



**Nechako  
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<b>1</b>	<b>General Economy</b>
<p>Regional Districts in Development Region: Bulkley-Nechako, Stikine</p> <p>The main economic activities in this area include forestry, agriculture, mining, and tourism. This region stretches from the Nechako valley in the south to the Yukon border in the north. The majority of the residents live in the south and are engaged primarily in forestry, mining and agriculture. Road works and upgrades are being implemented throughout the region. The area has seen considerable mining exploration in recent years and several mines are in proposal stages. Forestry remains the primary income generating activity. Some lumber mills in the area have announced closures or output reductions. The region's many lumber and speciality mills also face future supply issues due to the mountain pine beetle problem in the area. Mining exploration and development continues for the area.</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.

**2 Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2010**

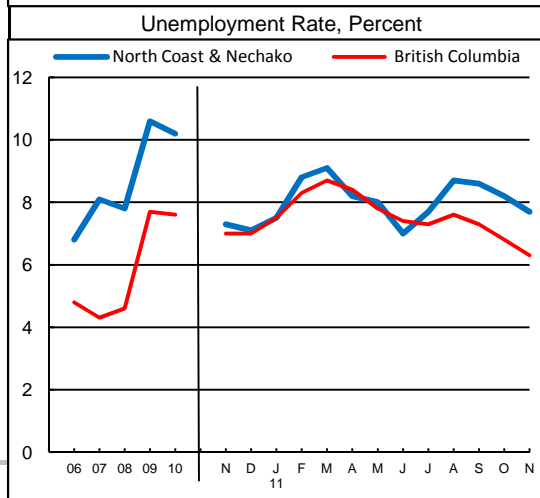
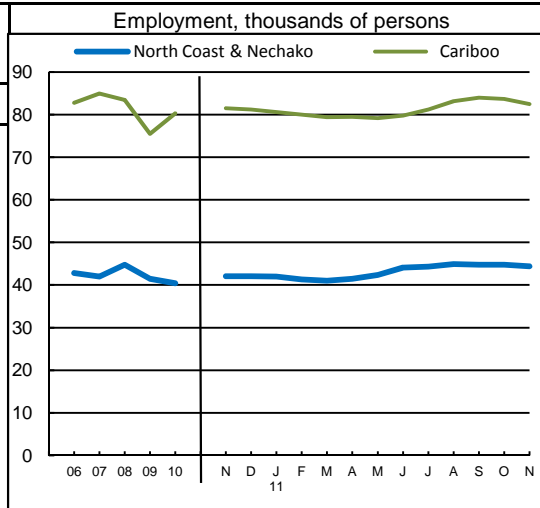
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nechako							British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 99	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,574	1,634	131	50	14	1,829	100.0%	100.0%	370,262
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	419	311	28	5	1	345	18.9%	4.1%	15,134
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	18	14	6	1	1	22	1.2%	0.6%	2,220
22	Utilities	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	363
23	Construction	188	195	5	4	0	204	11.2%	14.0%	51,926
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	38	51	6	6	7	70	3.8%	3.2%	11,824
41	Wholesale Trade	34	40	3	1	0	44	2.4%	4.4%	16,471
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	93	185	16	5	2	208	11.4%	8.1%	30,041
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	127	124	3	2	0	129	7.1%	5.1%	18,964
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	22	0	0	0	22	1.2%	1.5%	5,509
52	Finance & Insurance	55	39	7	3	0	49	2.7%	5.4%	19,946
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	157	47	0	0	0	47	2.6%	11.2%	41,389
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	110	110	5	1	1	117	6.4%	13.1%	48,449
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	67	17	0	0	0	17	0.9%	3.9%	14,283
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	39	47	5	2	0	54	3.0%	4.5%	16,769
61	Educational Services	6	12	4	1	2	19	1.0%	1.2%	4,290
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	100	9	5	0	114	6.2%	5.6%	20,661
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	42	29	4	1	0	34	1.9%	1.7%	6,187
72	Accom. & Food Services	54	120	22	4	0	146	8.0%	4.3%	15,964
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	103	156	1	0	0	157	8.6%	7.8%	28,939
91	Public Administration	1	11	7	9	0	27	1.5%	0.3%	933

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



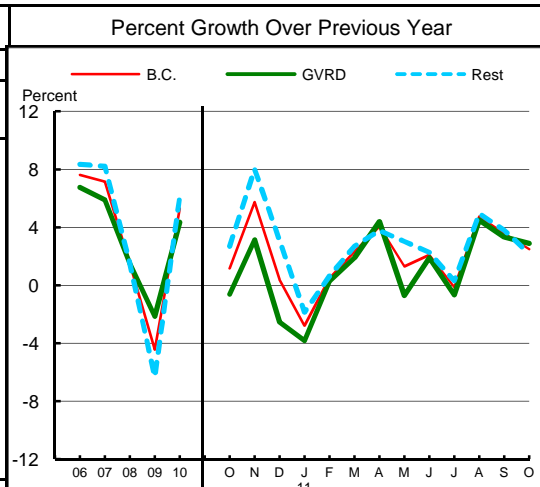
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<b>3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month</b>						
	North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	46.6	11.2	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
2010 Jan	39.3	10.7	74.7	12.1	2,219.8	8.0
2010 Feb	39.1	10.3	74.6	11.6	2,213.3	8.1
2010 Mar	38.5	11.5	75.0	10.4	2,213.2	8.2
2010 Apr	38.0	12.0	77.2	8.2	2,224.5	7.8
2010 May	38.0	12.8	78.9	7.5	2,238.7	7.8
2010 Jun	39.4	11.9	81.7	7.1	2,258.8	7.6
2010 Jul	40.7	11.9	82.7	8.6	2,277.1	7.7
2010 Aug	41.3	11.0	83.9	8.4	2,289.9	7.8
2010 Sep	41.5	10.6	83.1	8.4	2,284.5	7.8
2010 Oct	42.0	8.9	82.3	7.6	2,278.8	7.5
2010 Nov	42.1	7.3	81.5	7.1	2,273.6	7.0
2010 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
2011 Feb	41.3	8.8	80.0	7.5	2,232.3	8.3
2011 Mar	41.0	9.1	79.4	7.6	2,227.7	8.7
2011 Apr	41.5	8.2	79.5	7.1	2,240.5	8.4
2011 May	42.4	8.0	79.2	7.2	2,261.0	7.8
2011 Jun	44.1	7.0	79.8	7.4	2,280.1	7.4
2011 Jul	44.3	7.7	81.2	7.5	2,295.3	7.3
2011 Aug	44.9	8.7	83.2	8.1	2,298.0	7.6
2011 Sep	44.8	8.6	84.0	8.1	2,300.7	7.3
2011 Oct	44.8	8.2	83.7	7.8	2,299.8	6.8
2011 Nov	44.4	7.7	82.5	6.9	2,296.6	6.3
2011 Dec	44.4	7.7	82.5	6.9	2,296.6	6.3
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	
Nechako Dev. Region	2006	9,791.0	1,740.0	2,337.0	3,533.0	2,181.0		
	2007	11,246.0	1,862.0	2,696.0	4,112.0	2,576.0		
	2008	10,891.0	1,823.0	2,713.0	3,906.0	2,449.0		
	2009	9,865.0	1,578.0	2,370.0	3,749.0	2,168.0		
	2010	8,028.0	1,664.0	2,385.0	3,979.0			
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	9,864.0	100.0%						
Fishing lodges	669.0	6.8%						
Motels	4,264.0	43.2%						
*Town of Smithers	5,319.0	53.9%						

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.

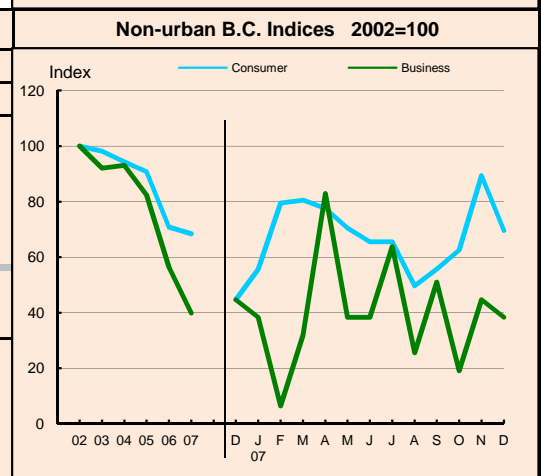
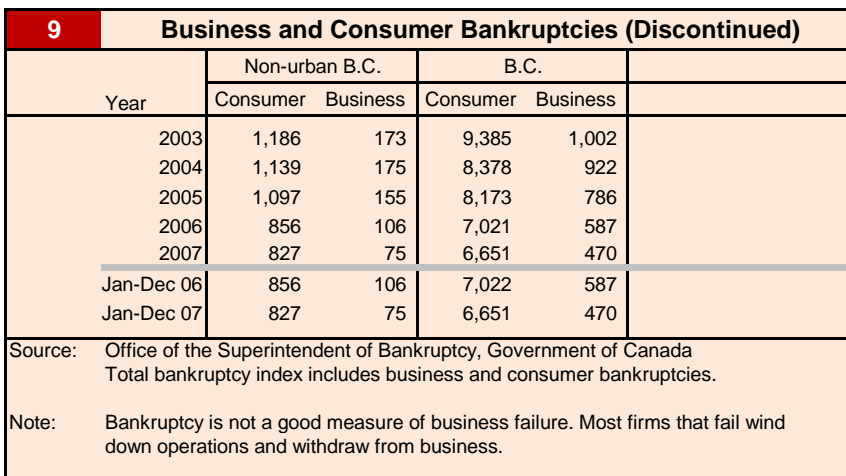
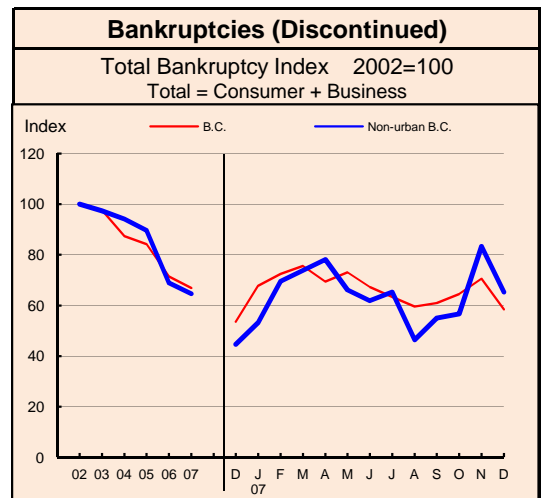
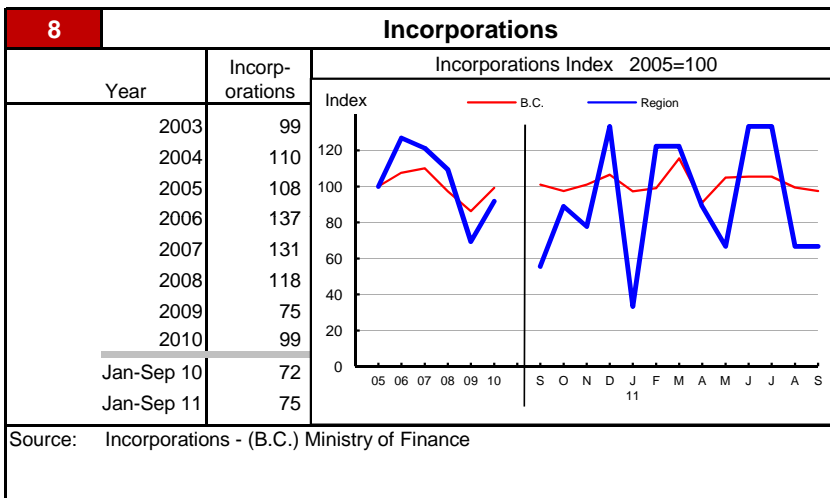
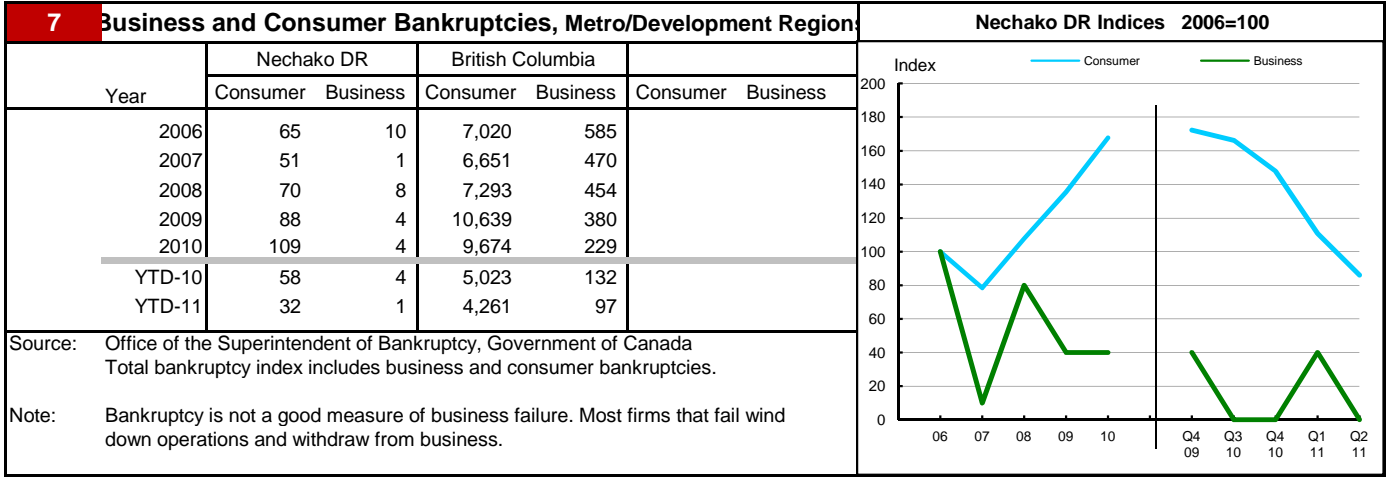
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called *Tourism Sector Monitor*, April and May issues of 2009.  
 Link to explanation of changes: [http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr\\_tour.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp)

6		Building Permits					Total Permits Index 2005=100	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	Units	Index
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov't			
		<-- \$ Millions -->						
2003	16.6	9.8	3.5	3.8	2.4	6.8	51	
2004	21.6	13.4	1.3	4.3	7.8	8.2	50	
2005	38.9	25.5	9.8	3.5	12.2	13.4	95	
2006	27.7	13.1	3.7	5.9	3.5	14.6	80	
2007	34.7	14.3	3.3	7.4	3.6	20.4	108	
2008	26.2	7.7	1.0	3.8	3.0	18.4	100	
2009	20.4	6.6	0.6	2.5	3.5	13.9	60	
2010	39.8	23.7	3.6	8.6	11.5	16.1	84	
Jan-Oct 10	37.3	22.0	2.7	7.9	11.5	15.3	80	
Jan-Oct 11	24.3	10.3	1.3	8.0	0.9	14.0	69	

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																																																						
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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.																																																										
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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.																																																											
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**13 Demographics**

Nechako has experienced periods of slow growth as well as periods of shrinking population. It has also seen shifts in the character and structure of its population. Although it has aged, adding 10.5 years to its median age since 1986, this is a relatively young population, with a median age almost three years younger than the provincial median. The sex ratio is heavily biased in favour of males, likely due to the dependency on male-dominated resource industries. For much of the period, fertility rates have been around or above replacement level (2100 per 1000 women). Fertility remains very high relative to the province as a whole. Overall dependency ratios are higher than for the province as a whole, likely due to higher fertility and the older age structure of the population. Although child dependency is by far the largest portion of overall dependency, elderly dependency ratios have increased dramatically over the last twenty years. High fertility and a youthful population means that births outnumber deaths by a substantial margin and natural increase makes a significant, but declining, contribution to population growth. However, net migration has been predominantly negative. Since the magnitude of natural increase has been insufficient to offset these outflows, Nechako has experienced a period of net loss of population from the late 1990s to the present.

**14 Projection**

A large portion of this region is very sparsely populated. Net migration to the area has been negative for the past decade, and this trend will continue, though more modestly, until near the end of the projection period. Nonetheless, positive natural increase should continue for most of the projection and is expected to more than offset the migration outflows. As a result, the population should grow modestly over the projection period, adding about 1,700 people over the projection period. Population ageing is expected to continue and, by 2036, there will likely be 8 dependents for every ten people of working age.

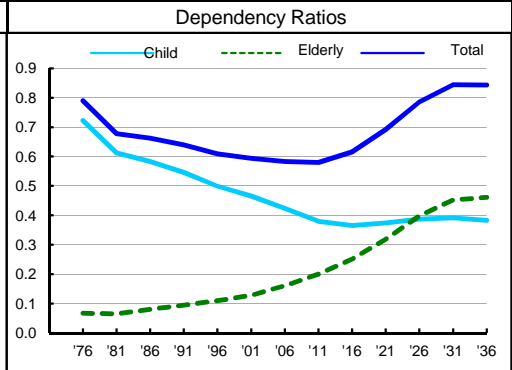
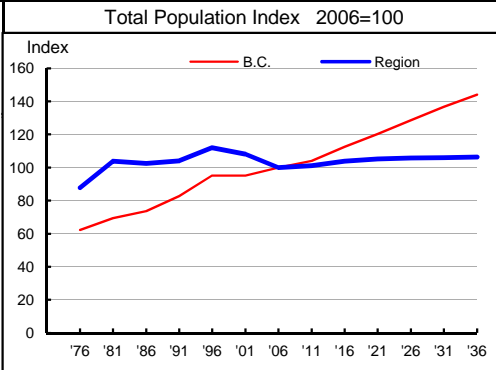
**15 Selected Demographic Characteristics**

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	3.7	10.4	4.8	9.9	4.9	1.3	35.1	9.7	0.723	0.067	0.790	1976
1981	4.5	10.7	6.2	13.0	5.6	1.6	41.5	12.5	0.613	0.065	0.678	1981
1986	4.2	10.1	4.7	13.8	6.1	2.0	41.0	13.1	0.583	0.080	0.663	1986
1991	3.8	10.1	4.2	14.3	6.9	2.4	41.6	13.8	0.546	0.094	0.640	1991
1996	3.7	10.2	4.5	14.8	8.4	3.0	44.7	15.4	0.500	0.109	0.609	1996
2001	3.1	9.5	4.1	13.2	9.8	3.5	43.2	15.4	0.466	0.128	0.593	2001
2006	2.6	8.1	3.5	10.5	11.2	4.1	40.0	14.8	0.423	0.161	0.584	2006
2011	2.6	7.1	4.3	9.4	11.9	5.1	40.5	15.2	0.380	0.200	0.580	2011
2016	2.6	6.8	3.8	10.0	11.9	6.4	41.5	15.9	0.365	0.251	0.616	2016
2021	2.6	6.7	3.4	10.3	11.2	7.9	42.1	16.4	0.374	0.319	0.692	2021
2026	2.5	6.7	3.2	10.4	10.1	9.4	42.3	16.6	0.387	0.398	0.786	2026
2031	2.4	6.6	3.3	10.4	9.3	10.4	42.4	16.8	0.392	0.453	0.845	2031
2036	2.4	6.5	3.3	10.0	9.7	10.6	42.6	17.0	0.383	0.461	0.844	2036

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:  
 (ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:  
 (ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)



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.