



Northeast
Development Region

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.

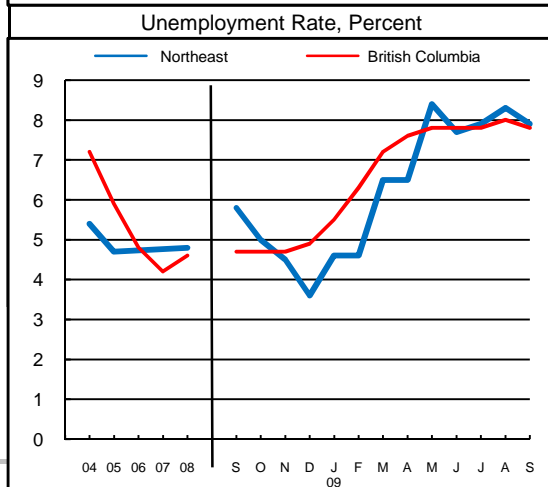
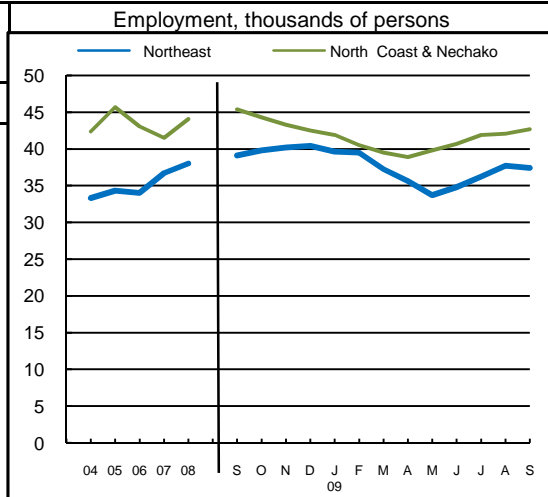
2		Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2008								
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Locations With No Employees	Northeast						British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With 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	3,035	3,591	257	129	21	3,998	100.0%	100.0%	175,003
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	609	259	14	1	0	274	6.9%	4.0%	7,009
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	180	333	29	19	0	381	9.5%	0.6%	1,071
22	Utilities	1	11	0	0	0	11	0.3%	0.1%	203
23	Construction	412	506	41	19	5	571	14.3%	12.1%	21,108
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	45	60	3	10	4	77	1.9%	4.5%	7,879
41	Wholesale Trade	61	141	15	6	0	162	4.1%	5.9%	10,359
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	120	323	26	19	2	370	9.3%	11.9%	20,742
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	332	414	19	6	1	440	11.0%	4.4%	7,734
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	32	3	1	0	36	0.9%	1.4%	2,412
52	Finance & Insurance	71	46	14	3	1	64	1.6%	3.8%	6,564
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	325	124	10	1	0	135	3.4%	4.5%	7,835
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	224	300	11	4	0	315	7.9%	11.0%	19,278
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	114	19	1	0	0	20	0.5%	1.6%	2,818
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	116	163	3	3	0	169	4.2%	4.9%	8,513
61	Educational Services	19	29	2	1	3	35	0.9%	1.4%	2,363
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	41	192	14	7	3	216	5.4%	8.4%	14,773
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	31	53	5	2	0	60	1.5%	1.6%	2,873
72	Accom. & Food Services	71	138	36	16	1	191	4.8%	6.7%	11,639
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	258	447	8	1	0	456	11.4%	10.9%	19,095
91	Public Administration	-	1	3	10	1	15	0.4%	0.4%	735

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



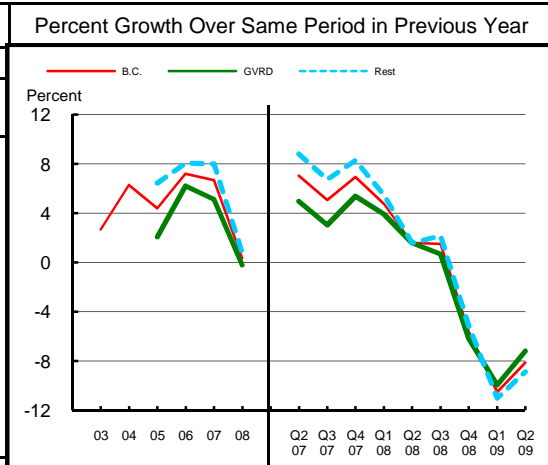
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3		Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month					
		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1999	30.7	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,894.4	8.3
	2000	31.8	5.9	47.3	10.2	1,931.3	7.1
	2001	32.5	6.1	46.6	11.2	1,921.6	7.7
	2002	33.2	9.0	44.9	12.6	1,965.0	8.5
	2003	34.9	6.4	44.8	11.3	2,014.7	8.0
	2004	33.3	5.4	42.4	11.6	2,062.7	7.2
	2005	34.3	4.7	45.7	8.1	2,130.5	5.9
	2006	34.0	NA	43.1	6.7	2,195.5	4.8
	2007	36.7	NA	41.5	8.0	2,266.3	4.2
	2008	38.0	4.8	44.1	7.7	2,314.3	4.6
2008	Jan	36.5	NA	41.5	8.2	2,286.5	4.1
	Feb	35.8	NA	42.1	7.3	2,278.9	4.2
	Mar	35.6	NA	43.3	7.1	2,284.9	4.4
	Apr	35.8	4.3	44.3	7.9	2,295.0	4.4
	May	35.8	5.0	44.4	8.6	2,313.3	4.5
	Jun	37.0	5.9	45.4	8.5	2,329.8	4.4
	Jul	37.9	6.2	45.8	7.5	2,345.0	4.5
	Aug	38.6	6.3	46.5	7.6	2,350.7	4.6
	Sep	39.1	5.8	45.4	6.8	2,337.7	4.7
	Oct	39.8	5.0	44.3	7.7	2,325.3	4.7
	Nov	40.2	4.5	43.3	7.7	2,312.5	4.7
	Dec	40.4	3.6	42.5	8.6	2,304.8	4.9
2009	Jan	39.6	4.6	41.9	9.3	2,278.4	5.5
	Feb	39.5	4.6	40.5	9.8	2,251.1	6.3
	Mar	37.2	6.5	39.5	11.1	2,227.5	7.2
	Apr	35.6	6.5	38.9	10.6	2,229.0	7.6
	May	33.7	8.4	39.8	10.6	2,243.1	7.8
	Jun	34.8	7.7	40.7	10.0	2,264.6	7.8
	Jul	36.2	7.9	41.9	10.5	2,275.9	7.8
	Aug	37.7	8.3	42.1	11.0	2,280.5	8.0
	Sep	37.4	7.9	42.7	10.1	2,275.8	7.8
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
ytd average based on Jan-Sep08		37.2	NA	44.7	7.4	2,317.5	4.5
actual data based on Jan-Sep09		36.7	7.4	40.9	10.4	2,256.0	7.6
actual data % Change		-1.5		-8.4		-2.7	



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						Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year	
		\$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago				
Year or Year/Quarter									
	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province			
2004	47,216.6	22,243.6	24,973.0	6.3	n/a	n/a			
2005	49,286.3	22,702.6	26,583.7	4.4	2.1	6.4			
Annual data 2006	52,837.1	24,110.2	28,726.9	7.2	6.2	8.1			
2007	56,365.4	25,342.8	31,022.6	6.7	5.1	8.0			
2008	56,562.4	25,290.5	31,271.8	0.3	-0.2	0.8			
Quarterly data 08 2	14,749.1	6,626.3	8,122.8	1.6	1.6	1.6			
08 3	14,923.3	6,466.4	8,456.9	1.5	0.7	2.2			
08 4	14,053.2	6,340.4	7,712.7	-5.6	-6.2	-5.2			
09 1	11,485.1	5,274.5	6,210.5	-10.5	-10.0	-11.0			
09 2	13,550.1	6,150.0	7,400.1	-8.1	-7.2	-8.9			



Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, monthly survey (CANSIM 080-0015).



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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.

5		Tourism Room Revenue (\$ Thousands)					Tourism Room Revenue Index 2003=100			
	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Index			
Northeast Dev. Region	2005	63,400.4	22,473.6	10,778.7	14,330.4	15,817.7				
	2006	74,099.4	20,003.6	16,433.1	20,917.6	16,745.1				
	2007	68,632.8	19,536.8	14,632.6	18,762.5	15,700.8				
	2008	77,237.0	19,065.9	17,003.4	21,236.4	19,931.3				
	2009	33,407.8	19,406.0	14,001.8						
British Columbia	2005	1,681,563.6	351,779.6	404,639.8	610,273.7	314,870.6				
	2006	1,807,608.7	366,165.1	450,747.7	652,476.4	338,219.5				
	2007	1,963,958.7	412,949.3	488,493.9	697,545.2	364,970.3				
	2008	1,977,424.9	435,223.9	503,276.7	687,708.3	351,215.9				
	2009	802,329.6	378,880.1	423,449.6						
2008 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type (\$Thousands %Share)										
TOTAL	77,237.0	100.0%								
Hotels	52,454.0	67.9%								
1-75 Rooms	13,572.0	17.6%								
Motels	14,374.0	18.6%								
*City of Dawson Creek	15,180.0	19.7%								
*City of Fort St. John	21,589.0	28.0%								
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.

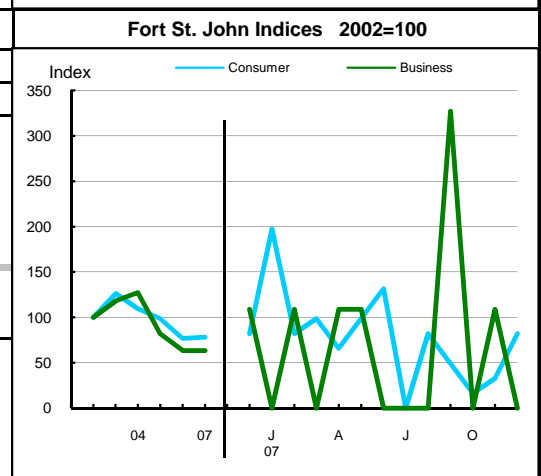
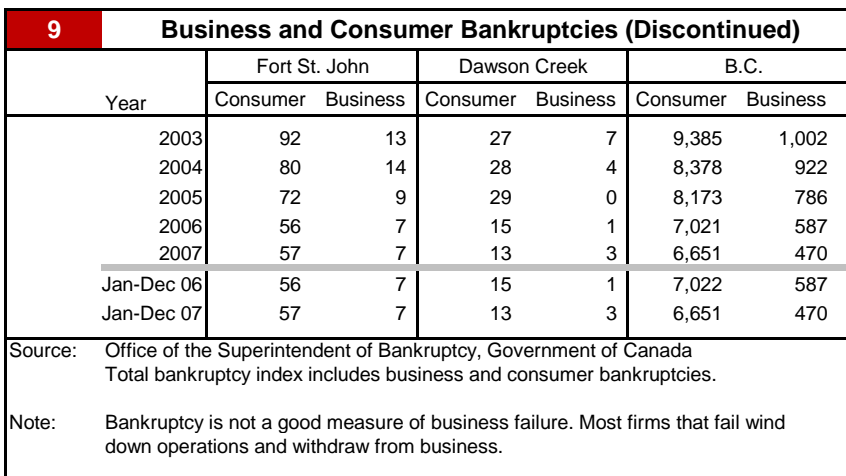
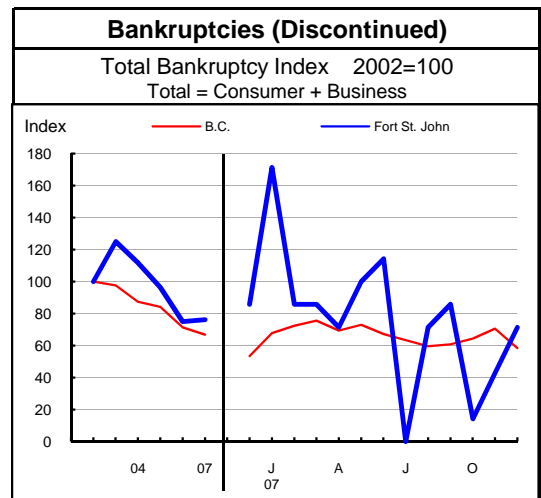
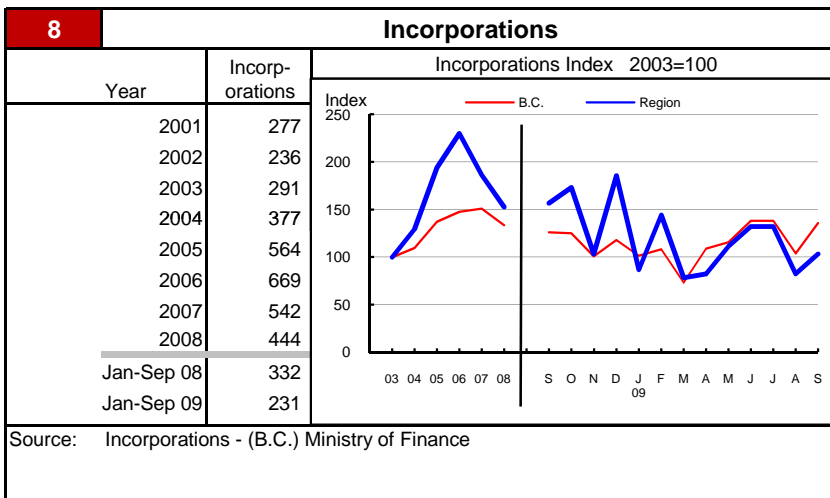
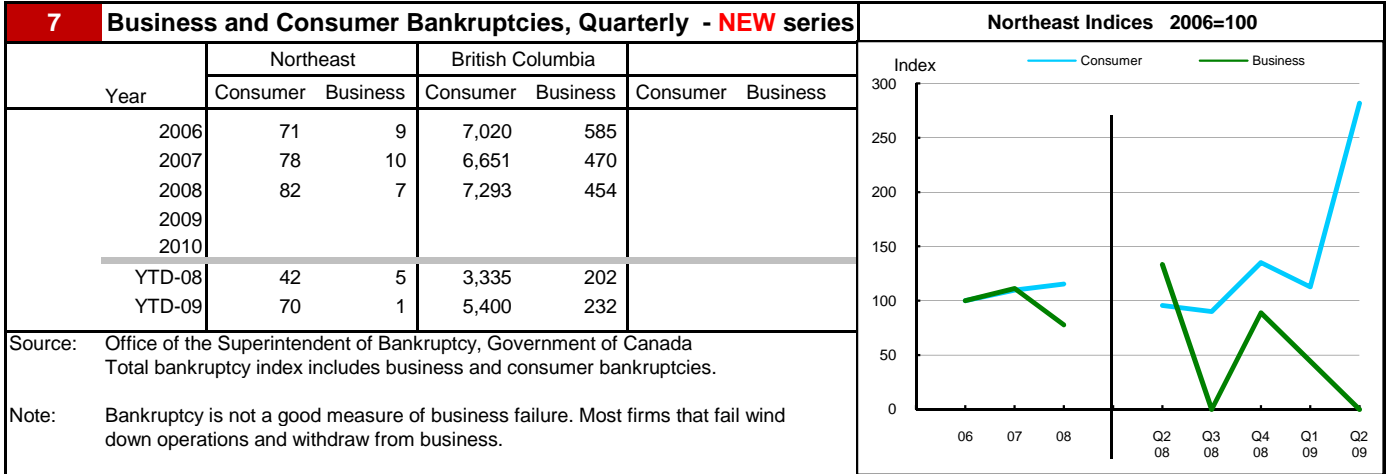
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called *Tourism Sector Monitor*, April and May issues of 2009.
Link to explanation of changes: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp

6		Building Permits						Total Permits Index 2003=100	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential		Index	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov't	Units			
		<-- \$ Millions -->							
2001	59.5	34.3	1.7	16.0	16.6	25.2	189		
2002	46.7	26.0	5.0	19.5	1.5	20.7	133		
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		
Jan-Aug 08	103.1	59.0	10.5	47.6	0.9	44.1	191		
Jan-Aug 09	112.1	71.4	7.2	58.2	5.9	40.7	153		

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 '07	1.1	1.7	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.7	Mar '07					
	Dec '07	1.2	1.7	0.9	1.1	0.7	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	Jun '07					
	Mar '08	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	Sep '07					
	Jun '08	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.8	Dec '07					
	Sep '08	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	Mar '08					
	Dec '08	1.3	1.7	1.6	1.2	0.7	4.7	4.2	4.9	4.5	Jun '08					
	Mar '09	1.6	2.1	1.8	1.6	0.9	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.7	Sep '08					
	Jun '09	1.8	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.0	2.4	2.1	2.5	1.9	Dec '08					
	Sep '09	1.8	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.3	Mar '09					
	Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of September 2009)		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		Percent					Percent									
B.C.		Region					B.C.					Region				
Total Number of Recipients	1,082	72,592					5.0					4.5				
Percent Distribution by Duration							4.0					3.5				
<1 Year	72.4	65.3					3.0					3.0				
1-2 Years	14.4	18.2					2.5					2.5				
>2 Years	13.2	16.4					2.0					2.0				
Source: Ministry of Children and Family 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 Housing and 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	Mar '07	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.2	6.0										
	Jun '07	3.3	3.5	3.4	2.9	5.5										
	Sep '07	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.3	5.0										
	Dec '07	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.3	4.5										
	Mar '08	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.2	4.0										
	Jun '08	5.7	5.4	5.9	5.1	3.5										
	Sep '08	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.1	3.0										
	Dec '08	3.4	3.6	3.6	2.4	2.5										
	Mar '09	5.4	5.8	5.6	3.9	2.0										
	Source: Ministry of Children and Family 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 Housing and Social Development and BC Stats population estimates.								

Note: The EI figures reported above no longer include persons claiming parental/adoption leave. Previous issues of this table did include them.



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13 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.

14 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.

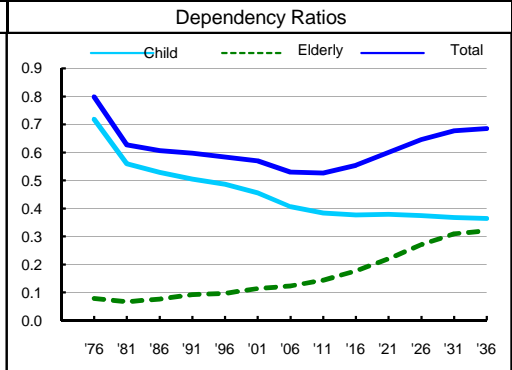
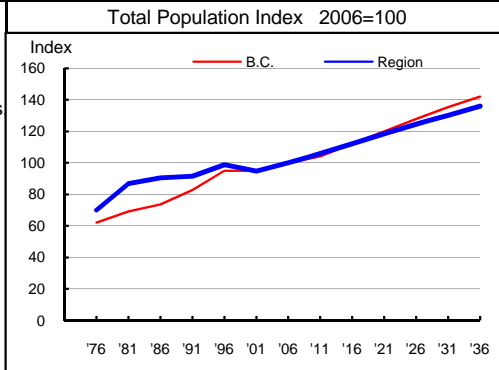
15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

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	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	5.1	12.3	7.0	20.2	18.3	6.5	69.4	25.9	0.383	0.144	0.527	2011
2016	5.0	12.8	6.6	21.3	19.4	8.4	73.6	27.6	0.377	0.178	0.554	2016
2021	5.0	13.4	6.4	22.4	19.9	10.7	77.7	29.3	0.379	0.220	0.599	2021
2026	5.0	13.6	6.9	22.5	20.2	13.4	81.6	31.1	0.374	0.271	0.645	2026
2031	5.1	13.6	7.5	22.4	21.1	15.7	85.3	33.1	0.368	0.309	0.677	2031
2036	5.4	13.8	7.4	23.1	22.5	17.0	89.2	34.9	0.364	0.321	0.685	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-34, run in Summer 2009. 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.