



**Bulkley-Nechako  
 Regional District**

<b>1</b>	<b>General Economy</b>
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Granisle, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa, Vanderhoof</p> <p>The main economic activities in this region include agriculture, forestry, mining, and tourism. Forestry continues to be an important sector in this economy. Annual allowable cuts were increased in this region in 2004 to limit the expansion of the pine beetle epidemic and to facilitate the harvesting of timber while it is still usable. The area has several lumber, or speciality mills, some of which have announced closures or output reductions. The area is home to a large molybdenum mine whose mine life was recently extended to 2015. The area also has molybdenum, and gold and copper mines that are in the proposal stage. Tourism is a growing industry. Cattle and horse ranching are the important local agricultural activities.</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.

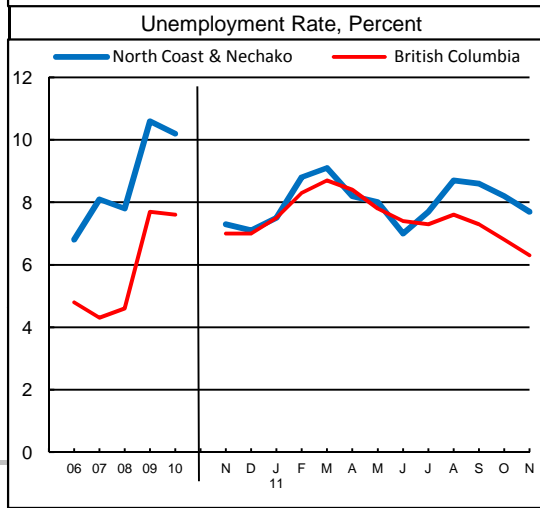
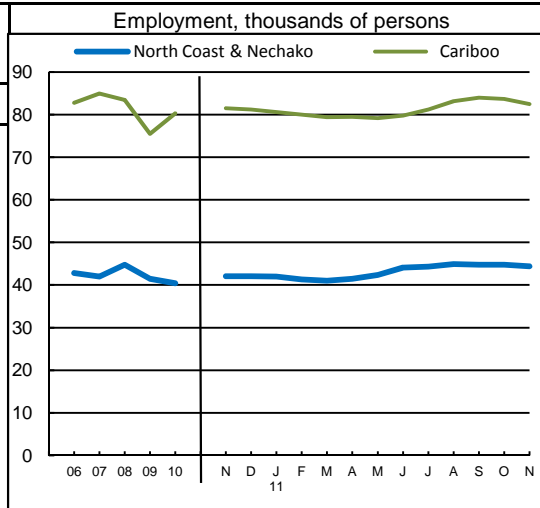
<b>2</b>		<b>Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2010</b>									
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Bulkley-Nechako							British Columbia		
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with 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	1,527	1,584	126	48	14	1,772	100.0%	100.0%	370,262	
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	419	309	28	5	1	343	19.4%	4.1%	15,134	
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	16	13	5	1	1	20	1.1%	0.6%	2,220	
22	Utilities	1	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	363	
23	Construction	182	186	4	3	0	193	10.9%	14.0%	51,926	
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	36	50	6	6	7	69	3.9%	3.2%	11,824	
41	Wholesale Trade	34	40	3	1	0	44	2.5%	4.4%	16,471	
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	86	177	16	5	2	200	11.3%	8.1%	30,041	
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	124	120	3	2	0	125	7.1%	5.1%	18,964	
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	22	0	0	0	22	1.2%	1.5%	5,509	
52	Finance & Insurance	54	38	7	3	0	48	2.7%	5.4%	19,946	
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	155	46	0	0	0	46	2.6%	11.2%	41,389	
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	104	107	4	1	1	113	6.4%	13.1%	48,449	
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	66	17	0	0	0	17	1.0%	3.9%	14,283	
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	38	47	4	2	0	53	3.0%	4.5%	16,769	
61	Educational Services	6	12	4	0	2	18	1.0%	1.2%	4,290	
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	97	9	5	0	111	6.3%	5.6%	20,661	
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	38	27	4	1	0	32	1.8%	1.7%	6,187	
72	Accom. & Food Services	49	111	22	4	0	137	7.7%	4.3%	15,964	
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	98	152	1	0	0	153	8.6%	7.8%	28,939	
91	Public Administration	1	9	6	9	0	24	1.4%	0.3%	933	

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



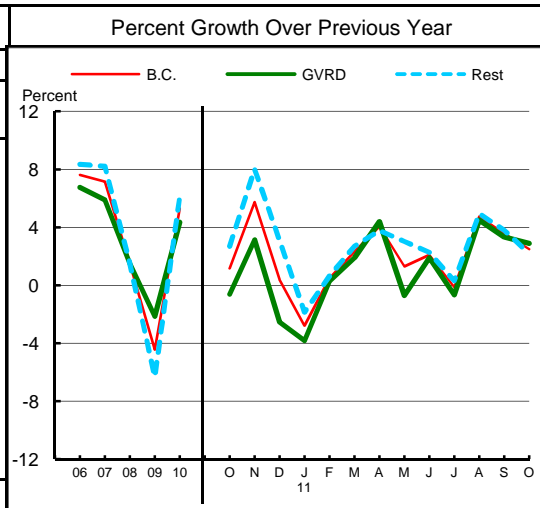
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<b>3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month</b>						
	North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	46.6	11.2	79.2	9.7	1,919.7	7.7
2002	44.6	12.7	77.3	12.6	1,952.8	8.5
2003	44.4	11.4	77.3	11.0	1,998.0	8.0
2004	41.9	11.8	79.4	9.2	2,032.8	7.2
2005	45.2	7.9	79.3	7.4	2,091.9	5.8
2006	42.8	6.8	82.8	6.1	2,147.2	4.8
2007	42.0	8.1	85.0	5.1	2,222.6	4.3
2008	44.8	7.8	83.5	6.7	2,266.4	4.6
2009	41.5	10.6	75.5	12.1	2,217.9	7.7
2010	40.4	10.2	80.3	8.1	2,256.5	7.6
Jan	39.3	10.7	74.7	12.1	2,219.8	8.0
Feb	39.1	10.3	74.6	11.6	2,213.3	8.1
Mar	38.5	11.5	75.0	10.4	2,213.2	8.2
Apr	38.0	12.0	77.2	8.2	2,224.5	7.8
May	38.0	12.8	78.9	7.5	2,238.7	7.8
Jun	39.4	11.9	81.7	7.1	2,258.8	7.6
Jul	40.7	11.9	82.7	8.6	2,277.1	7.7
Aug	41.3	11.0	83.9	8.4	2,289.9	7.8
Sep	41.5	10.6	83.1	8.4	2,284.5	7.8
Oct	42.0	8.9	82.3	7.6	2,278.8	7.5
Nov	42.1	7.3	81.5	7.1	2,273.6	7.0
Dec	42.1	7.1	81.2	7.0	2,269.6	7.0
2011						
Jan	42.0	7.5	80.6	7.2	2,250.0	7.5
Feb	41.3	8.8	80.0	7.5	2,232.3	8.3
Mar	41.0	9.1	79.4	7.6	2,227.7	8.7
Apr	41.5	8.2	79.5	7.1	2,240.5	8.4
May	42.4	8.0	79.2	7.2	2,261.0	7.8
Jun	44.1	7.0	79.8	7.4	2,280.1	7.4
Jul	44.3	7.7	81.2	7.5	2,295.3	7.3
Aug	44.9	8.7	83.2	8.1	2,298.0	7.6
Sep	44.8	8.6	84.0	8.1	2,300.7	7.3
Oct	44.8	8.2	83.7	7.8	2,299.8	6.8
Nov	44.4	7.7	82.5	6.9	2,296.6	6.3
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Nov10	40.3	10.4	80.1	8.4	2,256.8	7.7
Jan-Nov11	43.4	8.3	81.1	7.5	2,273.7	7.5
% Change	7.7		1.3		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.

<b>5</b>		<b>Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Stikine Region (\$ Thousands)</b>					<b>Tourism Room Revenue Index 2004=100</b>	
	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Index	
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	2006	9,791.0	1,740.0	2,337.0	3,533.0	2,181.0		
	2007	11,246.0	1,862.0	2,696.0	4,112.0	2,576.0		
	2008	10,891.0	1,823.0	2,713.0	3,906.0	2,449.0		
	2009	9,865.0	1,578.0	2,370.0	3,749.0	2,168.0		
	2010	8,028.0	1,664.0	2,385.0	3,979.0			
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			
<b>2009 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type (\$Thousands   %Share)</b>								
TOTAL	9,864.0	100.0%						
Fishing lodges	669.0	6.8%						
Motels	4,264.0	43.2%						
*Town of Smithers	5,319.0	53.9%						

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.

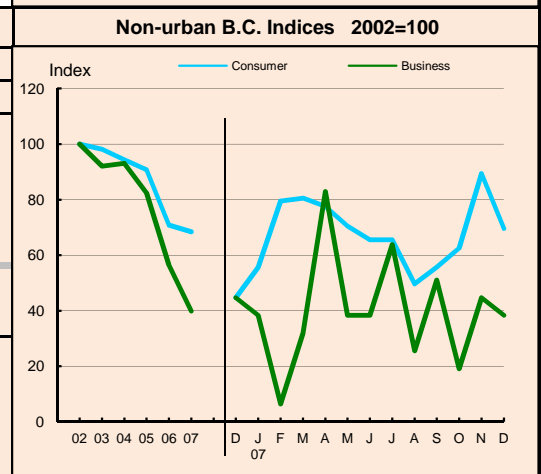
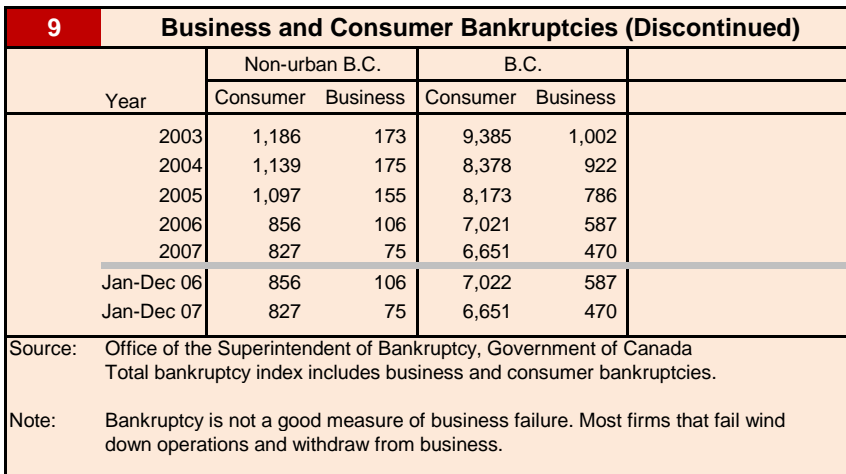
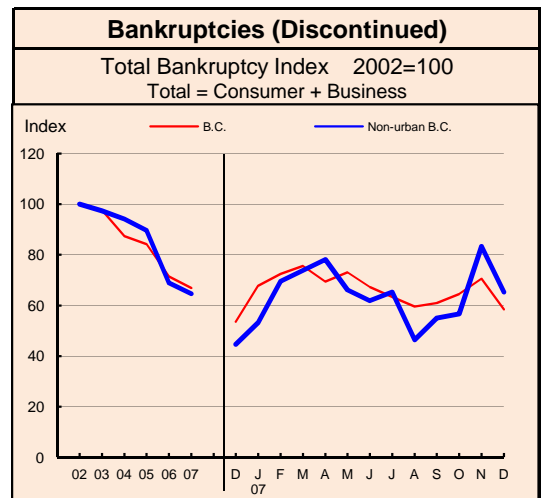
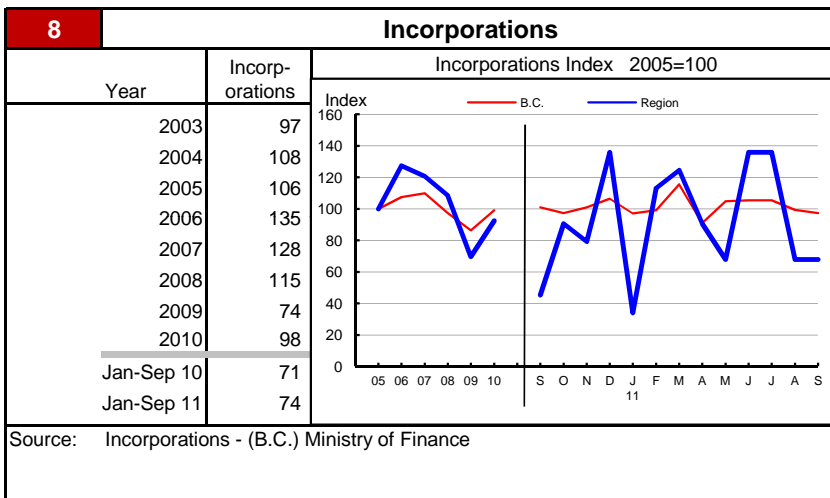
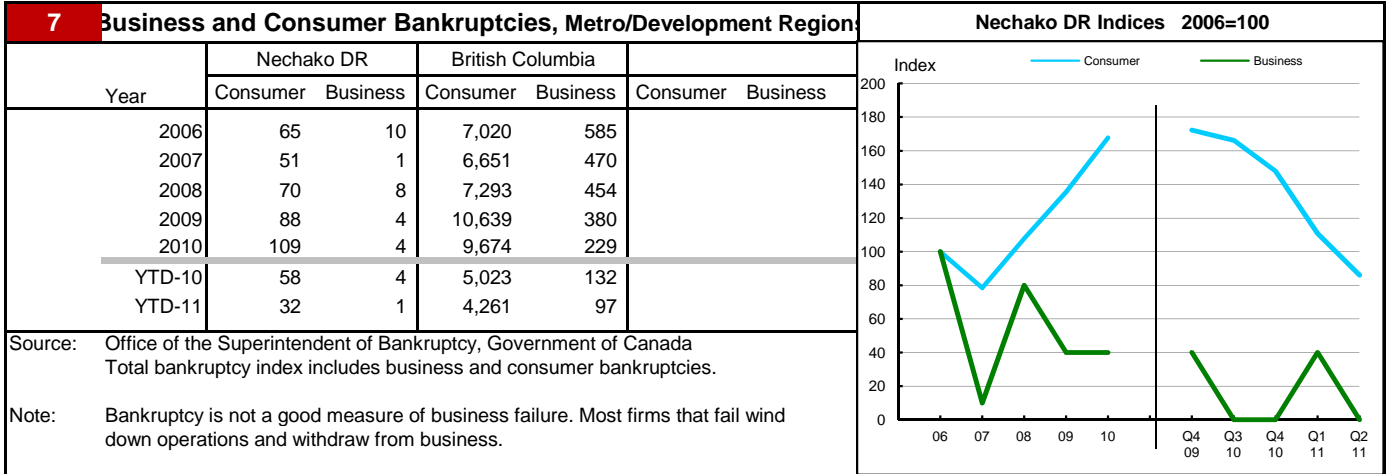
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called *Tourism Sector Monitor*, April and May issues of 2009.  
 Link to explanation of changes: [http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr\\_tour.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp)

<b>6</b>		<b>Building Permits</b>						<b>Total Permits Index 2005=100</b>	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	Units	Index	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov't			B.C.	Region
		<-- \$ Millions -->							
2003	16.6	9.8	3.5	3.8	2.4	6.8	51		
2004	21.6	13.4	1.3	4.3	7.8	8.2	50		
2005	38.9	25.5	9.8	3.5	12.2	13.4	95		
2006	27.7	13.1	3.7	5.9	3.5	14.6	80		
2007	34.7	14.3	3.3	7.4	3.6	20.4	108		
2008	26.2	7.7	1.0	3.8	3.0	18.4	100		
2009	20.4	6.6	0.6	2.5	3.5	13.9	60		
2010	39.8	23.7	3.6	8.6	11.5	16.1	84		
Jan-Oct 10	37.3	22.0	2.7	7.9	11.5	15.3	80		
Jan-Oct 11	24.3	10.3	1.3	8.0	0.9	14.0	69		

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> (Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)							<b>11 Employment Insurance (was UI)</b> (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	
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '08	2.2	3.3	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.6	Sep '07
	Dec '08	2.2	3.2	2.7	1.9	1.0	4.1	4.0	4.5	2.8	Dec '07
	Mar '09	2.7	3.8	3.5	2.4	1.3	6.0	6.0	6.7	3.7	Mar '08
	Jun '09	2.9	4.1	3.5	2.6	1.3	13.2	9.6	14.9	9.7	Jun '08
	Sep '09	3.0	4.3	4.2	2.6	1.4	3.5	3.2	3.9	2.3	Sep '08
	Dec '09	3.3	4.4	4.8	2.8	1.5	4.0	5.2	4.2	2.4	Dec '08
	Mar '10	3.3	4.1	4.9	3.0	1.4	6.2	8.1	6.5	3.7	Mar '09
	Jun '10	3.2	4.3	4.9	2.7	1.5	7.6	6.8	8.6	5.0	Jun '09
	Sep '10	3.0	4.3	4.2	2.6	1.6	5.0	4.5	5.7	3.1	Sep '09
<b>Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of September 2010)</b>		<b>All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.</b>					<b>EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population</b>				
Region		Percent					Percent				
B.C.											
Total Number of Recipients	954	75,506									
Percent Distribution by Duration											
<1 Year	56.1	56.9									
1-2 Years	23.0	24.5									
>2 Years	21.0	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					
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '07	3.6	4.2	3.8	2.3						
	Dec '07	5.6	6.3	6.0	3.5						
	Mar '08	7.7	8.5	8.5	4.4						
	Jun '08	14.8	12.5	16.6	10.4						
	Sep '08	5.1	5.8	5.7	2.9						
	Dec '08	5.7	8.0	6.0	3.2						
	Mar '09	8.4	11.5	8.8	4.6						
	Jun '09	10.0	10.2	11.1	6.1						
	Sep '09	7.5	8.6	8.3	4.2						

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**

This area has generally experienced net out-flows, and has had several years of net loss of population, especially since the late 1990s. The population has aged, adding about 10.5 years to its median age since the mid 1980s. Despite this ageing, Bulkley-Nechako is a relatively young population, with a 2007 median age almost years younger than the provincial median. Fertility rates have declined slightly, but they continue to be extremely high relative to provincial rates, with levels around or above replacement for much of the period since 1986. High fertility contributes to child dependency ratios that continue to be much higher than provincial ratios, despite dropping over the last two decades. On the other hand, elderly dependency is on the rise, although it remains a small part of overall dependency. The sex ratio for this sparsely populated region is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. This is likely due to the predominance of male-dominated occupations in the area. High fertility and a younger age structure means that births outnumber deaths by a significant, but diminishing, margin. Natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) has offset some of the migration outflows, but for most of the last decade there has been a population decline in this region.

**14 Projection**

Natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) for this area is expected to be positive until later in the projection period. Net migration is projected to be somewhat variable, but overall the region should see net outflows of migrants until the last decade of the period, with increasing net inflows thereafter. Despite these early outflows, natural increase is expected to drive a small increase in the population over the next 30 years, in the order of about 1,600 people. The process of population ageing is expected to continue and by 2036, the population in this area is projected to have over 8 dependents for every 10 people of working age.

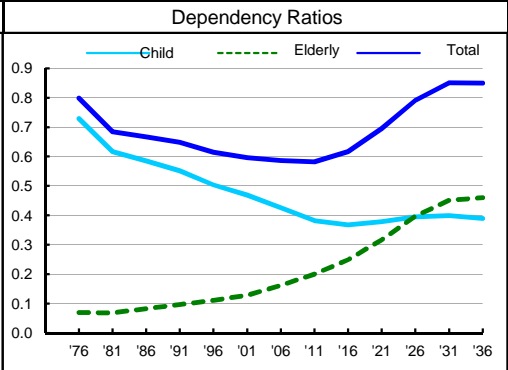
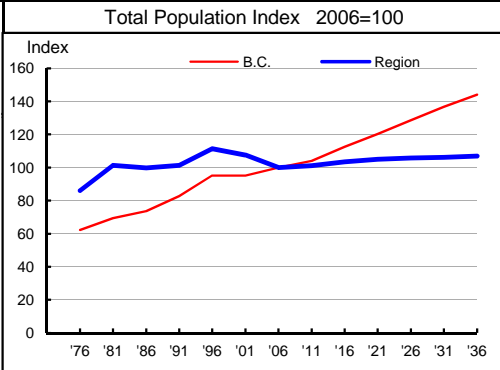
**15 Selected Demographic Characteristics**

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	3.6	10.0	4.6	9.3	4.7	1.3	33.5	9.2	0.729	0.069	0.798	1976
1981	4.3	10.2	5.9	12.2	5.3	1.6	39.4	11.9	0.617	0.068	0.684	1981
1986	4.0	9.6	4.5	12.9	5.8	1.9	38.8	12.3	0.585	0.082	0.667	1986
1991	3.6	9.6	4.0	13.4	6.5	2.3	39.4	13.0	0.552	0.097	0.648	1991
1996	3.6	9.9	4.4	14.4	8.1	3.0	43.3	14.8	0.503	0.111	0.614	1996
2001	3.0	9.2	4.0	12.8	9.4	3.4	41.8	14.8	0.469	0.128	0.597	2001
2006	2.5	7.9	3.4	10.2	10.8	4.0	38.9	14.3	0.425	0.162	0.587	2006
2011	2.6	6.9	4.2	9.1	11.5	5.0	39.3	14.7	0.382	0.200	0.582	2011
2016	2.5	6.6	3.7	9.7	11.5	6.2	40.2	15.3	0.367	0.249	0.617	2016
2021	2.6	6.6	3.3	10.0	10.8	7.6	40.8	15.8	0.379	0.316	0.695	2021
2026	2.5	6.6	3.1	10.1	9.7	9.1	41.1	16.0	0.394	0.397	0.791	2026
2031	2.4	6.5	3.2	10.1	9.0	10.1	41.3	16.3	0.399	0.451	0.851	2031
2036	2.4	6.4	3.3	9.8	9.4	10.3	41.5	16.6	0.389	0.460	0.849	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.