

BRITISH COLUMBIA LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC DEPENDENCIES: 2006

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Preface

This report was prepared to provide up-to-date consistent information on the local economies in the rural areas of the province of British Columbia and to help in the estimation of the economic impacts of changes in those local economies. It is the latest in a series of reports that use data from the Canadian Census and other sources.

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Abstract

This report presents economic information about 63 local areas in the province of British Columbia. Specifically, it provides tables and maps that identify and quantify the sources of income that support the local economies in each of these areas. In addition, it presents ratios that can be used to estimate the impacts on employment and income resulting from changes in these sources. The local areas cover the entire province with the exception of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD).

The results in the report rely on an economic base perspective and detailed information from the 2006 Census of Canada, and other sources. Changes in the results during the period 1991 - 1996 - 2001 - 2006 are presented and discussed. Use of the tables in this report for estimating economic impacts is illustrated by a number of examples. Appendices provide additional analysis and information that may be useful for regional studies.