



**East Kootenay  
 Regional District**

<b>1</b>	<b>General Economy</b>
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Invermere, Kimberley, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood, Canal Flats</p> <p>Located in the south east corner of the province, the area is made up of high mountain ranges and deep valleys which run roughly north and south. The rivers that traverse the elevation through the region provide abundant hydro electric power. This area is home to the provinces largest coal fields. It has experienced mining exploration over the past few years and several coal mines are in the exploration and development phases in the region. The area also has a large forestry industry including two timber supply areas and several large wood processing facilities, some of which have announced closures or output reductions. The area has several all-season resort facilities, some of which are currently undergoing expansion phases. The Cranbrook airport expansion will benefit all communities in this area. The recent expansion of the College of the Rockies campus in Cranbrook is expected to increase enrolment. The agricultural activities of this area include cattle and horse ranching.</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.

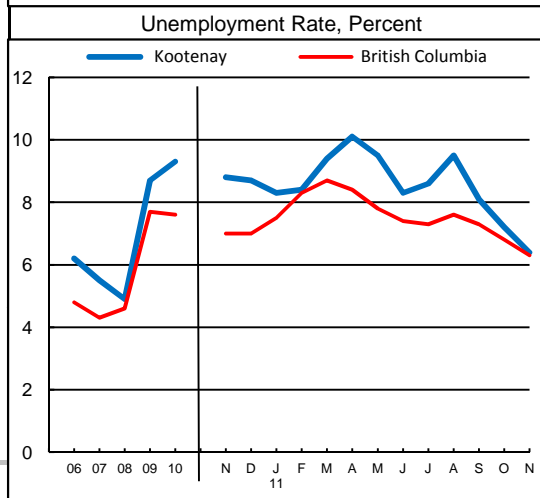
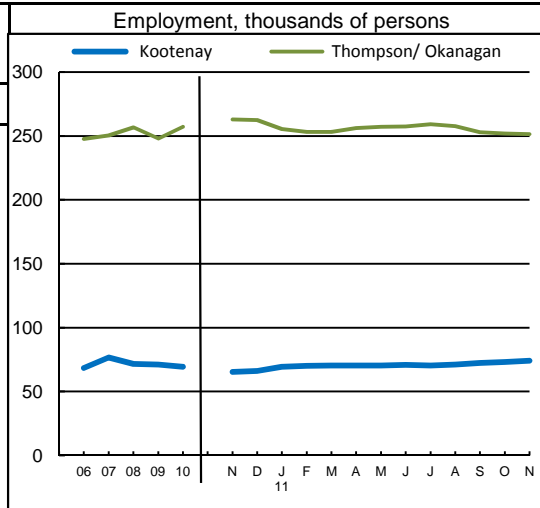
<b>2</b>		<b>Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2010</b>								
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	East Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with Employees						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	2,250	2,407	208	75	18	2,708	100.0%	100.0%	370,262
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	128	102	7	1	0	110	4.1%	4.1%	15,134
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	29	21	3	1	3	28	1.0%	0.6%	2,220
22	Utilities	6	4	1	0	0	5	0.2%	0.1%	363
23	Construction	490	444	24	3	0	471	17.4%	14.0%	51,926
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	50	77	8	5	2	92	3.4%	3.2%	11,824
41	Wholesale Trade	49	104	15	1	0	120	4.4%	4.4%	16,471
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	131	325	27	15	3	370	13.7%	8.1%	30,041
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	109	120	8	2	1	131	4.8%	5.1%	18,964
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	10	31	6	0	0	37	1.4%	1.5%	5,509
52	Finance & Insurance	123	65	12	2	0	79	2.9%	5.4%	19,946
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	351	117	4	1	0	122	4.5%	11.2%	41,389
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	199	190	5	2	0	197	7.3%	13.1%	48,449
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	117	21	0	0	0	21	0.8%	3.9%	14,283
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	101	117	9	2	0	128	4.7%	4.5%	16,769
61	Educational Services	15	14	3	1	3	21	0.8%	1.2%	4,290
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	57	183	15	10	3	211	7.8%	5.6%	20,661
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	39	59	10	9	1	79	2.9%	1.7%	6,187
72	Accom. & Food Services	108	181	40	13	2	236	8.7%	4.3%	15,964
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	136	221	10	0	0	231	8.5%	7.8%	28,939
91	Public Administration	2	11	1	7	0	19	0.7%	0.3%	933

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



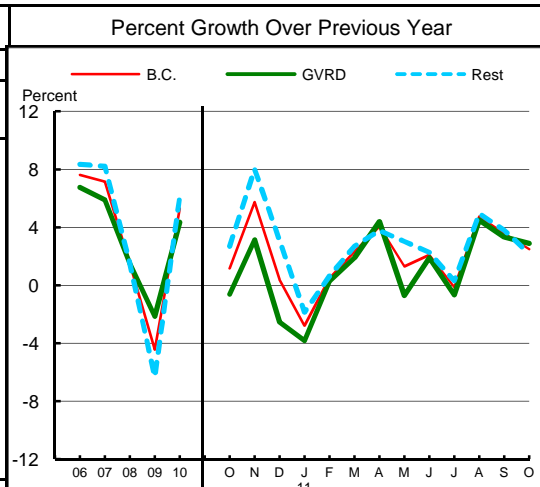
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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month						
	Kootenay		Thompson/ Okanagan		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	70.4	9.7	210.4	9.4	1,919.7	7.7
2002	66.2	9.9	207.2	9.4	1,952.8	8.5
2003	66.7	11.7	217.4	8.8	1,998.0	8.0
2004	65.8	9.2	226.6	6.6	2,032.8	7.2
2005	67.8	6.2	239.5	5.2	2,091.9	5.8
2006	68.4	6.2	247.6	5.0	2,147.2	4.8
2007	76.7	5.5	250.4	4.4	2,222.6	4.3
2008	71.6	4.9	256.6	5.5	2,266.4	4.6
2009	71.0	8.7	248.0	8.8	2,217.9	7.7
2010	69.4	9.3	257.2	8.6	2,256.5	7.6
2010 Jan	71.6	9.6	255.4	8.7	2,219.8	8.0
2010 Feb	71.4	9.4	251.6	9.4	2,213.3	8.1
2010 Mar	70.6	10.7	254.0	9.3	2,213.2	8.2
2010 Apr	70.0	9.2	254.2	9.1	2,224.5	7.8
2010 May	70.7	8.3	253.7	9.1	2,238.7	7.8
2010 Jun	70.5	7.6	255.1	8.4	2,258.8	7.6
2010 Jul	71.6	9.0	256.6	8.1	2,277.1	7.7
2010 Aug	71.5	10.5	259.0	8.1	2,289.9	7.8
2010 Sep	70.5	10.2	257.1	8.7	2,284.5	7.8
2010 Oct	66.5	9.4	261.0	8.6	2,278.8	7.5
2010 Nov	65.3	8.8	262.9	8.3	2,273.6	7.0
2010 Dec	66.0	8.7	262.4	8.0	2,269.6	7.0
2011 Jan	69.3	8.3	255.5	9.0	2,250.0	7.5
2011 Feb	70.0	8.4	253.2	9.3	2,232.3	8.3
2011 Mar	70.2	9.4	253.3	9.3	2,227.7	8.7
2011 Apr	70.4	10.1	256.2	8.8	2,240.5	8.4
2011 May	70.3	9.5	257.1	8.4	2,261.0	7.8
2011 Jun	70.7	8.3	257.4	8.1	2,280.1	7.4
2011 Jul	70.4	8.6	259.2	7.4	2,295.3	7.3
2011 Aug	71.1	9.5	257.6	6.9	2,298.0	7.6
2011 Sep	72.3	8.1	253.0	7.3	2,300.7	7.3
2011 Oct	73.2	7.2	251.9	7.2	2,299.8	6.8
2011 Nov	74.2	6.4	251.5	6.9	2,296.6	6.3
2011 Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Nov10	69.5	9.3	257.3	8.7	2,256.8	7.7
Jan-Nov11	71.7	8.4	254.8	7.9	2,273.7	7.5
% Change	3.1		-1.0		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](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		
						B.C.	Region	
East Kootenay Regional District	2006	52,625.0	15,165.0	9,972.0	18,340.0	9,148.0		
	2007	61,836.0	17,919.0	11,988.0	21,196.0	10,733.0		
	2008	61,761.0	18,489.0	12,233.0	20,859.0	10,180.0		
	2009	53,837.0	15,557.0	10,545.0	19,004.0	8,731.0		
	2010	41,362.0	13,648.0	10,431.0	17,283.0			
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	54,197.0	100.0%						
Hotels	19,572.0	36.1%						
1-75 Rooms	7,400.0	13.7%						
Motels	7,923.0	14.6%						
Vacation Rentals	14,253.0	26.3%						
*City of Cranbrook	10,138.0	18.7%						
*City of Fernie	12,504.0	23.1%						
*Kimberley	5,255.0	9.7%						
*Columbia Valley	21,283.0	39.3%						

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

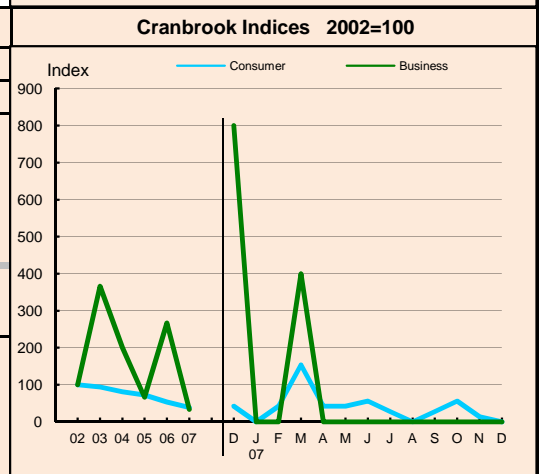
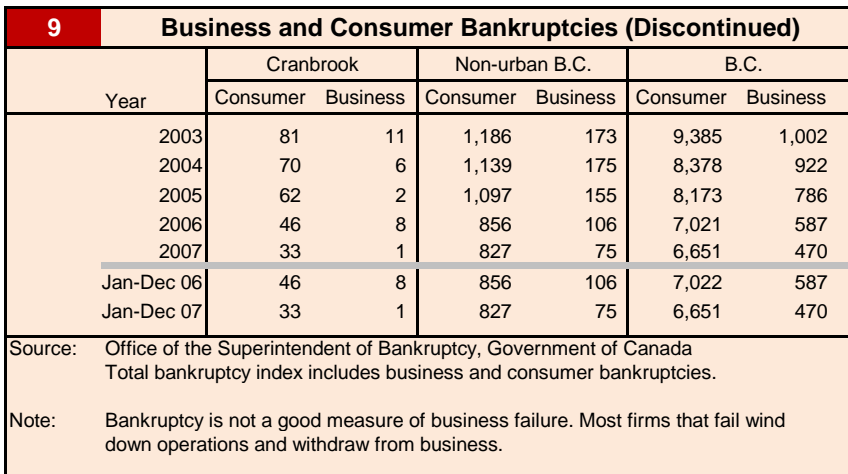
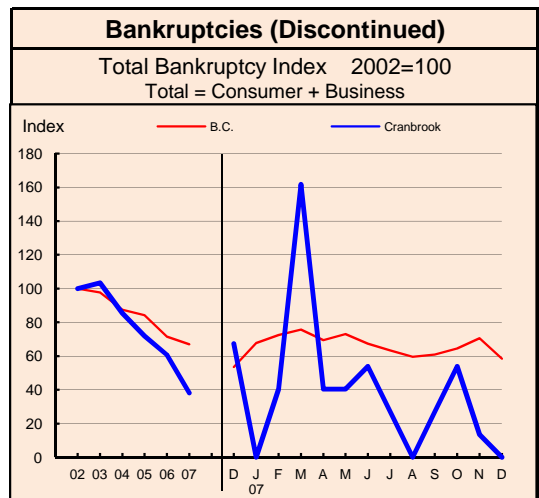
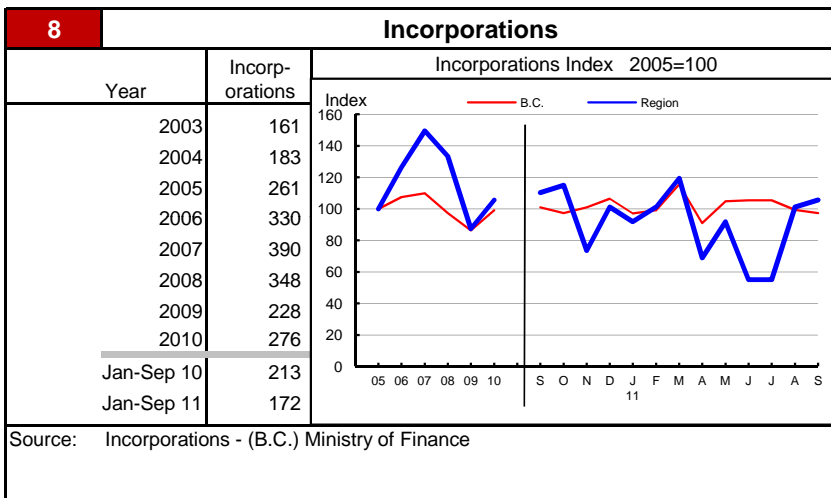
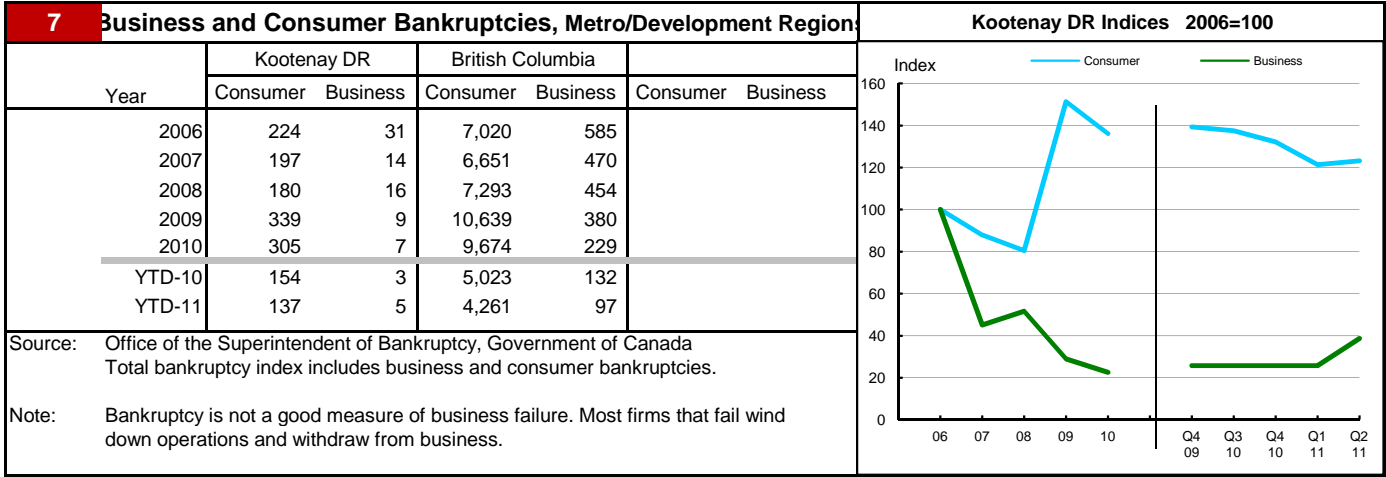
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called Tourism Sector Monitor, April and May issues of 2009.  
 Link to explanation of changes: [http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr\\_tour.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp)

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 --					Units	
2003	115.4	28.3	3.3	17.4	7.6	87.0	554	
2004	107.3	25.2	2.6	10.1	12.5	82.2	427	
2005	230.3	47.6	2.8	11.8	32.9	182.7	826	
2006	245.9	72.1	9.4	25.3	37.4	173.8	852	
2007	275.1	42.0	5.7	33.6	2.7	233.1	884	
2008	250.8	18.8	3.7	13.1	2.0	232.0	897	
2009	140.5	38.2	3.4	24.4	10.4	102.4	392	
2010	142.8	13.2	3.0	7.7	2.5	129.6	412	
Jan-Oct 10	131.0	11.7	2.8	7.0	2.0	119.2	386	
Jan-Oct 11	98.7	21.1	2.2	16.9	2.0	77.5	210	

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	
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '08	1.0	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.6	Sep '07
	Dec '08	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.2	0.6	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	Dec '07
	Mar '09	1.6	2.3	2.3	1.6	0.7	2.5	3.0	2.8	1.7	Mar '08
	Jun '09	1.8	2.5	2.6	1.6	0.8	2.3	2.4	2.6	1.6	Jun '08
	Sep '09	1.7	2.6	2.3	1.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.7	Sep '08
	Dec '09	1.9	2.9	2.6	1.7	0.8	2.4	2.5	2.6	1.7	Dec '08
	Mar '10	2.1	3.1	2.8	2.0	0.9	5.8	6.7	6.5	3.4	Mar '09
	Jun '10	2.0	3.2	2.5	1.9	0.9	4.3	5.2	5.0	2.1	Jun '09
	Sep '10	1.7	2.8	2.0	1.6	0.9	3.2	3.9	3.6	1.9	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.					Percent				
Total Number of Recipients	864	75,506					Percent				
Percent Distribution by Duration							Percent				
<1 Year	60.1	56.9					Percent				
1-2 Years	26.4	24.5					Percent				
>2 Years	13.5	18.6					Percent				
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					
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '07	1.8	2.5	2.0	0.8	Percent					
	Dec '07	2.7	3.7	2.9	1.7	Percent					
	Mar '08	3.4	4.5	3.7	1.9	Percent					
	Jun '08	3.1	3.6	3.4	1.9	Percent					
	Sep '08	1.8	2.1	2.1	0.9	Percent					
	Dec '08	3.4	4.2	3.7	1.9	Percent					
	Mar '09	7.0	8.7	7.9	3.8	Percent					
	Jun '09	5.7	7.5	6.5	2.6	Percent					
	Sep '09	4.6	6.0	5.1	2.3	Percent					

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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**13 Demographics**

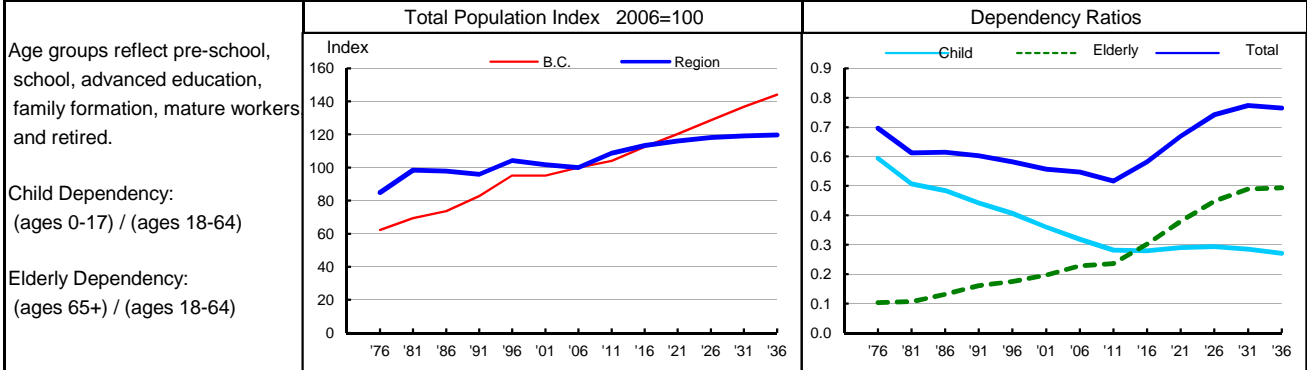
Apart from a period in the early 1990s, both gains and losses of population in East Kootenay have been negligible. However, the structure and character of the population has shifted dramatically since the mid 1980s. The population has aged, as demonstrated by an increase of about 12 years in the median age. In 1986, the median age in this region was over 2 years younger than the provincial median but by the mid 1990s, East Kootenay's population had become older than the provincial median. Fertility rates have declined steadily since the mid 1980s, and have been generally lower than provincial levels since 2000. Contrary to this trend, fertility has been higher than provincial rates in the last two years. Overall dependency ratios have declined, and now are similar to the provincial overall dependency ratios. Compared to the mid 1980s, the population 65 and older now make up a larger proportion of overall dependency, while children under the age of 17 years contribute less to overall dependency. The sex ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. Births have declined rapidly, while the number of deaths shows a slower upward trend. Although natural increase remains positive overall, it is contributing less and less to population growth in this region. Net migration has varied from strong negative values to strong positive values, but has been mainly negative over the last decade. Stronger net inflows combined with positive natural increase led to moderate growth in this region in the last two years.

**14 Projection**

After the first few years, interprovincial migration to this region is forecast to remain positive, with increasing magnitude, throughout the projection period. The number of deaths is expected to exceed births within the next few years, and natural increase will become increasingly negative over the projection period. Despite increasing net inflows of migrants, negative natural increase will reduce the population growth rate, resulting in minimal growth over the next three decades. The population will continue to age, adding 4.5 years to its median age by 2036. By the end of the projection period, East Kootenay is expected to have over 8 dependents for every 10 people of working age, with those aged 65 and older constituting two-thirds of dependents.

**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	4.2	12.4	6.3	13.5	8.3	2.9	47.6	14.9	0.594	0.103	0.697	1976
1981	4.8	12.5	7.6	17.7	8.9	3.6	55.2	18.5	0.507	0.106	0.613	1981
1986	4.4	12.1	5.7	18.7	9.5	4.4	54.9	19.7	0.484	0.131	0.615	1986
1991	3.7	11.2	4.9	18.0	10.6	5.4	53.8	20.1	0.442	0.161	0.603	1991
1996	3.6	11.5	5.3	18.3	13.4	6.5	58.5	22.6	0.407	0.175	0.581	1996
2001	2.9	10.3	5.0	16.0	15.7	7.2	57.0	23.2	0.360	0.197	0.557	2001
2006	2.6	8.9	4.6	14.0	17.7	8.3	56.1	23.3	0.318	0.228	0.547	2006
2011	3.0	8.3	5.9	14.7	19.6	9.5	61.0	26.2	0.282	0.235	0.517	2011
2016	2.9	8.3	5.0	16.2	19.1	12.2	63.6	28.3	0.279	0.302	0.582	2016
2021	2.9	8.4	4.4	16.6	18.1	14.8	65.1	29.5	0.290	0.379	0.669	2021
2026	2.7	8.4	4.4	16.5	17.2	17.0	66.2	30.3	0.294	0.448	0.742	2026
2031	2.5	8.2	4.6	16.0	17.1	18.4	66.9	30.7	0.284	0.489	0.773	2031
2036	2.5	7.8	4.6	15.1	18.3	18.8	67.1	30.9	0.271	0.494	0.765	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.