



**Thompson-Nicola
Regional District**

1	General Economy
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Chase, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt</p> <p>The main economic activities in this region are agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing and tourism. This area is largely dependent on resource extraction. However mine closures and recent restructuring in the forestry industry have had impacts on the region. The area has many wood processing facilities, some of which have announced closures or output reductions. The forestry resources in this area have been affected by the mountain pine beetle infestation. Current annual allowable cuts are higher to facilitate salvage harvesting in the area. Economic activity has shifted towards tourism. The area is a significant cattle and horse ranching area in the province. Several mines are at proposal stages within this area. Resort expansions are also under construction as the tourism industry in this area grows.</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.

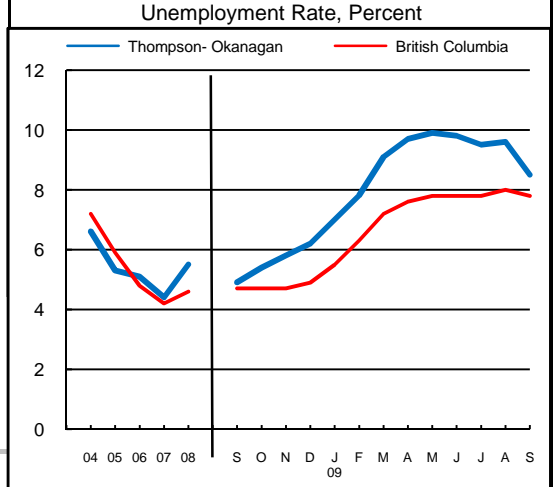
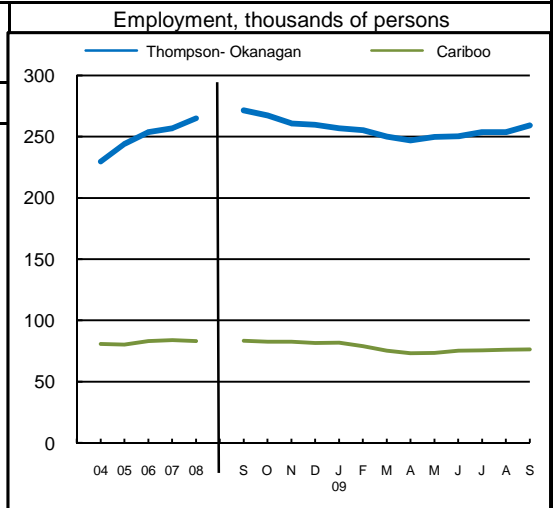
2		Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2008								
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson-Nicola							British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with Employees						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	4,344	4,371	431	161	21	4,984	100.0%	100.0%	175,003
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	401	323	11	6	0	340	6.8%	4.0%	7,009
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	20	18	6	2	1	27	0.5%	0.6%	1,071
22	Utilities	9	5	0	1	0	6	0.1%	0.1%	203
23	Construction	682	631	36	21	0	688	13.8%	12.1%	21,108
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	105	155	27	10	4	196	3.9%	4.5%	7,879
41	Wholesale Trade	119	198	35	4	0	237	4.8%	5.9%	10,359
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	246	551	63	30	3	647	13.0%	11.9%	20,742
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	312	252	26	11	1	290	5.8%	4.4%	7,734
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	26	34	5	3	0	42	0.8%	1.4%	2,412
52	Finance & Insurance	264	147	16	2	0	165	3.3%	3.8%	6,564
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	673	190	2	2	0	194	3.9%	4.5%	7,835
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	438	379	21	2	0	402	8.1%	11.0%	19,278
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	291	43	3	3	0	49	1.0%	1.6%	2,818
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	165	210	18	4	0	232	4.7%	4.9%	8,513
61	Educational Services	33	37	6	2	5	50	1.0%	1.4%	2,363
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	107	377	36	14	2	429	8.6%	8.4%	14,773
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	57	54	9	5	1	69	1.4%	1.6%	2,873
72	Accom. & Food Services	143	321	85	27	2	435	8.7%	6.7%	11,639
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	253	428	16	4	1	449	9.0%	10.9%	19,095
91	Public Administration	-	18	10	8	1	37	0.7%	0.4%	735

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



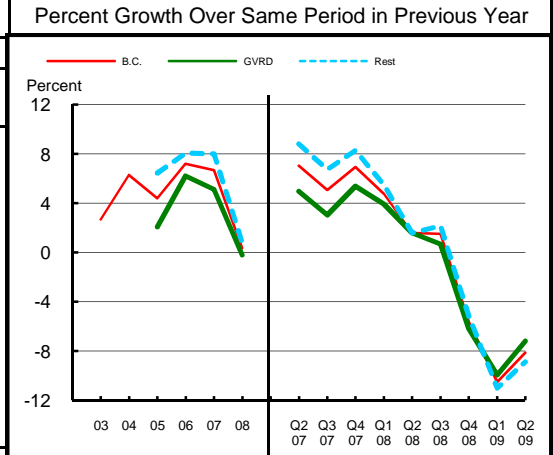
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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month							
	Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia		
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	
1999	206.1	9.6	81.4	11.6	1,894.4	8.3	
2000	210.3	9.3	79.1	9.9	1,931.3	7.1	
2001	210.2	9.3	79.4	9.7	1,921.6	7.7	
2002	208.1	9.4	78.0	12.7	1,965.0	8.5	
2003	218.8	8.8	78.2	11.1	2,014.7	8.0	
2004	229.7	6.6	80.7	9.1	2,062.7	7.2	
2005	244.0	5.3	80.1	7.4	2,130.5	5.9	
2006	253.7	5.1	82.9	6.1	2,195.5	4.8	
2007	256.7	4.4	83.8	5.1	2,266.3	4.2	
2008	265.0	5.5	83.1	6.5	2,314.3	4.6	
2008 Jan	253.9	4.8	88.0	5.2	2,286.5	4.1	
2008 Feb	253.6	5.3	86.5	5.8	2,278.9	4.2	
2008 Mar	257.6	5.9	84.0	6.8	2,284.9	4.4	
2008 Apr	260.7	5.6	82.9	7.7	2,295.0	4.4	
2008 May	265.6	5.6	82.7	7.9	2,313.3	4.5	
2008 Jun	271.5	5.1	83.5	7.0	2,329.8	4.4	
2008 Jul	274.8	5.2	83.4	6.9	2,345.0	4.5	
2008 Aug	275.2	4.9	83.2	7.2	2,350.7	4.6	
2008 Sep	271.4	4.9	83.3	6.8	2,337.7	4.7	
2008 Oct	267.3	5.4	82.5	6.4	2,325.3	4.7	
2008 Nov	260.7	5.8	82.4	5.5	2,312.5	4.7	
2008 Dec	259.7	6.2	81.4	5.6	2,304.8	4.9	
2009 Jan	256.9	7.0	81.7	6.1	2,278.4	5.5	
2009 Feb	255.3	7.8	78.8	7.8	2,251.1	6.3	
2009 Mar	249.9	9.1	75.3	10.0	2,227.5	7.2	
2009 Apr	246.8	9.7	73.2	12.0	2,229.0	7.6	
2009 May	249.8	9.9	73.4	12.9	2,243.1	7.8	
2009 Jun	250.2	9.8	75.2	13.5	2,264.6	7.8	
2009 Jul	253.6	9.5	75.6	14.2	2,275.9	7.8	
2009 Aug	253.7	9.6	76.1	13.3	2,280.5	8.0	
2009 Sep	259.2	8.5	76.2	12.4	2,275.8	7.8	
2009 Oct							
2009 Nov							
2009 Dec							
Average: ytd average based on actual data	Jan-Sep08	266.8	5.3	83.6	6.9	2,317.5	4.5
	Jan-Sep09	253.4	9.1	75.5	12.0	2,256.0	7.6
	% Change	-5.0		-9.7		-2.7	



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							Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year						
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	
	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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This table is discontinued. Sub-provincial manufacturing principal statistics are no longer being produced.

5		Tourism Room Revenue (\$ Thousands)					Tourism Room Revenue Index 2003=100			
	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Index			
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	2005	62,737.5	13,623.8	15,566.5	22,465.6	11,081.6				
	2006	67,627.7	14,617.4	16,748.8	24,405.6	11,856.0				
	2007	72,607.3	16,081.3	18,354.6	25,397.7	12,773.7				
	2008	74,735.7	16,090.0	19,054.4	27,282.0	12,309.3				
	2009	29,976.8	13,794.8	16,182.0						
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	74,736.0	100.0%								
Fishing lodges	1,577.0	2.1%								
Hotels	34,918.0	46.7%								
1-75 Rooms	6,046.0	8.1%								
Motels	24,379.0	32.6%								
Vacation Rentals	7,488.0	10.0%								
Miscellaneous	6,373.0	8.5%								
*City of Kamloops	42,623.0	57.0%								
*Village of Cache Creek	2,162.0	2.9%								

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 2003=100	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential		Index	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov't	Units	Units		
		<-- \$ Millions -->							
2001	143.2	77.3	5.3	56.1	15.9	65.9	568		
2002	98.1	42.2	1.1	30.8	10.3	56.0	359		
2003	175.2	92.0	31.4	25.4	35.2	83.2	551		
2004	177.0	49.8	7.1	20.6	22.1	127.2	860		
2005	281.7	83.0	8.1	42.6	32.3	198.7	1,188		
2006	323.3	91.4	10.1	51.0	30.3	231.9	1,228		
2007	312.9	79.5	18.7	35.3	25.5	233.4	1,065		
2008	299.6	74.8	8.1	61.3	5.4	224.8	1,020		
Jan-Aug 08	212.3	40.9	7.8	29.5	3.6	171.4	765		
Jan-Aug 09	123.3	40.1	8.8	26.2	5.0	83.3	340		

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).

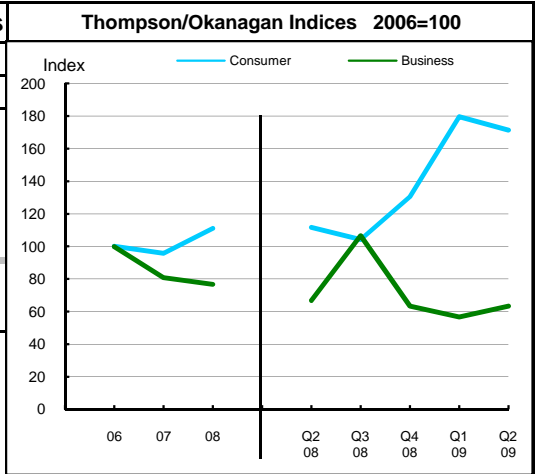


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7 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies, Quarterly - NEW series							
Year	Thompson/Okanagan		Kelowna		British Columbia		
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	
2006	913	120	378	41	7,020	585	
2007	874	97	378	32	6,651	470	
2008	1,014	92	426	31	7,293	454	
2009							
2010							
YTD-08	478	41	203	14	3,335	202	
YTD-09	801	36	331	13	5,400	232	

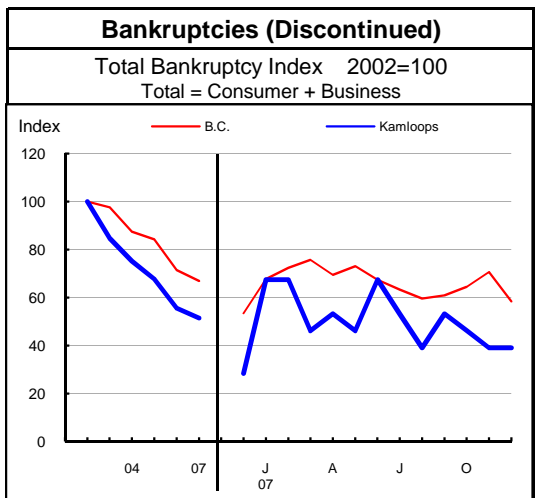
Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

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	355		
2002	372		
2003	385		
2004	435		
2005	565		
2006	689		
2007	633		
2008	595		
Jan-Sep 08	474		
Jan-Sep 09	356		

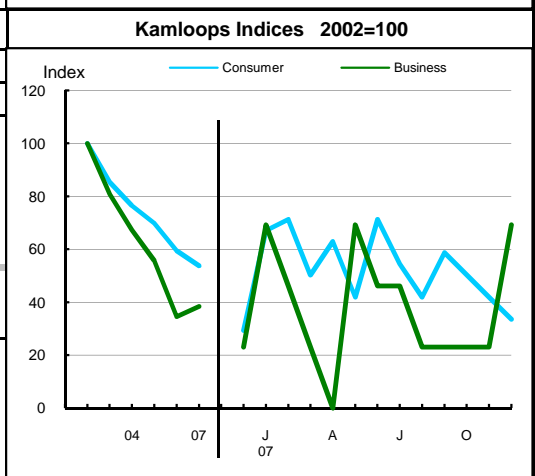
Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance



9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies (Discontinued)							
Year	Kamloops		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.		
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	
2003	244	42	1,186	173	9,385	1,002	
2004	219	35	1,139	175	8,378	922	
2005	200	29	1,097	155	8,173	786	
2006	170	18	856	106	7,021	587	
2007	154	20	827	75	6,651	470	
Jan-Dec 06	170	18	856	106	7,022	587	
Jan-Dec 07	154	20	827	75	6,651	470	

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

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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						
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Sep '07	1.7	3.0	1.8	1.5	0.9	2.6	2.7	2.8	1.9	Mar '07					
	Dec '07	1.9	3.0	2.0	1.7	0.2	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.2	Jun '07					
	Mar '08	2.0	3.2	2.4	1.9	0.1	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.0	Sep '07					
	Jun '08	2.0	3.1	2.5	1.8	0.1	2.4	2.7	2.6	1.8	Dec '07					
	Sep '08	2.0	3.2	2.6	1.8	0.1	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.0	Mar '08					
	Dec '08	2.3	3.5	3.2	2.1	1.0	3.8	4.1	4.1	2.5	Jun '08					
	Mar '09	2.8	3.9	4.0	2.7	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.0	Sep '08					
	Jun '09	3.0	4.2	4.5	2.8	1.3	3.3	4.3	3.5	2.3	Dec '08					
	Sep '09	3.1	4.8	4.4	2.9	1.4	5.7	7.4	5.9	3.9	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	3,308	3,308					72,592					72,592				
Percent Distribution by Duration																
<1 Year	71.5	65.3					65.3					65.3				
1-2 Years	17.5	18.2					18.2					18.2				
>2 Years	11.0	16.4					16.4					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										
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Mar '07	4.0	4.9	4.4	2.4	Region										
	Jun '07	3.0	3.8	3.3	1.6	B.C.										
	Sep '07	2.7	2.9	3.1	1.3	Region										
	Dec '07	3.9	4.6	4.3	2.2	B.C.										
	Mar '08	4.3	5.4	4.7	2.5	Region										
	Jun '08	5.3	6.5	5.8	3.0	B.C.										
	Sep '08	3.0	4.1	3.4	1.4	Region										
	Dec '08	5.0	7.2	5.4	2.8	B.C.										
	Mar '09	7.9	11.1	8.4	4.5	Region										

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

Like many regions in British Columbia with a high dependence on the resource sector, this region experienced net migration outflows in the mid-eighties and the late nineties. Migration was also negative for a few years in the early part of the new century. Otherwise, net migration has been tended to be strongly positive. The population has aged at a faster rate than the province as a whole, adding 11 years to its median age since the mid 1980s, compared with a provincial gain of 7.2 years. Almost two years younger than British Columbia as a whole in 1986, Thompson-Nicola's population was two years older by 2007. Fertility has decreased over the last two decades, and dipped to just below provincial rates in the late 1990s. Along with the decline in fertility, child dependency ratios have been dropping. Elderly dependency ratios have been increasing and are now slightly higher than those of the province as a whole. Sex ratios have recently begun to favour females over males as the population ages and the economy diversifies to include more service oriented employment. Deaths have almost doubled while births show a downward trend. Although natural increase remains positive, its contribution to growth in this region has been diminishing. Relative to the period before, growth in Thompson-Nicola slowed between 1998 and 2007. In the initial few years, the slower growth was largely due to net outflows of migrants. In the later years, however, slower growth is largely driven by much lower natural increase levels.

14 Projection

Interprovincial migration to the province and to this region is forecast to remain positive throughout the projection period. Natural increase is expected to continue its decline, becoming negative within the next few years and therefore lowering the population growth rate. However, overall positive net migration is expected to contribute to population growth throughout the projection period. By 2036, this region can expect a population larger by about 27,000 people. The population will continue to age and, by the end of the projection period, this region will likely have over 7 dependents for every 10 people of working age and most of these dependents will be seniors.

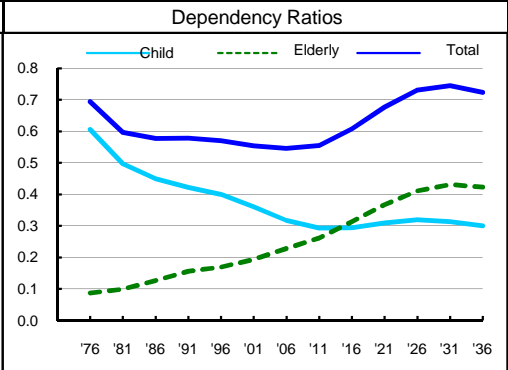
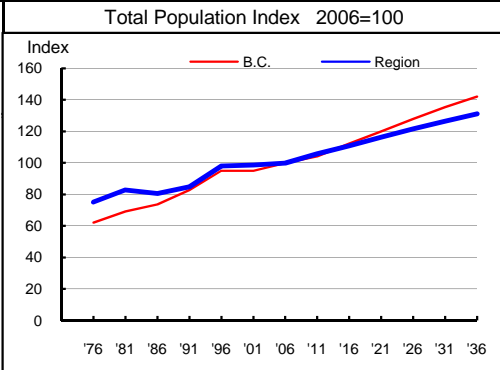
15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

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	8.0	25.8	12.5	27.7	15.6	4.9	94.4	28.9	0.606	0.088	0.694	1976
1981	8.1	24.3	14.6	32.8	17.9	6.5	104.2	35.1	0.497	0.100	0.597	1981
1986	7.6	21.3	11.3	33.2	19.7	8.2	101.2	36.6	0.450	0.127	0.577	1986
1991	7.3	21.2	10.3	34.6	22.6	10.6	106.6	39.2	0.422	0.157	0.579	1991
1996	7.8	23.6	12.1	38.3	28.2	13.3	123.4	46.5	0.400	0.170	0.570	1996
2001	6.3	22.5	11.8	35.2	32.8	15.5	124.0	48.8	0.360	0.194	0.554	2001
2006	5.9	20.0	12.2	31.4	37.7	18.6	125.6	49.9	0.317	0.228	0.546	2006
2011	6.5	18.5	12.2	32.2	41.1	22.4	132.9	54.7	0.293	0.262	0.555	2011
2016	7.1	18.4	11.1	34.9	40.7	27.2	139.3	59.4	0.294	0.314	0.608	2016
2021	7.2	19.8	10.2	37.6	39.3	32.0	146.2	62.7	0.309	0.367	0.677	2021
2026	7.0	21.2	10.4	39.4	38.4	36.3	152.8	65.8	0.320	0.411	0.731	2026
2031	6.9	21.7	11.6	39.5	40.1	39.3	159.0	68.9	0.314	0.431	0.745	2031
2036	7.1	21.6	12.5	39.4	43.7	40.5	164.8	72.0	0.300	0.424	0.724	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.