



**Mount Waddington  
 Regional District**

<b>1</b>	<b>General Economy</b>
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill</p> <p>This region includes the northern tip of Vancouver Island and adjacent areas on the mainland. This area has historically been an important forestry and fisheries area for B.C.; however, both industries have undergone restructuring in recent years. The area is home to many small wood processing facilities. The annual allowable cuts of the Timber Supply Areas here have been reduced. There are both fin-fish and shellfish operations in this area and processing plants. Tourism is a potential future area for growth.</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.

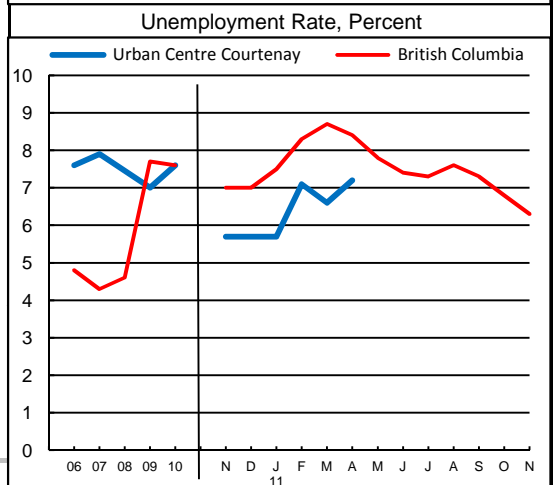
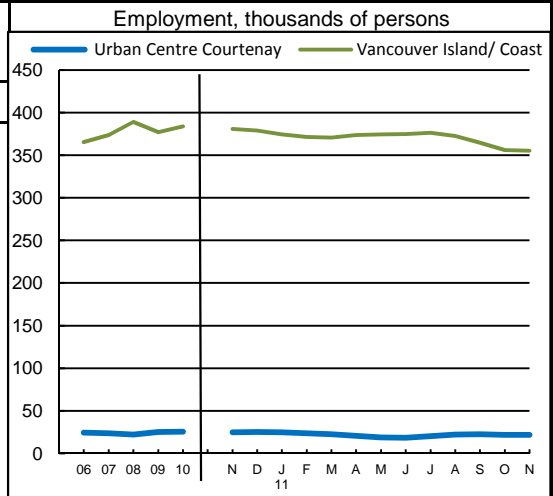
<b>2</b>		<b>Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2010</b>									
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mount Waddington								British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with 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	436	483	33	12	4	532	100.0%	100.0%	370,262	
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	100	67	2	4	1	74	13.9%	4.1%	15,134	
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.6%	2,220	
22	Utilities	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.4%	0.1%	363	
23	Construction	51	52	2	0	0	54	10.2%	14.0%	51,926	
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	19	15	0	2	1	18	3.4%	3.2%	11,824	
41	Wholesale Trade	12	17	2	1	0	20	3.8%	4.4%	16,471	
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	17	63	6	2	0	71	13.3%	8.1%	30,041	
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	33	41	1	0	1	43	8.1%	5.1%	18,964	
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	5	0	0	0	5	0.9%	1.5%	5,509	
52	Finance & Insurance	13	10	4	0	0	14	2.6%	5.4%	19,946	
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	42	17	0	0	0	17	3.2%	11.2%	41,389	
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	22	24	0	1	0	25	4.7%	13.1%	48,449	
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	23	3	0	0	0	3	0.6%	3.9%	14,283	
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	19	19	1	0	0	20	3.8%	4.5%	16,769	
61	Educational Services	6	1	0	0	1	2	0.4%	1.2%	4,290	
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	18	28	1	1	0	30	5.6%	5.6%	20,661	
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	8	10	1	0	0	11	2.1%	1.7%	6,187	
72	Accom. & Food Services	21	53	3	0	0	56	10.5%	4.3%	15,964	
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	27	51	2	0	0	53	10.0%	7.8%	28,939	
91	Public Administration	-	5	8	1	0	14	2.6%	0.3%	933	

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



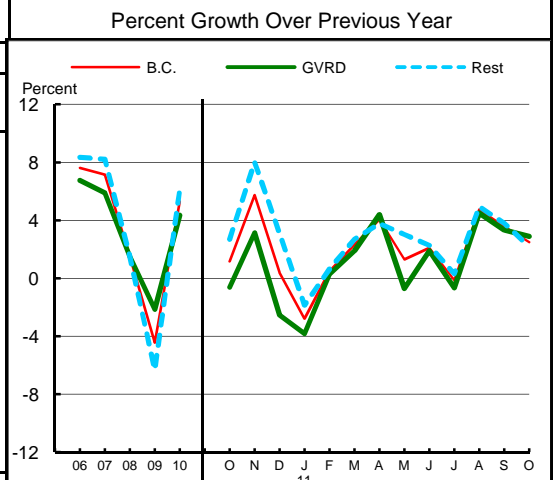
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<b>3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month</b>						
	Urban Centre Courtenay		Vancouver Island/ Coast		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
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
2010 Jan	28.1	9.4	375.6	8.3	2,219.8	8.0
2010 Feb	28.0	8.5	378.2	8.1	2,213.3	8.1
2010 Mar	27.8	8.3	380.4	7.5	2,213.2	8.2
2010 Apr	26.6	8.9	385.8	6.6	2,224.5	7.8
2010 May	24.3	6.9	388.8	5.8	2,238.7	7.8
2010 Jun	24.8	6.8	389.7	5.5	2,258.8	7.6
2010 Jul	24.9	6.7	388.5	5.9	2,277.1	7.7
2010 Aug	25.2	10.0	387.0	6.4	2,289.9	7.8
2010 Sep	24.1	9.7	386.1	6.3	2,284.5	7.8
2010 Oct	23.9	8.4	382.2	6.2	2,278.8	7.5
2010 Nov	24.8	5.7	381.1	5.8	2,273.6	7.0
2010 Dec	25.0	NA	379.0	5.9	2,269.6	7.0
2011 Jan	24.7	5.7	374.7	6.9	2,250.0	7.5
2011 Feb	23.6	7.1	371.7	8.1	2,232.3	8.3
2011 Mar	22.6	6.6	370.9	9.1	2,227.7	8.7
2011 Apr	20.5	7.2	373.7	8.5	2,240.5	8.4
2011 May	18.6	NA	374.5	8.1	2,261.0	7.8
2011 Jun	18.2	NA	375.0	7.7	2,280.1	7.4
2011 Jul	20.1	NA	376.5	8.0	2,295.3	7.3
2011 Aug	22.1	NA	372.7	7.8	2,298.0	7.6
2011 Sep	22.3	NA	364.7	7.6	2,300.7	7.3
2011 Oct	21.8	NA	356.1	6.9	2,299.8	6.8
2011 Nov	21.7	NA	355.3	6.4	2,296.6	6.3
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.

<b>4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey</b>						
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	
Mt. Waddington Regional District	2006	3,757.0	0.0	0.0	3,757.0	0.0		
	2007	5,345.0	0.0	0.0	4,190.0	1,155.0		
	2008	5,340.0	0.0	0.0	4,317.0	1,023.0		
	2009	3,901.0	0.0	0.0	3,901.0	0.0		
	2010	5,307.0	782.0	0.0	4,525.0			
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	6,892.0	100.0%						
Hotels	1,815.0	26.3%						

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.

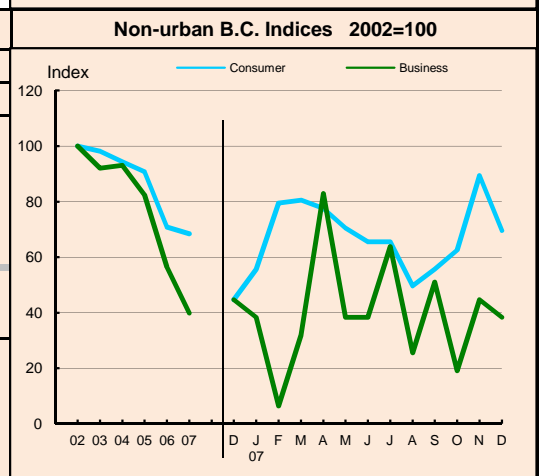
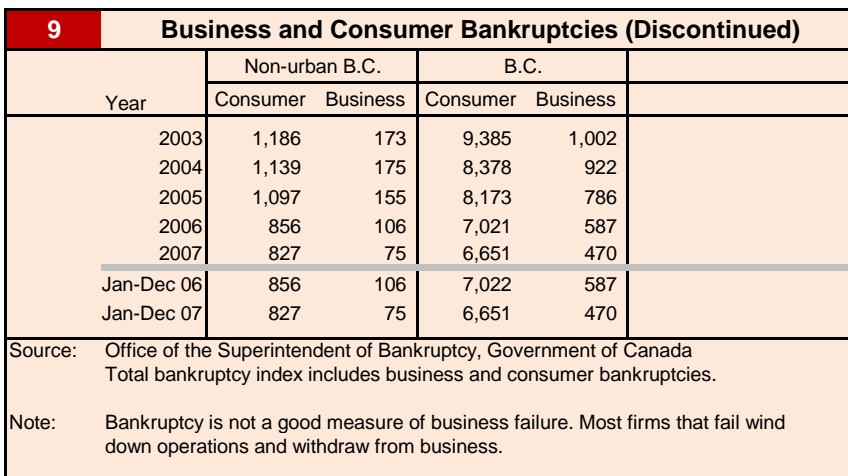
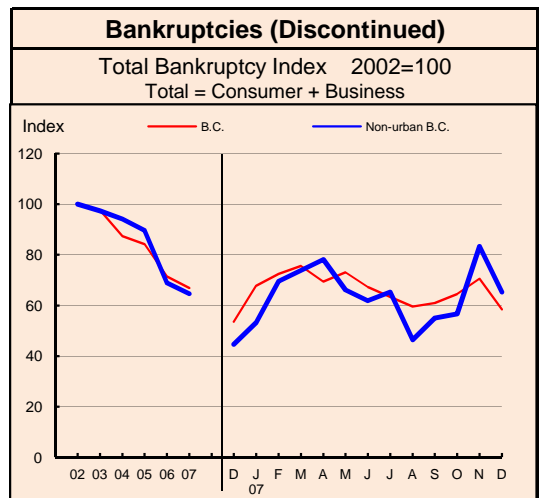
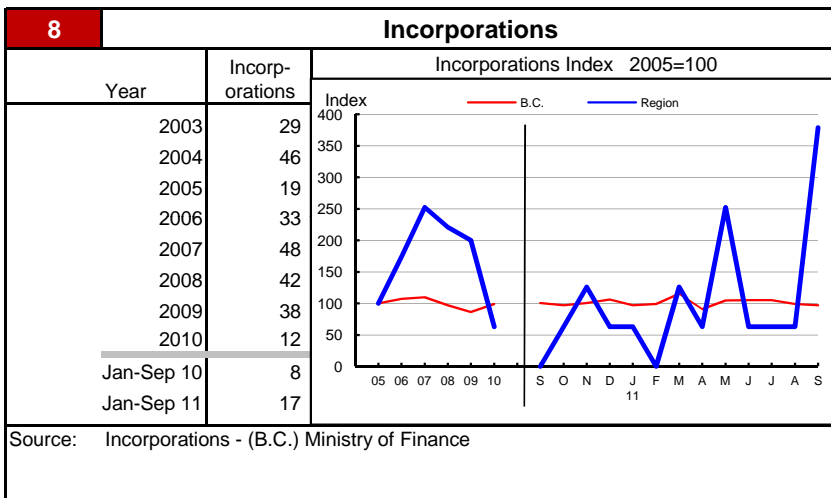
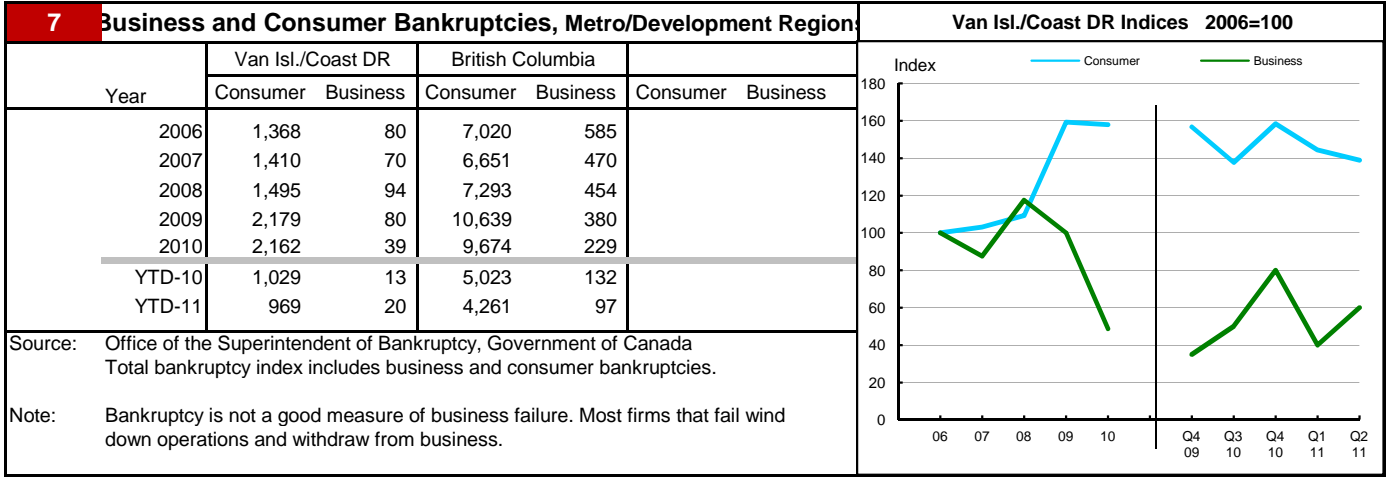
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called *Tourism Sector Monitor*, April and May issues of 2009.  
 Link to explanation of changes: [http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr\\_tour.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp)

6		Building Permits					Total Permits Index 2005=100	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential			Residential	Units	Index	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial			Institutional & Gov't	B.C.
		<-- \$ Millions -->						
2003	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.0	5	
2004	1.6	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.1	2	
2005	3.6	1.7	0.3	1.4	0.1	1.8	10	
2006	2.6	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1	2.2	9	
2007	9.4	7.5	0.1	5.1	2.4	1.9	7	
2008	5.5	2.5	0.6	1.9	0.0	3.0	4	
2009	7.2	4.6	0.6	1.7	2.4	2.6	7	
2010	7.1	3.3	1.8	1.5	0.0	3.8	17	
Jan-Oct 10	5.2	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	3.7	16	
Jan-Oct 11	1.5	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.8	4	

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**

<b>10 Basic Income Assistance</b>						<b>11 Employment Insurance (was UI)</b>					
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)						(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	
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '08	2.9	4.7	3.5	2.6	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.4	Sep '07
	Dec '08	3.1	5.2	4.2	2.6	1.2	3.7	2.6	4.1	2.7	Dec '07
	Mar '09	4.1	7.0	5.2	3.6	1.6	4.3	2.8	4.8	3.4	Mar '08
	Jun '09	4.2	6.7	5.2	3.7	1.7	5.8	3.9	6.4	5.0	Jun '08
	Sep '09	3.8	5.8	6.1	3.3	1.6	2.7	2.3	2.9	2.1	Sep '08
	Dec '09	5.0	7.3	8.2	4.4	1.7	7.0	4.6	7.6	6.3	Dec '08
	Mar '10	5.4	7.3	9.5	4.8	1.9	8.8	8.1	9.8	6.1	Mar '09
	Jun '10	5.3	7.1	9.4	4.9	1.8	4.5	3.6	5.1	3.0	Jun '09
	Sep '10	5.0	7.9	6.9	4.3	2.0	3.9	2.9	4.4	3.0	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											
Total Number of Recipients	464										75,506
Percent Distribution by Duration											
<1 Year	56.7	56.9									
1-2 Years	26.9	24.5									
>2 Years	16.4	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.					
<b>12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance</b>											
(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					
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '07	3.6	4.6	3.9	2.2						
	Dec '07	5.8	6.2	6.5	3.5						
	Mar '08	6.4	6.6	7.1	4.4						
	Jun '08	8.1	8.3	8.9	5.9						
	Sep '08	4.8	5.8	5.4	2.5						
	Dec '08	9.2	8.5	10.1	7.0						
	Mar '09	11.7	13.0	13.1	6.8						
	Jun '09	7.6	8.8	8.7	4.2						
	Sep '09	7.0	9.0	7.7	4.0						

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**

Mount Waddington has experienced mainly net outflows over the last twenty years, which has led to a substantial loss of population overall since the mid 1980s. The structure and character of the population has shifted dramatically. It has aged at a faster rate than the province as a whole, adding 12 years to its median age in the last two decades compared to the provincial gain of 7.2 years. Despite this ageing, the median age was very similar to the provincial median in 2007 at just almost 40 years. Although fertility rates show a slight downward trend, they remain extremely high relative to provincial rates. The child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the provincial ratio, while the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is substantially lower than the corresponding provincial ratio. The dependence on male-dominated professions in the resource sectors is the likely reason for the heavy weighting of the sex ratio in favour of males. High fertility and a relatively young age structure ensures that births continue to outnumber deaths although by a diminishing margin. Natural increase has generally been unable to compensate for significant outflows of migrants and growth rates have been negative for much of the last twenty years.

**14 Projection**

The long-term outlook for this region is for consistent net migration outflows, although the size of the outflows is expected to decline over time. Projected gains from natural increase are unlikely to be of sufficient size to offset losses through migration outflows, resulting in a net loss of population during this period. Consequently, the 2036 population in this region is expected to be smaller than the current population by almost 2,000 people. However, as a result of continued population ageing, the structure of the population will likely be quite different, with over 9 dependents for every 10 people of working age.

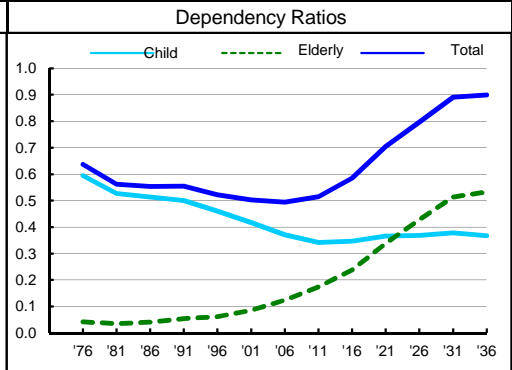
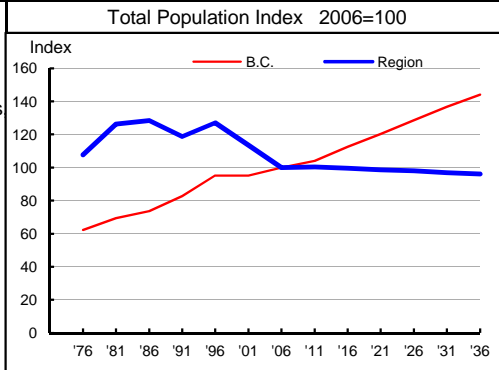
**15 Selected Demographic Characteristics**

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	1.4	3.3	1.9	4.4	1.6	0.3	12.9	3.6	0.595	0.042	0.636	1976
1981	1.7	3.4	2.3	5.6	1.8	0.3	15.1	4.8	0.527	0.035	0.562	1981
1986	1.6	3.5	1.8	6.0	2.1	0.4	15.4	5.2	0.513	0.041	0.554	1986
1991	1.3	3.3	1.3	5.3	2.5	0.5	14.2	5.0	0.500	0.054	0.554	1991
1996	1.2	3.4	1.4	5.4	3.2	0.6	15.2	5.5	0.460	0.061	0.521	1996
2001	0.9	2.9	1.2	4.3	3.5	0.8	13.6	5.2	0.417	0.086	0.502	2001
2006	0.8	2.2	1.0	3.2	3.8	1.0	12.0	4.8	0.370	0.124	0.495	2006
2011	0.7	2.0	1.3	2.7	4.0	1.4	12.0	5.0	0.342	0.173	0.515	2011
2016	0.7	1.9	1.0	2.8	3.7	1.8	11.9	5.2	0.347	0.238	0.585	2016
2021	0.7	1.9	0.9	2.8	3.2	2.3	11.8	5.3	0.366	0.338	0.704	2021
2026	0.6	1.8	1.0	2.8	2.7	2.8	11.7	5.3	0.369	0.428	0.797	2026
2031	0.6	1.7	0.9	2.8	2.4	3.1	11.6	5.4	0.378	0.513	0.891	2031
2036	0.6	1.6	0.9	2.6	2.6	3.2	11.5	5.5	0.367	0.533	0.900	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-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.