0.27	52	14.4	0.10	36	16.2	40	14.8	0.15	34	-4.0	41	-27.0	71	-25.0	-0.74	70
48 Howe Sound	-0.21	56	1.8	-0.22	46	16.2	0.36	27	18.1	29	10.3	-0.55	59	-30.7	72	-30.6	74	-30.6	-0.96	76
71 Courtenay	-0.25	57	1.7	-0.32	56	12.7	-0.14	50	14.4	50	16.4	0.38	24	-5.6	43	-23.7	68	-21.9	-0.62	67
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.27	58	0.6	-1.02	78	10.2	-0.49	66	10.8	70	13.8	-0.02	43	3.2	23	13.5	16	12.8	0.73	15
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	-0.30	59	2.9	0.56	23	10.9	-0.38	60	13.9	53	8.5	-0.83	73	-29.1	71	-26.7	70	-27.2	-0.82	72
13 Kettle Valley	-0.34	60	1.0	-0.82	75	11.5	-0.31	56	12.4	60	12.0	-0.30	52	-38.7	76	1.1	29	-3.8	0.08	36
37 Delta	-0.34	61	1.8	-0.23	47	11.5	-0.31	55	13.3	58	9.7	-0.65	65	-9.0	49	-16.9	58	-15.9	-0.39	58
67 Ladysmith	-0.34	62	1.3	-0.60	67	12.5	-0.17	52	13.8	54	13.8	-0.01	40	-16.4	59	-18.9	62	-18.7	-0.49	65
62 Sooke	-0.36	63	1.8	-0.25	49	10.0	-0.52	67	11.8	66	11.7	-0.34	53	-0.7	33	-12.8	49	-11.2	-0.20	48
54 Smithers	-0.36	64	2.3	0.08	35	9.4	-0.60	70	11.7	67	10.0	-0.60	61	-2.6	37	-16.9	57	-14.4	-0.33	55
69 Qualicum	-0.39	65	1.1	-0.71	72	13.2	-0.06	46	14.4	49	15.4	0.23	29	-12.1	52	-28.4	72	-27.4	-0.83	73
26 North Thompson	-0.39	66	1.6	-0.37	58	10.6	-0.43	62	12.2	63	8.5	-0.83	72	-14.2	55	-9.4	46	-10.1	-0.16	45
65 Cowichan	-0.41	67	1.7	-0.30	54	11.8	-0.26	54	13.6	56	13.3	-0.09	44	1.2	28	-32.4	75	-29.4	-0.91	75
78 Enderby	-0.42	68	1.3	-0.58	65	9.6	-0.57	69	10.9	69	13.3	-0.10	45	-31.0	73	-5.3	40	-9.4	-0.13	42
77 Summerland	-0.44	69	0.8	-0.98	76	6.3	-1.01	76	7.1	78	11.0	-0.45	56	248.2	1	12.7	18	21.6	1.02	11
19 Revelstoke	-0.46	70	1.1	-0.76	74	11.3	-0.34	58	12.4	61	8.8	-0.78	70	-50.3	78	-4.9	39	-11.9	-0.23	50
1 Fernie	-0.50	71	1.6	-0.42	60	8.2	-0.77	74	9.7	73	8.6	-0.82	71	-15.5	56	-3.8	36	-5.9	0.00	39
64 Gulf Islands	-0.56	72	0.7	-1.00	77	9.7	-0.56	68	10.4	71	14.0	0.02	38	2.2	26	-16.3	56	-15.2	-0.36	56
28 Quesnel	-0.57	73	1.8	-0.23	48	10.2	-0.49	65	12.0	64	9.8	-0.63	62	-15.9	58	-34.6	76	-32.3	-1.01	77
7 Nelson	-0.59	74	1.1	-0.71	73	8.3	-0.76	73	9.4	74	9.0	-0.75	67	-26.7	70	-6.6	42	-9.6	-0.14	44
18 Golden	-0.68	75	1.4	-0.51	64	7.6	-0.85	75	9.1	75	6.2	-1.04	77	8.4	19	-20.1	64	-16.7	-0.42	59
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-0.71	76	1.3	-0.63	69	8.7	-0.70	72	10.0	72	6.1	-1.05	78	-21.9	66	-22.9	66	-22.8	-0.65	68
11 Trail	-0.74	77	1.6	-0.40	59	5.6	-1.03	78	7.1	77	6.4	-1.04	75	2.0	27	-23.1	67	-18.6	-0.49	64
63 Saanich	-0.93	78	1.2	-0.69	71	6.2	-1.01	77	7.3	76	6.4	-1.04	76	-0.5	30	-36.4	77	-32.5	-1.01	78
British Columbia			3.4			18.2			21.6		16.1			-4.7		-7.8		-7.3		

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	Index Ranked from worst to best	Rank	Offences per 1,000 Population				Offences per 100,000 Pop				Charges per 1,000 Population			Charges per 100,000 Pop		
			Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		1997		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98	
			Motor		Non-Cannabis		per 100,000 Pop 19-64		Juvenile Serious		Juvenile Serious		Juvenile Non-Cannabis			
			Vehicle Theft	Spousal Assault	Drug Offences ³	Illicit Drug Deaths	Violent Crime ¹	Property Crime ²	Drug Charges ³							
Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank			
39 Vancouver	1.03	1	14.0	5	2.0	55	261.5	4	35.8	4	6.0	8	2.6	74	125.4	7
49 Bella Coola Valley	1.02	2	2.7	59	6.0	9	70.9	36	0.0	78	1.1	68	69.1	1	201.0	3
31 Merritt	1.01	3	5.8	20	4.2	19	77.6	29	0.0	78	5.8	9	9.6	40	0.0	78
33 Chilliwack	0.93	4	9.7	7	3.3	33	131.3	13	17.6	9	3.5	31	8.0	51	17.0	34
81 Fort Nelson	0.88	5	14.4	4	9.2	3	201.8	6	0.0	78	8.5	3	19.4	6	53.1	16
41 Burnaby	0.86	6	17.4	2	1.8	59	97.6	22	10.3	19	5.4	10	1.5	77	22.5	28
56 Nechako	0.84	7	4.5	32	6.8	6	42.7	59	0.0	78	1.9	58	19.9	5	0.0	78
25 100 Mile House	0.80	8	3.1	50	3.3	34	82.0	28	0.0	78	2.2	53	12.0	28	0.0	78
40 New Westminster	0.79	9	20.1	1	3.5	28	569.2	1	44.8	1	7.0	4	2.9	73	830.7	1
70 Alberni	0.76	10	5.6	23	3.9	21	113.5	16	9.8	20	5.2	12	18.3	10	20.9	31
53 Upper Skeena	0.72	11	4.8	27	10.2	2	118.3	14	0.0	78	6.1	6	16.0	15	0.0	78
75 Mission	0.70	12	10.3	6	3.5	27	113.6	15	13.7	12	5.4	11	7.5	55	0.0	78
50 Queen Charlotte	0.66	13	2.4	65	13.7	1	94.1	23	0.0	78	0.0	77	10.7	32	167.8	5
4 Windermere	0.65	14	3.3	46	1.9	57	68.4	39	0.0	78	4.3	21	22.1	3	0.0	78
57 Prince George	0.59	15	8.8	10	4.4	18	104.1	18	7.3	23	6.1	7	7.4	56	29.4	22
36 Surrey	0.57	16	15.5	3	2.7	44	85.8	26	11.3	17	3.2	35	3.5	71	65.1	11
85 Vancouver Island North	0.54	17	3.4	44	6.9	5	237.2	5	19.7	7	3.1	37	22.1	4	0.0	78
30 South Cariboo	0.53	18	5.4	24	5.1	12	66.3	40	0.0	78	3.3	33	13.6	21	0.0	78
16 Keremeos	0.52	19	4.6	31	2.2	53	16.9	74	0.0	78	6.4	5	16.3	14	0.6	46
46 Sunshine Coast	0.46	20	3.5	43	2.7	43	85.7	27	0.0	78	3.0	42	17.8	12	0.0	78
35 Langley	0.38	21	9.1	9	1.6	66	62.8	44	1.5	33	3.0	41	5.0	64	21.1	30
60 Peace River North	0.34	22	7.0	14	4.6	17	302.6	2	11.0	18	2.1	56	10.5	35	47.1	17
92 Nisga'a	0.33	23	3.0	53	8.4	4	48.1	56	0.0	78	9.5	2	12.7	25	0.0	78
29 Lillooet	0.32	24	3.6	39	4.6	15	52.0	53	0.0	78	3.9	25	27.8	2	0.0	78
47 Powell River	0.32	25	2.0	70	3.6	24	195.3	7	0.0	78	3.6	28	13.5	22	73.2	9
22 Vernon	0.29	26	4.8	26	2.8	42	66.1	41	5.8	29	2.6	45	8.6	45	7.5	41
68 Nanaimo	0.27	27	5.2	25	2.3	49	186.6	8	17.9	8	5.2	13	10.9	30	85.0	8
76 Agassiz - Harrison	0.25	28	5.6	22	3.3	32	109.7	17	41.7	2	2.8	44	10.8	31	0.0	78

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			Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		1997		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98	
			Motor		Non-Cannabis		per 100,000 Pop 19-64		Juvenile Serious		Juvenile Serious		Juvenile Non-Cannabis			
			Vehicle Theft	Spousal Assault	Drug Offences ³	Illicit Drug Deaths	Violent Crime ¹	Property Crime ²	Drug Charges ³							
Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank			
52 Prince Rupert	0.23	29	2.0	71	6.4	8	281.9	3	24.5	5	4.8	15	12.5	26	177.1	4
72/84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl W	0.19	30	4.7	29	4.6	16	173.3	9	7.0	25	2.4	48	14.5	20	54.4	14
34 Abbotsford	0.19	31	7.4	13	3.2	37	90.1	25	12.1	15	3.1	39	5.1	63	61.2	12
6 Kootenay Lake	0.15	32	2.1	69	2.3	50	38.8	63	0.0	78	2.3	52	19.0	8	0.0	78
24 Kamloops	0.14	33	5.8	19	3.5	30	66.0	42	15.4	10	2.9	43	6.9	58	7.3	42
61 Greater Victoria	0.11	34	4.1	35	1.3	72	138.6	12	13.1	13	11.3	1	4.7	67	240.0	2
5 Creston	0.11	35	2.5	61	1.7	62	11.9	75	0.0	78	1.8	61	10.5	36	0.0	78
10 Arrow Lakes	0.11	36	2.5	63	2.5	48	20.3	69	0.0	78	4.3	19	6.0	60	0.0	78
23 Central Okanagan	0.10	37	8.4	11	2.5	47	77.2	31	4.6	31	3.6	29	8.4	47	54.6	13
43 Coquitlam	0.04	38	8.3	12	1.6	65	45.1	58	5.8	28	3.9	24	4.0	70	18.0	33
15 Penticton	0.03	39	4.7	28	3.2	35	99.0	20	0.0	78	4.9	14	10.3	37	7.7	40
14 Southern Okanagan	0.03	40	3.7	38	1.5	68	56.8	47	0.0	78	2.1	57	12.2	27	5.6	43
32 Hope	0.01	41	6.2	17	6.8	7	56.2	49	40.7	3	1.9	60	12.7	24	0.0	78
66 Lake Cowichan	0.00	42	2.6	60	5.1	11	51.1	54	0.0	78	2.1	54	15.3	16	0.0	78
80 Kitimat	-0.02	43	1.8	73	3.8	22	76.8	32	0.0	78	4.1	23	15.0	19	22.2	29
3 Kimberley	-0.02	44	1.9	72	1.3	73	10.6	76	0.0	78	2.5	46	15.2	17	45.8	18
88 Terrace	-0.03	45	3.7	37	4.9	13	103.1	19	6.7	26	4.2	22	13.3	23	28.0	23
2 Cranbrook	-0.05	46	3.3	47	3.5	26	73.6	34	0.0	78	0.8	73	11.1	29	27.8	24
17 Princeton	-0.06	47	2.9	54	2.7	45	17.7	73	0.0	78	0.0	78	8.0	53	0.0	78
12 Grand Forks	-0.06	48	3.1	51	1.2	74	21.9	67	0.0	78	0.4	76	17.9	11	0.0	78
9 Castlegar	-0.07	49	2.8	56	1.8	61	48.9	55	11.9	16	0.8	72	9.5	41	26.4	26
20 Salmon Arm	-0.07	50	3.1	48	1.8	58	52.9	51	0.0	78	1.7	62	8.9	44	0.0	78
59 Peace River South	-0.11	51	4.5	33	3.8	23	159.2	11	0.0	78	4.4	18	18.3	9	73.1	10
42 Maple Ridge	-0.15	52	6.9	15	1.8	60	39.9	61	0.0	78	4.4	17	6.3	59	20.3	32
55 Burns Lake	-0.16	53	3.4	45	5.8	10	36.0	64	0.0	78	2.3	50	17.7	13	0.0	78
44 North Vancouver	-0.17	54	6.0	18	1.4	70	57.4	46	7.1	24	3.5	30	2.0	76	16.5	35
38 Richmond	-0.20	55	6.5	16	1.2	75	98.3	21	2.9	32	2.4	49	2.4	75	14.2	36
48 Howe Sound	-0.21	56	4.3	34	3.1	39	160.1	10	9.8	21	4.3	20	8.5	46	153.7	6

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	Index	Rank	Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		1997		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98	
			Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Ranked from worst to best		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							
71 Courtenay	-0.25	57	2.8	57	2.9	41	69.9	37	14.2	11	3.2	36	9.3	42	53.4	15
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.27	58	3.1	49	2.3	51	19.6	70	0.0	78	1.5	63	8.1	50	0.0	78
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	-0.30	59	9.6	8	4.8	14	74.2	33	5.5	30	1.0	69	10.5	34	11.8	38
13 Kettle Valley	-0.34	60	2.8	55	2.0	54	53.1	50	0.0	78	0.7	74	8.0	52	1.6	44
37 Delta	-0.34	61	5.7	21	1.2	76	40.6	60	7.8	22	3.3	34	4.6	68	32.0	21
67 Ladysmith	-0.34	62	3.0	52	3.5	29	21.0	68	21.1	6	2.1	55	8.2	48	12.0	37
62 Sooke	-0.36	63	2.2	66	2.2	52	62.3	45	0.0	78	3.6	26	9.9	38	26.7	25
54 Smithers	-0.36	64	3.6	40	3.5	31	77.4	30	0.0	78	1.2	65	15.0	18	0.0	78
69 Qualicum	-0.39	65	2.8	58	1.4	69	65.4	43	0.0	78	4.5	16	4.4	69	0.0	78
26 North Thompson	-0.39	66	1.4	76	3.6	25	71.9	35	0.0	78	0.6	75	5.9	61	0.0	78
65 Cowichan	-0.41	67	3.8	36	3.2	36	39.2	62	6.5	27	3.3	32	9.7	39	45.6	19
78 Enderby	-0.42	68	3.6	41	3.1	38	5.7	78	0.0	78	0.8	71	3.3	72	0.0	78
77 Summerland	-0.44	69	1.6	74	1.3	71	19.1	71	0.0	78	2.3	51	10.7	33	1.4	45
19 Revelstoke	-0.46	70	3.5	42	1.6	63	92.1	24	0.0	78	1.1	67	8.9	43	37.1	20
1 Fernie	-0.50	71	2.1	68	2.6	46	6.7	77	0.0	78	1.9	59	7.2	57	0.0	78
64 Gulf Islands	-0.56	72	1.4	77	1.5	67	19.1	72	12.3	14	2.4	47	19.3	7	0.0	78
28 Quesnel	-0.57	73	4.6	30	4.1	20	56.2	48	0.0	78	1.3	64	4.8	66	0.0	78
7 Nelson	-0.59	74	2.2	67	1.6	64	30.1	65	0.0	78	1.1	66	5.2	62	0.0	78
18 Golden	-0.68	75	2.5	62	3.0	40	69.0	38	0.0	78	0.9	70	8.2	49	0.0	78
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-0.71	76	2.4	64	0.9	77	46.5	57	0.0	78	3.1	38	1.5	78	8.7	39
11 Trail	-0.74	77	1.3	78	2.0	56	52.4	52	0.0	78	3.0	40	7.7	54	0.0	78
63 Saanich	-0.93	78	1.6	75	0.9	78	29.6	66	0.0	78	3.6	27	4.9	65	24.5	27
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 51 Snow Country, 83 Central Coast, 87 Stikine, and 94 Telegraph Creek 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.

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	Index <i>Ranked from worst to best</i>	Rank	Years	Rank	Natural Causes			Accidental Causes			Suicide/Homicide		
					Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank
Pyll	Pyll	Pyll											
49 Bella Coola Valley	1.13	1	74.4	1	53.2	1.15	5	33.6	1.18	2	10.5	1.04	7
32 Hope	1.11	2	75.4	4	60.1	1.27	2	31.7	1.15	3	9.4	0.86	10
30 South Cariboo	1.04	3	75.1	3	50.9	1.10	6	26.1	1.04	10	9.7	0.95	9
76 Agassiz - Harrison	1.03	4	77.6	22	47.2	1.00	12	25.9	1.04	11	10.6	1.05	6
92 Nisga'a	0.97	5	75.8	7	69.1	1.39	1	35.4	1.21	1	7.1	0.18	33
55 Burns Lake	0.94	6	76.0	9	49.7	1.07	8	29.5	1.11	5	8.5	0.59	16
70 Alberni	0.90	7	76.8	16	50.3	1.09	7	19.5	0.49	21	10.8	1.06	5
31 Merritt	0.84	8	76.0	10	42.5	0.41	26	26.8	1.06	8	13.5	1.20	2
67 Ladysmith	0.80	9	76.8	15	45.9	0.84	15	22.5	0.80	17	9.0	0.74	11
50 Queen Charlotte	0.79	10	76.1	11	54.9	1.19	3	14.4	-0.04	41	11.1	1.08	4
85 Vancouver Island North	0.76	11	75.9	8	49.0	1.05	9	21.2	0.67	18	8.0	0.44	23
29 Lillooet	0.74	12	74.9	2	45.8	0.83	16	27.9	1.08	6	7.5	0.30	28
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.67	13	76.4	12	44.0	0.60	17	23.3	0.89	16	8.3	0.53	19
16 Keremeos	0.64	14	77.8	25	36.8	-0.32	47	31.6	1.15	4	19.4	1.40	1
40 New Westminster	0.62	15	77.8	24	46.9	0.97	14	12.6	-0.23	51	9.9	1.00	8
17 Princeton	0.61	16	75.8	6	42.9	0.46	25	17.4	0.27	28	12.4	1.15	3
78 Enderby	0.61	17	79.9	57	42.3	0.38	27	25.1	1.02	12	8.2	0.50	21
25 100 Mile House	0.49	18	79.2	47	40.7	0.18	34	26.8	1.06	9	7.6	0.33	26
56 Nechako	0.47	19	77.2	17	39.3	0.00	39	23.7	0.93	15	8.7	0.65	13
81 Fort Nelson	0.47	20	75.5	5	54.5	1.18	4	27.0	1.06	7	2.0	-1.07	78
52 Prince Rupert	0.42	21	76.5	13	47.1	0.99	13	15.6	0.08	33	6.5	0.00	41
88 Terrace	0.37	22	77.4	19	43.4	0.52	20	17.2	0.25	29	7.5	0.30	29
7 Nelson	0.36	23	78.8	41	40.3	0.13	36	23.8	0.94	14	6.8	0.09	37
6 Kootenay Lake	0.36	24	81.2	70	40.3	0.13	35	23.8	0.94	13	6.8	0.09	36
39 Vancouver	0.31	25	79.1	44	47.8	1.02	11	13.3	-0.16	48	5.9	-0.18	49
53 Upper Skeena	0.26	26	78.3	34	41.2	0.24	29	20.9	0.64	19	6.2	-0.09	45
47 Powell River	0.19	27	78.7	40	43.2	0.50	24	14.0	-0.08	43	6.7	0.06	38
57 Prince George	0.18	28	77.2	18	43.5	0.53	19	14.9	0.01	38	6.1	-0.12	46
46 Sunshine Coast	0.18	29	79.6	53	40.8	0.19	32	13.3	-0.16	47	8.2	0.50	20

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					Pyll Rate	Index <i>Wt=.40</i>	Rank	Pyll Rate	Index <i>Wt = .30</i>	Rank	Rate	Index <i>Wt = .30</i>	Rank
24 Kamloops	0.18	30	78.4	35	39.3	0.00	40	16.5	0.18	30	7.9	0.41	25
14 Southern Okanagan	0.14	31	79.1	45	40.2	0.11	37	15.5	0.07	35	7.3	0.24	30
22 Vernon	0.12	32	79.5	52	37.8	-0.19	43	15.7	0.09	32	8.4	0.56	17
75 Mission	0.08	33	78.0	29	44.0	0.60	18	14.1	-0.07	42	5.0	-0.44	57
9 Castlegar	0.08	34	78.2	32	48.1	1.03	10	11.1	-0.39	56	4.1	-0.71	66
72&84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl W	0.06	35	77.9	28	41.4	0.27	28	15.6	0.08	34	5.7	-0.24	52
28 Quesnel	0.05	36	77.8	26	36.8	-0.32	48	18.6	0.40	25	7.2	0.21	31
33 Chilliwack	0.01	37	78.9	42	39.1	-0.03	41	16.2	0.15	31	6.2	-0.09	43
19 Revelstoke	0.00	38	76.5	14	43.3	0.51	23	14.7	-0.01	40	4.3	-0.65	63
11 Trail	-0.01	39	77.9	27	38.7	-0.08	42	15.5	0.07	36	6.5	0.00	40
65 Cowichan	-0.01	40	79.4	50	37.5	-0.23	44	12.9	-0.20	50	8.1	0.47	22
68 Nanaimo	-0.01	41	79.0	43	41.2	0.24	30	10.3	-0.47	58	6.9	0.12	34
80 Kitimat	-0.01	42	77.7	23	40.8	0.19	33	5.5	-0.97	78	8.8	0.68	12
12 Grand Forks	-0.02	43	77.5	20	43.3	0.51	21	17.6	0.29	26	2.6	-1.04	76
13 Kettle Valley	-0.02	44	80.5	64	43.3	0.51	22	17.6	0.29	27	2.6	-1.04	77
26 North Thompson	-0.08	45	78.5	38	35.7	-0.46	57	15.4	0.06	37	7.5	0.30	27
20 Salmon Arm	-0.08	46	79.4	49	32.7	-0.84	67	18.9	0.43	24	7.9	0.41	24
5 Creston	-0.13	47	80.4	61	34.5	-0.61	62	13.2	-0.17	49	8.3	0.53	18
71 Courtenay	-0.14	48	78.6	39	33.7	-0.71	64	13.6	-0.13	45	8.6	0.62	14
48 Howe Sound	-0.15	49	77.6	21	34.6	-0.60	60	19.0	0.44	23	6.0	-0.15	47
69 Qualicum	-0.16	50	80.0	59	36.9	-0.30	46	19.9	0.53	20	4.3	-0.65	65
2 Cranbrook	-0.22	51	78.4	37	35.5	-0.48	59	8.2	-0.69	65	8.5	0.59	15
54 Smithers	-0.23	52	80.7	67	37.4	-0.24	45	19.3	0.47	22	3.4	-0.92	74
18 Golden	-0.25	53	78.1	30	35.5	-0.48	58	13.4	-0.15	46	6.4	-0.03	42
61 Greater Victoria	-0.25	54	80.0	58	39.9	0.08	38	8.1	-0.70	66	5.7	-0.24	51
60 Peace River North	-0.31	55	78.1	31	36.1	-0.41	51	14.9	0.01	39	4.8	-0.50	59
42 Maple Ridge	-0.34	56	78.4	36	40.9	0.20	31	7.3	-0.78	71	4.4	-0.62	62
10 Arrow Lakes	-0.35	57	79.3	48	36.0	-0.42	55	11.7	-0.32	54	5.5	-0.30	54
59 Peace River South	-0.37	58	78.3	33	34.5	-0.61	61	13.7	-0.11	44	5.5	-0.30	55

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					Pyll Rate	Index <i>Wt = .40</i>	Rank	Pyll Rate	Index <i>Wt = .30</i>	Rank	Pyll Rate	Index <i>Wt = .30</i>	Rank
34 Abbotsford	-0.45	59	80.7	66	34.1	-0.66	63	9.6	-0.54	60	6.2	-0.09	44
77 Summerland	-0.47	60	79.6	54	33.4	-0.75	65	7.5	-0.76	68	7.2	0.21	32
36 Surrey	-0.49	61	80.6	65	35.9	-0.43	56	10.2	-0.48	59	4.6	-0.56	61
15 Penticton	-0.50	62	80.5	63	36.1	-0.41	53	8.7	-0.64	62	4.9	-0.47	58
62 Sooke	-0.51	63	79.2	46	36.1	-0.41	54	7.3	-0.78	70	5.2	-0.39	56
41 Burnaby	-0.54	64	80.3	60	36.7	-0.33	49	8.0	-0.71	67	4.3	-0.65	64
4 Windermere	-0.55	65	85.0	78	28.0	-1.09	74	10.5	-0.45	57	6.8	0.09	35
3 Kimberley	-0.55	66	81.4	72	27.7	-1.10	75	11.4	-0.36	55	6.5	0.00	39
35 Langley	-0.59	67	79.8	55	36.1	-0.41	52	8.9	-0.62	61	3.8	-0.80	69
66 Lake Cowichan	-0.60	68	81.0	68	26.0	-1.14	76	11.9	-0.30	53	5.9	-0.18	50
43 Coquitlam	-0.64	69	79.9	56	36.2	-0.39	50	6.3	-0.89	75	4.1	-0.71	67
1 Fernie	-0.64	70	81.3	71	31.5	-0.99	70	8.6	-0.65	63	5.9	-0.18	48
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.67	71	79.4	51	32.7	-0.84	68	12.0	-0.29	52	3.7	-0.83	71
23 Central Okanagan	-0.68	72	81.8	73	31.3	-1.00	71	8.5	-0.66	64	5.6	-0.27	53
37 Delta	-0.83	73	81.1	69	33.3	-0.76	66	6.5	-0.87	74	3.5	-0.89	73
63 Saanich	-0.86	74	82.1	74	31.7	-0.97	69	7.2	-0.79	72	3.9	-0.77	68
44 North Vancouver	-0.88	75	80.4	62	30.7	-1.02	72	7.4	-0.77	69	3.8	-0.80	70
64 Gulf Islands	-0.89	76	82.1	75	25.6	-1.15	77	6.1	-0.91	77	4.7	-0.53	60
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-0.98	77	82.2	76	24.9	-1.16	78	6.7	-0.85	73	3.6	-0.86	72
38 Richmond	-1.01	78	82.2	77	28.6	-1.08	73	6.2	-0.90	76	2.8	-1.02	75
British Columbia			79.7		38.4			11.7			5.7		

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Please note that births and deaths occurring out-of-province, e.g., a BC resident giving birth or dying in Alberta, are not routinely recorded in BC databases.

Data for East Kootenay and Peace River in particular require cautious interpretation.

[&] 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.

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Local Health Areas*	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	
	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
	<i>Ranked from worst-off to best-off</i>					
49 Bella Coola Valley	1.13	1	98.4	1	15.4	2
32 Hope	1.11	2	55.0	8	8.5	12
30 South Cariboo	1.04	3	44.2	17	10.9	7
76 Agassiz - Harrison	1.03	4	48.0	11	10.1	9
92 Nisga'a	0.97	5	87.3	2	0.0	78
55 Burns Lake	0.94	6	36.2	33	11.8	4
70 Alberni	0.90	7	47.5	12	7.4	18
31 Merritt	0.84	8	57.4	6	3.8	61
67 Ladysmith	0.80	9	45.9	13	4.2	55
50 Queen Charlotte	0.79	10	51.9	9	4.6	45
85 Vancouver Island North	0.76	11	64.4	3	10.4	8
29 Lillooet	0.74	12	44.4	16	3.1	67
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.67	13	41.0	20	6.1	27
16 Keremeos	0.64	14	36.1	34	0.0	78
40 New Westminster	0.62	15	45.6	14	7.2	20
17 Princeton	0.61	16	39.6	22	18.1	1
78 Enderby	0.61	17	21.4	63	4.5	48
25 100 Mile House	0.49	18	24.2	56	2.5	73
56 Nechako	0.47	19	43.0	18	4.8	44
81 Fort Nelson	0.47	20	44.4	15	11.6	5
52 Prince Rupert	0.42	21	59.9	5	4.3	52
88 Terrace	0.37	22	28.8	46	5.6	32
7 Nelson	0.36	23	22.3	60	7.3	19
6 Kootenay Lake	0.36	24	22.3	61	5.2	37
39 Vancouver	0.31	25	24.8	53	6.8	22
53 Upper Skeena	0.26	26	60.7	4	4.5	47
47 Powell River	0.19	27	37.0	32	7.5	16
57 Prince George	0.18	28	37.7	27	6.0	28
46 Sunshine Coast	0.18	29	37.6	28	5.2	35

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	<i>Ranked from worst-off to best-off</i>					
24 Kamloops	0.18	30	24.4	55	4.0	60
14 Southern Okanagan	0.14	31	14.0	77	7.5	17
22 Vernon	0.12	32	22.5	59	5.0	41
75 Mission	0.08	33	37.4	30	5.4	33
9 Castlegar	0.08	34	26.5	48	12.1	3
72/84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl W	0.06	35	37.4	31	6.3	24
28 Quesnel	0.05	36	38.0	25	2.9	69
33 Chilliwack	0.01	37	34.1	38	5.8	29
19 Revelstoke	0.00	38	35.7	36	7.6	14
11 Trail	-0.01	39	14.6	76	4.1	57
65 Cowichan	-0.01	40	36.0	35	8.2	13
68 Nanaimo	-0.01	41	32.6	42	6.3	25
80 Kitimat	-0.01	42	39.6	21	5.2	38
12 Grand Forks	-0.02	43	18.3	68	2.7	72
13 Kettle Valley	-0.02	44	18.3	67	5.7	31
26 North Thompson	-0.08	45	24.1	57	3.4	64
20 Salmon Arm	-0.08	46	29.5	43	4.4	51
5 Creston	-0.13	47	21.7	62	9.1	10
71 Courtenay	-0.14	48	32.9	41	3.4	65
48 Howe Sound	-0.15	49	37.5	29	2.0	75
69 Qualicum	-0.16	50	34.2	37	4.1	58
2 Cranbrook	-0.22	51	28.5	47	6.4	23
54 Smithers	-0.23	52	41.6	19	7.6	15
18 Golden	-0.25	53	38.5	24	2.3	74
61 Greater Victoria	-0.25	54	33.6	39	5.3	34
60 Peace River North	-0.31	55	33.3	40	2.9	70
42 Maple Ridge	-0.34	56	23.3	58	6.1	26
10 Arrow Lakes	-0.35	57	56.1	7	6.8	21
59 Peace River South	-0.37	58	49.7	10	4.0	59

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34 Abbotsford	-0.45	59	24.7	54	3.5	63
77 Summerland	-0.47	60	19.2	66	8.8	11
36 Surrey	-0.49	61	25.9	49	5.0	42
15 Penticton	-0.50	62	29.4	44	5.2	39
62 Sooke	-0.51	63	37.9	26	3.6	62
41 Burnaby	-0.54	64	25.6	51	4.5	49
4 Windermere	-0.55	65	15.8	73	11.0	6
3 Kimberley	-0.55	66	15.3	74	2.8	71
35 Langley	-0.59	67	20.4	64	4.4	50
66 Lake Cowichan	-0.60	68	38.8	23	3.0	68
43 Coquitlam	-0.64	69	20.2	65	4.2	54
1 Fernie	-0.64	70	17.2	69	5.2	36
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.67	71	28.9	45	4.3	53
23 Central Okanagan	-0.68	72	25.0	52	4.5	46
37 Delta	-0.83	73	15.8	72	5.8	30
63 Saanich	-0.86	74	17.1	70	5.1	40
44 North Vancouver	-0.88	75	16.0	71	3.3	66
64 Gulf Islands	-0.89	76	25.9	50	0.0	78
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-0.98	77	8.2	78	4.2	56
38 Richmond	-1.01	78	15.2	75	4.9	43
British Columbia			28.0		5.3	

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Please note that births and deaths occurring out-of-province, e.g., a BC resident giving birth or dying in Alberta, are not routinely recorded in BC databases.

Data for East Kootenay and Peace River in particular require cautious interpretation.

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Local Health Areas*	Composite Index ⁸ of Education		% of Population Age 25-54 - 1996			% of 18 Year Olds Who			Gr 12 Provincial Exam Non-Completion Rate**						% of Enrolment Not						
	Index	Rank	Without High		Without Completed		Did Not Graduate			1998/99		English		in Career Prep***							
			School Compl.	Post-Secondary	In 1998/99			Math	Chem	1998		1998									
	Ranked from worst to best		%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank			
		Wt=.40		Wt = .30			Wt = .10			Wt = .10			Wt = .10								
50 Queen Charlotte	0.92	1	36.1	6	58.4	0.84	6	43.7	0.79	13	-	-	2	85.2	35	61.7	1.32	2	80.4	1.01	3
25 100 Mile House	0.82	2	35.1	10	57.2	0.70	9	48.0	1.02	8	86.2	0.98	6	-	10	53.1	1.19	6	56.7	0.15	29
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.78	3	32.4	19	57.2	0.70	10	42.7	0.72	14	84.6	0.84	10	87.7	19	50.9	1.16	8	74.8	0.82	6
53 Upper Skeena	0.74	4	37.5	3	54.8	0.40	18	65.2	1.23	2	86.0	0.96	8	-	12	48.5	1.11	11	55.1	0.09	35
30 South Cariboo	0.70	5	32.5	18	54.6	0.38	19	42.7	0.72	15	93.7	1.13	3	93.5	4	54.5	1.22	4	79.7	1.00	4
32 Hope	0.60	6	35.0	11	55.8	0.52	14	53.1	1.10	3	84.3	0.81	12	91.8	8	32.6	-0.22	49	54.5	0.07	38
92 Nisga'a	0.60	7	36.2	5	58.7	0.88	5	37.8	0.39	22	-	-	1	-	1	61.1	1.31	3	5.2	-1.15	76
60 Peace River North	0.53	8	34.7	12	58.3	0.83	7	37.6	0.37	23	74.9	-0.02	42	80.3	57	33.0	-0.18	47	86.0	1.05	2
56 Nechako	0.53	9	39.5	1	63.7	1.11	1	37.2	0.34	24	81.2	0.53	20	86.9	24	32.2	-0.27	51	41.1	-0.42	54
52 Prince Rupert	0.51	10	32.8	17	54.4	0.35	21	45.6	0.92	10	71.7	-0.30	52	80.0	60	39.0	0.48	20	73.5	0.77	7
55 Burns Lake	0.50	11	32.3	20	53.8	0.28	24	45.9	0.95	9	89.7	1.07	4	-	7	36.8	0.24	28	45.4	-0.27	49
70 Alberni	0.49	12	33.7	15	56.2	0.57	13	42.0	0.68	16	80.6	0.48	22	83.8	42	47.9	1.10	13	25.9	-0.98	70
26 North Thompson	0.49	13	36.7	4	63.0	1.09	2	35.1	0.20	33	86.6	1.00	5	87.6	20	34.4	-0.02	42	17.1	-1.07	74
28 Quesnel	0.45	14	35.8	8	59.5	0.98	4	35.7	0.24	30	79.8	0.41	23	85.9	31	35.6	0.11	35	34.4	-0.67	61
76 Agassiz - Harrison	0.43	15	26.8	43	51.2	-0.05	41	51.4	1.07	6	81.5	0.56	18	-	5	40.3	0.63	18	54.9	0.08	36
75 Mission	0.43	16	30.1	28	55.3	0.47	17	32.2	0.00	40	86.1	0.97	7	88.8	16	44.9	1.03	15	64.0	0.42	18
78 Enderby	0.38	17	33.6	16	58.0	0.80	8	27.5	-0.32	48	84.5	0.83	11	-	2	40.7	0.67	16	55.5	0.11	33
49 Bella Coola Valley	0.36	18	29.3	33	53.1	0.19	30	68.8	1.26	1	-	-	46	-	39	-	-	25	3.5	-1.16	78
81 Fort Nelson	0.36	19	35.7	9	55.6	0.50	15	35.1	0.20	34	70.6	-0.40	55	86.7	26	36.8	0.24	29	-	-	1
80 Kitimat	0.31	20	35.9	7	62.0	1.07	3	26.8	-0.37	50	72.8	-0.21	48	83.7	43	29.8	-0.53	58	70.6	0.66	11
17 Princeton	0.31	21	34.7	13	56.4	0.60	12	24.1	-0.56	57	-	-	13	-	11	51.5	1.17	7	66.4	0.51	16
85 Vancouver Island North	0.30	22	30.4	27	53.6	0.25	26	36.2	0.28	27	81.7	0.58	16	92.2	6	45.3	1.04	14	39.1	-0.50	56
88 Terrace	0.29	23	29.8	30	53.1	0.18	31	35.6	0.23	31	81.0	0.52	21	73.3	72	38.0	0.37	22	68.6	0.59	14
66 Lake Cowichan	0.28	24	34.3	14	55.4	0.48	16	38.1	0.41	21	76.9	0.15	32	-	64	36.8	0.24	30	33.7	-0.70	63
59 Peace River South	0.27	25	32.0	21	54.0	0.29	22	36.4	0.29	26	78.4	0.29	27	83.4	46	38.2	0.39	21	51.1	-0.06	42
14 Southern Okanagan	0.22	26	29.5	31	52.6	0.12	33	33.4	0.09	35	75.5	0.03	35	89.6	15	49.7	1.14	10	59.1	0.24	25
12 Grand Forks	0.18	27	30.5	26	53.5	0.24	29	40.8	0.60	18	-	-	24	88.8	17	32.8	-0.20	48	12.5	-1.10	75
47 Powell River	0.18	28	27.8	38	53.7	0.26	25	36.4	0.29	25	67.8	-0.65	62	89.6	14	32.5	-0.24	50	72.3	0.73	8
5 Creston	0.17	29	30.1	29	52.1	0.07	38	45.1	0.89	12	70.2	-0.43	56	83.6	44	26.7	-0.88	67	55.5	0.11	32

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	Index	Rank	Without High		Without Completed				Did Not Graduate			1998/99		Chem		English		in Career Prep***			
			School Compl.	Post-Secondary	%	Index	Rank	Wt = .40	%	Index	Rank	Wt = .30	%	Index	Rank	Wt = .10	%	Index	Rank	Wt = .10	
	Ranked from worst to best		%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	Wt = .40	%	Index	Rank	Wt = .30	%	Index	Rank	Wt = .10	%	Index	Rank	Wt = .10	
69 Qualicum	0.16	30	24.8	50	49.1	-0.31	50	48.9	1.04	7	77.5	0.21	30	86.4	30	30.6	-0.44	54	51.5	-0.04	41
33 Chilliwack	0.16	31	25.8	47	52.2	0.07	35	35.8	0.25	29	76.4	0.11	33	87.0	23	36.5	0.20	32	57.9	0.20	28
31 Merritt	0.14	32	37.7	2	57.0	0.68	11	26.9	-0.37	49	81.3	0.55	19	76.5	67	26.7	-0.88	68	55.2	0.10	34
72&84 Campbell Riv/Vanc Isl W	0.14	33	27.4	40	54.4	0.35	20	32.7	0.03	38	75.1	0.00	40	87.6	21	40.5	0.65	17	30.7	-0.81	64
57 Prince George	0.12	34	29.3	32	53.9	0.29	23	33.3	0.07	36	74.3	-0.08	45	84.0	41	30.6	-0.45	55	63.2	0.39	20
15 Penticton	0.10	35	27.4	39	49.1	-0.31	48	38.4	0.43	20	78.5	0.30	26	90.4	13	35.7	0.12	34	66.0	0.50	17
46 Sunshine Coast	0.08	36	24.0	53	48.1	-0.43	56	45.4	0.91	11	75.9	0.07	34	82.3	52	35.0	0.04	38	45.1	-0.28	50
48 Howe Sound	0.00	37	18.3	73	43.7	-0.98	67	52.8	1.09	4	79.1	0.35	25	84.3	40	37.7	0.34	23	50.6	-0.07	43
16 Keremeos	-0.02	38	31.1	23	52.1	0.07	36	25.0	-0.50	55	70.2	-0.44	57	-	27	63.3	1.33	1	54.5	0.07	37
29 Lillooet	-0.03	39	30.7	25	53.6	0.25	27	20.4	-0.81	67	81.5	0.57	17	-	3	37.6	0.33	24	58.3	0.21	26
62 Sooke	-0.05	40	20.3	65	46.2	-0.66	60	40.3	0.56	19	82.5	0.65	14	87.2	22	33.4	-0.14	45	52.5	0.00	40
19 Revelstoke	-0.07	41	26.9	42	50.0	-0.20	45	24.5	-0.53	56	74.8	-0.03	43	84.8	38	48.1	1.10	12	69.8	0.64	12
4 Windermere	-0.10	42	27.9	37	50.2	-0.17	44	31.8	-0.02	41	75.2	0.01	38	84.9	37	28.9	-0.64	62	63.4	0.40	19
18 Golden	-0.15	43	28.6	35	52.2	0.08	34	29.8	-0.17	45	69.2	-0.52	60	77.2	66	33.1	-0.17	46	36.8	-0.58	57
1 Fernie	-0.15	44	24.5	52	48.4	-0.40	55	24.1	-0.56	58	85.2	0.89	9	88.6	18	53.6	1.20	5	44.4	-0.30	51
24 Kamloops	-0.17	45	24.6	51	48.7	-0.36	52	33.1	0.06	37	75.2	0.00	39	83.3	47	25.7	-0.99	70	67.8	0.56	15
20 Salmon Arm	-0.18	46	27.4	41	48.7	-0.35	51	35.8	0.25	28	72.1	-0.27	49	85.9	32	25.5	-1.00	71	56.4	0.14	30
64 Gulf Islands	-0.18	47	12.3	76	36.6	-1.17	76	52.3	1.09	5	82.3	0.63	15	91.8	9	34.8	0.02	39	22.5	-1.03	72
10 Arrow Lakes	-0.22	48	30.8	24	52.6	0.13	32	26.8	-0.38	51	71.8	-0.29	50	-	49	31.6	-0.34	53	27.8	-0.92	67
22 Vernon	-0.22	49	26.8	44	51.4	-0.02	40	23.7	-0.58	59	77.9	0.24	29	85.7	33	37.4	0.31	26	26.7	-0.96	69
65 Cowichan	-0.23	50	25.8	46	49.2	-0.29	47	35.4	0.22	32	67.4	-0.69	64	82.9	50	24.8	-1.02	72	49.7	-0.11	47
40 New Westminster	-0.23	51	19.5	66	41.8	-1.05	72	41.9	0.67	17	63.5	-1.01	69	71.8	74	39.3	0.52	19	62.5	0.37	21
13 Kettle Valley	-0.25	52	31.5	22	52.1	0.07	37	26.3	-0.41	54	78.2	0.27	28	-	28	28.3	-0.70	63	5.1	-1.15	77
67 Ladysmith	-0.27	53	26.5	45	49.1	-0.31	49	30.9	-0.09	43	71.8	-0.30	51	80.3	58	30.3	-0.48	56	40.0	-0.46	55
42 Maple Ridge	-0.34	54	22.7	60	49.7	-0.24	46	19.5	-0.88	68	75.1	0.00	41	86.8	25	34.3	-0.03	43	59.4	0.25	24
23 Central Okanagan	-0.35	55	22.9	59	46.3	-0.65	59	32.2	0.00	39	74.5	-0.06	44	81.2	55	34.4	-0.02	41	30.0	-0.84	65
68 Nanaimo	-0.36	56	23.8	54	46.4	-0.64	58	31.4	-0.06	42	69.7	-0.48	59	83.6	45	32.1	-0.28	52	50.3	-0.09	45
34 Abbotsford	-0.36	57	28.3	36	53.6	0.25	28	17.2	-1.01	73	68.6	-0.58	61	78.2	65	29.0	-0.63	61	43.9	-0.32	52
36 Surrey	-0.36	58	25.6	49	50.4	-0.14	43	22.4	-0.68	63	65.6	-0.84	65	79.1	63	35.6	0.10	36	45.9	-0.25	48

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	Index	Rank	Without High School Compl.		Without Completed Post-Secondary					Math		Chem		English							
			%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank			
	Ranked from worst to best		Wt = .40		Wt = .30			Wt = .10			Wt = .10		Wt = .10			Wt = .10					
35 Langley	-0.38	59	22.1	62	48.6	-0.37	53	22.6	-0.66	62	70.9	-0.37	53	82.7	51	35.3	0.07	37	52.7	0.00	39
54 Smithers	-0.38	60	29.2	34	51.7	0.02	39	6.9	-1.15	77	75.4	0.03	36	80.0	59	36.3	0.18	33	35.7	-0.62	59
9 Castlegar	-0.43	61	23.6	56	46.1	-0.67	62	30.7	-0.10	44	77.3	0.19	31	85.0	36	30.2	-0.49	57	24.0	-1.01	71
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.44	62	25.6	48	50.5	-0.13	42	21.8	-0.71	65	75.3	0.02	37	81.4	54	20.7	-1.11	76	34.6	-0.66	60
71 Courtenay	-0.47	63	23.6	55	48.5	-0.37	54	29.1	-0.21	46	67.6	-0.66	63	79.8	62	27.5	-0.79	66	17.2	-1.07	73
6 Kootenay Lake	-0.55	64	23.3	57	47.1	-0.55	57	23.2	-0.62	61	62.8	-1.02	70	-	34	28.1	-0.72	65	59.6	0.26	23
39 Vancouver	-0.58	65	19.4	67	39.7	-1.10	74	28.8	-0.23	47	52.6	-1.19	74	68.4	76	36.5	0.20	31	61.6	0.33	22
37 Delta	-0.59	66	18.9	70	45.0	-0.81	63	16.2	-1.02	74	70.6	-0.40	54	80.6	56	33.8	-0.09	44	75.6	0.85	5
61 Greater Victoria	-0.64	67	16.5	74	39.3	-1.11	75	26.8	-0.38	52	65.0	-0.89	66	79.8	61	29.0	-0.62	60	72.1	0.72	9
2 Cranbrook	-0.64	68	23.0	58	46.2	-0.67	61	21.4	-0.74	66	70.0	-0.45	58	81.4	53	28.3	-0.70	64	43.5	-0.33	53
3 Kimberley	-0.73	69	22.4	61	44.9	-0.82	64	7.6	-1.14	76	63.6	-1.01	68	83.2	48	50.0	1.14	9	33.8	-0.69	62
77 Summerland	-0.76	70	21.5	64	43.9	-0.95	66	23.4	-0.60	60	62.2	-1.03	71	75.3	70	22.1	-1.09	73	56.1	0.13	31
38 Richmond	-0.79	71	18.9	71	42.2	-1.04	71	17.8	-0.99	72	45.7	-1.27	77	67.5	77	36.9	0.25	27	58.2	0.21	27
43 Coquitlam	-0.82	72	18.6	72	44.3	-0.90	65	18.7	-0.93	69	51.0	-1.21	76	72.1	73	29.7	-0.54	59	50.5	-0.08	44
44 North Vancouver	-0.83	73	11.4	77	33.9	-1.22	77	22.1	-0.70	64	57.5	-1.12	72	75.2	71	26.6	-0.88	69	69.0	0.60	13
7 Nelson	-0.84	74	19.0	69	42.7	-1.02	69	18.1	-0.98	71	73.0	-0.19	47	86.4	29	20.6	-1.12	77	49.8	-0.10	46
63 Saanich	-0.86	75	16.3	75	40.1	-1.09	73	26.6	-0.39	53	56.9	-1.13	73	75.6	68	22.0	-1.09	75	29.3	-0.86	66
41 Burnaby	-0.88	76	19.2	68	42.5	-1.03	70	18.2	-0.97	70	52.5	-1.19	75	66.4	78	34.5	-0.02	40	36.8	-0.58	58
11 Trail	-1.03	77	21.6	63	43.3	-1.01	68	14.3	-1.05	75	64.0	-0.98	67	75.5	69	16.1	-1.20	78	27.6	-0.92	68
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-1.05	78	7.4	78	25.9	-1.33	78	6.2	-1.16	78	40.4	-1.32	78	69.4	75	22.0	-1.09	74	71.1	0.68	10
British Columbia			22.6		46.0			27.0			65.5			78.3		34.0			53.1		

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Further Information on Education Concerns

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			1998			1998			1998			1995								
	Index	Rank	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10			
			Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank					
<i>Ranked from worst to best</i>																				
50 Queen Charlotte	0.92	1	53.8	4	59.3	7	62.6	10	2.84	11	3.44	7	4.18	55	52.6	7	50.3	13	54.3	21
25 100 Mile House	0.82	2	66.3	46	65.1	26	62.7	12	3.11	58	3.73	48	3.63	4	62.6	63	50.9	22	51.8	14
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.78	3	62.2	21	63.9	20	70.5	68	2.95	24	3.51	20	4.05	32	54.7	17	51.8	25	38.3	2
53 Upper Skeena	0.74	4	58.0	8	56.7	4	60.3	6	2.42	2	3.33	5	3.75	9	42.4	2	42.6	2	52.0	15
30 South Cariboo	0.70	5	57.4	7	64.1	22	61.4	9	2.81	9	3.47	14	3.38	2	54.4	14	45.7	3	61.2	55
32 Hope	0.60	6	66.5	48	65.9	32	68.4	46	2.72	7	3.68	44	4.78	78	61.8	54	54.4	44	63.1	62
92 Nisga'a	0.60	7	46.2	1	36.9	1	60.2	5	2.29	1	2.96	1	2.83	1	27.1	1	36.3	1	18.8	1
60 Peace River North	0.53	8	65.6	42	67.2	48	68.6	48	3.12	62	3.66	41	4.01	27	59.4	40	57.1	59	56.3	28
56 Nechako	0.53	9	61.8	19	61.6	10	68.0	41	2.92	21	3.65	37	4.05	33	54.7	16	49.2	10	58.5	43
52 Prince Rupert	0.51	10	53.8	5	56.4	3	65.2	18	2.70	6	3.45	9	4.18	54	53.6	9	50.3	14	52.1	16
55 Burns Lake	0.50	11	58.5	9	58.5	5	63.9	16	2.66	4	3.48	15	3.94	19	57.4	28	48.9	9	61.2	54
70 Alberni	0.49	12	64.8	36	62.9	15	68.9	52	3.17	69	3.45	8	4.14	50	54.6	15	50.7	18	57.9	39
26 North Thompson	0.49	13	58.8	10	56.2	2	73.3	76	2.97	32	3.49	17	4.60	77	54.2	12	47.6	6	45.8	7
28 Quesnel	0.45	14	63.7	30	66.9	43	63.4	14	3.04	41	3.53	26	3.93	15	55.0	19	52.9	32	51.6	11
76 Agassiz - Harrison	0.43	15	63.2	25	67.1	46	69.8	62	2.49	3	3.35	6	4.06	35	54.0	10	60.3	72	67.1	73
75 Mission	0.43	16	66.4	47	68.3	61	67.5	38	3.05	44	3.76	50	4.11	43	58.4	33	51.5	24	54.0	19
78 Enderby	0.38	17	60.2	14	67.8	54	66.8	28	2.90	18	3.86	70	4.32	71	57.6	29	54.6	45	63.5	65
49 Bella Coola Valley	0.36	18	52.1	2	60.3	8	56.5	1	2.88	15	3.13	2	3.72	8	55.2	20	48.2	8	62.7	60
81 Fort Nelson	0.36	19	60.6	15	59.1	6	61.2	8	3.00	33	3.52	22	3.60	3	50.6	5	49.9	11	51.6	12
80 Kitimat	0.31	20	64.8	34	63.8	18	59.4	4	2.96	29	3.63	34	3.93	16	54.9	18	50.8	19	65.9	70
17 Princeton	0.31	21	66.3	45	62.1	11	57.2	2	3.22	72	3.46	11	3.68	5	58.6	36	56.7	54	44.2	5
85 Vancouver Island North	0.30	22	62.9	23	65.8	31	67.4	36	2.86	13	3.68	43	3.94	21	58.4	32	50.6	15	55.2	24
88 Terrace	0.29	23	59.7	12	62.8	13	66.5	26	2.92	22	3.53	25	4.01	28	54.1	11	50.6	16	51.7	13
66 Lake Cowichan	0.28	24	55.4	6	64.7	24	66.7	27	3.13	66	4.32	78	4.39	75	51.2	6	48.1	7	57.7	36
59 Peace River South	0.27	25	61.9	20	66.1	34	66.2	21	3.02	38	3.66	39	4.07	37	55.5	21	50.9	21	59.7	48
14 Southern Okanagan	0.22	26	62.9	24	66.6	39	69.3	55	3.13	64	3.85	69	4.20	56	62.0	55	53.3	37	63.3	64
12 Grand Forks	0.18	27	65.0	37	66.0	33	68.0	42	2.95	26	3.52	21	3.94	20	46.3	3	53.1	35	63.3	63
47 Powell River	0.18	28	61.7	18	64.2	23	67.1	31	2.89	16	3.49	16	3.80	10	62.3	58	55.6	49	56.5	30

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			1998			1998			1998			1995								
	Index	Rank	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10			
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5 Creston	0.17	29	64.8	33	68.9	67	74.6	77	2.95	25	3.85	68	4.46	76	62.2	57	55.8	51	59.4	45
69 Qualicum	0.16	30	64.6	32	65.7	30	67.0	30	3.03	40	3.68	42	3.82	11	59.3	39	53.0	33	53.4	18
33 Chilliwack	0.16	31	65.5	41	64.1	21	71.9	73	3.02	37	3.58	30	4.24	64	58.5	35	53.3	36	55.6	26
31 Merritt	0.14	32	60.0	13	63.3	16	66.3	25	2.97	31	3.54	27	4.21	58	54.3	13	52.4	29	54.0	20
72/84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl W	0.14	33	66.8	50	67.3	49	68.7	50	3.06	45	3.50	18	4.38	74	58.4	34	52.3	27	49.9	9
57 Prince George	0.12	34	63.7	29	67.1	45	67.4	35	2.92	20	3.65	38	4.14	49	60.0	45	57.0	57	59.1	44
15 Penticton	0.10	35	69.7	65	69.4	72	69.6	61	3.09	51	3.69	45	4.27	69	63.3	67	56.8	56	65.0	68
46 Sunshine Coast	0.08	36	64.4	31	66.7	40	70.0	64	2.96	27	3.60	32	3.96	22	56.3	25	56.7	55	61.3	56
48 Howe Sound	0.00	37	63.4	27	65.4	27	66.3	23	3.04	42	3.63	35	3.90	13	60.3	47	51.0	23	45.5	6
16 Keremeos	-0.02	38	60.7	17	61.0	9	58.9	3	3.27	76	3.45	10	4.00	24	53.2	8	47.6	5	41.2	3
29 Lillooet	-0.03	39	52.7	3	62.7	12	60.9	7	2.67	5	3.77	52	4.06	34	49.6	4	47.4	4	51.4	10
62 Sooke	-0.05	40	68.8	61	66.7	41	67.2	33	3.09	52	3.56	28	4.02	29	58.2	31	52.8	31	54.9	23
19 Revelstoke	-0.07	41	71.1	71	66.5	37	70.7	69	3.07	46	3.72	47	4.22	59	59.6	42	55.1	47	43.7	4
4 Windermere	-0.10	42	67.2	54	63.8	19	63.5	15	3.08	50	3.52	23	3.98	23	66.1	76	53.8	39	61.6	58
18 Golden	-0.15	43	63.2	26	70.0	74	62.7	11	3.09	53	3.59	31	4.04	31	62.2	56	54.2	42	57.4	35
1 Fernie	-0.15	44	68.5	58	68.7	65	69.2	53	3.31	78	3.52	24	4.01	26	61.7	53	60.0	71	67.6	74
24 Kamloops	-0.17	45	65.2	39	66.5	38	70.1	66	3.03	39	3.72	46	4.23	61	56.1	24	53.9	40	60.4	52
20 Salmon Arm	-0.18	46	66.9	52	66.4	35	68.4	47	2.90	19	3.76	51	4.12	46	62.3	59	56.2	52	63.0	61
64 Gulf Islands	-0.18	47	69.7	64	68.2	58	69.5	58	3.07	48	3.82	63	4.01	25	65.6	73	57.5	63	61.3	57
10 Arrow Lakes	-0.22	48	75.2	77	70.4	75	76.5	78	3.25	73	3.97	75	4.20	57	60.0	46	60.5	73	57.2	33
22 Vernon	-0.22	49	65.7	43	69.1	68	68.8	51	3.13	63	3.80	57	4.09	41	59.1	37	57.5	62	59.8	51
65 Cowichan	-0.23	50	62.2	22	64.7	25	68.1	45	2.96	30	3.80	58	4.15	52	56.1	23	50.8	20	53.2	17
40 New Westminster	-0.23	51	66.9	51	67.9	55	63.3	13	2.96	28	3.62	33	3.86	12	62.6	62	58.5	67	58.0	41
13 Kettle Valley	-0.25	52	69.0	63	68.6	63	65.9	20	3.10	56	3.83	65	3.70	7	59.7	43	50.7	17	57.3	34
67 Ladysmith	-0.27	53	58.9	11	66.8	42	69.2	54	2.88	14	3.50	19	4.25	65	60.8	48	54.7	46	66.9	72
42 Maple Ridge	-0.34	54	68.8	60	69.3	70	67.3	34	3.13	65	3.83	66	4.24	63	62.6	61	54.0	41	57.7	37
23 Central Okanagan	-0.35	55	68.1	56	67.4	51	69.4	57	3.19	70	3.81	59	4.08	40	61.1	51	54.3	43	58.3	42
68 Nanaimo	-0.36	56	63.6	28	67.9	56	66.8	29	2.94	23	3.66	40	4.08	39	57.6	30	57.0	58	59.7	50

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			1998			1998			1998			1995								
	Index	Rank	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10	Grade4	Grade7	Grade10			
		<i>Ranked from worst to best</i>																		
34 Abbotsford	-0.36	57	66.6	49	68.9	66	67.6	39	3.11	59	3.82	62	4.14	48	63.0	65	57.3	61	59.5	46
36 Surrey	-0.36	58	65.1	38	65.5	28	64.2	17	3.01	35	3.74	49	4.07	36	56.9	26	53.0	34	56.5	29
35 Langley	-0.38	59	68.5	59	69.2	69	69.6	59	3.11	60	3.82	64	4.10	42	61.6	52	57.8	65	56.3	27
54 Smithers	-0.38	60	65.4	40	63.5	17	68.1	44	2.84	12	3.47	13	4.11	45	65.5	72	52.4	30	56.6	31
9 Castlegar	-0.43	61	64.8	35	62.9	14	68.0	43	3.26	74	3.28	3	4.03	30	59.9	44	51.9	26	58.0	40
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.44	62	71.7	73	68.7	64	72.3	75	3.01	34	3.82	61	4.23	60	57.0	27	60.5	74	69.1	77
71 Courtenay	-0.47	63	66.2	44	65.6	29	67.4	37	3.08	49	3.64	36	3.94	17	59.2	38	49.9	12	56.8	32
6 Kootenay Lake	-0.55	64	72.5	76	67.1	47	69.8	63	2.83	10	3.46	12	3.69	6	63.2	66	57.1	60	46.5	8
39 Vancouver	-0.58	65	66.9	53	67.3	50	67.6	40	3.12	61	3.82	60	4.23	62	62.8	64	61.6	76	68.3	76
37 Delta	-0.59	66	72.4	75	71.2	76	72.0	74	3.26	75	3.88	72	4.27	68	64.5	70	60.0	70	59.7	47
61 Greater Victoria	-0.64	67	70.8	67	69.3	71	69.4	56	3.07	47	3.78	55	4.11	44	63.8	69	59.5	69	63.8	66
2 Cranbrook	-0.64	68	60.7	16	66.4	36	65.8	19	2.90	17	3.57	29	3.94	18	55.7	22	52.3	28	54.7	22
3 Kimberley	-0.73	69	70.9	69	68.3	60	69.6	60	2.79	8	3.30	4	4.32	70	67.9	77	58.4	66	55.2	25
77 Summerland	-0.76	70	71.0	70	68.1	57	70.7	70	3.05	43	3.77	53	3.93	14	61.1	49	55.8	50	65.9	71
38 Richmond	-0.79	71	68.9	62	67.0	44	67.2	32	3.10	55	3.90	73	4.26	67	65.3	71	60.8	75	64.1	67
43 Coquitlam	-0.82	72	68.4	57	67.4	52	66.2	22	3.19	71	3.79	56	4.26	66	63.5	68	58.8	68	60.9	53
44 North Vancouver	-0.83	73	70.8	68	72.3	78	70.0	65	3.14	68	3.98	76	4.18	53	65.8	74	62.5	78	68.3	75
7 Nelson	-0.84	74	70.5	66	68.2	59	70.9	72	3.13	67	3.88	71	4.08	38	62.3	60	53.5	38	59.7	49
63 Saanich	-0.86	75	71.6	72	68.4	62	70.5	67	3.10	54	3.91	74	4.33	72	66.1	75	56.3	53	62.2	59
41 Burnaby	-0.88	76	67.6	55	67.6	53	68.6	49	3.10	57	3.84	67	4.36	73	61.1	50	61.8	77	65.5	69
11 Trail	-1.03	77	71.8	74	69.5	73	70.7	71	3.01	36	3.77	54	4.13	47	59.6	41	57.6	64	57.7	38
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-1.05	78	77.7	78	71.6	77	66.3	24	3.30	77	4.02	77	4.15	51	71.4	78	55.6	48	72.8	78
British Columbia			67.2		67.6		68.2		3.08		3.77		4.17		60.5		56.2		60.6	

* Excludes 51 Snow Country, 83 Central Coast, 87 Stikine and 94 Telegraph Creek 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.

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			%	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		
49 Bella Coola Valley	0.78	1	2.0	-1.04	72	4.2	0.26	32	22	1.10	5	15.4	1.35	2	56.3	1.30	2	70.1	1.63	1
17 Princeton	0.77	2	8.3	0.84	4	5.6	1.03	8	23	1.13	3	18.1	1.43	1	61.8	1.06	11	8.0	-0.58	67
32 Hope	0.69	3	12.4	1.22	1	6.2	1.10	2	26	1.17	1	8.5	1.02	12	66.9	-0.17	43	14.6	0.24	30
70 Alberni	0.68	4	7.3	0.53	12	5.1	0.84	13	16	0.78	12	7.4	0.75	18	65.5	0.22	33	23.5	1.07	6
52 Prince Rupert	0.64	5	7.7	0.65	8	5.3	0.95	10	22	1.10	4	4.3	-0.26	52	58.5	1.22	4	17.4	0.57	21
55 Burns Lake	0.63	6	3.8	-0.58	57	3.7	-0.07	41	19	1.04	8	11.8	1.21	4	60.3	1.14	8	20.0	0.89	15
88 Terrace	0.62	7	6.8	0.38	20	5.8	1.05	5	20	1.07	6	5.6	0.16	32	63.0	0.94	15	17.5	0.59	19
53 Upper Skeena	0.59	8	6.4	0.22	28	6.1	1.10	3	11	0.25	30	4.5	-0.19	47	58.3	1.23	3	22.1	1.04	10
68 Nanaimo	0.55	9	10.0	1.09	3	5.8	1.05	6	14	0.58	15	6.3	0.37	25	66.1	0.06	38	16.1	0.42	26
29 Lillooet	0.54	10	6.9	0.38	19	3.6	-0.10	44	25	1.16	2	3.1	-0.66	67	58.8	1.21	6	31.7	1.24	2
81 Fort Nelson	0.50	11	1.8	-1.06	73	3.2	-0.40	59	13	0.49	25	11.6	1.20	5	60.3	1.14	9	27.9	1.17	3
31 Merritt	0.48	12	8.1	0.78	6	6.0	1.08	4	14	0.56	17	3.8	-0.42	61	63.2	0.87	16	15.5	0.34	28
30 South Cariboo	0.48	13	4.5	-0.36	51	4.0	0.11	37	7	-0.21	48	10.9	1.17	7	61.0	1.11	10	16.9	0.52	23
65 Cowichan	0.46	14	7.2	0.50	16	4.2	0.26	31	14	0.54	22	8.2	0.99	13	65.0	0.37	28	13.1	0.04	36
9 Castlegar	0.43	15	6.6	0.30	21	5.1	0.82	15	13	0.44	26	12.1	1.23	3	65.2	0.31	29	10.3	-0.29	53
66 Lake Cowichan	0.42	16	10.8	1.14	2	6.2	1.10	1	-	-	78	3.0	-0.69	68	62.3	1.03	12	17.4	0.58	20
47 Powell River	0.37	17	5.8	0.05	36	4.2	0.25	33	6	-0.38	56	7.5	0.77	16	64.3	0.56	19	17.1	0.54	22
2 Cranbrook	0.35	18	5.7	0.01	39	5.0	0.74	18	19	1.03	9	6.4	0.40	23	64.3	0.57	18	11.8	-0.11	44
85 Vancouver Island North	0.32	19	3.2	-0.78	64	3.3	-0.31	57	9	0.03	38	10.4	1.14	8	65.4	0.27	31	25.2	1.11	5
16 Keremeos	0.29	20	7.7	0.64	9	4.6	0.49	23	-	-	78	0.0	-1.13	77	60.2	1.15	7	22.7	1.05	7
46 Sunshine Coast	0.27	21	6.5	0.28	22	4.3	0.33	27	11	0.21	32	5.2	0.04	35	67.0	-0.20	44	20.7	0.98	14
57 Prince George	0.27	22	6.4	0.23	27	5.0	0.75	16	14	0.57	16	6.0	0.29	28	66.0	0.08	37	13.4	0.09	35
56 Nechako	0.26	23	3.6	-0.65	60	3.3	-0.31	56	17	0.95	11	4.8	-0.10	44	63.8	0.71	17	21.8	1.03	11
59 Peace River South	0.26	24	4.4	-0.41	53	4.6	0.50	22	15	0.64	14	4.0	-0.37	59	64.7	0.45	22	22.6	1.05	8
14 Southern Okanagan	0.22	25	5.5	-0.07	43	4.1	0.20	35	10	0.16	34	7.5	0.76	17	66.3	0.01	39	14.3	0.20	31
72/84 Campbell River/Vanc Isl W	0.21	26	6.2	0.16	31	4.5	0.43	25	12	0.29	28	6.3	0.38	24	67.6	-0.35	52	16.8	0.51	24
4 Windermere	0.20	27	1.0	-1.11	77	1.7	-1.07	74	8	-0.16	44	11.0	1.17	6	64.8	0.42	23	26.4	1.14	4
80 Kitimat	0.20	28	4.5	-0.36	52	3.1	-0.46	61	5	-0.45	60	5.2	0.02	38	62.7	1.01	13	19.0	0.78	16
40 New Westminster	0.18	29	7.8	0.68	7	3.7	-0.10	42	7	-0.26	53	7.2	0.67	20	66.0	0.09	36	9.9	-0.35	56
33 Chilliwack	0.15	30	7.3	0.53	13	4.1	0.16	36	14	0.53	23	5.8	0.23	29	67.1	-0.23	46	11.5	-0.14	45
76 Agassiz - Harrison	0.13	31	6.5	0.27	23	3.1	-0.47	63	-	-	78	10.1	1.12	9	66.7	-0.11	42	13.6	0.10	33

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15 Penticton	0.11	32	7.4	0.57	11	5.7	1.04	7	10	0.13	35	5.2	0.01	39	69.6	-0.92	66	15.2	0.31	29
39 Vancouver	0.09	33	8.2	0.83	5	2.6	-0.75	67	14	0.55	21	6.8	0.53	22	67.3	-0.28	49	8.6	-0.50	63
6 Kootenay Lake	0.09	34	7.5	0.60	10	4.8	0.65	19	-	-	78	5.2	0.03	37	69.8	-0.99	69	21.3	1.01	13
54 Smithers	0.09	35	3.5	-0.70	61	3.7	-0.10	43	5	-0.45	59	7.6	0.80	15	65.7	0.19	34	16.2	0.43	25
71 Courtenay	0.07	36	7.2	0.51	15	5.5	1.01	9	8	-0.11	41	3.4	-0.57	65	66.4	-0.03	41	12.4	-0.03	41
26 North Thompson	0.07	37	5.9	0.07	34	4.0	0.09	38	20	1.06	7	3.4	-0.55	64	62.8	1.00	14	6.5	-0.77	72
75 Mission	0.06	38	7.3	0.53	14	3.6	-0.14	49	10	0.12	36	5.4	0.08	33	67.4	-0.31	51	12.9	0.02	38
12 Grand Forks	0.05	39	6.2	0.18	30	4.4	0.37	26	9	-0.01	40	2.7	-0.79	72	66.4	-0.01	40	18.3	0.68	17
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.05	40	4.6	-0.35	50	3.6	-0.13	46	14	0.56	19	6.1	0.31	27	65.5	0.22	32	11.5	-0.15	46
22 Vernon	0.03	41	6.1	0.14	32	5.1	0.83	14	14	0.56	18	5.0	-0.04	41	67.9	-0.45	57	11.2	-0.19	47
25 100 Mile House	0.01	42	5.6	-0.03	41	4.2	0.27	30	11	0.22	31	2.5	-0.84	73	64.7	0.46	21	14.3	0.20	32
61 Greater Victoria	-0.01	43	5.8	0.06	35	3.6	-0.15	50	18	0.99	10	5.3	0.07	34	69.8	-0.99	68	16.0	0.40	27
28 Quesnel	-0.01	44	7.0	0.43	18	5.2	0.86	12	12	0.28	29	2.9	-0.73	69	64.7	0.47	20	6.1	-0.81	74
24 Kamloops	-0.05	45	6.4	0.24	26	5.0	0.75	17	12	0.31	27	4.0	-0.38	60	67.3	-0.28	48	9.8	-0.35	57
92 Nisga'a	-0.06	46	-	-	76	-	-	53	-	-	78	0.0	-1.13	76	47.8	1.51	1	22.2	1.04	9
5 Creston	-0.06	47	4.3	-0.44	54	4.2	0.24	34	7	-0.24	52	9.1	1.06	10	69.4	-0.88	65	12.3	-0.05	42
20 Salmon Arm	-0.06	48	5.8	0.04	37	4.3	0.30	29	13	0.50	24	4.4	-0.24	51	67.2	-0.26	47	10.5	-0.27	51
50 Queen Charlotte	-0.06	49	1.5	-1.08	75	3.4	-0.28	54	11	0.17	33	4.6	-0.16	45	58.6	1.22	5	10.7	-0.25	49
36 Surrey	-0.07	50	6.5	0.27	24	3.1	-0.47	62	9	0.01	39	5.0	-0.04	42	64.9	0.39	25	6.7	-0.74	71
7 Nelson	-0.10	51	7.2	0.49	17	4.7	0.57	21	6	-0.33	55	7.3	0.69	19	69.9	-1.00	70	6.4	-0.78	73
69 Qualicum	-0.14	52	6.3	0.22	29	4.6	0.49	24	-	-	78	4.1	-0.33	58	65.8	0.16	35	8.9	-0.47	61
67 Ladysmith	-0.14	53	5.2	-0.14	44	4.3	0.32	28	-	-	78	4.2	-0.31	55	65.0	0.38	26	10.3	-0.29	54
10 Arrow Lakes	-0.17	54	4.8	-0.27	47	5.2	0.88	11	8	-0.15	43	6.8	0.55	21	74.0	-1.22	78	10.3	-0.29	52
78 Enderby	-0.18	55	6.1	0.13	33	4.8	0.62	20	-	-	78	4.5	-0.20	48	64.9	0.40	24	4.1	-1.02	78
23 Central Okanagan	-0.18	56	4.6	-0.33	48	3.8	0.00	40	14	0.55	20	4.5	-0.19	46	68.3	-0.56	59	12.0	-0.09	43
19 Revelstoke	-0.19	57	3.7	-0.62	58	3.0	-0.54	64	15	0.70	13	7.6	0.81	14	69.4	-0.88	64	10.0	-0.33	55
77 Summerland	-0.19	58	3.9	-0.58	56	2.8	-0.64	65	7	-0.22	49	8.8	1.05	11	69.9	-1.00	71	12.9	0.03	37
62 Sooke	-0.25	59	4.9	-0.25	46	3.5	-0.23	52	6	-0.31	54	3.6	-0.48	62	67.6	-0.36	53	13.5	0.09	34
64 Gulf Islands	-0.28	60	5.7	0.02	38	3.8	0.00	39	-	-	78	0.0	-1.13	78	69.1	-0.79	63	21.7	1.03	12
13 Kettle Valley	-0.28	61	5.6	-0.01	40	3.4	-0.29	55	-	-	78	5.7	0.19	31	67.8	-0.42	56	8.7	-0.49	62
41 Burnaby	-0.28	62	6.4	0.24	25	3.2	-0.37	58	8	-0.17	46	4.5	-0.21	49	68.0	-0.47	58	7.0	-0.71	70

Indicators of Children at Risk

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Local Health Areas*	Composite Index ^{&} of Children at Risk		% of Children (<19 Yrs) on Income Assistance as at Sept 1999						Per 1,000 Pop (0-18) 1999			Rate/1,000 Live Births 1994-1998			Avg 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/Gr4,7&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		
42 Maple Ridge	-0.30	63	4.6	-0.34	49	2.5	-0.83	68	5	-0.44	57	6.1	0.31	26	68.4	-0.60	60	10.7	-0.25	50
1 Fernie	-0.37	64	3.9	-0.55	55	3.6	-0.16	51	7	-0.23	50	5.2	0.03	36	68.8	-0.70	61	9.1	-0.44	59
34 Abbotsford	-0.40	65	5.0	-0.20	45	3.1	-0.45	60	7	-0.23	51	3.5	-0.51	63	67.7	-0.39	55	8.1	-0.56	65
11 Trail	-0.40	66	5.5	-0.05	42	3.6	-0.12	45	4	-0.59	63	4.1	-0.32	57	70.7	-1.05	73	10.7	-0.24	48
60 Peace River North	-0.43	67	2.2	-1.03	70	3.6	-0.13	47	8	-0.15	42	2.9	-0.73	70	67.1	-0.23	45	12.6	-0.02	40
48 Howe Sound	-0.45	68	2.4	-1.01	68	1.9	-1.05	73	8	-0.17	45	2.0	-1.00	75	65.0	0.37	27	12.8	0.02	39
43 Coquitlam	-0.48	69	3.6	-0.65	59	2.1	-1.01	70	7	-0.21	47	4.2	-0.28	54	67.3	-0.28	50	7.9	-0.59	69
3 Kimberley	-0.50	70	3.0	-0.87	65	3.6	-0.14	48	-	-	78	2.8	-0.74	71	69.6	-0.93	67	17.6	0.60	18
18 Golden	-0.51	71	1.6	-1.07	74	2.4	-0.92	69	10	0.07	37	2.3	-0.92	74	65.3	0.29	30	9.0	-0.45	60
38 Richmond	-0.63	72	2.9	-0.88	66	1.6	-1.08	75	4	-0.53	61	4.9	-0.08	43	67.7	-0.39	54	4.8	-0.97	76
35 Langley	-0.63	73	3.4	-0.74	62	2.0	-1.03	72	4	-0.56	62	4.4	-0.23	50	69.1	-0.79	62	8.0	-0.58	66
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.67	74	3.3	-0.77	63	2.6	-0.74	66	-	-	78	4.3	-0.28	53	70.9	-1.07	74	9.6	-0.38	58
37 Delta	-0.69	75	2.6	-0.97	67	1.4	-1.11	77	2	-0.86	66	5.8	0.22	30	71.9	-1.12	76	7.9	-0.59	68
63 Saanich	-0.69	76	2.3	-1.02	69	2.1	-1.01	71	2	-0.80	64	5.1	-0.01	40	70.2	-1.02	72	8.5	-0.52	64
44 North Vancouver	-0.87	77	2.1	-1.03	71	1.5	-1.10	76	5	-0.45	58	3.3	-0.61	66	71.0	-1.07	75	5.6	-0.88	75
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-0.91	78	0.8	-1.12	78	0.5	-1.20	78	2	-0.85	65	4.2	-0.31	56	71.9	-1.12	77	4.6	-1.00	77
British Columbia			5.6			3.4			10			5.3			67.7			10.8		

* Excludes 51 Snow Country, 83 Central Coast, 87 Stikine and 94 Telegraph Creek due to small numbers.

- Data suppressed

[&] 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.

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Local Health Areas*	Composite Index ⁸		Indicators of Juvenile (Age 12-17) Crime								Per 1,000 Pop (0-14)							
	of Children at Risk		Charges per 1,000 Pop				Charges per 100,000 Pop				Hospitalization Rates							
	Index	Rank	% of Population Age 17-18		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		1998		Per 1,000 Women 15-17		Per 1,000 Pop (0-18)			
			Sept 99	On IA & On Their Own	Juvenile Serious Violent Crime ¹	Juvenile Serious Property Crime ²	Juvenile Non-Cannabis Drug Charges ³	Respiratory Diseases	Injury and Poisoning	Avg 96-98 Teen(15-17)Pregnancies	1999 Child Abuse							
	Ranked from worst to best		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
49 Bella Coola Valley	0.78	1	-	78	1.1	66	69.1	1	201.0	3	19.5	18	22.5	1	98.4	1	34	11
17 Princeton	0.77	2	-	12	0.0	78	8.0	53	0.0	78	20.8	15	12.4	12	39.6	21	22	27
32 Hope	0.69	3	3.3	1	1.9	59	12.7	24	0.0	47	17.1	26	14.4	6	55.0	8	11	51
70 Alberni	0.68	4	2.2	18	5.2	12	18.3	10	20.9	31	15.1	37	11.3	17	47.5	12	26	18
52 Prince Rupert	0.64	5	1.4	34	4.8	15	12.5	26	177.1	4	23.9	8	12.1	13	59.9	5	61	1
55 Burns Lake	0.63	6	-	61	2.3	51	17.7	13	0.0	78	31.4	2	10.6	23	36.2	33	37	10
88 Terrace	0.62	7	2.8	7	4.2	22	13.3	23	28.0	23	15.9	33	7.7	55	28.8	46	26	20
53 Upper Skeena	0.59	8	-	23	6.1	6	16.0	15	0.0	78	23.2	9	8.7	45	60.7	4	19	35
68 Nanaimo	0.55	9	3.2	2	5.2	13	10.9	30	85.0	8	14.9	39	6.9	61	32.6	42	23	25
29 Lillooet	0.54	10	-	24	3.9	24	27.8	2	0.0	78	34.3	1	17.2	4	44.4	15	48	5
81 Fort Nelson	0.50	11	-	49	8.5	3	19.4	6	53.1	16	16.3	30	13.6	9	44.4	16	23	26
31 Merritt	0.48	12	1.4	33	5.8	9	9.6	40	0.0	47	22.1	12	10.1	29	57.4	6	39	8
30 South Cariboo	0.48	13	-	52	3.3	32	13.6	21	0.0	78	17.4	23	10.7	22	44.2	17	21	28
65 Cowichan	0.46	14	1.4	36	3.3	33	9.7	39	45.6	19	18.5	22	8.9	43	36.0	35	26	17
9 Castlegar	0.43	15	-	59	0.8	72	9.5	41	26.4	26	16.1	31	12.9	10	26.5	48	4	64
66 Lake Cowichan	0.42	16	-	21	2.1	54	15.3	16	0.0	78	14.4	41	9.0	41	38.8	23	-	78
47 Powell River	0.37	17	2.1	19	3.6	26	13.5	22	73.2	9	13.5	48	8.3	48	37.0	32	20	32
2 Cranbrook	0.35	18	1.1	47	0.8	71	11.1	29	27.8	24	23.0	10	9.6	32	28.5	47	56	3
85 Vancouver Island North	0.32	19	1.4	37	3.1	37	22.1	3	0.0	78	27.0	4	18.9	2	64.4	3	26	19
16 Keremeos	0.29	20	-	50	6.4	5	16.3	14	0.6	46	10.6	65	4.0	76	36.1	34	-	78
46 Sunshine Coast	0.27	21	1.5	31	3.0	40	17.8	12	0.0	78	8.0	75	8.0	50	37.6	28	18	37
57 Prince George	0.27	22	3.1	3	6.1	7	7.4	56	29.4	22	15.8	36	8.8	44	37.7	27	32	14
56 Nechako	0.26	23	1.1	46	1.9	58	19.9	5	0.0	78	22.0	13	11.5	16	43.0	18	54	4
59 Peace River South	0.26	24	1.5	30	4.4	17	18.3	9	73.1	10	14.3	42	10.2	27	49.7	10	18	38
14 Southern Okanagan	0.22	25	-	54	2.1	55	12.2	27	5.6	43	14.9	38	11.9	15	14.0	77	17	39
72&84 Campbell Riv/Vanc Isl W	0.21	26	2.5	13	2.4	48	14.5	20	54.4	14	12.3	53	7.7	54	37.4	30	10	52
4 Windermere	0.20	27	-	78	4.3	19	22.1	4	0.0	78	17.4	25	7.4	57	15.8	72	15	45
80 Kitimat	0.20	28	1.2	41	4.1	23	15.0	18	22.2	29	24.1	7	7.2	60	39.6	22	20	33
40 New Westminster	0.18	29	2.4	14	7.0	4	2.9	73	830.7	1	9.6	69	5.2	71	45.6	14	20	31

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			Charges per 1,000 Pop				Charges per 100,000 Pop				Hospitalization Rates				Per 1,000 Women 15-17		Per 1,000 Pop (0-18)	
	Index	Rank	% of Population Age 17-18		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		Avg 96-98		1998		1998		Avg 96-98		1999	
			Sept 99	On IA & On Their Own	Juvenile Serious	Violent Crime ¹	Juvenile Serious	Property Crime ²	Juvenile Non-Cannabis	Drug Charges ³	Respiratory	Injury and	Diseases	Poisoning	Teen(15-17)Pregnancies	Child Abuse		
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
33 Chilliwack	0.15	30	2.8	8	3.5	30	8.0	51	17.0	34	12.0	56	8.2	49	34.1	38	16	43
76 Agassiz - Harrison	0.13	31	2.6	11	2.8	44	10.8	31	0.0	78	14.1	44	2.5	78	48.0	11	61	2
15 Penticton	0.11	32	2.9	5	4.9	14	10.3	37	7.7	40	13.1	51	9.0	42	29.4	44	23	24
39 Vancouver	0.09	33	1.6	27	6.0	8	2.6	74	125.4	7	12.3	54	6.0	68	24.8	53	17	40
6 Kootenay Lake	0.09	34	-	32	2.3	50	19.0	8	0.0	78	10.8	63	7.3	59	22.3	61	-	78
54 Smithers	0.09	35	0.9	56	1.2	65	15.0	19	0.0	78	25.1	6	10.8	21	41.6	19	16	44
71 Courtenay	0.07	36	2.7	10	3.2	35	9.3	42	53.4	15	11.0	60	9.1	40	32.9	41	9	54
26 North Thompson	0.07	37	-	17	0.6	75	5.9	61	0.0	78	19.0	19	11.3	18	24.1	57	20	30
75 Mission	0.06	38	0.9	51	5.4	10	7.5	55	0.0	78	13.1	50	9.4	35	37.4	31	10	53
12 Grand Forks	0.05	39	1.7	26	0.4	76	17.9	11	0.0	78	15.8	35	9.2	38	18.3	67	18	36
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.05	40	1.3	39	1.0	69	10.5	35	11.8	38	16.8	27	14.8	5	41.0	20	27	15
22 Vernon	0.03	41	1.9	22	2.6	45	8.6	45	7.5	41	9.6	68	7.8	52	22.5	59	25	22
25 100 Mile House	0.01	42	-	58	2.2	53	12.0	28	0.0	78	13.7	47	9.8	31	24.2	56	11	50
61 Greater Victoria	-0.01	43	2.9	4	11.3	1	4.7	67	240.0	2	13.9	45	6.7	62	33.6	39	25	23
28 Quesnel	-0.01	44	1.7	25	1.3	64	4.8	66	0.0	78	15.8	34	10.5	24	38.0	25	41	7
24 Kamloops	-0.05	45	2.4	15	2.9	43	6.9	58	7.3	42	11.6	57	6.6	63	24.4	55	20	29
92 Nisga'a	-0.06	46	-	78	9.5	2	12.7	25	0.0	78	7.3	77	10.9	20	87.3	2	-	78
5 Creston	-0.06	47	2.8	9	1.8	61	10.5	36	0.0	78	16.4	29	8.6	46	21.7	62	25	21
20 Salmon Arm	-0.06	48	1.3	38	1.7	62	8.9	44	0.0	78	11.0	59	11.0	19	29.5	43	32	13
50 Queen Charlotte	-0.06	49	-	78	0.0	77	10.7	32	167.8	5	25.7	5	9.1	39	51.9	9	7	59
36 Surrey	-0.07	50	1.6	29	3.2	36	3.5	71	65.1	11	11.0	61	5.4	70	25.9	49	14	47
7 Nelson	-0.10	51	2.4	16	1.1	68	5.2	62	0.0	78	13.4	49	11.9	14	22.3	60	37	9
69 Qualicum	-0.14	52	2.8	6	4.5	16	4.4	69	0.0	78	7.0	78	6.0	67	34.2	37	-	78
67 Ladysmith	-0.14	53	-	73	2.1	57	8.2	48	12.0	37	27.8	3	12.8	11	45.9	13	-	78
10 Arrow Lakes	-0.17	54	-	35	4.3	21	6.0	60	0.0	78	18.5	21	17.7	3	56.1	7	14	46
78 Enderby	-0.18	55	-	48	0.8	73	3.3	72	0.0	78	10.9	62	14.0	7	21.4	63	-	78
23 Central Okanagan	-0.18	56	0.6	63	3.6	28	8.4	47	54.6	13	13.8	46	5.9	69	25.0	52	12	49
19 Revelstoke	-0.19	57	-	57	1.1	67	8.9	43	37.1	20	12.2	55	13.7	8	35.7	36	19	34
77 Summerland	-0.19	58	-	68	2.3	52	10.7	33	1.4	45	8.9	71	8.5	47	19.2	66	6	61

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			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		Juvenile Non-Cannabis 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	Rate	Rank
62 Sooke	-0.25	59	2.0	20	3.6	27	9.9	38	26.7	25	14.6	40	9.3	37	37.9	26	13	48		
64 Gulf Islands	-0.28	60	-	43	2.4	47	19.3	7	0.0	78	10.1	67	9.6	33	25.9	50	-	78		
13 Kettle Valley	-0.28	61	-	78	0.7	74	8.0	52	1.6	44	21.1	14	7.8	53	18.3	68	-	78		
41 Burnaby	-0.28	62	1.6	28	5.4	11	1.5	77	22.5	28	8.8	72	5.2	72	25.6	51	17	41		
42 Maple Ridge	-0.30	63	1.1	44	4.4	18	6.3	59	20.3	32	12.8	52	7.3	58	23.3	58	8	56		
1 Fernie	-0.37	64	-	62	1.9	60	7.2	57	0.0	78	16.0	32	10.4	25	17.2	69	33	12		
34 Abbotsford	-0.40	65	1.1	45	3.1	38	5.1	63	61.2	12	16.8	28	8.0	51	24.7	54	8	55		
11 Trail	-0.40	66	0.9	53	3.0	41	7.7	54	0.0	78	22.2	11	10.4	26	14.6	76	2	65		
60 Peace River North	-0.43	67	0.6	65	2.1	56	10.5	34	47.1	17	18.9	20	10.2	28	33.3	40	26	16		
48 Howe Sound	-0.45	68	1.2	40	4.3	20	8.5	46	153.7	6	14.3	43	9.5	34	37.5	29	17	42		
43 Coquitlam	-0.48	69	0.5	66	3.9	25	4.0	70	18.0	33	9.2	70	6.2	65	20.2	65	5	63		
3 Kimberley	-0.50	70	-	42	2.5	46	15.2	17	45.8	18	19.8	17	3.4	77	15.3	74	-	78		
18 Golden	-0.51	71	-	70	0.9	70	8.2	49	0.0	78	20.4	16	4.7	74	38.5	24	45	6		
38 Richmond	-0.63	72	0.5	67	2.4	49	2.4	75	14.2	36	7.7	76	4.1	75	15.2	75	7	58		
35 Langley	-0.63	73	0.7	60	3.0	42	5.0	64	21.1	30	10.6	64	6.5	64	20.4	64	5	62		
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.67	74	-	55	1.5	63	8.1	50	0.0	78	10.4	66	9.8	30	28.9	45	-	78		
37 Delta	-0.69	75	0.3	71	3.3	34	4.6	68	32.0	21	11.5	58	6.2	66	15.8	73	1	66		
63 Saanich	-0.69	76	0.6	64	3.6	29	4.9	65	24.5	27	17.4	24	9.4	36	17.1	70	6	60		
44 North Vancouver	-0.87	77	0.4	69	3.5	31	2.0	76	16.5	35	8.5	73	7.5	56	16.0	71	8	57		
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-0.91	78	-	72	3.1	39	1.5	78	8.7	39	8.5	74	5.2	73	8.2	78	-	78		
British Columbia			1.5		4.0		6.8		53.3		13.0		7.5		28.0		16			

* Excludes 51 Snow Country, 83 Central Coast, 87 Stikine and 94 Telegraph Creek due to small numbers.

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& The INDEX is 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.

¹ See Crime Page 3 for Crime definitions

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Local Health Areas*	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	Rank	Total		For More Than 1 Yr		For Less Than 1 Yr		Indicator of Pop 19-24 with Incompleted HS			Total Serious Crime				
			%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank			
	Ranked from worst to best				Wt=.40		Wt=.20		Wt=.20		Wt=.20		Wt=.20			
53 Upper Skeena	1.13	1	16.8	1	8.8	1.27	1	8.0	1.03	5	65.2	1.23	2	23.4	0.84	12
32 Hope	0.93	2	13.2	5	5.7	1.05	4	7.5	0.91	6	53.1	1.10	3	20.6	0.52	22
68 Nanaimo	0.80	3	16.2	2	7.0	1.16	2	9.2	1.12	1	31.4	-0.06	42	21.3	0.60	20
52 Prince Rupert	0.79	4	12.4	8	5.8	1.07	3	6.6	0.57	15	45.6	0.92	10	19.0	0.33	27
31 Merritt	0.77	5	14.2	4	5.4	1.02	7	8.9	1.10	2	26.9	-0.37	49	28.5	1.10	4
70 Alberni	0.77	6	11.8	10	4.6	0.76	12	7.1	0.80	9	42.0	0.68	16	23.6	0.87	11
88 Terrace	0.66	7	14.3	3	5.6	1.05	5	8.7	1.08	3	35.6	0.23	31	15.4	-0.09	44
57 Prince George	0.66	8	11.6	11	4.6	0.75	13	7.0	0.73	12	33.3	0.07	36	24.9	1.01	7
66 Lake Cowichan	0.60	9	11.8	9	4.9	0.87	9	6.9	0.71	14	38.1	0.41	21	17.5	0.15	34
40 New Westminster	0.55	10	9.1	29	3.9	0.42	22	5.2	0.06	36	41.9	0.67	17	33.6	1.20	2
72/84 Campbell Riv/V Isl. W	0.54	11	11.3	13	4.9	0.86	10	6.4	0.52	17	32.7	0.03	38	19.7	0.41	25
69 Qualicum	0.53	12	10.8	14	4.4	0.66	15	6.3	0.49	18	48.9	1.04	7	14.4	-0.21	49
75 Mission	0.51	13	9.5	26	5.0	0.91	8	4.5	-0.19	49	32.2	0.00	40	24.2	0.94	10
33 Chilliwack	0.50	14	9.3	28	4.3	0.59	18	5.1	0.01	38	35.8	0.25	29	25.7	1.03	6
71 Courtenay	0.48	15	12.6	6	5.6	1.04	6	7.0	0.74	11	29.1	-0.21	46	14.4	-0.21	50
15 Penticton	0.48	16	11.6	12	4.2	0.56	20	7.4	0.88	7	38.4	0.43	20	15.9	-0.03	43
55 Burns Lake	0.39	17	10.1	20	3.2	0.10	35	6.9	0.72	13	45.9	0.95	9	17.0	0.09	38
56 Nechako	0.39	18	9.0	31	3.4	0.20	33	5.6	0.22	27	37.2	0.34	24	24.6	0.99	9
47 Powell River	0.37	19	10.7	15	3.6	0.31	25	7.0	0.76	10	36.4	0.29	25	17.5	0.16	33
25 100 Mile House	0.34	20	8.1	35	2.9	-0.02	41	5.2	0.05	37	48.0	1.02	8	21.9	0.67	15
46 Sunshine Coast	0.32	21	8.0	40	3.0	0.05	36	4.9	-0.05	43	45.4	0.91	11	21.6	0.64	17
59 Peace River South	0.29	22	10.1	21	3.6	0.29	27	6.5	0.56	16	36.4	0.29	26	16.2	0.00	39
28 Quesnel	0.27	23	10.3	18	4.4	0.64	16	5.9	0.32	23	35.7	0.24	30	12.0	-0.49	64
65 Cowichan	0.27	24	9.9	22	4.3	0.59	19	5.7	0.25	24	35.4	0.22	32	13.6	-0.31	56
29 Lillooet	0.24	25	12.4	7	3.9	0.41	23	8.6	1.07	4	20.4	-0.81	67	17.0	0.10	37
80 Kitimat	0.22	26	10.7	16	4.7	0.79	11	6.0	0.35	21	26.8	-0.37	50	12.3	-0.46	62
24 Kamloops	0.20	27	9.5	25	3.6	0.30	26	5.9	0.34	22	33.1	0.06	37	16.2	0.00	41
76 Agassiz - Harrison	0.20	28	7.1	50	2.4	-0.22	52	4.7	-0.14	47	51.4	1.07	6	20.4	0.49	24
17 Princeton	0.19	29	10.2	19	4.5	0.72	14	5.6	0.23	26	24.1	-0.56	57	15.1	-0.13	46

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Local Health Areas*	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	Rank	Total		For More Than 1 Yr		For Less Than 1 Yr		Indicator of Pop 19-24 with Incompleted HS			Total Serious Crime				
			%	Rank	%	Index Wt=.40	Rank	%	Index Wt=.20	Rank	%	Index Wt=.20	Rank	Rate	Index Wt=.20	Rank
61 Greater Victoria	0.19	30	9.5	27	4.2	0.54	21	5.3	0.11	34	26.8	-0.38	52	17.2	0.12	36
6 Kootenay Lake	0.17	31	10.5	17	4.3	0.60	17	6.3	0.46	19	23.2	-0.62	61	14.7	-0.18	48
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.13	32	8.5	32	2.9	0.00	39	5.6	0.21	28	42.7	0.72	14	13.9	-0.27	53
62 Sooke	0.10	33	8.0	36	3.8	0.38	24	4.3	-0.30	52	40.3	0.56	19	11.8	-0.52	66
85 Vancouver Island North	0.10	34	7.5	46	2.5	-0.19	49	4.9	-0.04	42	36.2	0.28	27	21.4	0.61	19
5 Creston	0.09	35	8.0	37	2.6	-0.15	48	5.4	0.14	33	45.1	0.89	12	13.9	-0.27	52
64 Gulf Islands	0.08	36	7.1	49	3.6	0.28	28	3.6	-0.55	57	52.3	1.09	5	10.4	-0.68	71
30 South Cariboo	0.08	37	7.0	51	1.9	-0.46	59	5.1	0.01	39	42.7	0.72	15	21.1	0.58	21
22 Vernon	0.07	38	9.0	30	3.6	0.28	29	5.4	0.15	32	23.7	-0.58	59	18.1	0.22	30
10 Arrow Lakes	-0.02	39	9.9	23	2.7	-0.11	45	7.2	0.83	8	26.8	-0.38	51	13.5	-0.32	57
26 North Thompson	-0.03	40	7.6	43	3.5	0.23	31	4.1	-0.35	53	35.1	0.20	33	12.2	-0.47	63
36 Surrey	-0.03	41	6.8	53	3.4	0.19	34	3.5	-0.59	58	22.4	-0.68	63	22.5	0.74	14
20 Salmon Arm	-0.05	42	7.5	44	2.8	-0.05	42	4.7	-0.14	48	35.8	0.25	28	14.1	-0.25	51
49 Bella Coola Valley	-0.06	43	-	71	-	-	76	3.1	-0.73	64	68.8	1.26	1	32.6	1.18	3
16 Keremeos	-0.07	44	6.9	52	3.5	0.25	30	3.4	-0.63	60	25.0	-0.50	55	18.6	0.28	28
23 Central Okanagan	-0.07	45	7.2	48	2.5	-0.21	51	4.8	-0.11	46	32.2	0.00	39	17.8	0.19	32
50 Queen Charlotte	-0.09	46	5.0	61	1.8	-0.52	61	3.2	-0.69	62	43.7	0.79	13	20.4	0.49	23
81 Fort Nelson	-0.09	47	6.4	56	0.9	-0.91	73	5.5	0.16	31	35.1	0.20	34	24.9	1.00	8
39 Vancouver	-0.09	48	5.0	60	2.1	-0.38	56	2.9	-0.80	65	28.8	-0.23	47	41.1	1.31	1
67 Ladysmith	-0.11	49	7.7	41	2.7	-0.09	43	5.0	-0.01	40	30.9	-0.09	43	13.8	-0.29	54
78 Enderby	-0.17	50	8.2	34	3.0	0.01	37	5.2	0.06	35	27.5	-0.32	48	10.9	-0.62	69
2 Cranbrook	-0.17	51	8.5	33	2.9	0.00	40	5.5	0.19	29	21.4	-0.74	66	13.6	-0.31	55
7 Nelson	-0.18	52	9.6	24	3.4	0.23	32	6.1	0.41	20	18.1	-0.98	71	9.4	-0.80	74
19 Revelstoke	-0.20	53	8.0	39	3.0	0.01	38	5.0	-0.01	41	24.5	-0.53	56	12.4	-0.45	61
60 Peace River North	-0.22	54	5.3	59	1.4	-0.70	68	3.9	-0.43	54	37.6	0.37	23	19.4	0.37	26
9 Castlegar	-0.23	55	7.7	42	2.1	-0.39	57	5.6	0.23	25	30.7	-0.10	44	12.0	-0.50	65
92 Nisga'a	-0.24	56	-	66	-	-	78	-	-	51	37.8	0.39	22	23.2	0.82	13
41 Burnaby	-0.28	57	4.9	63	2.2	-0.32	55	2.7	-0.89	67	18.2	-0.97	70	28.0	1.08	5
48 Howe Sound	-0.30	58	2.6	73	1.0	-0.88	72	1.6	-1.07	74	52.8	1.09	4	18.1	0.22	29

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Local Health Areas*	Composite Index ⁸ 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 incompletd HS			Total Serious Crime			
			%	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	%	Index	Rank	Rate	Index	Rank	
																	Wt=.40
34 Abbotsford	-0.31	59	6.4	55	2.7	-0.12	46	3.8	-0.48	56	17.2	-1.01	73	17.9	0.20	31	
42 Maple Ridge	-0.31	60	6.6	54	2.7	-0.10	44	3.9	-0.44	55	19.5	-0.88	68	16.1	-0.02	42	
1 Fernie	-0.33	61	7.5	45	2.6	-0.14	47	4.8	-0.08	44	24.1	-0.56	58	9.7	-0.76	73	
14 Southern Okanagan	-0.35	62	5.0	62	1.8	-0.50	60	3.1	-0.72	63	33.4	0.09	35	15.1	-0.14	47	
35 Langley	-0.36	63	4.6	64	2.0	-0.41	58	2.6	-0.93	68	22.6	-0.66	62	21.5	0.62	18	
12 Grand Forks	-0.40	64	4.1	69	1.6	-0.59	63	2.4	-0.98	69	40.8	0.60	18	12.6	-0.43	59	
4 Windermere	-0.43	65	2.0	76	1.1	-0.83	71	1.0	-1.11	77	31.8	-0.02	41	21.7	0.65	16	
54 Smithers	-0.45	66	7.2	47	2.4	-0.24	53	4.8	-0.08	45	6.9	-1.15	77	11.7	-0.53	67	
11 Trail	-0.46	67	8.0	38	2.5	-0.19	50	5.5	0.17	30	14.3	-1.05	75	7.1	-1.02	77	
13 Kettle Valley	-0.46	68	-	57	-	-	65	4.5	-0.19	50	26.3	-0.41	54	12.4	-0.44	60	
77 Summerland	-0.57	69	5.7	58	2.2	-0.31	54	3.4	-0.61	59	23.4	-0.60	60	7.1	-1.02	78	
43 Coquitlam	-0.58	70	4.1	68	1.7	-0.54	62	2.3	-1.00	70	18.7	-0.93	69	17.3	0.13	35	
18 Golden	-0.67	71	3.3	72	1.5	-0.64	66	1.8	-1.06	72	29.8	-0.17	45	9.1	-0.84	75	
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	-0.70	72	4.3	67	1.5	-0.66	67	2.9	-0.81	66	21.8	-0.71	65	10.8	-0.64	70	
63 Saanich	-0.72	73	3.8	70	1.6	-0.61	64	2.2	-1.01	71	26.6	-0.39	53	7.3	-1.01	76	
44 North Vancouver	-0.75	74	2.4	74	0.8	-0.94	74	1.6	-1.07	73	22.1	-0.70	64	15.1	-0.13	45	
3 Kimberley	-0.78	75	4.5	65	1.3	-0.75	69	3.3	-0.68	61	7.6	-1.14	76	11.3	-0.58	68	
38 Richmond	-0.80	76	1.9	77	0.8	-0.96	75	1.1	-1.10	76	17.8	-0.99	72	16.2	0.00	40	
37 Delta	-0.81	77	2.4	75	1.1	-0.80	70	1.2	-1.09	75	16.2	-1.02	74	13.3	-0.34	58	
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	-1.03	78	0.6	78	0.2	-1.05	77	0.4	-1.15	78	6.2	-1.16	78	10.0	-0.74	72	
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.

Background Information

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Local Health Areas*	1996 Census																
	1999 Population			1999/1998		Avg Annual 99/94		% 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	1 Yr Pop Growth %	Rank	5 Yr Pop Growth %	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
39 Vancouver	569,590	14.1	1	1.2	18	1.9	32	2.3	57	44.6	2	26.4	12	12.4	39	4	73
36 Surrey	353,704	8.8	2	1.0	22	2.9	9	1.7	70	27.5	4	21.3	48	11.8	43	7	61
61 Greater Victoria	205,402	5.1	3	-0.5	68	0.1	75	2.1	60	9.5	12	30.4	2	18.5	12	1	78
41 Burnaby	190,272	4.7	4	0.6	34	1.3	54	1.4	72	39.4	3	23.1	33	13.1	35	5	69
43 Coquitlam	187,908	4.7	5	1.1	21	2.8	11	1.4	73	23.0	5	20.0	59	8.1	60	5	70
38 Richmond	164,009	4.1	6	1.3	17	2.7	14	0.8	77	49.3	1	17.7	69	10.9	48	5	68
23 Central Okanagan	150,750	3.7	7	0.8	31	2.4	16	2.1	63	3.9	35	24.3	20	17.4	15	6	63
44 North Vancouver	130,136	3.2	8	0.0	54	1.0	62	1.5	71	16.9	9	21.3	49	11.7	45	4	74
34 Abbotsford	115,035	2.9	9	0.8	32	2.4	18	1.7	68	14.8	10	20.6	56	13.7	33	7	60
35 Langley	113,238	2.8	10	0.9	27	2.0	29	1.7	69	5.5	24	18.5	68	11.9	42	6	64
57 Prince George	107,027	2.7	11	-0.1	58	1.5	46	6.8	24	4.4	29	22.2	40	6.2	71	34	25
24 Kamloops	105,592	2.6	12	0.6	33	2.2	23	5.5	29	4.9	28	25.5	16	11.8	44	18	42
37 Delta	101,658	2.5	13	0.1	52	1.1	59	1.1	76	17.4	7	15.5	78	10.3	50	7	62
68 Nanaimo	93,799	2.3	14	0.9	25	1.9	34	4.0	40	6.5	18	28.5	4	14.8	26	15	49
42 Maple Ridge	76,911	1.9	15	1.6	12	2.4	17	2.1	59	7.4	15	19.0	65	10.2	51	9	57
33 Chilliwack	71,543	1.8	16	1.1	19	2.1	26	5.1	33	3.0	43	24.3	21	15.7	21	5	67
63 Saanich	60,311	1.5	17	-0.8	73	1.2	57	2.1	61	4.9	27	16.5	74	22.0	6	2	77
71 Courtenay	59,746	1.5	18	0.5	38	2.3	20	2.5	52	2.4	53	23.9	23	13.9	31	17	44
22 Vernon	58,982	1.5	19	0.1	53	1.3	52	3.1	44	3.4	39	26.3	13	16.9	18	15	48
40 New Westminster	54,177	1.3	20	1.1	20	1.9	33	2.8	49	18.6	6	30.8	1	14.1	29	6	65
62 Sooke	54,071	1.3	21	1.4	14	1.4	48	2.7	51	3.2	41	22.3	39	9.5	55	3	75
65 Cowichan	53,633	1.3	22	0.5	36	2.1	27	7.8	21	4.1	31	22.7	34	14.6	27	22	41
45 West Vanc-Bowen Isl	49,372	1.2	23	-0.2	62	0.6	67	1.3	74	17.1	8	17.5	70	20.0	9	5	71
72/84 Campbell River/Vancouver Isl W	45,255	1.1	24	-0.6	72	1.4	49	6.5	26	4.1	32	22.3	38	9.0	57	43	7
15 Penticton	40,315	1.0	25	0.5	39	0.6	66	2.5	53	4.3	30	29.6	3	23.1	5	8	58
69 Qualicum	40,004	1.0	26	1.3	16	3.0	7	2.3	56	1.7	68	24.3	22	24.5	3	11	55
75 Mission	37,326	0.9	27	0.4	40	1.5	44	4.8	35	5.8	22	21.4	47	10.1	53	13	53
70 Alberni	33,284	0.8	28	-0.2	59	0.9	63	11.8	17	6.0	20	24.6	19	12.1	40	39	14
20 Salmon Arm	33,133	0.8	29	1.4	15	3.0	5	3.8	42	1.5	71	21.7	43	17.8	13	13	52

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48 Howe Sound	31,010	0.8	30	2.2	7	4.9	2	3.8	41	7.8	14	21.4	46	5.2	76	14	50
60 Peace River North	30,725	0.8	31	2.2	6	2.5	15	7.8	22	2.0	63	17.4	71	6.0	75	37	19
27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	29,364	0.7	32	0.4	42	1.8	37	12.4	16	5.6	23	21.1	50	7.5	64	35	21
59 Peace River South	29,144	0.7	33	-0.8	74	0.4	70	9.3	20	1.7	70	22.5	35	8.1	61	39	13
28 Quesnel	27,476	0.7	34	-0.6	70	2.1	25	6.5	25	6.9	16	23.3	30	8.9	58	46	6
46 Sunshine Coast	27,248	0.7	35	0.9	23	2.3	21	4.5	36	2.6	52	26.8	10	17.5	14	24	38
2 Cranbrook	26,248	0.7	36	0.9	29	1.6	41	4.2	39	1.8	65	23.5	27	11.5	47	22	40
7 Nelson	25,335	0.6	37	0.3	46	1.2	56	2.0	65	2.9	44	27.3	6	12.7	37	15	47
88 Terrace	23,970	0.6	38	0.2	49	1.6	42	14.4	14	5.1	26	21.0	51	6.7	67	30	31
11 Trail	20,939	0.5	39	-0.3	65	-0.1	77	1.3	75	2.8	47	20.9	53	17.1	16	34	23
47 Powell River	20,767	0.5	40	-0.1	55	1.1	58	4.4	37	2.2	57	22.4	37	15.5	22	38	17
54 Smithers	18,766	0.5	41	-0.4	66	2.1	24	5.4	31	2.9	46	16.2	76	6.3	70	39	12
52 Prince Rupert	18,746	0.5	42	-1.3	77	-0.4	78	31.1	6	10.8	11	23.7	25	6.8	66	37	18
14 Southern Okanagan	18,698	0.5	43	0.5	37	1.5	43	3.3	43	6.7	17	20.6	55	27.3	1	7	59
56 Nechako	18,469	0.5	44	0.5	35	1.8	35	19.9	9	3.4	38	19.2	64	7.4	65	51	4
1 Fernie	16,538	0.4	45	3.0	4	1.7	38	2.9	46	3.5	36	17.3	72	8.3	59	53	3
25 100 Mile House	16,437	0.4	46	0.8	30	3.0	4	5.3	32	1.4	72	16.2	75	12.1	41	34	24
67 Ladysmith	16,167	0.4	47	0.1	50	1.0	61	9.7	19	1.7	66	22.4	36	18.8	11	27	35
85 Vancouver Island North	15,501	0.4	48	-0.6	71	0.7	65	17.1	12	4.0	34	21.4	45	5.0	77	58	2
64 Gulf Islands	14,584	0.4	49	2.0	10	2.3	19	2.1	62	2.3	54	28.0	5	21.8	7	3	76
9 Castlegar	13,825	0.3	50	0.2	48	1.0	60	2.3	54	2.9	45	19.8	60	13.1	34	34	22
5 Creston	13,152	0.3	51	-0.5	69	1.3	51	3.1	45	0.9	76	20.4	58	21.1	8	12	54
80 Kitimat	13,042	0.3	52	-0.3	63	0.1	74	13.6	15	6.0	19	19.8	61	6.7	68	58	1
31 Merritt	12,200	0.3	53	0.3	44	2.0	28	21.8	8	8.1	13	24.8	17	10.7	49	33	28
77 Summerland	11,414	0.3	54	-0.1	56	0.4	71	0.6	78	3.1	42	23.2	32	24.8	2	5	72
21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	9,904	0.2	55	0.2	47	1.9	30	1.9	67	1.3	73	20.4	57	14.0	30	16	46
4 Windermere	9,430	0.2	56	3.8	2	4.6	3	5.1	34	2.3	55	16.5	73	11.5	46	23	39
12 Grand Forks	9,368	0.2	57	0.4	41	0.9	64	2.2	58	2.0	62	25.8	15	19.2	10	25	36
3 Kimberley	8,947	0.2	58	-0.2	61	0.2	73	2.8	48	1.7	67	22.1	41	17.0	17	36	20

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19 Revelstoke	8,738	0.2	59	-1.4	78	0.0	76	2.3	55	2.0	61	19.2	63	10.2	52	27	34
32 Hope	8,460	0.2	60	-0.9	75	0.4	72	11.3	18	5.9	21	26.7	11	16.7	20	18	43
76 Agassiz - Harrison	8,147	0.2	61	1.8	11	2.8	10	19.8	10	2.0	64	26.9	9	12.8	36	10	56
55 Burns Lake	7,934	0.2	62	1.5	13	1.4	50	18.3	11	2.0	60	21.0	52	9.4	56	41	9
30 South Cariboo	7,873	0.2	63	0.3	45	1.6	40	27.9	7	2.8	49	23.2	31	13.8	32	25	37
18 Golden	7,776	0.2	64	0.9	24	1.3	53	4.2	38	4.0	33	19.4	62	7.9	62	30	30
78 Enderby	7,754	0.2	65	2.1	8	2.7	12	5.8	27	0.4	78	23.6	26	15.2	24	14	51
66 Lake Cowichan	6,602	0.2	66	-0.1	57	1.9	31	5.4	30	2.2	58	27.0	8	12.7	38	34	26
81 Fort Nelson	6,590	0.2	67	0.3	43	3.0	6	16.8	13	2.3	56	15.8	77	2.6	78	50	5
53 Upper Skeena	6,073	0.2	68	2.1	9	1.8	36	59.5	2	2.1	59	23.3	29	6.1	73	40	11
50 Queen Charlotte	5,808	0.1	69	3.2	3	0.5	68	31.6	5	3.3	40	25.9	14	6.0	74	40	10
10 Arrow Lakes	5,385	0.1	70	-0.4	67	1.2	55	2.0	64	2.7	50	21.6	44	15.3	23	28	33
26 North Thompson	5,324	0.1	71	0.1	51	2.2	22	5.8	28	3.5	37	18.7	67	7.8	63	38	16
17 Princeton	5,229	0.1	72	-0.2	60	1.7	39	2.7	50	2.8	48	20.9	54	16.8	19	38	15
29 Lillooet	4,901	0.1	73	-0.3	64	0.5	69	31.7	4	1.7	69	27.3	7	9.6	54	29	32
16 Keremeos	4,719	0.1	74	0.9	26	1.5	47	7.4	23	5.4	25	24.6	18	23.5	4	5	66
6 Kootenay Lake	3,833	0.1	75	0.9	28	2.7	13	2.9	47	1.1	75	23.4	28	14.4	28	16	45
13 Kettle Valley	3,829	0.1	76	-1.0	76	1.5	45	1.9	66	2.6	51	23.9	24	14.8	25	33	27
49 Bella Coola Valley	3,499	0.1	77	2.2	5	2.9	8	43.8	3	1.3	74	21.9	42	6.7	69	31	29
92 Nisga'a	2,323	0.1	78	4.2	1	4.9	1	90.9	1	0.8	77	19.0	66	6.1	72	42	8
British Columbia	4,029,253			0.7		1.8		3.8		17.9		22.7		12.9			

* Excludes 51 Snow Country, 83 Central Coast, 87 Stikine and 94 Telegraph Creek due to small numbers.