



**Northeast
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1	General Economy
<p>Regional Districts in Development Region: Peace River, Northern Rockies</p> <p>Located to the east of the Rocky Mountains, this region is the north-west extension of the prairies. It has good agricultural land and contains large reservoirs of oil and natural gas. The main economic activities include energy, agriculture, forestry, mining and tourism. The area has several coal mines and more are in exploration or development phases. There are wind power projects proposed for this area. Power transmission upgrades and expansions are underway. The Timber Supply Areas located (wholly or in part) in this area are relatively healthy. The annual allowable cuts have remained steady for the past few years, after being increased in 2003. The area is also home to several large lumber and pulp and paper mills and remanufacturing facilities, some of which have announced closures or output reductions. The expansion of the oil and gas industry in the area is also fuelling construction activity. The area is home to over 1,600 farms and ranches. Backcountry and eco-tourism are growing in this area. The electric generation facilities in this region provide a substantial amount of power to the province.</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 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

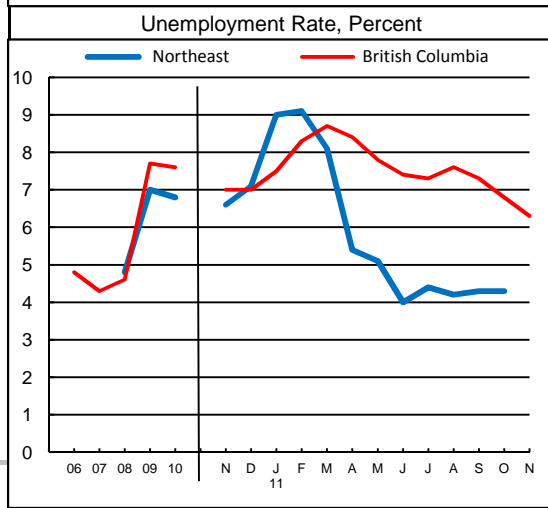
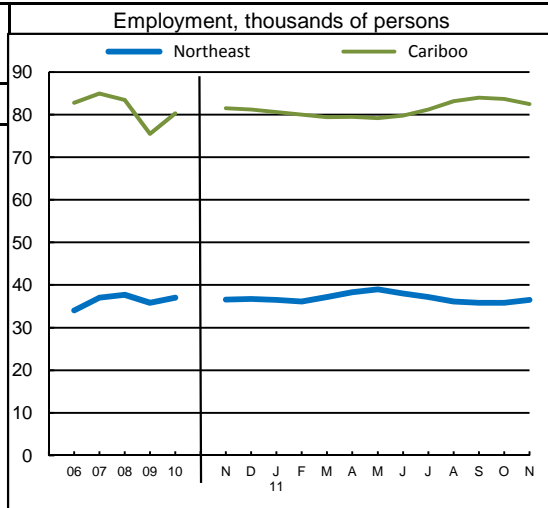
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Locations With No Employees	Northeast						British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,091	3,454	271	117	20	3,862	100.0%	100.0%	370,262
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	641	230	12	0	0	242	6.3%	4.1%	15,134
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	190	333	34	19	1	387	10.0%	0.6%	2,220
22	Utilities	1	9	1	0	0	10	0.3%	0.1%	363
23	Construction	439	503	40	17	5	565	14.6%	14.0%	51,926
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	36	62	3	5	2	72	1.9%	3.2%	11,824
41	Wholesale Trade	49	134	16	1	0	151	3.9%	4.4%	16,471
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	120	291	26	21	3	341	8.8%	8.1%	30,041
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	311	391	20	5	1	417	10.8%	5.1%	18,964
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	3	29	3	0	0	32	0.8%	1.5%	5,509
52	Finance & Insurance	64	49	11	4	1	65	1.7%	5.4%	19,946
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	372	123	7	2	0	132	3.4%	11.2%	41,389
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	240	292	18	4	0	314	8.1%	13.1%	48,449
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	101	18	1	1	0	20	0.5%	3.9%	14,283
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	112	154	5	4	0	163	4.2%	4.5%	16,769
61	Educational Services	14	33	3	1	3	40	1.0%	1.2%	4,290
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	40	173	14	8	3	198	5.1%	5.6%	20,661
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27	47	3	1	0	51	1.3%	1.7%	6,187
72	Accom. & Food Services	68	122	37	11	1	171	4.4%	4.3%	15,964
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	261	459	13	2	0	474	12.3%	7.8%	28,939
91	Public Administration	2	2	4	11	0	17	0.4%	0.3%	933

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



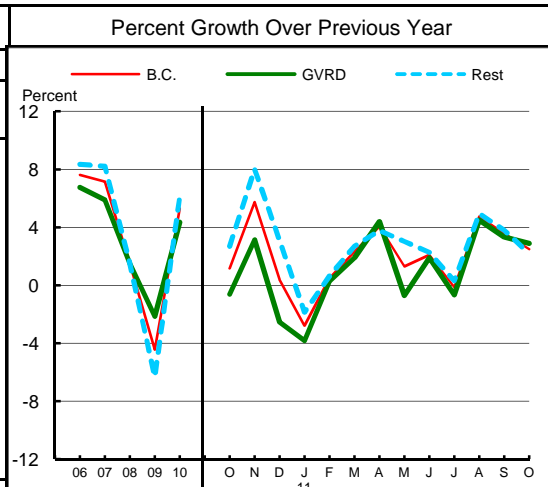
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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month						
	Northeast		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	32.5	6.1	79.2	9.7	1,919.7	7.7
2002	33.3	9.0	77.3	12.6	1,952.8	8.5
2003	35.0	6.4	77.3	11.0	1,998.0	8.0
2004	33.5	5.4	79.4	9.2	2,032.8	7.2
2005	34.2	4.7	79.3	7.4	2,091.9	5.8
2006	34.0	NA	82.8	6.1	2,147.2	4.8
2007	37.0	NA	85.0	5.1	2,222.6	4.3
2008	37.7	4.8	83.5	6.7	2,266.4	4.6
2009	35.8	7.0	75.5	12.1	2,217.9	7.7
2010	37.0	6.8	80.3	8.1	2,256.5	7.6
Jan	36.9	4.9	74.7	12.1	2,219.8	8.0
Feb	37.1	4.4	74.6	11.6	2,213.3	8.1
Mar	37.3	4.6	75.0	10.4	2,213.2	8.2
Apr	37.6	5.5	77.2	8.2	2,224.5	7.8
May	37.3	7.0	78.9	7.5	2,238.7	7.8
Jun	37.4	7.7	81.7	7.1	2,258.8	7.6
Jul	37.2	7.2	82.7	8.6	2,277.1	7.7
Aug	37.4	6.7	83.9	8.4	2,289.9	7.8
Sep	36.7	7.6	83.1	8.4	2,284.5	7.8
Oct	36.6	7.6	82.3	7.6	2,278.8	7.5
Nov	36.6	6.6	81.5	7.1	2,273.6	7.0
Dec	36.7	7.1	81.2	7.0	2,269.6	7.0
2011						
Jan	36.5	9.0	80.6	7.2	2,250.0	7.5
Feb	36.1	9.1	80.0	7.5	2,232.3	8.3
Mar	37.2	8.1	79.4	7.6	2,227.7	8.7
Apr	38.3	5.4	79.5	7.1	2,240.5	8.4
May	39.0	5.1	79.2	7.2	2,261.0	7.8
Jun	38.0	4.0	79.8	7.4	2,280.1	7.4
Jul	37.2	4.4	81.2	7.5	2,295.3	7.3
Aug	36.1	4.2	83.2	8.1	2,298.0	7.6
Sep	35.8	4.3	84.0	8.1	2,300.7	7.3
Oct	35.8	4.3	83.7	7.8	2,299.8	6.8
Nov	36.5	NA	82.5	6.9	2,296.6	6.3
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Nov10	37.2	6.3	80.1	8.4	2,256.8	7.7
Jan-Nov11	37.0	NA	81.1	7.5	2,273.7	7.5
% Change	-0.3		1.3		0.7	



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

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey						
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 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	
Northeast Dev. Region	2006	73,976.0	20,004.0	16,384.0	20,875.0	16,713.0		
	2007	68,504.0	19,521.0	14,577.0	18,720.0	15,686.0		
	2008	77,098.0	19,052.0	16,952.0	21,185.0	19,909.0		
	2009	67,575.0	19,386.0	13,932.0	17,081.0	17,176.0		
	2010	58,408.0	19,016.0	17,473.0	21,919.0			
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	67,700.0	100.0%						
Hotels	50,350.0	74.4%						
1-75 Rooms	10,135.0	15.0%						
Motels	11,867.0	17.5%						
*City of Dawson Creek	15,459.0	22.8%						
*City of Fort St. John	16,996.0	25.1%						
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.

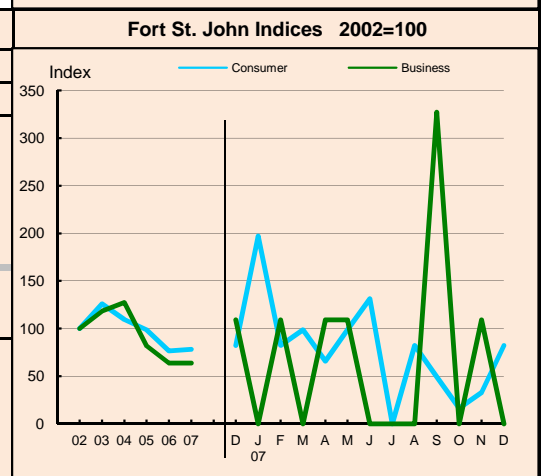
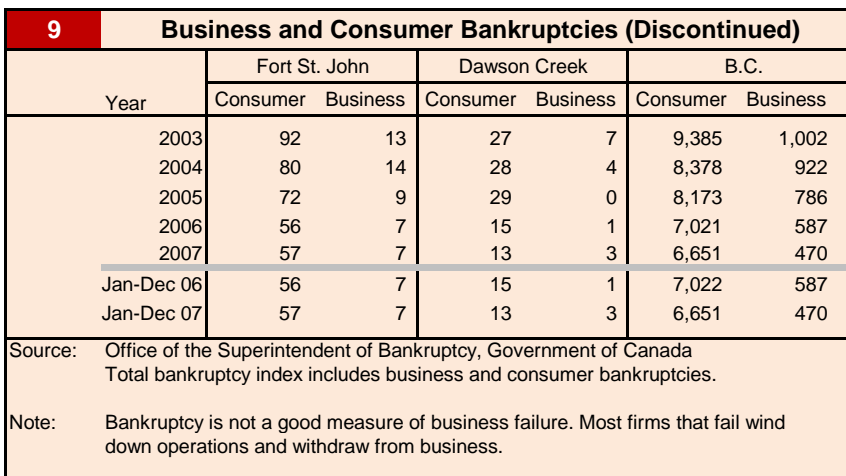
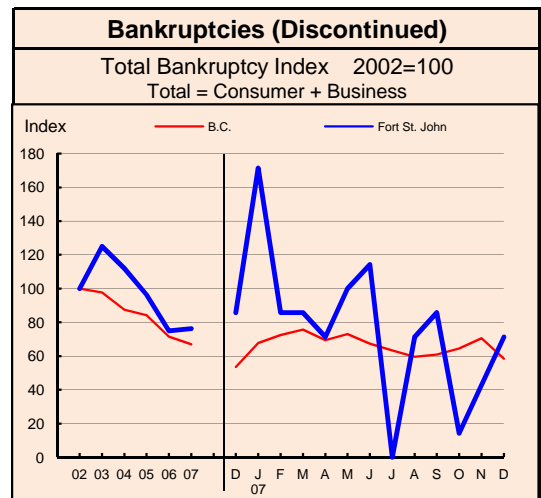
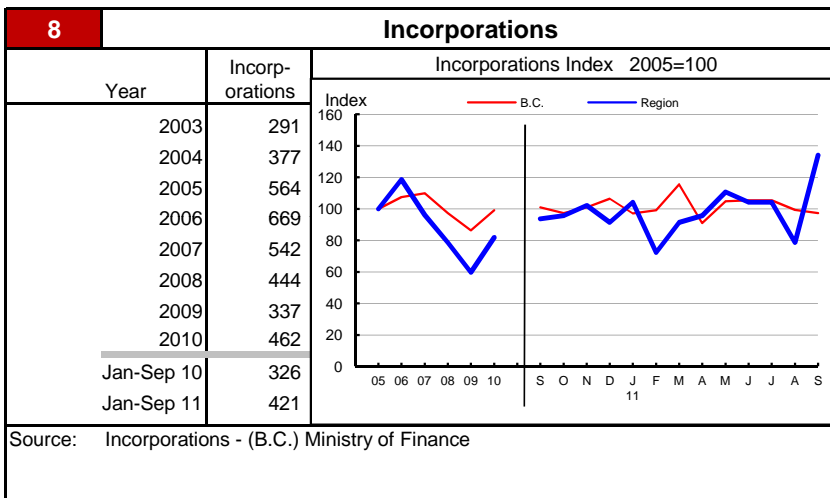
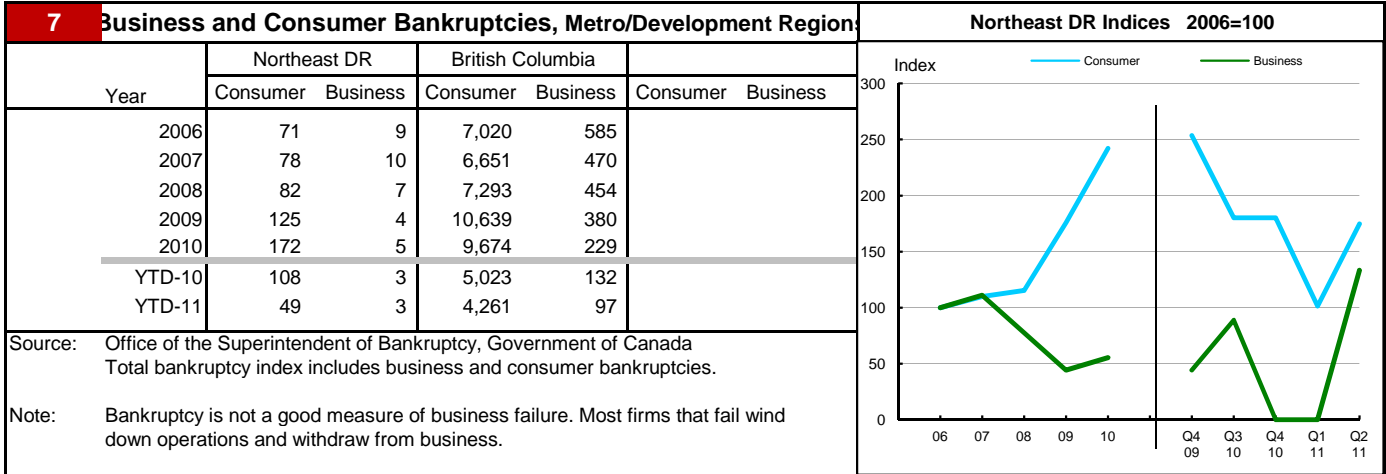
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called *Tourism Sector Monitor*, April and May issues of 2009.
 Link to explanation of changes: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp

6		Building Permits						Total Permits Index 2005=100	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential		Index	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov't				
<-- \$ Millions -->							Units		
2003	55.6	28.1	6.8	19.9	1.3	27.5	253		
2004	105.9	69.6	49.0	18.7	1.9	36.3	187		
2005	149.1	104.4	30.8	66.7	6.9	44.6	230		
2006	202.4	121.1	5.1	102.2	13.7	81.3	418		
2007	163.7	72.8	26.8	31.5	14.5	90.9	571		
2008	159.6	91.8	16.7	68.8	6.3	67.9	277		
2009	147.2	86.9	8.1	68.8	9.9	60.3	242		
2010	159.4	81.5	18.2	49.6	13.7	77.9	376		
Jan-Oct 10	151.4	79.2	17.5	47.9	13.7	72.2	352		
Jan-Oct 11	168.0	96.5	36.7	42.1	17.7	71.5	287		

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

10 Basic Income Assistance (Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)							11 Employment Insurance (was UI) (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			
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '08	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	Sep '07		
	Dec '08	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.2	0.7	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.7	Dec '07		
	Mar '09	1.6	2.1	1.8	1.5	0.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	Mar '08		
	Jun '09	1.8	2.4	2.0	1.6	0.9	4.7	4.3	4.9	4.5	Jun '08		
	Sep '09	1.8	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.0	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.7	Sep '08		
	Dec '09	2.0	2.6	2.4	1.8	1.1	2.4	2.1	2.5	1.9	Dec '08		
	Mar '10	2.0	2.6	2.4	1.8	1.1	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.1	Mar '09		
	Jun '10	1.9	2.5	2.3	1.7	1.0	4.9	5.9	4.9	4.0	Jun '09		
	Sep '10	1.7	2.3	1.8	1.4	1.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	3.3	Sep '09		
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of September 2010)		All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.					EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population						
Region		B.C.											
Total Number of Recipients	1,008	75,506											
Percent Distribution by Duration													
<1 Year	62.6	56.9											
1-2 Years	23.2	24.5											
>2 Years	14.2	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.						
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance (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							
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '07	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.3								
	Dec '07	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.3								
	Mar '08	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.2								
	Jun '08	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.0								
	Sep '08	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.0								
	Dec '08	3.4	3.6	3.6	2.4								
	Mar '09	5.3	5.7	5.5	3.7								
	Jun '09	6.3	7.8	6.4	4.6								
	Sep '09	5.7	6.6	5.9	4.0								

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

Northeast has experienced periods of 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 about 6.6 years to its median age since 1986, this is a relatively young population, with a median age 6.5 years younger than the provincial median. The sex ratio is very heavily biased in favour of males, likely due to the dependency on male-dominated resource industries. For much of the period, fertility rates were around or above replacement level (2100 per 1000 women), but they have been declining since the mid 1990s. Nevertheless, fertility remains very high relative to the province as a whole. Overall dependency was the same as for the province as a whole in 2007 but, compared to the province, children contribute a larger share to overall dependency due to higher fertility. However, 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 contribution to population growth. After a period of negative net migration from 1997 to 2003, Northeast has experienced growth in three of the last four years. In 2004 this growth was largely due to a substantial amount of net immigration, while in the last two years, Northeast's population grew mainly on the strength of natural increase.

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Projection

There is a lot of growth potential due to the abundance of natural resources located in the area and this should translate into strong population growth over the long-term. Net migration is forecast to remain positive after the first year of the projection period. Natural increase will likely remain positive until the end of the projection but it will continue to decline as deaths increase, resulting in slower growth towards the end of the projection. The population will continue to age and, by 2036, there will likely be over 6.5 dependents for every 10 people of working age.

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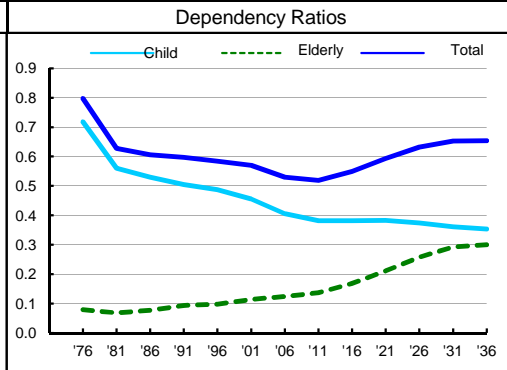
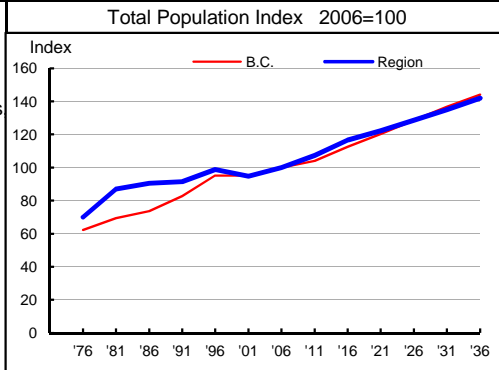
Selected Demographic Characteristics

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	4.5	13.8	6.2	12.8	6.6	2.0	45.9	12.9	0.718	0.079	0.798	1976
1981	5.7	14.0	9.6	17.7	7.7	2.4	57.0	17.8	0.560	0.068	0.627	1981
1986	6.0	13.5	7.6	20.5	8.9	2.8	59.4	20.1	0.529	0.077	0.606	1986
1991	5.6	13.4	6.5	21.3	9.8	3.5	60.1	20.9	0.505	0.093	0.598	1991
1996	5.6	14.3	6.7	22.9	11.4	4.0	64.9	22.6	0.487	0.097	0.584	1996
2001	4.5	13.5	6.3	20.3	12.9	4.5	62.2	22.7	0.456	0.114	0.570	2001
2006	4.7	12.7	7.3	19.8	15.8	5.3	65.6	24.5	0.406	0.124	0.530	2006
2011	5.3	12.4	7.2	20.7	18.4	6.4	70.4	26.3	0.382	0.137	0.519	2011
2016	5.3	13.5	6.9	23.0	19.5	8.3	76.5	28.5	0.382	0.168	0.550	2016
2021	5.1	14.2	6.5	23.8	20.1	10.6	80.2	30.2	0.382	0.210	0.593	2021
2026	5.0	14.3	7.3	23.8	20.7	13.3	84.4	32.2	0.374	0.258	0.632	2026
2031	5.2	14.1	7.9	23.7	22.0	15.7	88.6	34.3	0.361	0.292	0.653	2031
2036	5.6	14.2	8.0	24.6	23.7	16.9	93.1	36.3	0.353	0.301	0.653	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.