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## Quarterly Regional Statistics ♦ Third Quarter 2011

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### OPEN DATA

BC Stats is participating in a Government-wide program to provide data in open formats so that clients can manipulate the information. *Quarterly Regional Statistics* is one of many products identified for this treatment. On the BC Stats site you will find an Excel workbook for each region covered by QRS. Clients who prefer PDF files for their ease of printing will be pleased to know that we continue to publish this format as well.

Most of the subject area files that are used by QRS are also available in open and PDF format elsewhere on our site: labour force statistics; tourism room revenue; building permits; bankruptcies; incorporations; dependence on the safety net.

#### [File Finder](#)

Is a tool to find data files on our site. Set filters for location, product, years and subjects to narrow your search. Not all our products are available for search just yet but QRS is included. Try it out!

### Note

The Text boxes in this report, Table 1 (**general economy**), Table 13 (**demographics**) and Table 14 (**projection**), comprise information that has not been updated for a few years. It remains here as we feel it still has some value.

### Regional boundaries

The geographic basis of this document is the 2006 Census geography. The [Mapping and Geography](#) pages on our web site have been completely reworked and provide a much improved user experience.

### More Regional Data

Our Internet site includes a general [search tool](#) and screens providing a subject matter search as well as a geographic search tool ([Regions](#)). The regions pages provide a more intuitive access to the many maps that we have on-line. With these changes users can more easily locate our small area data offerings. Another 'portal' to regional data, called [Area Profiles](#), is available under the **RESOURCES** tab at the bottom of our left sidebar. Our new search tool called [File Finder](#) will troll through some of the products identified in Area Profiles.

Our regional [Socio-Economic Profiles](#) and Indices are available freely on our Internet site. These regional profiles represent a significant resource for researchers, policy makers, investors and students. Two series of **2006 Census Profiles** are also available. The difference between Series A and Series B is the comparison area chosen for the charts and tables. The BC, regional district, and development region level profiles are a highly detailed companion for Quarterly Regional Statistics.

We also have [Aboriginal Profiles](#) for the two census years 2001 and 1996. These can be found in the Social Statistics section of the site or through the A-Z index at the top-left of all our 'bannered' pages.

### **A blast from the past**

BC Stats maintains an archive of census profiles on the web site with information from the 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, and 1986 censuses.

[www.made-in-bc.ca](http://www.made-in-bc.ca)

Our Internet site for the **British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory** is freely accessible. This free site opens up many opportunities to Internet users and the listed firms. You can search for a particular firm, filter the database to all firms meeting your criteria, send us an update of your current listing or a new listing, or place an order for the book or database.

There are several geographic fields which allow you to generate a list of firms in a specific area. The Advanced Search allows you to combine search criteria giving powerful tools to more sophisticated users.