



**Okanagan-Similkameen
 Regional District**

1	General Economy
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland</p> <p>The Okanagan-Similkameen region includes a portion of the Interior plateau (west of the Cascade Mountains) and the southern portion of the Okanagan valley. The area is the most productive fruit and wine grape growing areas of the province. The area has intensive growing of fruit trees and wine grapes in the valleys and some cattle farming in the grassland areas. There are many orchards of apples, cherries, peaches, plums and other soft fruits along with vineyards and nurseries. The agricultural sector is also responsible for drawing large numbers of tourists to the area. The annual allowable cuts for the Timber supply areas located partially in this region have been increased recently to combat and facilitate salvage harvesting due to the Mountain Pine Beetle.</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

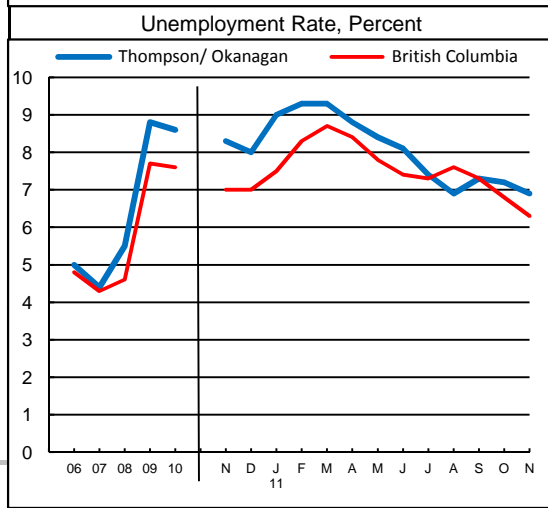
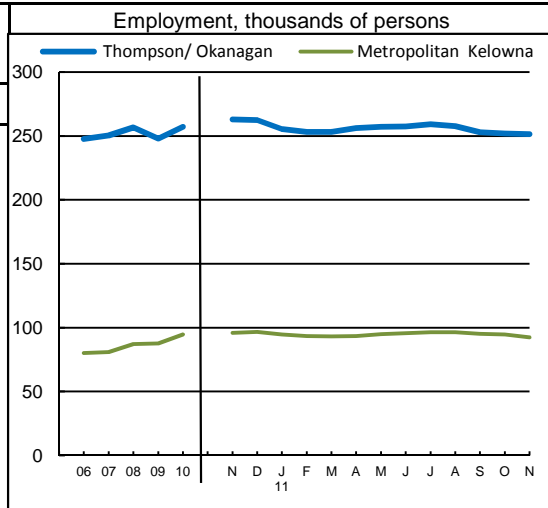
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Okanagan-Similkameen							British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,264	3,179	246	102	10	3,537	100.0%	100.0%	370,262
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	339	419	28	9	0	456	12.9%	4.1%	15,134
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	17	11	1	0	0	12	0.3%	0.6%	2,220
22	Utilities	5	9	1	0	0	10	0.3%	0.1%	363
23	Construction	527	409	16	7	0	432	12.2%	14.0%	51,926
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	99	132	24	14	1	171	4.8%	3.2%	11,824
41	Wholesale Trade	85	112	8	3	0	123	3.5%	4.4%	16,471
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	215	407	45	15	2	469	13.3%	8.1%	30,041
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	103	111	3	0	0	114	3.2%	5.1%	18,964
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	27	39	2	0	0	41	1.2%	1.5%	5,509
52	Finance & Insurance	202	101	13	7	0	121	3.4%	5.4%	19,946
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	534	141	6	1	0	148	4.2%	11.2%	41,389
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	341	217	2	0	0	219	6.2%	13.1%	48,449
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	190	35	3	0	0	38	1.1%	3.9%	14,283
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	117	151	6	3	0	160	4.5%	4.5%	16,769
61	Educational Services	29	23	2	2	2	29	0.8%	1.2%	4,290
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	96	282	15	13	2	312	8.8%	5.6%	20,661
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	52	46	10	4	1	61	1.7%	1.7%	6,187
72	Accom. & Food Services	112	221	52	16	1	290	8.2%	4.3%	15,964
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	174	299	5	3	0	307	8.7%	7.8%	28,939
91	Public Administration	-	14	4	5	1	24	0.7%	0.3%	933

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



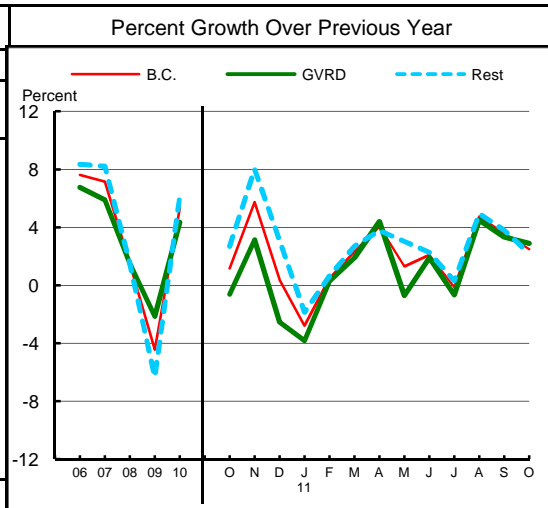
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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month						
	Thompson/ Okanagan		Metropolitan Kelowna		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	210.4	9.4	71.3	6.5	1,919.7	7.7
2002	207.2	9.4	69.6	9.7	1,952.8	8.5
2003	217.4	8.8	71.1	8.6	1,998.0	8.0
2004	226.6	6.6	77.8	4.9	2,032.8	7.2
2005	239.5	5.2	76.4	5.3	2,091.9	5.8
2006	247.6	5.0	80.1	6.0	2,147.2	4.8
2007	250.4	4.4	80.9	4.6	2,222.6	4.3
2008	256.6	5.5	87.2	5.0	2,266.4	4.6
2009	248.0	8.8	87.5	8.8	2,217.9	7.7
2010	257.2	8.6	94.6	7.7	2,256.5	7.6
2010 Jan	255.4	8.7	93.1	9.1	2,219.8	8.0
2010 Feb	251.6	9.4	93.0	9.1	2,213.3	8.1
2010 Mar	254.0	9.3	94.2	8.3	2,213.2	8.2
2010 Apr	254.2	9.1	93.6	7.4	2,224.5	7.8
2010 May	253.7	9.1	93.4	7.8	2,238.7	7.8
2010 Jun	255.1	8.4	93.6	7.0	2,258.8	7.6
2010 Jul	256.6	8.1	94.5	7.2	2,277.1	7.7
2010 Aug	259.0	8.1	95.1	7.7	2,289.9	7.8
2010 Sep	257.1	8.7	94.1	8.7	2,284.5	7.8
2010 Oct	261.0	8.6	95.5	8.2	2,278.8	7.5
2010 Nov	262.9	8.3	95.9	7.5	2,273.6	7.0
2010 Dec	262.4	8.0	96.7	6.9	2,269.6	7.0
2011 Jan	255.5	9.0	94.7	8.0	2,250.0	7.5
2011 Feb	253.2	9.3	93.4	8.4	2,232.3	8.3
2011 Mar	253.3	9.3	93.2	8.8	2,227.7	8.7
2011 Apr	256.2	8.8	93.3	8.7	2,240.5	8.4
2011 May	257.1	8.4	94.8	8.6	2,261.0	7.8
2011 Jun	257.4	8.1	95.6	8.7	2,280.1	7.4
2011 Jul	259.2	7.4	96.3	7.8	2,295.3	7.3
2011 Aug	257.6	6.9	96.5	7.1	2,298.0	7.6
2011 Sep	253.0	7.3	95.1	6.9	2,300.7	7.3
2011 Oct	251.9	7.2	94.5	6.9	2,299.8	6.8
2011 Nov	251.5	6.9	92.4	7.2	2,296.6	6.3
2011 Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Nov10	257.3	8.7	94.6	7.8	2,256.8	7.7
Jan-Nov11	254.8	7.9	94.2	7.9	2,273.7	7.5
% Change	-1.0		-0.4		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
Annual data						
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	
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	2006	48,429.0	5,360.0	10,237.0	26,988.0	5,844.0		
	2007	54,733.0	5,696.0	12,604.0	30,429.0	6,004.0		
	2008	57,046.0	5,710.0	12,864.0	32,010.0	6,462.0		
	2009	53,601.0	5,097.0	12,106.0	30,697.0	5,701.0		
	2010	48,694.0	5,740.0	12,101.0	30,853.0			
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	53,939.0	100.0%						
Hotels	20,600.0	38.2%						
Motels	19,386.0	35.9%						
Vacation Rentals	4,250.0	7.9%						
*City of Penticton	25,150.0	46.6%						
*Town of Osoyoos	12,895.0	23.9%						
*Oliver/Okanagan Falls	3,158.0	5.9%						
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.

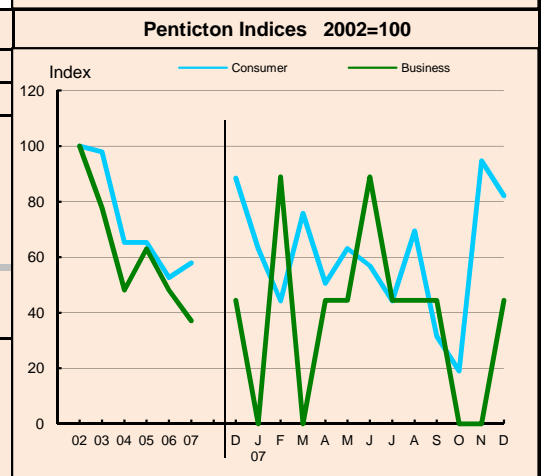
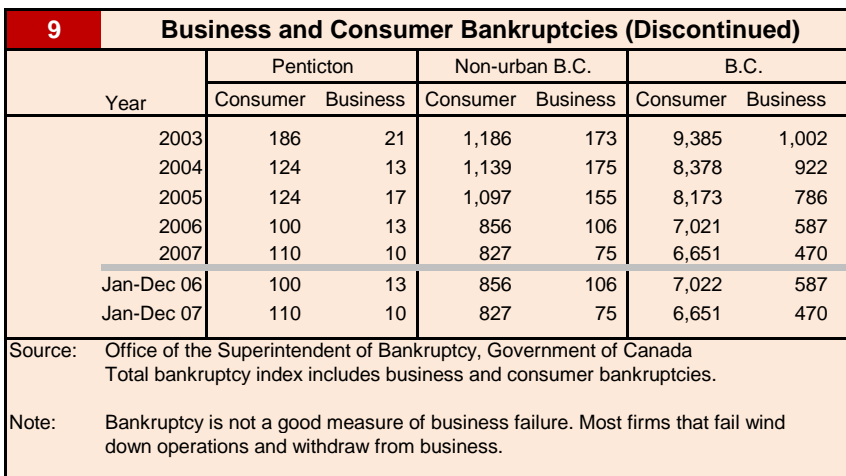
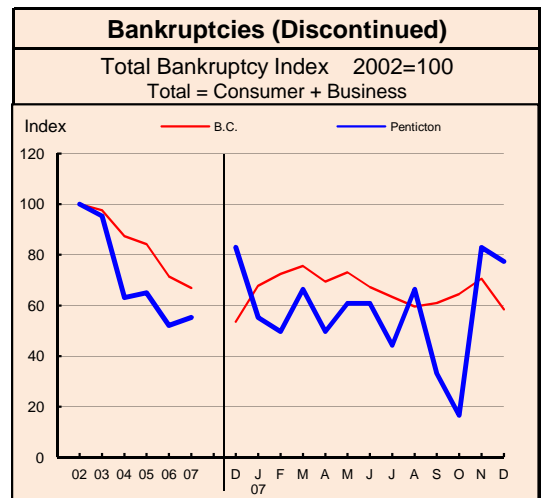
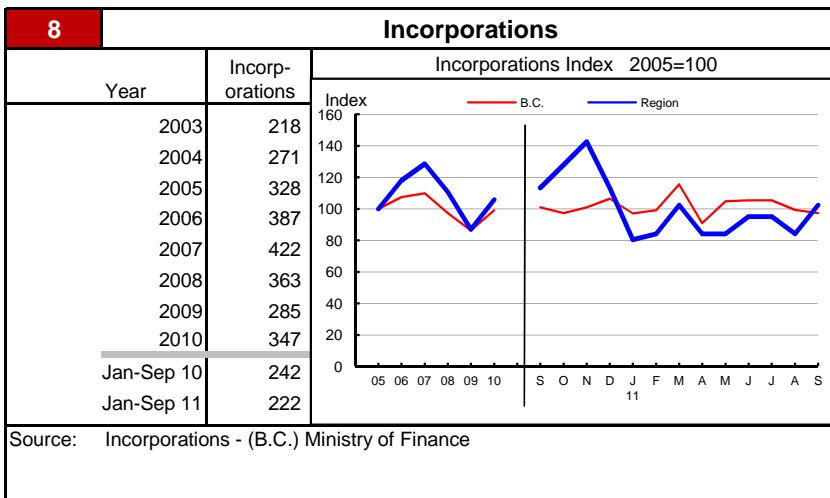
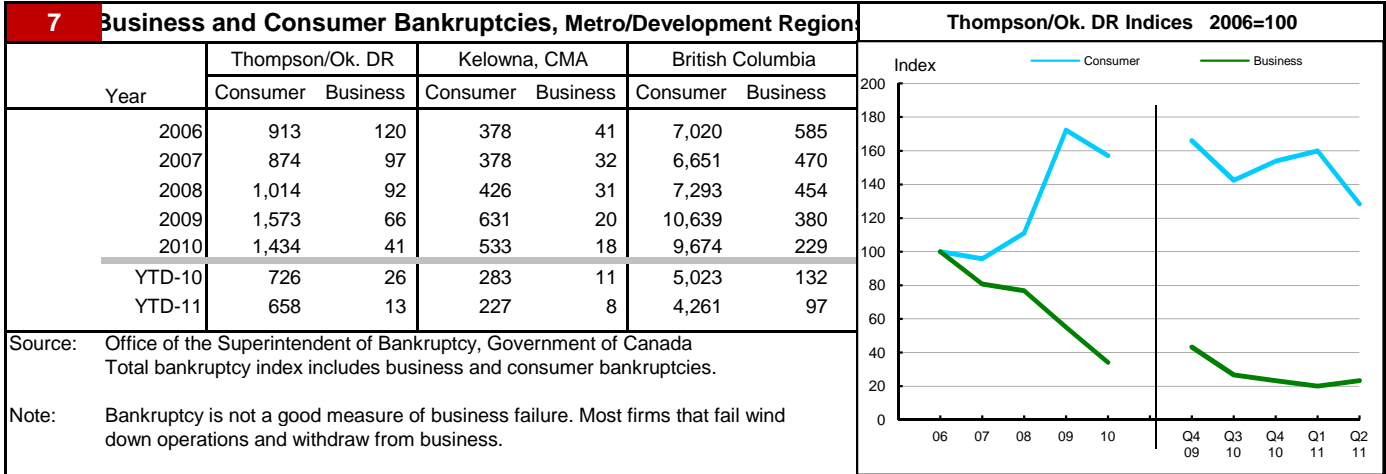
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called Tourism Sector Monitor, April and May issues of 2009.
 Link to explanation of changes: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp

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	102.8	29.2	3.2	13.2	12.9	73.6	519		
2004	127.7	52.2	2.9	34.0	15.2	75.5	472		
2005	174.0	39.4	5.5	29.6	4.3	134.6	904		
2006	265.2	65.5	11.6	28.4	25.5	199.7	971		
2007	256.5	136.1	8.3	97.4	30.4	120.4	517		
2008	245.0	44.9	9.4	18.0	17.5	200.2	819		
2009	97.3	28.6	8.5	14.1	6.0	68.7	228		
2010	188.4	82.4	14.9	45.5	22.0	106.0	478		
Jan-Oct 10	167.4	72.5	11.3	40.2	21.0	94.9	444		
Jan-Oct 11	89.4	25.5	6.5	11.9	7.1	63.9	189		

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						
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '08	1.6	2.6	1.8	1.6	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.5	0.9	Sep '07					
	Dec '08	1.9	3.0	2.1	2.0	0.9	3.3	3.3	3.6	2.6	Dec '07					
	Mar '09	2.5	3.9	2.8	2.7	1.0	3.2	3.1	3.7	2.2	Mar '08					
	Jun '09	2.5	3.8	3.0	2.6	1.0	3.5	3.4	4.0	2.5	Jun '08					
	Sep '09	2.7	4.2	3.0	2.8	1.1	1.7	1.8	2.1	1.1	Sep '08					
	Dec '09	3.1	4.5	3.5	3.4	1.2	4.8	4.7	5.4	3.5	Dec '08					
	Mar '10	3.4	4.9	3.9	3.7	1.2	6.7	7.4	7.7	4.5	Mar '09					
	Jun '10	3.1	4.5	3.8	3.2	1.2	4.6	4.7	5.5	2.8	Jun '09					
	Sep '10	2.8	4.0	3.0	3.0	1.1	3.7	3.7	4.5	2.1	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		Percent					Percent									
B.C.		Region					B.C.					Region				
Total Number of Recipients	1,697	75,506														
Percent Distribution by Duration																
<1 Year	56.6	56.9														
1-2 Years	28.7	24.5														
>2 Years	14.7	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										
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '07	2.4	2.8	2.8	1.4											
	Dec '07	4.6	5.3	5.2	3.0											
	Mar '08	4.5	4.9	5.3	2.5											
	Jun '08	4.7	5.1	5.5	2.9											
	Sep '08	3.0	3.6	3.6	1.4											
	Dec '08	6.2	6.6	7.2	3.9											
	Mar '09	8.7	10.0	10.1	5.0											
	Jun '09	6.6	7.5	7.9	3.5											
	Sep '09	5.9	6.6	7.2	2.8											

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

Like the rest of the Okanagan, this region experienced tremendous growth in the 1990's due to very high net migration inflows. The pleasant climate of this area makes it a popular place to retire, which contributes to a median age that is substantially higher than the provincial median age. The population has aged over time, adding over 9.5 years to its median age since the mid 1980s. By 2007, the population in this region was almost nine years older than British Columbia as a whole. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) has been increasing and is now over twice that of the province as a whole. The older age structure is largely responsible for the strong sex ratio bias in favour of females, since women tend to live longer than men. Despite historically high fertility, the older age structure boosts the number of deaths, resulting in negative natural increase values since the late 1980s. Although its magnitude varied, net migration has been positive and is the sole driver behind population growth in this region. Relatively small net inflows led to minimal growth during the period from 1998 to 2004. However, higher migration levels in the last three years resulted in growth levels not seen in this region since the mid 1990s.

14 Projection

Natural increase will likely become even more negative over the projection period as deaths increase substantially. However, it is expected that net migration to this area will continue to be high, which will compensate somewhat for the increasing number of deaths. Nonetheless, growth will slow toward the end of the projection period. This region will likely grow by about 16 percent over the period. The population will continue to age and, by 2036, there will likely be about 9 dependents for every 10 people of working age and most of these dependents will be seniors.

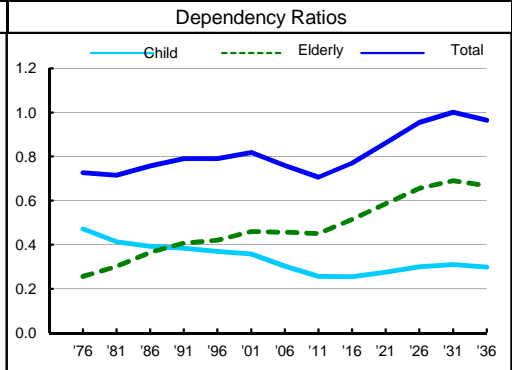
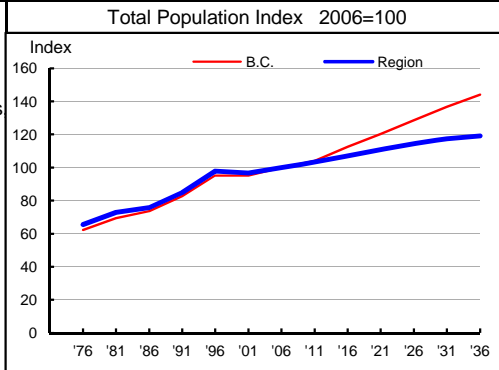
15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

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	3.1	11.3	6.1	11.8	12.6	7.8	52.6	18.5	0.471	0.256	0.727	1976
1981	3.5	10.6	6.2	14.3	13.5	10.3	58.5	22.6	0.413	0.302	0.714	1981
1986	3.6	10.0	5.3	15.6	13.8	12.7	60.9	25.3	0.392	0.365	0.757	1986
1991	3.7	10.9	4.7	17.9	15.5	15.5	68.2	28.1	0.384	0.407	0.791	1991
1996	3.9	12.3	5.3	19.8	18.8	18.5	78.6	33.5	0.370	0.420	0.790	1996
2001	3.3	12.0	4.8	17.2	20.8	19.7	77.8	34.4	0.358	0.460	0.818	2001
2006	2.9	11.0	5.4	15.5	24.9	20.8	80.4	34.5	0.302	0.456	0.758	2006
2011	3.1	9.4	6.6	15.2	26.9	21.9	83.2	37.0	0.256	0.450	0.706	2011
2016	3.4	9.0	5.9	17.2	25.5	25.0	85.9	39.5	0.256	0.515	0.771	2016
2021	3.7	9.5	5.1	18.9	23.9	28.0	89.1	41.1	0.275	0.586	0.861	2021
2026	3.8	10.3	4.9	19.6	22.5	30.8	91.9	42.3	0.300	0.656	0.955	2026
2031	3.6	11.0	5.3	19.6	22.3	32.6	94.3	43.4	0.309	0.691	1.000	2031
2036	3.4	11.1	5.8	18.6	24.4	32.5	95.8	44.4	0.298	0.667	0.964	0

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.