



**Fraser Valley  
 Regional District**

<b>1</b>	<b>General Economy</b>
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent, Mission</p> <p>The main economic activities include agriculture, forestry and manufacturing. Farms in the valley provide food for the large population in the cities to the west. Producers and processors of dairy products, poultry and eggs, beef cattle, hogs and pigs, some field crops, vegetables, small fruits and berries, flower and miscellaneous speciality crops benefit from their close proximity to markets. The area has many wood manufacturing facilities. The annual allowable cut for the timber supply area in this region has remained constant for many years. With land priced lower than in the GVRD, this area has attracted industrial and warehousing operations. Manufacturing has been increasing and construction of residential units has continued to increase throughout the region.</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.

**2 Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2010**

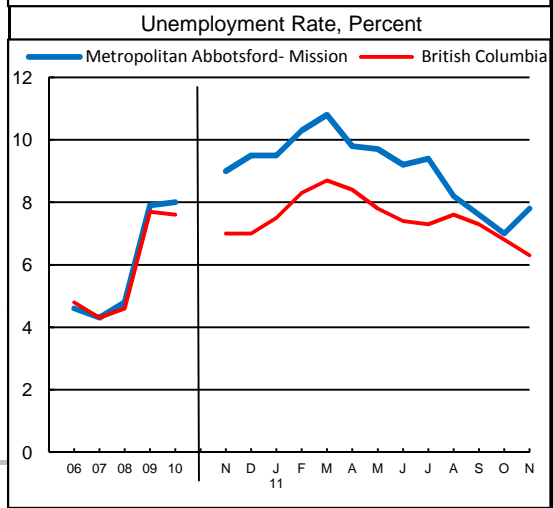
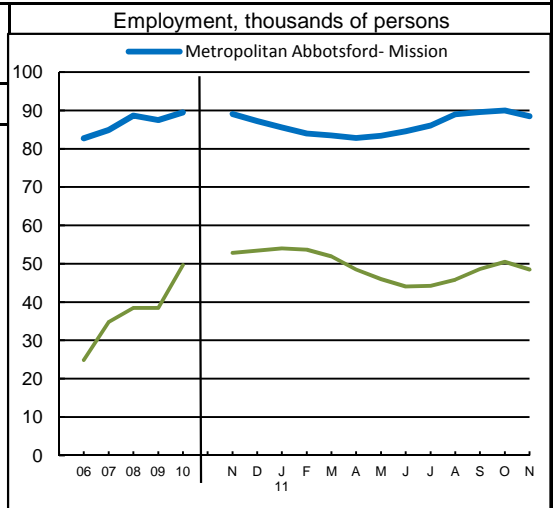
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser Valley							British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	10,519	8,526	637	304	39	9,506	100.0%	100.0%	370,262
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	848	1,037	57	34	2	1,130	11.9%	4.1%	15,134
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	20	21	2	0	0	23	0.2%	0.6%	2,220
22	Utilities	4	5	0	2	0	7	0.1%	0.1%	363
23	Construction	2,390	1,455	56	20	3	1,534	16.1%	14.0%	51,926
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	277	356	69	44	3	472	5.0%	3.2%	11,824
41	Wholesale Trade	289	355	30	7	0	392	4.1%	4.4%	16,471
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	530	874	99	44	6	1,023	10.8%	8.1%	30,041
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	1,201	489	27	12	2	530	5.6%	5.1%	18,964
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	80	32	8	1	1	42	0.4%	1.5%	5,509
52	Finance & Insurance	531	224	22	22	0	268	2.8%	5.4%	19,946
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,392	339	14	2	1	356	3.7%	11.2%	41,389
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	939	688	18	3	0	709	7.5%	13.1%	48,449
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	541	121	8	2	1	132	1.4%	3.9%	14,283
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	400	408	29	18	0	455	4.8%	4.5%	16,769
61	Educational Services	84	97	11	9	6	123	1.3%	1.2%	4,290
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	187	652	35	28	6	721	7.6%	5.6%	20,661
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	116	80	16	7	0	103	1.1%	1.7%	6,187
72	Accom. & Food Services	168	391	101	35	2	529	5.6%	4.3%	15,964
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	521	879	26	8	2	915	9.6%	7.8%	28,939
91	Public Administration	1	23	9	6	4	42	0.4%	0.3%	933

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



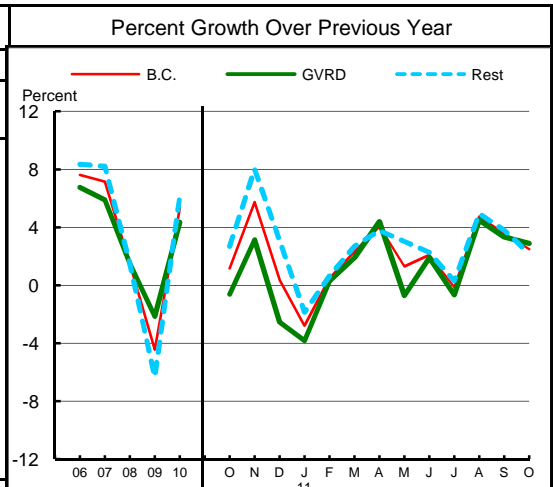
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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month						
	Metropolitan Abbotsford-Mission		Urban Centre Chilliwack		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	71.5	6.8	40.0	8.7	1,919.7	7.7
2002	75.3	7.5	41.2	9.6	1,952.8	8.5
2003	75.2	7.5	37.7	7.6	1,998.0	8.0
2004	79.2	6.5	33.7	7.4	2,032.8	7.2
2005	79.1	5.6	32.2	6.9	2,091.9	5.8
2006	82.7	4.6	24.9	5.7	2,147.2	4.8
2007	84.9	4.3	34.8	NA	2,222.6	4.3
2008	88.7	4.8	38.5	5.4	2,266.4	4.6
2009	87.5	7.9	38.5	9.6	2,217.9	7.7
2010	89.5	8.0	49.7	9.0	2,256.5	7.6
2010 Jan	90.5	6.9	38.2	9.5	2,219.8	8.0
2010 Feb	90.2	6.5	41.7	10.7	2,213.3	8.1
2010 Mar	89.6	6.7	46.0	10.9	2,213.2	8.2
2010 Apr	89.9	7.3	48.6	11.0	2,224.5	7.8
2010 May	90.1	8.2	47.6	11.0	2,238.7	7.8
2010 Jun	90.7	8.6	47.1	10.1	2,258.8	7.6
2010 Jul	91.0	8.3	50.2	9.2	2,277.1	7.7
2010 Aug	90.8	7.8	51.6	9.6	2,289.9	7.8
2010 Sep	90.5	7.6	52.1	9.2	2,284.5	7.8
2010 Oct	90.2	8.3	51.1	8.4	2,278.8	7.5
2010 Nov	89.1	9.0	52.8	6.4	2,273.6	7.0
2010 Dec	87.2	9.5	53.4	5.8	2,269.6	7.0
2011 Jan	85.6	9.5	54.0	5.4	2,250.0	7.5
2011 Feb	84.0	10.3	53.7	6.3	2,232.3	8.3
2011 Mar	83.5	10.8	51.9	7.0	2,227.7	8.7
2011 Apr	82.8	9.8	48.5	5.6	2,240.5	8.4
2011 May	83.4	9.7	46.0	3.8	2,261.0	7.8
2011 Jun	84.6	9.2	44.1	4.1	2,280.1	7.4
2011 Jul	86.1	9.4	44.2	4.5	2,295.3	7.3
2011 Aug	89.0	8.2	45.8	5.8	2,298.0	7.6
2011 Sep	89.6	7.6	48.6	6.0	2,300.7	7.3
2011 Oct	90.0	7.0	50.5	6.1	2,299.8	6.8
2011 Nov	88.5	7.8	48.5	6.2	2,296.6	6.3
2011 Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Nov10	90.0	8.0	! Caution		2,256.8	7.7
Jan-Nov11	86.4	9.0	Small		2,273.7	7.5
% Change	-4.0		Sample		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	
Fraser Valley Regional District	2006	42,239.0	7,673.0	10,218.0	15,279.0	9,069.0		
	2007	44,671.0	8,394.0	11,073.0	15,676.0	9,528.0		
	2008	45,668.0	9,812.0	11,214.0	15,463.0	9,179.0		
	2009	42,886.0	8,637.0	10,315.0	14,307.0	9,627.0		
	2010	33,159.0	9,738.0	10,229.0	13,192.0			
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	42,885.0	100.0%						
*Abbotsford/Mission	13,149.0	30.7%						
*District Municipality of	3,871.0	9.0%						

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.

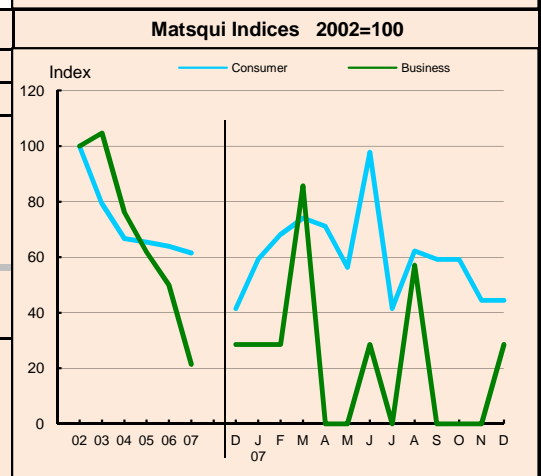
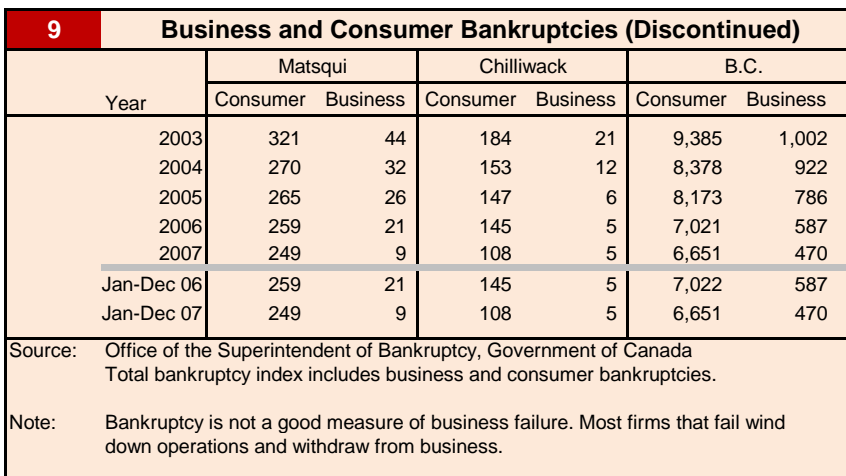
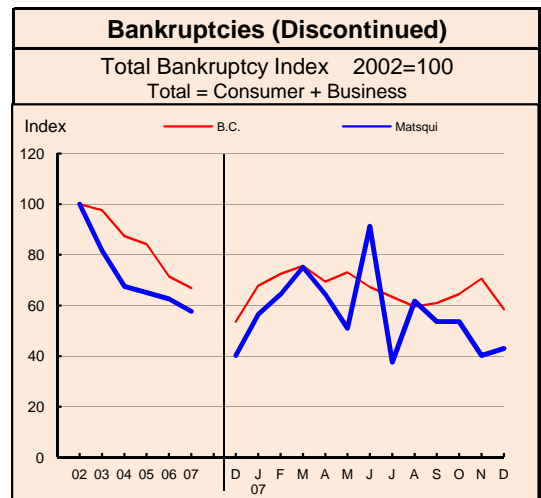
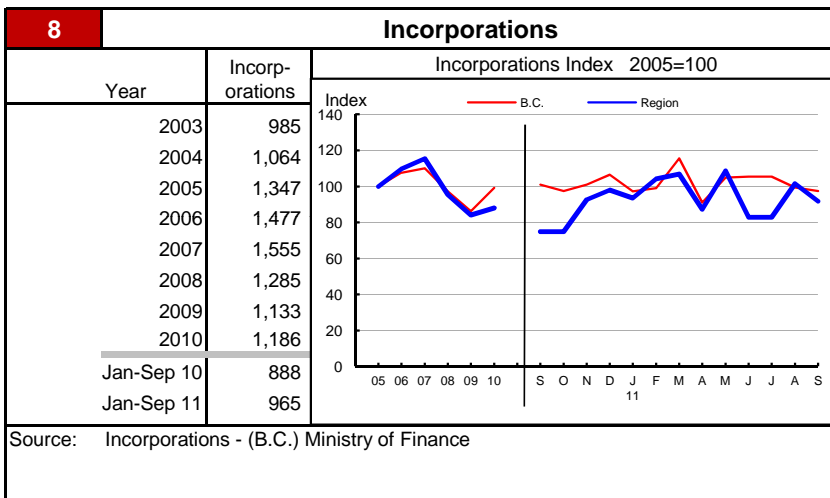
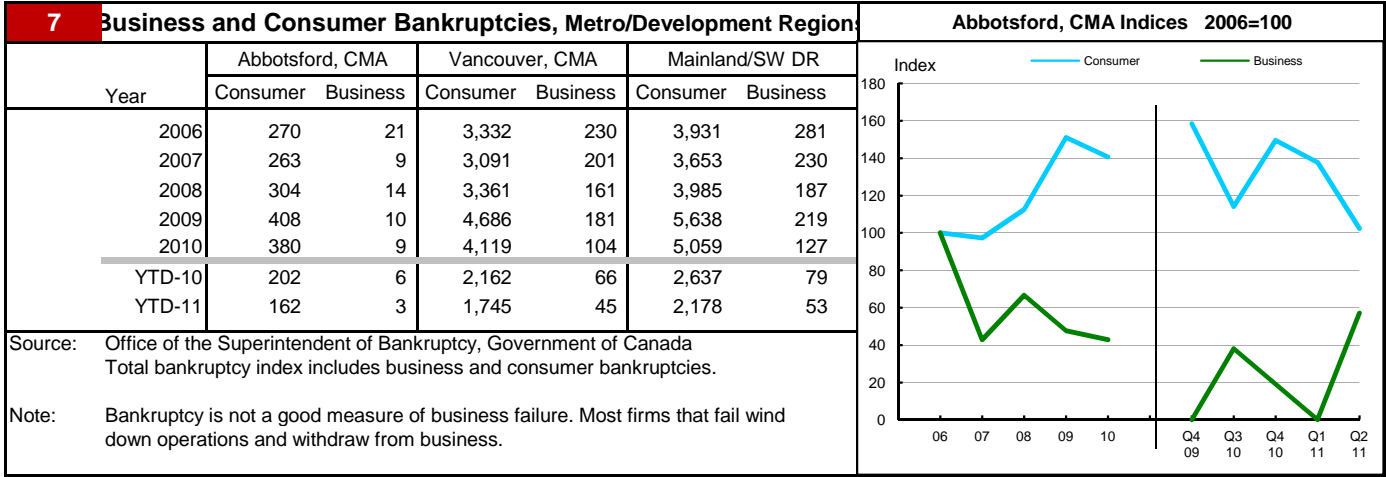
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called *Tourism Sector Monitor*, April and May issues of 2009.  
 Link to explanation of changes: [http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr\\_tour.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp)

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	298.0	107.3	29.1	54.7	23.4	190.7	1,674	
2004	361.2	102.8	55.2	22.1	25.4	258.4	2,133	
2005	499.6	212.0	37.6	51.3	123.1	287.5	2,277	
2006	593.3	269.5	52.8	90.9	125.8	323.8	2,639	
2007	550.9	178.7	38.6	112.4	27.7	372.2	2,589	
2008	539.4	242.1	40.6	164.3	37.2	297.4	1,946	
2009	339.9	172.4	40.4	81.3	50.7	167.4	1,042	
2010	398.0	202.6	23.4	82.2	97.0	195.4	1,177	
Jan-Oct 10	300.3	120.9	19.6	50.0	51.2	179.4	1,093	
Jan-Oct 11	392.5	251.9	29.5	152.9	69.5	140.6	844	

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											
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '08	1.8	2.5	1.9	1.8	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.9	Sep '07										
	Dec '08	2.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	0.9	2.0	1.3	1.9	2.7	Dec '07										
	Mar '09	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.7	2.0	Mar '08										
	Jun '09	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.2	1.0	2.4	2.0	2.5	2.6	Jun '08										
	Sep '09	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.4	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.3	0.9	Sep '08										
	Dec '09	2.5	3.1	3.0	2.5	1.1	2.7	2.3	2.7	3.2	Dec '08										
	Mar '10	2.6	3.2	3.3	2.5	1.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.7	Mar '09										
	Jun '10	2.5	3.3	3.2	2.4	1.1	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.0	Jun '09										
	Sep '10	2.3	3.1	2.9	2.2	1.1	2.9	2.9	3.1	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															
Total Number of Recipients	5,502																				
Percent Distribution by Duration		<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Region</th> <th>B.C.</th> </tr> <tr> <td>&lt;1 Year</td> <td>58.8</td> <td>56.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-2 Years</td> <td>23.5</td> <td>24.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>&gt;2 Years</td> <td>17.7</td> <td>18.6</td> </tr> </table>				Region	B.C.	<1 Year	58.8	56.9	1-2 Years	23.5	24.5	>2 Years	17.7	18.6					
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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															
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '07	2.5	2.5	2.8	1.3																
	Dec '07	3.4	3.0	3.6	3.2																
	Mar '08	3.2	3.0	3.4	2.5																
	Jun '08	3.9	3.7	4.1	3.1																
	Sep '08	2.7	2.7	3.0	1.3																
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	Mar '09	5.9	6.5	6.3	4.3																
	Jun '09	5.4	6.2	5.7	3.6																
	Sep '09	4.9	5.6	5.4	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**

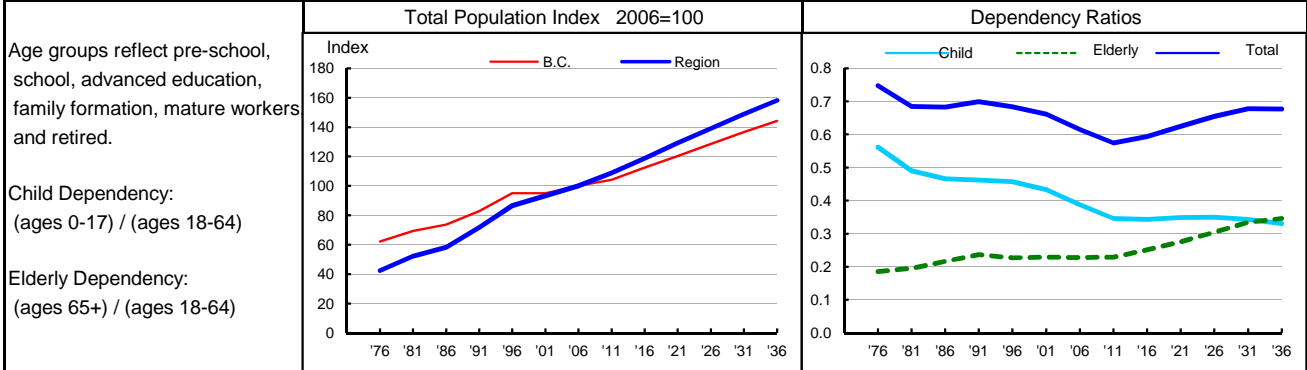
Although Fraser Valley is still far more rural than the neighbouring GVRD, the population density is over four times that of the province as a whole. The Fraser Valley has experienced strong growth, although rates have slowed somewhat since the late 1990s. As with all areas of British Columbia, the population has aged. However, this ageing has been slower than the provincial rate, adding about almost 6 years to its median age, compared with a provincial gain of 7 years. Despite this ageing, this region has a fairly young population, with a median age almost 2.5 younger than the provincial median in 2006. The more rural nature of the region is one of the reasons for the substantially higher total fertility rate compared to the provincial rate. As a result, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) remains higher than the corresponding provincial ratios, despite declines over the past two decades. Elderly dependency ratios are also higher than the provincial average. As a result, Fraser Valley has a larger dependency burden than the province as a whole, with 6 dependents for every 10 people of working age, compared with a provincial ratio of 5.1 to 10. In contrast to the provincial pattern of more females, the sex ratio in this region is fairly evenly balanced between males and females. Natural increase remains positive, as births outpace deaths by a substantial margin. This area generally experiences net migration inflows and this, in combination with natural increase has led to substantial growth over the last twenty years.

**14 Projection**

Net migration to this region has been high in the last couple of decades, and this will likely continue to be the case in the future, due in part to the large availability of land and the proximity to the delta and its ports. However, growth should be tempered as a result of the GVRD's Liveable Region Strategic Plan, which attempts to make more efficient use of land in the Growth Concentration Area and to draw more people into urban Vancouver. Despite this, the combination of continued high natural increase over most of the projection period and substantial inflows of migrants will likely result in strong population growth of about 44 percent. The population will also continue to age slowly and, by 2036, there will likely be almost 7 dependents for every 10 people of working age. Although the elderly are expected to contribute the most to overall dependency by 2036, those under the age of 18 also make a significant contribution.

**15 Selected Demographic Characteristics**

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.5	27.8	14.4	28.1	22.0	12.0	112.9	35.5	0.562	0.185	0.747	1976
1981	11.2	29.3	17.9	38.7	26.1	16.1	139.3	46.8	0.490	0.195	0.685	1981
1986	12.6	30.4	17.2	46.5	28.6	20.0	155.2	55.8	0.466	0.217	0.682	1986
1991	15.1	36.9	17.0	60.2	35.4	26.7	191.2	67.0	0.462	0.237	0.699	1991
1996	17.6	45.1	20.4	72.2	44.7	31.1	231.0	82.2	0.457	0.227	0.684	1996
2001	16.3	48.6	22.9	72.9	54.1	34.3	249.0	89.8	0.433	0.229	0.662	2001
2006	16.3	47.7	26.1	73.5	65.5	37.7	266.7	98.0	0.387	0.228	0.615	2006
2011	17.7	46.1	29.0	79.4	75.8	42.1	290.0	109.8	0.346	0.229	0.575	2011
2016	19.5	48.6	27.1	89.0	82.5	49.9	316.6	123.6	0.343	0.251	0.594	2016
2021	20.4	53.5	26.3	97.8	87.9	58.5	344.4	135.0	0.349	0.276	0.625	2021
2026	20.8	57.7	28.3	102.2	93.7	68.4	371.1	146.0	0.350	0.305	0.655	2026
2031	21.0	60.2	31.1	104.1	101.3	79.0	396.8	157.6	0.343	0.334	0.677	2031
2036	21.9	61.4	33.7	106.0	111.8	87.1	421.9	169.3	0.331	0.346	0.677	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.