



**North Coast  
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<b>1</b>	<b>General Economy</b>
<p>Regional Districts in Development Region: Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Kitimat-Stikine</p> <p>The main economic activities include fishing, forestry, energy, transportation and tourism. The area has a few mills, some of which have announced closures or output reductions. The area has experienced an increase in mining activity recently. Several projects are in proposal or development phases. Construction of the large Galore Creek gold and copper mine was suspended in late 2007 pending further evaluation. The Eskay Creek gold and copper mine located 80 km North of Stewart completed mining in March 2008. The Red Chris copper and gold mine is also a possible development in the area. Prince Rupert's inter-modal port opened in the fall of 2007 and further expansion is planned to increase capacity by 2012. The Kitimat Port is currently expecting several developments linked to its port. They include a condensate pipeline and a LNG terminal and pipeline. There are many nature based tourism activities in the area including salt-water fishing. The cruise ship terminal in Prince Rupert continues to be a favoured stop for boats travelling north.</p>	

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC Stats population projection P33 completed in the Summer of 2008. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas, including age and sex detail, are modestly priced. Users requiring only total population projections are able to self serve for free from our population projection page: [www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/popproj.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/popproj.asp) The full B.C. level projection is available free on the above page.

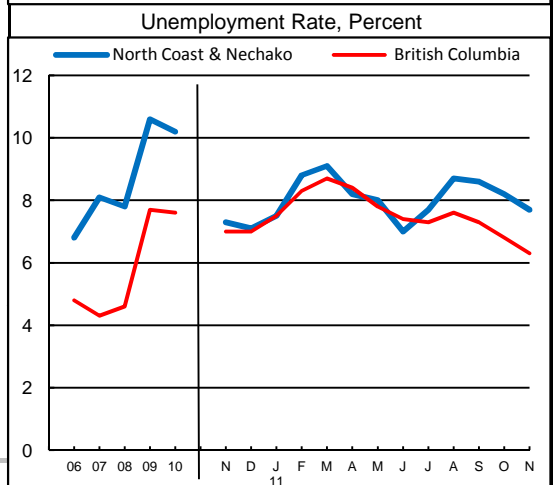
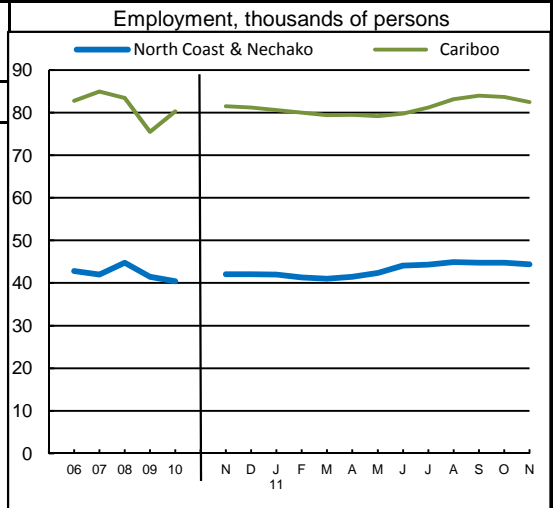
<b>2</b>	<b>Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2010</b>									
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Locations With No Employees	North Coast						British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 99	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
11	Total, All Industries	1,424	1,700	145	76	14	1,935	100.0%	100.0%	370,262
	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	282	131	5	3	0	139	7.2%	4.1%	15,134
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	5	6	0	0	0	6	0.3%	0.6%	2,220
22	Utilities	1	7	0	1	0	8	0.4%	0.1%	363
23	Construction	177	192	9	2	0	203	10.5%	14.0%	51,926
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	31	45	3	5	5	58	3.0%	3.2%	11,824
41	Wholesale Trade	27	78	4	4	0	86	4.4%	4.4%	16,471
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	91	262	23	11	1	297	15.3%	8.1%	30,041
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	134	124	12	3	0	139	7.2%	5.1%	18,964
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	21	6	0	0	27	1.4%	1.5%	5,509
52	Finance & Insurance	59	34	12	3	0	49	2.5%	5.4%	19,946
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	184	69	1	1	0	71	3.7%	11.2%	41,389
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	116	113	5	1	0	119	6.1%	13.1%	48,449
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	62	13	1	1	0	15	0.8%	3.9%	14,283
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	56	80	2	2	0	84	4.3%	4.5%	16,769
61	Educational Services	9	14	3	3	4	24	1.2%	1.2%	4,290
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	26	135	14	10	2	161	8.3%	5.6%	20,661
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23	44	6	1	0	51	2.6%	1.7%	6,187
72	Accom. & Food Services	52	137	19	8	0	164	8.5%	4.3%	15,964
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	78	184	7	0	0	191	9.9%	7.8%	28,939
91	Public Administration	-	11	13	17	2	43	2.2%	0.3%	933

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Note: This table formerly identified **business establishments**.



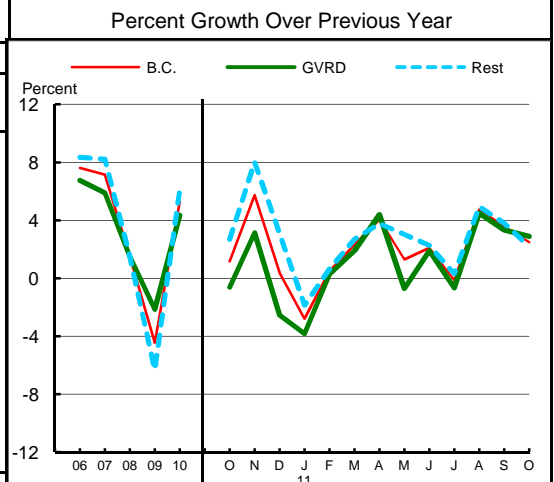
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<b>3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month</b>						
	North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	46.6	11.2	79.2	9.7	1,919.7	7.7
2002	44.6	12.7	77.3	12.6	1,952.8	8.5
2003	44.4	11.4	77.3	11.0	1,998.0	8.0
2004	41.9	11.8	79.4	9.2	2,032.8	7.2
2005	45.2	7.9	79.3	7.4	2,091.9	5.8
2006	42.8	6.8	82.8	6.1	2,147.2	4.8
2007	42.0	8.1	85.0	5.1	2,222.6	4.3
2008	44.8	7.8	83.5	6.7	2,266.4	4.6
2009	41.5	10.6	75.5	12.1	2,217.9	7.7
2010	40.4	10.2	80.3	8.1	2,256.5	7.6
Jan	39.3	10.7	74.7	12.1	2,219.8	8.0
Feb	39.1	10.3	74.6	11.6	2,213.3	8.1
Mar	38.5	11.5	75.0	10.4	2,213.2	8.2
Apr	38.0	12.0	77.2	8.2	2,224.5	7.8
May	38.0	12.8	78.9	7.5	2,238.7	7.8
Jun	39.4	11.9	81.7	7.1	2,258.8	7.6
Jul	40.7	11.9	82.7	8.6	2,277.1	7.7
Aug	41.3	11.0	83.9	8.4	2,289.9	7.8
Sep	41.5	10.6	83.1	8.4	2,284.5	7.8
Oct	42.0	8.9	82.3	7.6	2,278.8	7.5
Nov	42.1	7.3	81.5	7.1	2,273.6	7.0
Dec	42.1	7.1	81.2	7.0	2,269.6	7.0
2011						
Jan	42.0	7.5	80.6	7.2	2,250.0	7.5
Feb	41.3	8.8	80.0	7.5	2,232.3	8.3
Mar	41.0	9.1	79.4	7.6	2,227.7	8.7
Apr	41.5	8.2	79.5	7.1	2,240.5	8.4
May	42.4	8.0	79.2	7.2	2,261.0	7.8
Jun	44.1	7.0	79.8	7.4	2,280.1	7.4
Jul	44.3	7.7	81.2	7.5	2,295.3	7.3
Aug	44.9	8.7	83.2	8.1	2,298.0	7.6
Sep	44.8	8.6	84.0	8.1	2,300.7	7.3
Oct	44.8	8.2	83.7	7.8	2,299.8	6.8
Nov	44.4	7.7	82.5	6.9	2,296.6	6.3
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Nov10	40.3	10.4	80.1	8.4	2,256.8	7.7
Jan-Nov11	43.4	8.3	81.1	7.5	2,273.7	7.5
% Change	7.7		1.3		0.7	



Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

<b>4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey</b>						
Year or Year/Year-to-Date	\$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
2006	53,133.4	24,301.6	28,831.9	7.6	6.7	8.3
2007	56,930.4	25,733.1	31,197.3	7.1	5.9	8.2
2008	57,783.0	26,116.0	31,667.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
2009	55,221.9	25,556.4	29,665.6	-4.4	-2.1	-6.3
2010	58,144.7	26,667.6	31,477.1	5.3	4.3	6.1
Jan-Sep 2010	42,773.1	19,620.4	23,152.6			
Jan-Sep 2011	43,551.2	19,871.0	23,680.1	1.8	1.3	2.3



Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, CANSIM 080-0020, unadjusted data.



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**Was 5** **Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at [www.made-in-bc.ca](http://www.made-in-bc.ca) for local firms, products and more**

This table is discontinued. Sub-provincial manufacturing principal statistics are no longer being produced.

The methodology used to generate Room Revenue estimates is being refined and as a result the regularly scheduled release of the data from April through August 2011 was interrupted. BC Stats will be publishing updated estimates, including revisions to previously-released data, in September of 2011. We apologize for any inconvenience to users.

5		Tourism Room Revenue (\$ Thousands)					Tourism Room Revenue Index 2004=100	
	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Index	
North Coast Dev. Region	2006	23,247.0	2,917.0	6,360.0	10,631.0	3,339.0		
	2007	27,790.0	3,467.0	7,432.0	12,870.0	4,021.0		
	2008	27,463.0	3,966.0	7,449.0	11,785.0	4,263.0		
	2009	23,939.0	3,757.0	6,072.0	10,814.0	3,296.0		
	2010	23,205.0	3,826.0	6,853.0	12,526.0			
British Columbia	2006	1,807,466.0	366,131.0	450,720.0	652,402.0	338,213.0		
	2007	1,807,466.0	366,131.0	450,720.0	652,402.0	338,213.0		
	2008	1,977,385.0	435,234.0	503,243.0	687,790.0	351,118.0		
	2009	1,743,074.0	378,897.0	423,761.0	617,008.0	323,408.0		
	2010	1,594,984.0	502,294.0	441,819.0	650,871.0			
2009 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type (\$Thousands   %Share)								
TOTAL	23,879.0	100.0%						
Fishing lodges	4,482.0	18.8%						
Hotels	10,138.0	42.5%						
Motels	7,091.0	29.7%						

asterisk before location denotes sub-area detail

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Small Business and Revenue  
 Published in detail monthly by BC Stats.

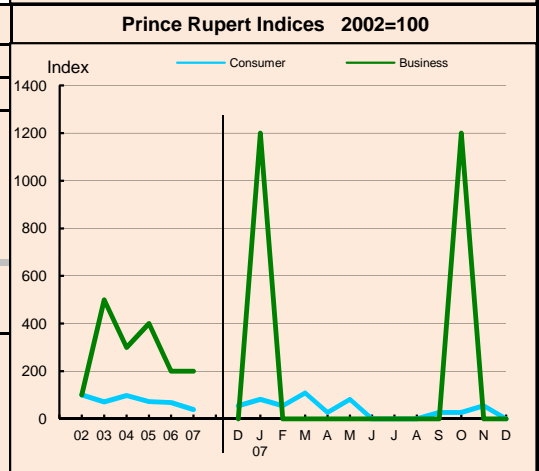
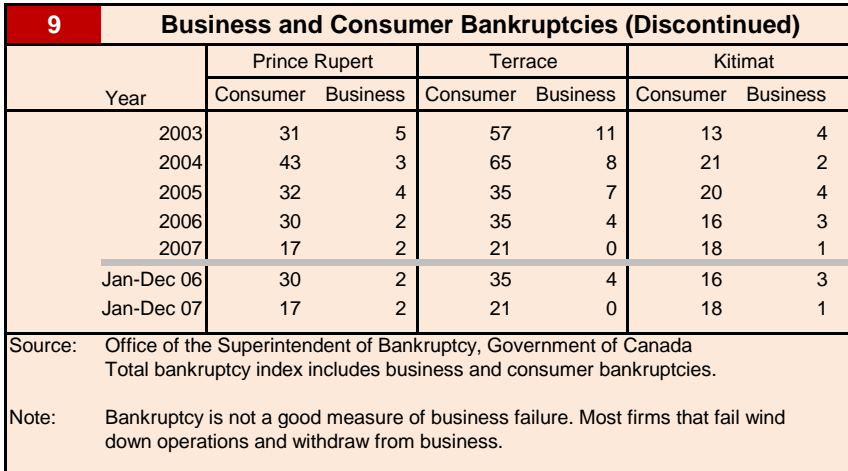
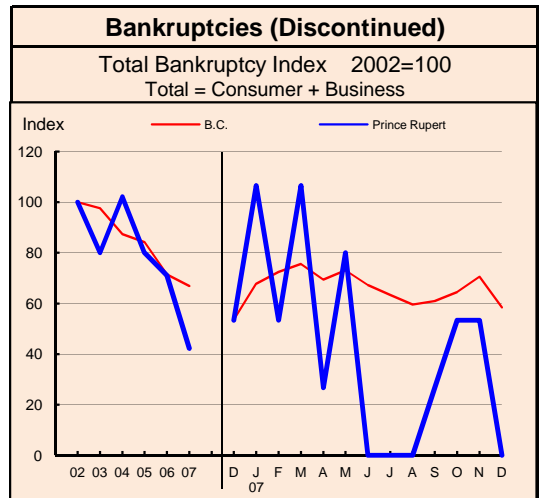
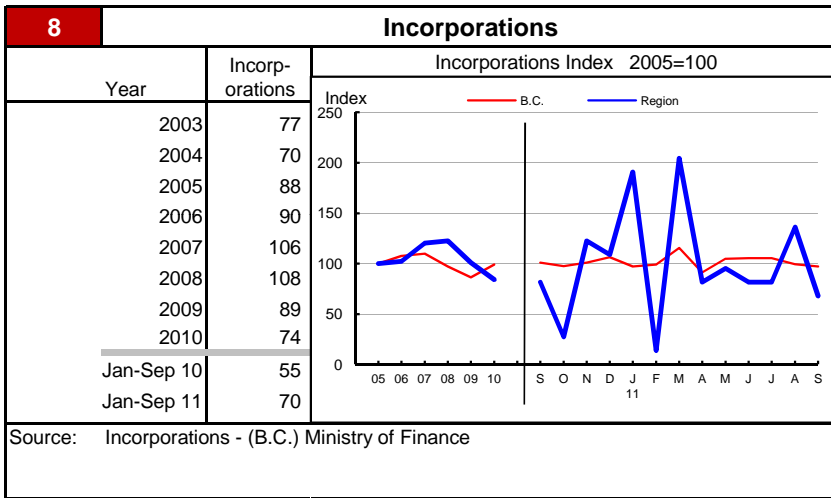
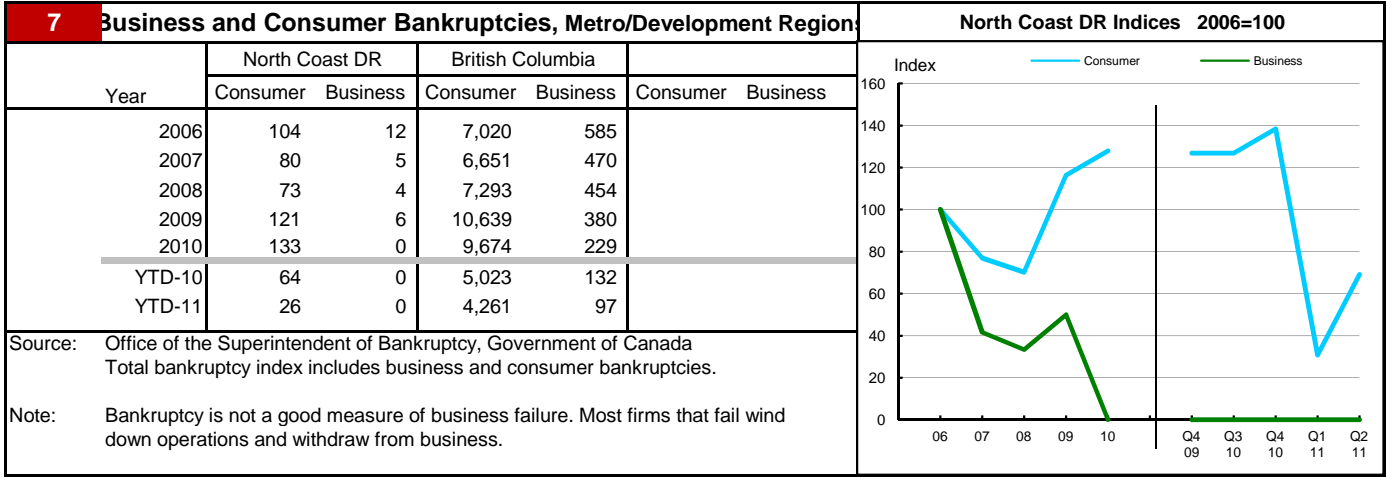
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called *Tourism Sector Monitor*, April and May issues of 2009.  
 Link to explanation of changes: [http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr\\_tour.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp)

6		Building Permits					Total Permits Index 2005=100		
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	Index		
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov't		B.C.	Region	
		<-- \$ Millions -->							
2003	24.6	18.7	7.9	9.2	1.6	5.9			12
2004	11.7	6.7	0.3	3.4	3.1	5.0			13
2005	22.5	15.8	2.0	7.3	6.6	6.7			28
2006	35.4	18.5	0.8	16.0	1.7	16.9			48
2007	43.3	25.2	0.5	12.0	12.6	18.1			59
2008	45.8	19.2	2.2	15.3	1.7	26.6			78
2009	32.2	20.6	1.1	5.0	14.6	11.5			27
2010	30.0	18.9	1.1	16.0	1.8	11.1			50
Jan-Oct 10	27.7	17.7	0.7	15.2	1.8	10.0			50
Jan-Oct 11	66.4	53.0	23.5	28.8	0.7	13.4	27		

Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Latest month preliminary, previous month is revised.  
 Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).



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**Dependence on the Safety Net**

<b>10 Basic Income Assistance</b> (Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)							<b>11 Employment Insurance (was UI)</b> (EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)				
Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	Note Older Data
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '08	4.9	8.1	5.6	4.0	2.3	2.8	2.3	3.2	1.8	Sep '07
	Dec '08	5.1	8.0	6.3	4.4	2.3	5.9	5.1	6.5	4.5	Dec '07
	Mar '09	5.6	8.7	6.6	4.9	2.4	6.6	5.6	7.3	4.8	Mar '08
	Jun '09	5.6	8.7	7.0	5.0	2.5	7.3	5.6	8.4	4.8	Jun '08
	Sep '09	5.4	8.6	6.3	4.8	2.5	2.7	2.1	3.2	1.5	Sep '08
	Dec '09	6.0	9.0	7.2	5.4	2.5	6.4	5.7	7.2	4.5	Dec '08
	Mar '10	6.4	9.4	8.4	5.7	2.6	8.1	7.5	9.3	4.9	Mar '09
	Jun '10	6.4	9.7	8.2	5.7	2.6	5.4	4.9	6.2	3.3	Jun '09
	Sep '10	6.1	9.3	7.7	5.4	2.7	4.5	3.4	5.2	3.0	Sep '09
<b>Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of September 2010)</b>		<b>All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.</b>					<b>EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population</b>				
Region		Percent					Percent				
B.C.											
Total Number of Recipients	2,610	75,506									
Percent Distribution by Duration											
<1 Year	53.3	56.9									
1-2 Years	22.5	24.5									
>2 Years	24.3	18.6									
Source: Ministry of Social Development administrative files and BC Stats population estimates. These figures include only a subset of those receiving income assistance. Excluded are those on Continuous Assistance (disabled or with persistent multiple barriers to employment, children in the home of a relative, and OAS/seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic income assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: '-' Data too small to release.							Source: Ministry of Social Development and BC Stats population estimates.				
<b>12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance</b> (Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)											
Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)	All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.					
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	Percent					
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '07	6.1	8.9	6.6	2.9						
	Dec '07	9.5	11.9	10.3	5.6						
	Mar '08	10.4	11.7	11.5	6.0						
	Jun '08	11.0	11.6	12.6	6.0						
	Sep '08	6.2	7.7	7.0	2.7						
	Dec '08	10.2	11.8	11.4	5.8						
	Mar '09	12.4	13.9	14.1	6.3						
	Jun '09	9.8	11.8	11.1	4.6						
	Sep '09	8.7	9.6	9.9	4.4						

Note: This data should be revamped in early 2012 with EI data coming from Statistics Canada and IA data from Ministry of Social Development.



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**Demographics**

North Coast has experienced periods of slow growth as well as periods of net loss of population. It has also seen shifts in the character and structure of its population. Although it has aged, adding almost 11 years to its median age since 1986, this is a relatively young population, with a median age almost two years younger than the provincial median. The sex ratio is very heavily biased in favour of males, likely due to the dependence on male-dominated resource industries. Fertility has decreased dramatically, especially in the last decade or so. Until 1995, fertility rates were around or above replacement level of 2100 births per thousand women of childbearing age, but they have fallen significantly in recent years. However, they remain well above provincial levels. As fertility has declined, the ratio of children to those of working ages (18 to 64) has also dropped. On the other hand, the elderly dependency ratio has more than doubled in the last two decades. Despite these shifts in the age structure, child dependency remains much higher and elderly dependency much lower than the corresponding provincial ratios. Although births continue to outnumber deaths by a substantial margin, natural increase is diminishing over time and is contributing less and less to growth in the region. With a few exceptions, net migration has been predominantly negative, resulting in a net loss in population since 1996.

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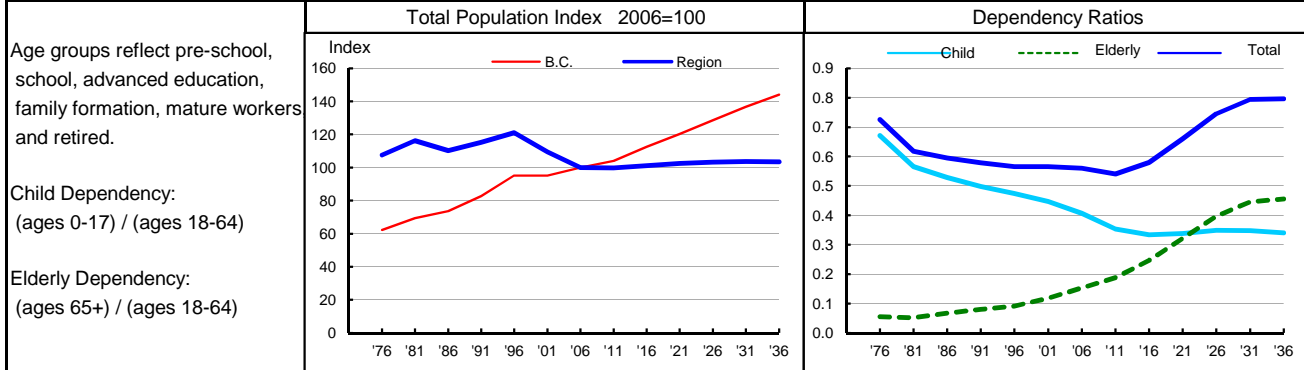
**Projection**

This region has tended to have more net migration outflows than inflows. Despite some major potential economic development in the future, this trend is expected continue in the short term, with net migration turning positive only near the end of the projection period. Natural increase will remain positive until about halfway through the projection period when annual deaths overtake births. These trends will likely result in a small population decline overall for this region. Population ageing is expected to continue resulting in a 2036 overall dependency ratio of 8 dependents for every 10 people of working age.

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**Selected Demographic Characteristics**

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	6.6	17.9	9.0	19.1	8.5	2.0	63.2	17.1	0.671	0.055	0.726	1976
1981	6.7	17.2	10.6	22.7	9.0	2.2	68.3	20.4	0.566	0.052	0.617	1981
1986	6.2	15.3	8.0	22.6	10.0	2.7	64.8	20.9	0.529	0.067	0.595	1986
1991	6.4	15.0	7.4	23.9	11.6	3.4	67.7	22.5	0.499	0.080	0.579	1991
1996	6.0	15.6	7.3	24.5	13.6	4.1	71.2	24.4	0.474	0.091	0.565	1996
2001	4.4	14.0	5.7	20.0	15.4	4.9	64.4	22.9	0.447	0.118	0.565	2001
2006	3.5	11.8	5.1	15.6	17.0	5.8	58.8	22.2	0.407	0.154	0.560	2006
2011	3.4	10.0	6.6	13.6	17.9	7.2	58.7	23.0	0.353	0.188	0.541	2011
2016	3.4	9.2	5.6	14.2	17.8	9.3	59.5	24.3	0.333	0.247	0.580	2016
2021	3.3	8.9	4.9	14.9	16.5	11.7	60.2	25.1	0.338	0.322	0.660	2021
2026	3.2	8.9	4.6	15.8	14.4	13.8	60.7	25.6	0.349	0.397	0.745	2026
2031	3.1	8.7	4.6	16.1	13.2	15.1	61.0	26.0	0.348	0.446	0.794	2031
2036	3.0	8.5	4.6	15.1	14.2	15.4	60.9	26.1	0.341	0.455	0.796	2036



Source: Population data are Projection P-36, run in Summer 2011. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.  
 Note: Demographics and Projection notes in Tables 13 and 14 are from Projection P-33, run the Summer 2008.