



**Squamish-Lillooet  
Regional District**

<b>1</b>	<b>General Economy</b>
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, Whistler</p> <p>The economic base of SLRD has shifted from resource extraction, primarily forestry, to tourism, public service, agriculture and service industries. This area also increasingly serves as a satellite community to the Greater Vancouver area. Tourism has overtaken forestry as the main economic activity, mostly on the strength of the Whistler resort community. The upcoming Olympic Games will serve to raise the international tourism profile of this area further. Construction activity has increased in the area in the lead up to the games, particularly in the Whistler and Squamish areas. The Squamish Lillooet area has several mills, some of which have announced recent closures or output reductions. There are several residential development projects proposed as well as wind farm and hydro projects. The Squamish area's Quest University opened in 2007 and is expected to increase enrolment over the next few years. The area has some cattle and equestrian farms.</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.

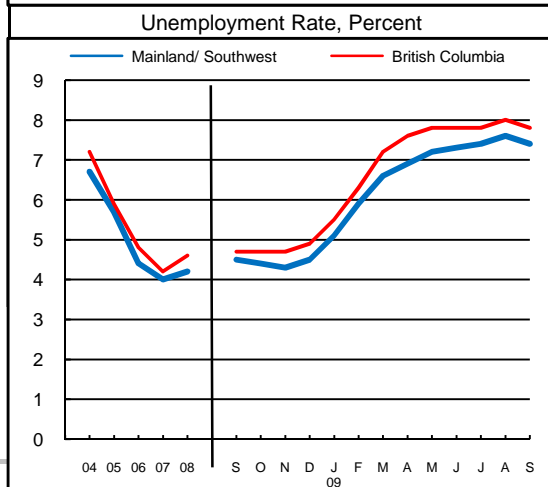
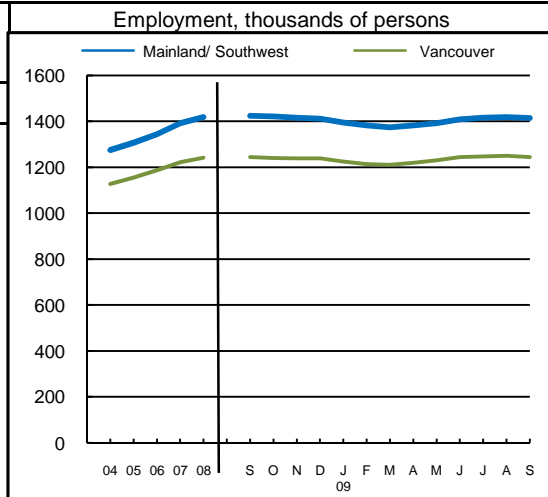
<b>2</b>	<b>Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2008</b>									
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Squamish-Lillooet							British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 99	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
11	Total, All Industries	2,218	1,570	187	59	17	1,833	100.0%	100.0%	175,003
	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	88	64	5	4	0	73	4.0%	4.0%	7,009
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	5	1	1	0	7	0.4%	0.6%	1,071
22	Utilities	3	8	0	0	0	8	0.4%	0.1%	203
23	Construction	399	278	21	5	0	304	16.6%	12.1%	21,108
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	50	49	5	1	1	56	3.1%	4.5%	7,879
41	Wholesale Trade	53	56	1	0	0	57	3.1%	5.9%	10,359
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	97	253	28	7	2	290	15.8%	11.9%	20,742
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	64	63	4	2	0	69	3.8%	4.4%	7,734
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	35	20	3	0	0	23	1.3%	1.4%	2,412
52	Finance & Insurance	103	32	4	1	0	37	2.0%	3.8%	6,564
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	421	92	5	3	0	100	5.5%	4.5%	7,835
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	257	134	4	0	0	138	7.5%	11.0%	19,278
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	96	15	2	0	0	17	0.9%	1.6%	2,818
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	120	105	14	3	0	122	6.7%	4.9%	8,513
61	Educational Services	21	23	1	1	1	26	1.4%	1.4%	2,363
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	42	77	13	2	1	93	5.1%	8.4%	14,773
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	64	35	12	2	2	51	2.8%	1.6%	2,873
72	Accom. & Food Services	196	115	48	23	6	192	10.5%	6.7%	11,639
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	106	140	7	3	0	150	8.2%	10.9%	19,095
91	Public Administration	-	6	9	1	4	20	1.1%	0.4%	735

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



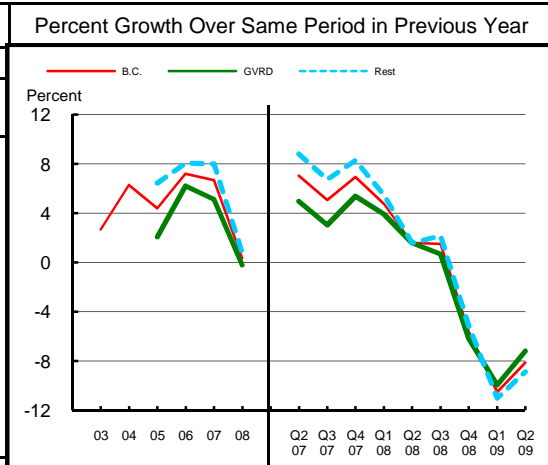
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<b>3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month</b>							
	Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia		
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	
1999	1,130.1	7.7	996.0	7.7	1,894.4	8.3	
2000	1,164.6	6.1	1,032.1	5.8	1,931.3	7.1	
2001	1,175.0	6.7	1,039.1	6.6	1,921.6	7.7	
2002	1,216.7	7.7	1,072.1	7.7	1,965.0	8.5	
2003	1,251.4	7.3	1,103.5	7.3	2,014.7	8.0	
2004	1,275.3	6.7	1,127.5	6.7	2,062.7	7.2	
2005	1,307.3	5.7	1,155.7	5.7	2,130.5	5.9	
2006	1,342.7	4.4	1,187.1	4.4	2,195.5	4.8	
2007	1,392.2	4.0	1,222.7	4.0	2,266.3	4.2	
2008	1,418.3	4.2	1,241.6	4.3	2,314.3	4.6	
2008 Jan	1,417.7	3.6	1,245.2	3.7	2,286.5	4.1	
2008 Feb	1,411.1	3.7	1,239.5	3.7	2,278.9	4.2	
2008 Mar	1,412.7	3.7	1,240.4	3.8	2,284.9	4.4	
2008 Apr	1,412.8	3.9	1,238.6	3.9	2,295.0	4.4	
2008 May	1,421.3	4.1	1,241.8	4.1	2,313.3	4.5	
2008 Jun	1,425.2	4.2	1,243.8	4.3	2,329.8	4.4	
2008 Jul	1,430.2	4.4	1,249.0	4.4	2,345.0	4.5	
2008 Aug	1,433.3	4.4	1,253.4	4.5	2,350.7	4.6	
2008 Sep	1,423.7	4.5	1,243.8	4.6	2,337.7	4.7	
2008 Oct	1,420.3	4.4	1,240.6	4.5	2,325.3	4.7	
2008 Nov	1,414.9	4.3	1,238.1	4.3	2,312.5	4.7	
2008 Dec	1,411.6	4.5	1,238.6	4.4	2,304.8	4.9	
2009 Jan	1,395.0	5.1	1,225.3	4.9	2,278.4	5.5	
2009 Feb	1,381.8	5.9	1,214.1	5.6	2,251.1	6.3	
2009 Mar	1,374.3	6.6	1,210.5	6.3	2,227.5	7.2	
2009 Apr	1,382.4	6.9	1,219.9	6.7	2,229.0	7.6	
2009 May	1,392.2	7.2	1,229.8	7.0	2,243.1	7.8	
2009 Jun	1,409.1	7.3	1,243.8	7.2	2,264.6	7.8	
2009 Jul	1,415.7	7.4	1,247.5	7.3	2,275.9	7.8	
2009 Aug	1,418.6	7.6	1,249.9	7.5	2,280.5	8.0	
2009 Sep	1,413.6	7.4	1,244.8	7.3	2,275.8	7.8	
2009 Oct							
2009 Nov							
2009 Dec							
Average:							
ytd average	Jan-Sep08	1,420.6	4.2	1,242.6	4.2	2,317.5	4.5
based on	Jan-Sep09	1,397.7	7.1	1,233.0	6.9	2,256.0	7.6
actual data	% Change	-1.6		-0.8		-2.7	



Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

<b>4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey</b>							
Year or Year/Quarter	\$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago			
	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	
2004	47,216.6	22,243.6	24,973.0	6.3	n/a	n/a	
2005	49,286.3	22,702.6	26,583.7	4.4	2.1	6.4	
Annual data	2006	52,837.1	24,110.2	28,726.9	7.2	6.2	8.1
2007	56,365.4	25,342.8	31,022.6	6.7	5.1	8.0	
2008	56,562.4	25,290.5	31,271.8	0.3	-0.2	0.8	
Quarterly data	08 2	14,749.1	6,626.3	8,122.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
08 3	14,923.3	6,466.4	8,456.9	1.5	0.7	2.2	
08 4	14,053.2	6,340.4	7,712.7	-5.6	-6.2	-5.2	
09 1	11,485.1	5,274.5	6,210.5	-10.5	-10.0	-11.0	
09 2	13,550.1	6,150.0	7,400.1	-8.1	-7.2	-8.9	



Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, monthly survey (CANSIM 080-0015).



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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.

<b>5</b>		<b>Tourism Room Revenue (\$ Thousands)</b>					<b>Tourism Room Revenue Index 2003=100</b>	
	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Index	
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	2005	170,477.6	79,434.4	23,101.9	32,425.0	35,516.3		
	2006	178,463.7	74,623.4	28,731.8	36,432.5	38,676.0		
	2007	207,877.7	92,348.0	33,191.0	39,379.5	42,959.3		
	2008	205,770.2	97,968.3	30,782.0	37,215.7	39,804.2		
	2009	103,433.7	74,516.0	28,917.7				
British Columbia	2005	1,681,563.6	351,779.6	404,639.8	610,273.7	314,870.6		
	2006	1,807,608.7	366,165.1	450,747.7	652,476.4	338,219.5		
	2007	1,963,958.7	412,949.3	488,493.9	697,545.2	364,970.3		
	2008	1,977,424.9	435,223.9	503,276.7	687,708.3	351,215.9		
	2009	802,329.6	378,880.1	423,449.6				
2008 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type (\$Thousands   %Share)								
TOTAL	205,770.0	100.0%						
Hotels	152,599.0	74.2%						
1-75 Rooms	9,716.0	4.7%						
Motels	2,334.0	1.1%						
Vacation Rentals	40,365.0	19.6%						
*Resort Municipality of 1	192,822.0	93.7%						

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)

<b>6</b>		<b>Building Permits</b>						<b>Total Permits Index 2003=100</b>	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential		Index	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov't	Units			
		<-- \$ Millions -->							
2001	86.4	13.3	0.8	11.2	1.3	73.1	373		
2002	115.5	16.7	2.6	8.4	5.7	98.8	576		
2003	127.0	44.6	8.7	30.8	5.1	82.3	487		
2004	79.2	25.8	2.3	22.9	0.6	53.4	254		
2005	135.1	69.8	1.2	45.8	22.8	65.3	351		
2006	123.0	50.9	2.4	37.9	10.6	72.2	443		
2007	149.5	61.6	9.6	37.9	14.1	88.0	490		
2008	160.5	44.1	7.8	34.4	1.9	116.4	674		
Jan-Aug 08	136.2	37.9	6.4	29.8	1.7	98.3	589		
Jan-Aug 09	68.6	38.5	6.4	28.5	3.7	30.0	122		

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).

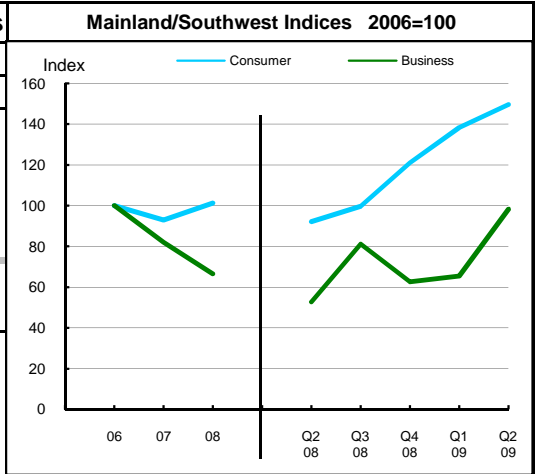


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7 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies, Quarterly - NEW series						
Year	Mainland/Southwest		British Columbia			
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2006	3,931	281	7,020	585		
2007	3,653	230	6,651	470		
2008	3,985	187	7,293	454		
2009						
2010						
YTD-08	1,815	86	3,335	202		
YTD-09	2,831	115	5,400	232		

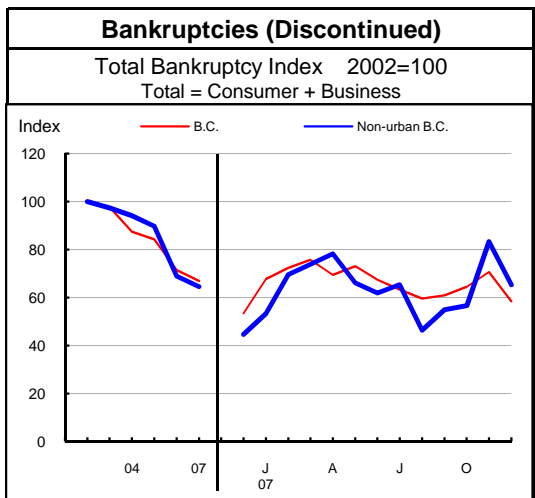
Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada  
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.



8 Incorporations			
Year	Incorporations	Incorporations Index 2003=100	
		B.C.	Region
2001	126		
2002	152		
2003	172		
2004	187		
2005	183		
2006	213		
2007	214		
2008	234		
Jan-Sep 08	184		
Jan-Sep 09	135		

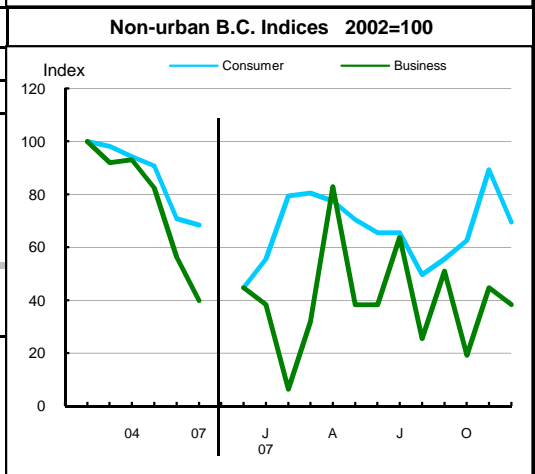
Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance



9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies (Discontinued)						
Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.			
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002		
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922		
2005	1,097	155	8,173	786		
2006	856	106	7,021	587		
2007	827	75	6,651	470		
Jan-Dec 06	856	106	7,022	587		
Jan-Dec 07	827	75	6,651	470		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada  
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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						
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Sep '07	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	1.5	Mar '07					
	Dec '07	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	1.7	1.0	1.9	1.1	Jun '07					
	Mar '08	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.6	0.7	Sep '07					
	Jun '08	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	2.1	2.3	2.2	1.3	Dec '07					
	Sep '08	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	2.3	2.6	2.4	1.7	Mar '08					
	Dec '08	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.2	3.2	2.0	3.5	2.7	Jun '08					
	Mar '09	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.3	1.7	1.3	1.8	1.2	Sep '08					
	Jun '09	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.3	2.7	3.1	2.8	1.6	Dec '08					
	Sep '09	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	4.3	5.0	4.4	2.9	Mar '09					
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of September 2009)		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	157	72,592														
Percent Distribution by Duration																
<1 Year	63.7	65.3														
1-2 Years	23.6	18.2														
>2 Years	12.7	16.4														
Source: Ministry of Children and Family 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 Housing and 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										
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Mar '07	2.6	2.6	2.7	1.6											
	Jun '07	1.9	1.3	2.2	1.2											
	Sep '07	1.6	1.4	1.8	0.9											
	Dec '07	2.4	2.6	2.5	1.5											
	Mar '08	2.6	2.7	2.7	1.9											
	Jun '08	3.5	2.2	3.9	2.9											
	Sep '08	2.0	1.6	2.1	1.4											
	Dec '08	3.0	3.5	3.2	1.8											
	Mar '09	4.8	5.5	4.9	3.3											

Note: The EI figures reported above no longer include persons claiming parental/adoption leave. Previous issues of this table did include them.



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**13 Demographics**

Overall, Squamish-Lillooet has experienced positive growth, with particularly strong rates from the late 1980s to the mid 1990s. Although the population has aged, adding over five years to its median age since the mid 1980s, it continues to be five years younger than the provincial median. Fertility rates have been on the decline over the last twenty years, but continue to be generally higher than provincial rates. The forest sector and construction activity are important components of the economy and this is evident in the sex ratio, which is heavily weighted in favour of males. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. The population is dominated by those of working ages (18 to 64), with only four dependents for every ten people of working age in 2007. Both child and elderly dependency ratios have been on the decline since the mid 1980s. The young age structure and high fertility ensures that births continue to outnumber deaths by a wide margin. Natural increase, in combination with significant net inflows of migrants has led to substantial growth in this region since the mid 1980s.

**14 Projection**

This area had one of the fastest growing populations in British Columbia in the early nineties. As the burgeoning tourism industry continues to supplant forestry as the main economic activity, there will likely be more stable migration patterns. As the Whistler resort becomes more of an all-season resort, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. Net migration is expected to remain strongly positive throughout the projection period. Natural increase is expected to become negative late in the projection period, mainly due to a dramatic increase in deaths. Although declining natural increase will slow growth rates, this region is expected to grow by over 60 percent over the next 30 years. The population will continue to age and, by 2036, there should be over 5.5 dependents for every 10 people of working age.

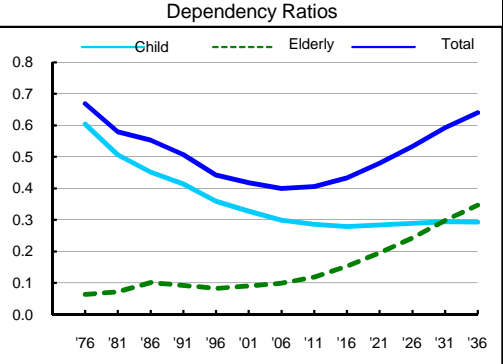
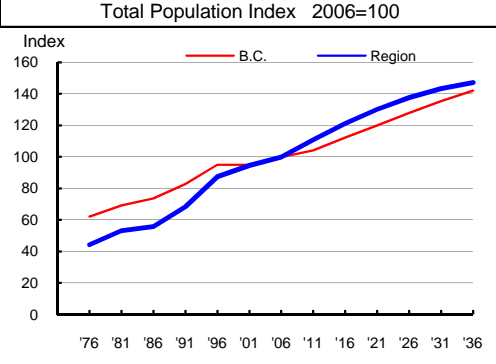
**15 Selected Demographic Characteristics**

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	1.6	4.3	2.4	4.8	2.5	0.6	16.2	4.9	0.604	0.064	0.669	1976
1981	1.9	4.4	2.8	6.5	3.0	0.9	19.5	6.5	0.507	0.073	0.580	1981
1986	1.8	4.2	2.3	7.5	3.4	1.3	20.5	7.5	0.452	0.102	0.553	1986
1991	2.1	4.8	2.5	9.9	4.2	1.6	25.1	9.0	0.414	0.093	0.508	1991
1996	2.4	5.6	3.7	12.9	5.7	1.9	32.1	11.9	0.359	0.083	0.443	1996
2001	2.1	5.9	3.9	13.3	7.2	2.2	34.6	12.9	0.328	0.091	0.418	2001
2006	2.1	5.7	3.7	13.6	8.8	2.6	36.6	14.0	0.300	0.100	0.400	2006
2011	2.6	5.7	4.1	13.9	10.9	3.4	40.6	16.0	0.287	0.119	0.406	2011
2016	2.6	6.0	4.2	14.3	12.5	4.8	44.4	18.0	0.279	0.154	0.433	2016
2021	2.7	6.5	3.8	14.4	13.9	6.3	47.7	19.4	0.284	0.196	0.480	2021
2026	2.7	6.8	3.8	14.2	14.8	8.0	50.4	20.4	0.290	0.243	0.533	2026
2031	2.7	7.0	4.0	14.1	14.8	9.8	52.5	21.2	0.294	0.298	0.593	2031
2036	2.6	7.0	4.1	13.8	15.0	11.4	53.9	22.0	0.294	0.347	0.641	2036

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-34, run in Summer 2009. 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.