



**Comox-Strathcona
 Regional District**

1	General Economy
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos</p> <p>Agriculture, fisheries, forestry and mining activities contribute to the local economy. The growing urban centres in the region continue to diversify their economies towards business and services, which support their retiree communities. Several condominium and retirement living project expansions are located within the area. The area has many wood processing facilities, some of which have announced closures or output reductions. The Annual Allowable cuts have recently been reduced for the timber supply areas in this region. Mining is also an important local industry. There are coal, and copper and zinc mines operating in the area. Proposed mines may open in the future. Condominium and resort projects are proposed and under construction. In Campbell River a cruise ship facility opened recently. The area's traditional fisheries industry continues to experience lower employment as the transition from wild to fish farming continues. The area has cattle, livestock and dairy operations, orchards, vegetable farming and horse ranches, as well as shell fish and fin fish farming operations.</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

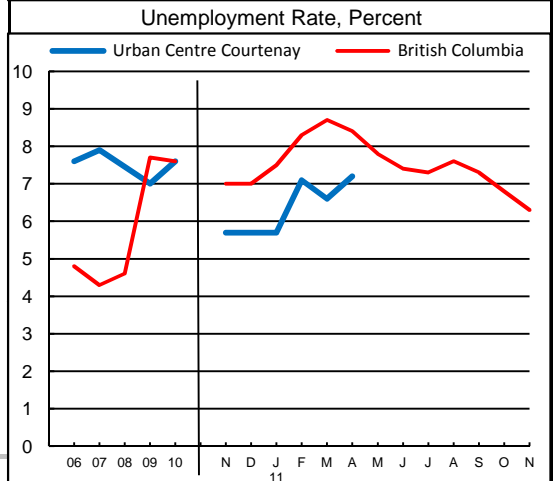
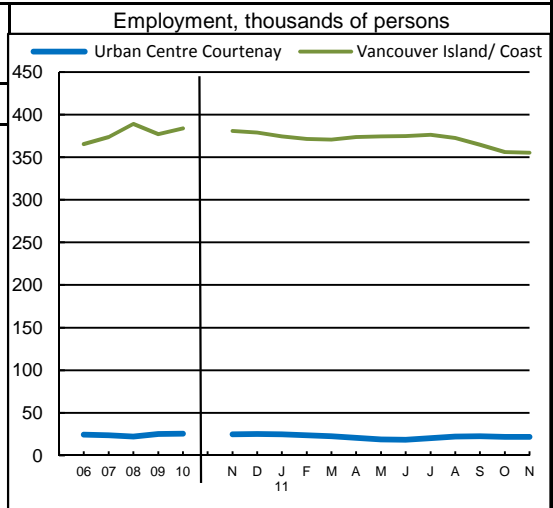
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Comox-Strathcona							British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	4,443	3,766	251	100	18	4,135	100.0%	100.0%	370,262
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	543	304	23	14	3	344	8.3%	4.1%	15,134
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	10	1	1	1	13	0.3%	0.6%	2,220
22	Utilities	2	5	0	0	0	5	0.1%	0.1%	363
23	Construction	749	572	12	8	0	592	14.3%	14.0%	51,926
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	147	137	14	3	1	155	3.7%	3.2%	11,824
41	Wholesale Trade	105	124	6	3	0	133	3.2%	4.4%	16,471
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	223	486	50	20	4	560	13.5%	8.1%	30,041
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	191	142	10	3	0	155	3.7%	5.1%	18,964
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	31	20	6	0	0	26	0.6%	1.5%	5,509
52	Finance & Insurance	256	116	17	2	0	135	3.3%	5.4%	19,946
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	697	155	4	0	0	159	3.8%	11.2%	41,389
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	485	360	9	0	0	369	8.9%	13.1%	48,449
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	253	31	3	1	0	35	0.8%	3.9%	14,283
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	170	195	7	4	0	206	5.0%	4.5%	16,769
61	Educational Services	39	47	3	2	3	55	1.3%	1.2%	4,290
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	134	367	20	15	3	405	9.8%	5.6%	20,661
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	88	70	3	2	1	76	1.8%	1.7%	6,187
72	Accom. & Food Services	99	242	47	15	0	304	7.4%	4.3%	15,964
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	222	366	6	3	0	375	9.1%	7.8%	28,939
91	Public Administration	1	17	10	4	2	33	0.8%	0.3%	933

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



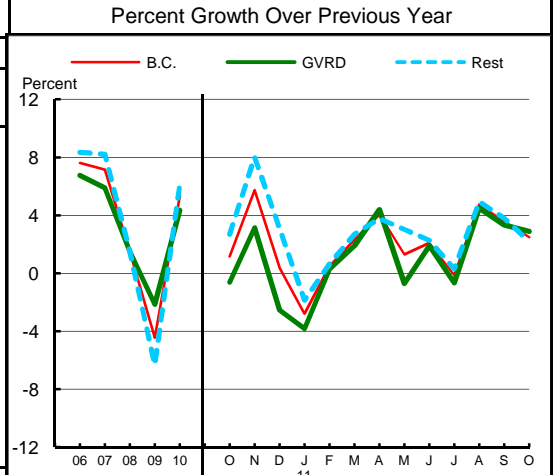
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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month						
	Urban Centre Courtenay		Vancouver Island/ Coast		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	16.3	11.4	307.4	9.2	1,919.7	7.7
2002	14.8	15.9	316.8	8.7	1,952.8	8.5
2003	15.4	12.0	319.0	8.6	1,998.0	8.0
2004	17.9	11.0	333.3	7.9	2,032.8	7.2
2005	24.9	10.8	348.5	6.3	2,091.9	5.8
2006	24.4	7.6	365.5	4.9	2,147.2	4.8
2007	23.4	7.9	373.9	4.3	2,222.6	4.3
2008	21.9	NA	389.3	4.4	2,266.4	4.6
2009	25.1	7.0	377.0	7.3	2,217.9	7.7
2010	25.4	7.6	383.8	6.3	2,256.5	7.6
Jan	28.1	9.4	375.6	8.3	2,219.8	8.0
Feb	28.0	8.5	378.2	8.1	2,213.3	8.1
Mar	27.8	8.3	380.4	7.5	2,213.2	8.2
Apr	26.6	8.9	385.8	6.6	2,224.5	7.8
May	24.3	6.9	388.8	5.8	2,238.7	7.8
Jun	24.8	6.8	389.7	5.5	2,258.8	7.6
Jul	24.9	6.7	388.5	5.9	2,277.1	7.7
Aug	25.2	10.0	387.0	6.4	2,289.9	7.8
Sep	24.1	9.7	386.1	6.3	2,284.5	7.8
Oct	23.9	8.4	382.2	6.2	2,278.8	7.5
Nov	24.8	5.7	381.1	5.8	2,273.6	7.0
Dec	25.0	NA	379.0	5.9	2,269.6	7.0
2011	24.7	5.7	374.7	6.9	2,250.0	7.5
Jan	23.6	7.1	371.7	8.1	2,232.3	8.3
Feb	22.6	6.6	370.9	9.1	2,227.7	8.7
Mar	20.5	7.2	373.7	8.5	2,240.5	8.4
Apr	18.6	NA	374.5	8.1	2,261.0	7.8
May	18.2	NA	375.0	7.7	2,280.1	7.4
Jun	20.1	NA	376.5	8.0	2,295.3	7.3
Jul	22.1	NA	372.7	7.8	2,298.0	7.6
Aug	22.3	NA	364.7	7.6	2,300.7	7.3
Sep	21.8	NA	356.1	6.9	2,299.8	6.8
Oct	21.7	NA	355.3	6.4	2,296.6	6.3
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Nov10	!! Caution		384.3	6.4	2,256.8	7.7
Jan-Nov11	Small		367.6	7.8	2,273.7	7.5
% Change	Sample		-4.3		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 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	
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	2006	34,840.0	5,454.0	8,406.0	15,041.0	5,939.0		
	2007	38,980.0	6,593.0	9,800.0	16,198.0	6,389.0		
	2008	37,294.0	6,768.0	9,307.0	15,516.0	5,703.0		
	2009	32,797.0	5,315.0	7,678.0	14,156.0	5,648.0		
	2010	25,409.0	5,562.0	7,722.0	12,125.0			
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	33,264.0	100.0%						
Fishing lodges	4,719.0	14.2%						
Hotels	11,842.0	35.6%						
Motels	6,648.0	20.0%						
Vacation Rentals	4,144.0	12.5%						
*Comox Valley	14,457.0	43.5%						
*Campbell River	11,011.0	33.1%						
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.

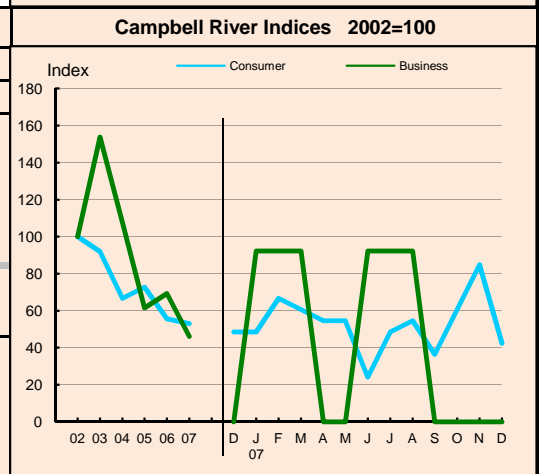
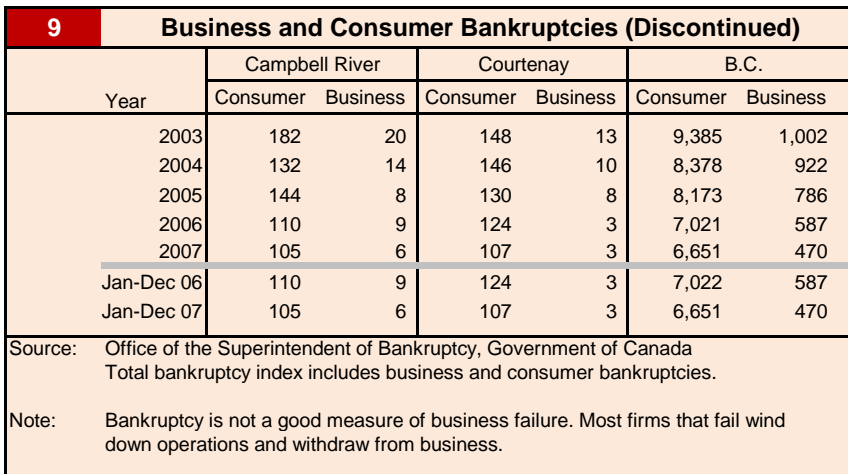
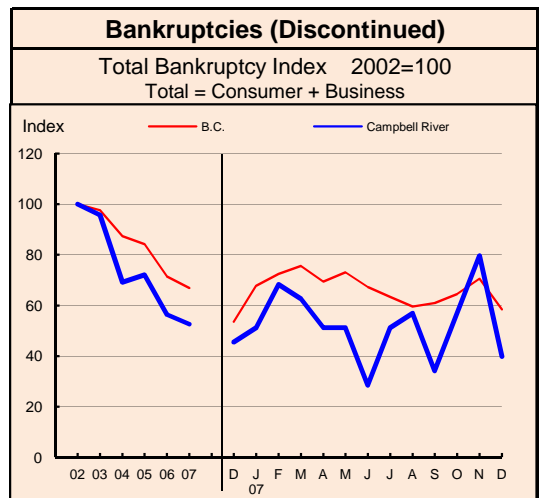
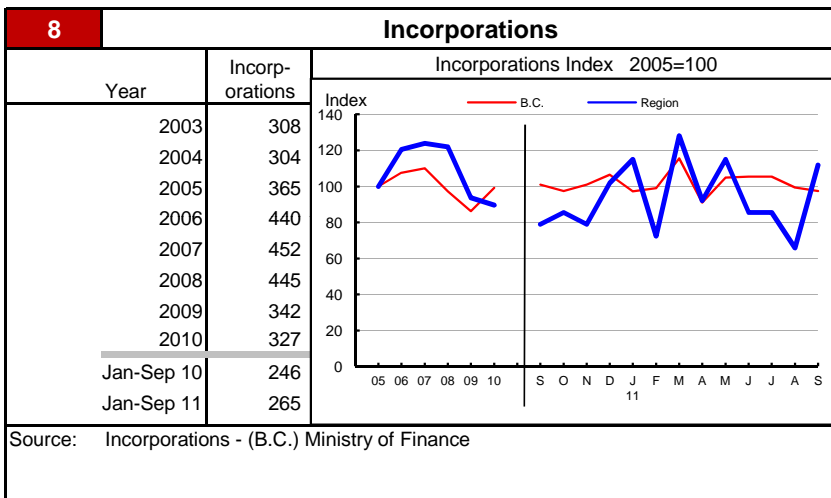
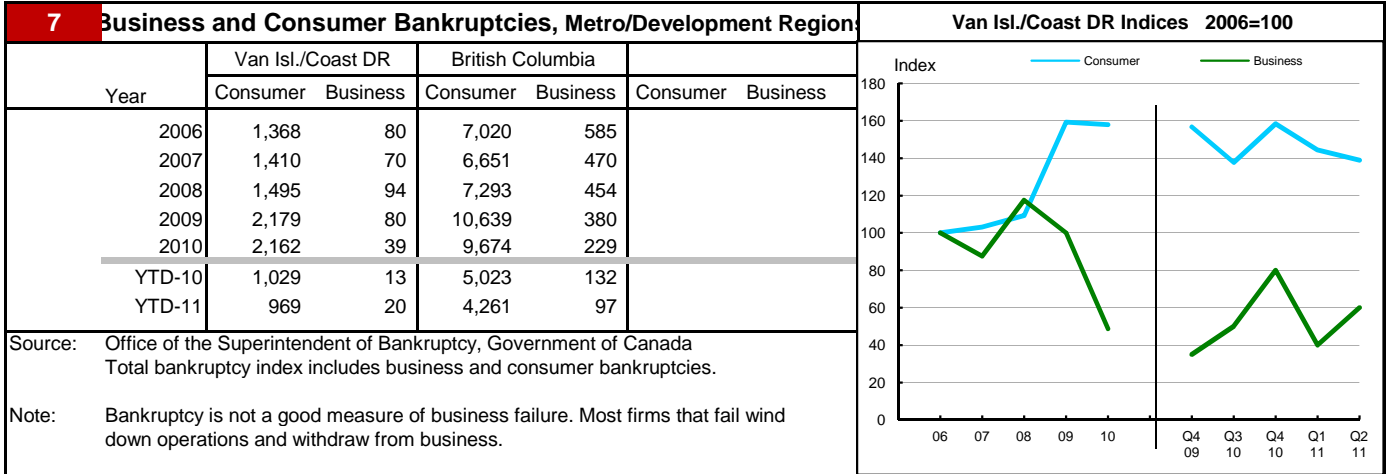
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called Tourism Sector Monitor, April and May issues of 2009.
 Link to explanation of changes: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp

6		Building Permits						Total Permits Index 2005=100	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential		Index	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov't	Units			
		<-- \$ Millions -->							
2003	116.6	33.5	6.8	20.8	5.9	83.1	545		
2004	158.6	26.6	4.0	16.3	6.3	132.0	854		
2005	221.1	26.7	2.6	16.4	7.6	194.4	1,169		
2006	304.5	53.9	4.9	36.1	12.9	250.6	1,190		
2007	279.8	71.6	6.3	35.7	29.6	208.1	938		
2008	226.6	46.9	4.1	35.9	6.9	179.8	708		
2009	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0		
2010	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0		
Jan-Oct 10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0		
Jan-Oct 11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0		

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						
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Sep '08	1.7	2.6	1.9	1.6	0.8	1.8	1.5	2.0	1.3	Sep '07					
	Dec '08	1.9	2.8	2.4	1.9	0.8	3.0	3.3	3.3	2.3	Dec '07					
	Mar '09	2.4	3.4	3.1	2.4	1.0	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.1	Mar '08					
	Jun '09	2.4	3.5	3.3	2.5	1.0	3.7	4.5	3.9	2.8	Jun '08					
	Sep '09	2.6	3.9	3.3	2.6	1.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.3	Sep '08					
	Dec '09	2.7	3.7	3.7	2.7	1.0	4.1	4.9	4.4	2.9	Dec '08					
	Mar '10	2.8	4.0	3.7	2.9	1.1	6.4	7.1	7.1	4.4	Mar '09					
	Jun '10	2.7	3.8	3.5	2.7	1.0	4.6	4.9	5.2	3.1	Jun '09					
	Sep '10	2.5	3.7	3.4	2.5	1.0	3.9	3.6	4.4	2.7	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	2,215	2.0					6.0									
Percent Distribution by Duration		1.5					2.0									
<1 Year	58.1	2.0					3.0									
1-2 Years	26.1	2.5					4.0									
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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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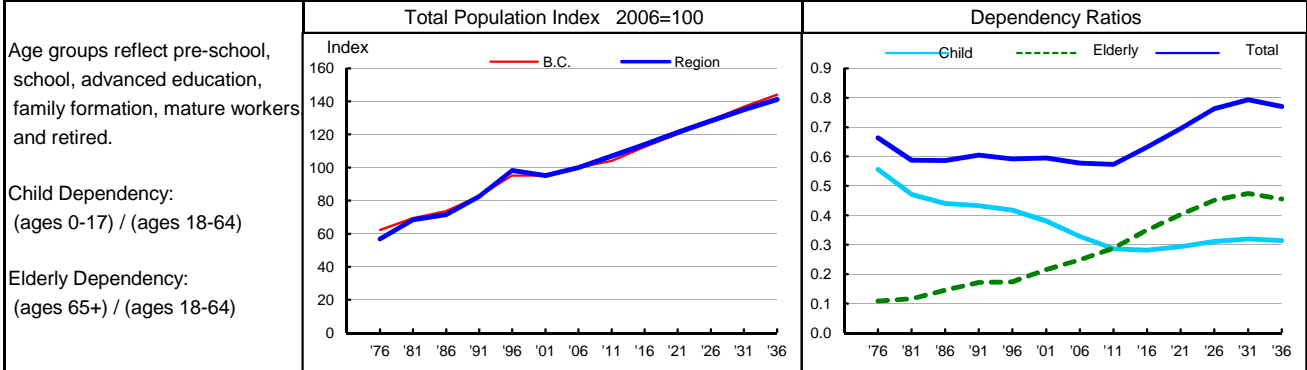
Comox-Strathcona received strong net inflows of people from the late 1980s to the mid 1990s but net outflows between 1999 and 2001 led to a net loss for a few years. Nonetheless, this region as seen strong overall growth in the last twenty years. The population has aged at a more rapid pace than the province as a whole, adding almost 12 years to its median age since 1986, compared to a provincial gain of 7.2 years. This region's population is now almost four years older than British Columbia as a whole. Fertility has shown a dramatic decline, yet remains slightly higher than provincial rates. Consistent with decreasing fertility and an ageing population, child dependency ratios have been dropping while the ratio of elderly people (aged 65 and older) to working ages (aged 18 to 64) has been on the rise. The dependence on resource industries is likely the reason for the sex ratio bias in favour of males in this region in the past, since most of these industries tend to have male-dominated employment. However there are now more females than males, as the population ages and service sector jobs expand. Natural increase remains generally positive, but has a diminishing impact on growth. Moderate inflows have led to strong growth in the last few years.

14 Projection

The diversity of the Courtenay and Campbell River areas should draw migrants to this region throughout the projection period. Natural increase is expected to continue to decrease, as deaths outpace births by an increasing margin, gradually reducing the population growth rate. Nonetheless, strong positive net migration should ensure that this region sees steady growth, increasing its population by about 32 percent by 2036. The population will continue to age and, by the end of the projection, this region should have almost 8 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	4.6	14.9	7.5	17.1	10.6	3.8	58.5	18.4	0.555	0.108	0.664	1976
1981	5.6	15.3	9.1	22.5	12.8	5.2	70.5	24.1	0.471	0.116	0.588	1981
1986	5.7	14.8	7.5	24.7	14.3	6.7	73.7	27.7	0.441	0.145	0.586	1986
1991	6.2	16.8	6.8	28.7	17.5	9.1	85.1	32.0	0.433	0.172	0.605	1991
1996	6.5	20.1	7.9	32.5	23.2	11.1	101.3	39.4	0.418	0.174	0.592	1996
2001	4.9	18.5	7.4	27.2	27.0	13.2	98.2	40.2	0.381	0.215	0.595	2001
2006	4.6	16.8	7.6	24.2	33.5	16.3	103.1	42.0	0.328	0.249	0.577	2006
2011	4.9	15.2	9.8	23.4	36.9	20.2	110.3	46.9	0.286	0.288	0.574	2011
2016	5.2	15.1	9.2	26.8	36.1	25.2	117.5	52.1	0.282	0.350	0.632	2016
2021	5.8	15.8	8.6	29.9	35.2	29.7	125.0	55.5	0.293	0.402	0.696	2021
2026	6.2	17.1	8.6	32.3	34.2	33.9	132.3	58.4	0.311	0.452	0.762	2026
2031	6.3	18.5	9.1	34.2	34.2	36.8	139.2	61.0	0.320	0.474	0.794	2031
2036	6.4	19.5	9.9	34.2	38.2	37.5	145.6	63.9	0.314	0.456	0.770	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.