



**Northern Rockies
 Regional District**

1	General Economy
<p>Municipalities in Regional District: Fort Nelson</p> <p>This region is located in the north east corner of the province, to the east of the Rocky Mountains. This area has a wealth of natural resources including forests, and oil and gas. Most of the regions economic opportunities lie in resource extraction. Its main economic activities include oil and gas and forestry. Vast forests offer continued growth potential for the forest industry in the region. Fort Nelson has several lumber mills, some of which have announced closures or output reductions. However, they face a sustained supply of timber for the future as the Fort Nelson Timber Supply Area had its Annual Allowable Cut increased in 2006 and has a healthy long run forecast. Oil and gas remains an important growth industry in the area. Road upgrades are planned in support of expanding oil and gas activity. One of North America's largest gas processing plants, Duke Energy, is located in Fort Nelson. The area has a growing tourism industry.</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.

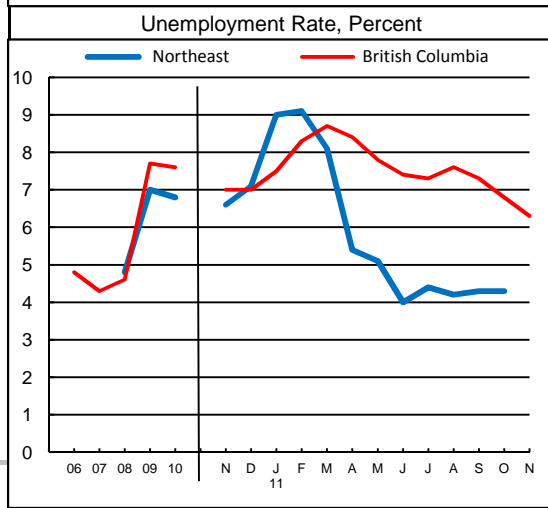
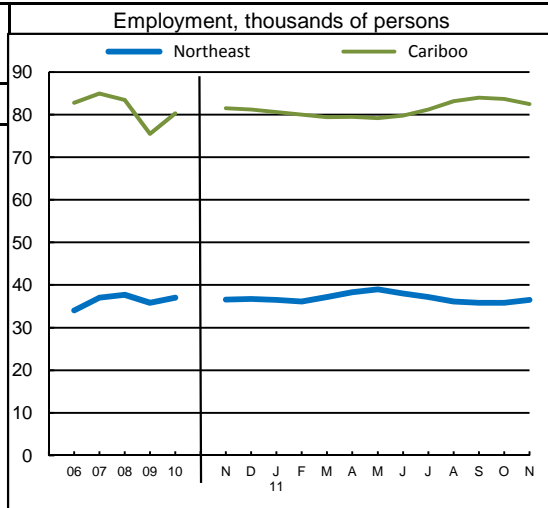
2		Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2010								
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Locations With No Employees	Firms with Employees						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	263	334	42	17	0	393	100.0%	100.0%	370,262
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	17	6	2	0	0	8	2.0%	4.1%	15,134
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	12	31	8	3	0	42	10.7%	0.6%	2,220
22	Utilities	-	1	0	0	0	1	0.3%	0.1%	363
23	Construction	45	45	6	2	0	53	13.5%	14.0%	51,926
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	2	4	0	0	0	4	1.0%	3.2%	11,824
41	Wholesale Trade	4	16	2	0	0	18	4.6%	4.4%	16,471
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	17	38	2	2	0	42	10.7%	8.1%	30,041
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	32	59	5	2	0	66	16.8%	5.1%	18,964
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	-	4	0	0	0	4	1.0%	1.5%	5,509
52	Finance & Insurance	3	0	2	0	0	2	0.5%	5.4%	19,946
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	35	16	0	0	0	16	4.1%	11.2%	41,389
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	24	19	3	1	0	23	5.9%	13.1%	48,449
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	14	3	0	1	0	4	1.0%	3.9%	14,283
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	14	17	1	0	0	18	4.6%	4.5%	16,769
61	Educational Services	-	0	0	1	0	1	0.3%	1.2%	4,290
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	4	13	2	1	0	16	4.1%	5.6%	20,661
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	5	6	1	0	0	7	1.8%	1.7%	6,187
72	Accom. & Food Services	10	13	6	2	0	21	5.3%	4.3%	15,964
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	24	43	1	0	0	44	11.2%	7.8%	28,939
91	Public Administration	1	0	1	2	0	3	0.8%	0.3%	933

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



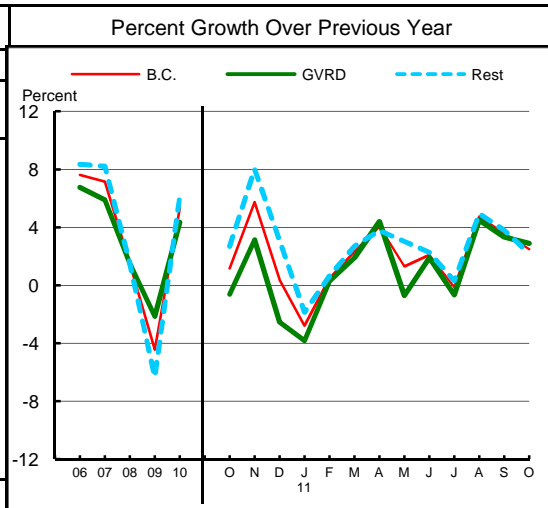
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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month						
	Northeast		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
2001	32.5	6.1	79.2	9.7	1,919.7	7.7
2002	33.3	9.0	77.3	12.6	1,952.8	8.5
2003	35.0	6.4	77.3	11.0	1,998.0	8.0
2004	33.5	5.4	79.4	9.2	2,032.8	7.2
2005	34.2	4.7	79.3	7.4	2,091.9	5.8
2006	34.0	NA	82.8	6.1	2,147.2	4.8
2007	37.0	NA	85.0	5.1	2,222.6	4.3
2008	37.7	4.8	83.5	6.7	2,266.4	4.6
2009	35.8	7.0	75.5	12.1	2,217.9	7.7
2010	37.0	6.8	80.3	8.1	2,256.5	7.6
Jan	36.9	4.9	74.7	12.1	2,219.8	8.0
Feb	37.1	4.4	74.6	11.6	2,213.3	8.1
Mar	37.3	4.6	75.0	10.4	2,213.2	8.2
Apr	37.6	5.5	77.2	8.2	2,224.5	7.8
May	37.3	7.0	78.9	7.5	2,238.7	7.8
Jun	37.4	7.7	81.7	7.1	2,258.8	7.6
Jul	37.2	7.2	82.7	8.6	2,277.1	7.7
Aug	37.4	6.7	83.9	8.4	2,289.9	7.8
Sep	36.7	7.6	83.1	8.4	2,284.5	7.8
Oct	36.6	7.6	82.3	7.6	2,278.8	7.5
Nov	36.6	6.6	81.5	7.1	2,273.6	7.0
Dec	36.7	7.1	81.2	7.0	2,269.6	7.0
2011						
Jan	36.5	9.0	80.6	7.2	2,250.0	7.5
Feb	36.1	9.1	80.0	7.5	2,232.3	8.3
Mar	37.2	8.1	79.4	7.6	2,227.7	8.7
Apr	38.3	5.4	79.5	7.1	2,240.5	8.4
May	39.0	5.1	79.2	7.2	2,261.0	7.8
Jun	38.0	4.0	79.8	7.4	2,280.1	7.4
Jul	37.2	4.4	81.2	7.5	2,295.3	7.3
Aug	36.1	4.2	83.2	8.1	2,298.0	7.6
Sep	35.8	4.3	84.0	8.1	2,300.7	7.3
Oct	35.8	4.3	83.7	7.8	2,299.8	6.8
Nov	36.5	NA	82.5	6.9	2,296.6	6.3
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Nov10	37.2	6.3	80.1	8.4	2,256.8	7.7
Jan-Nov11	37.0	NA	81.1	7.5	2,273.7	7.5
% Change	-0.3		1.3		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
Annual data						
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 - Includes Peace River R.D. (\$ Thousands)					Tourism Room Revenue Index 2004=100	
	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Index	
Northern Rockies Regional District	2006	73,976.0	20,004.0	16,384.0	20,875.0	16,713.0		
	2007	68,504.0	19,521.0	14,577.0	18,720.0	15,686.0		
	2008	77,098.0	19,052.0	16,952.0	21,185.0	19,909.0		
	2009	67,575.0	19,386.0	13,932.0	17,081.0	17,176.0		
	2010	58,408.0	19,016.0	17,473.0	21,919.0			
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	67,700.0	100.0%						
Hotels	50,350.0	74.4%						
1-75 Rooms	10,135.0	15.0%						
Motels	11,867.0	17.5%						
*City of Dawson Creek	15,459.0	22.8%						
*City of Fort St. John	16,996.0	25.1%						
asterisk before location denotes sub-area detail								

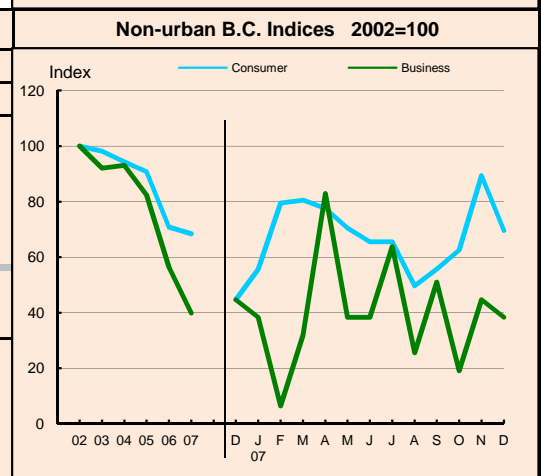
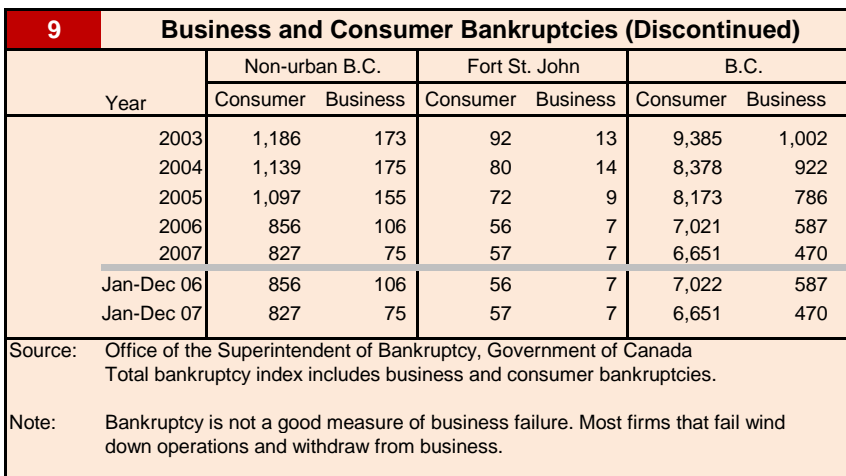
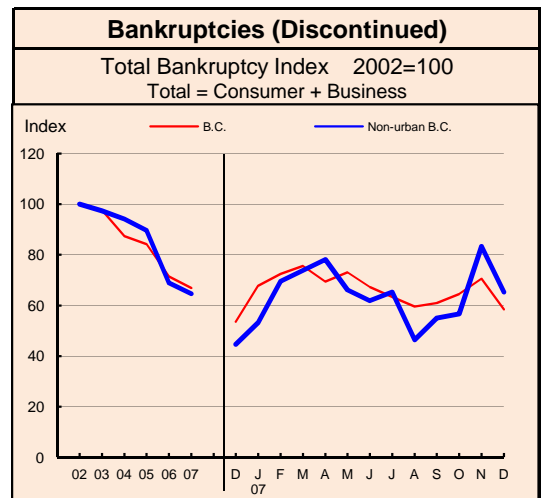
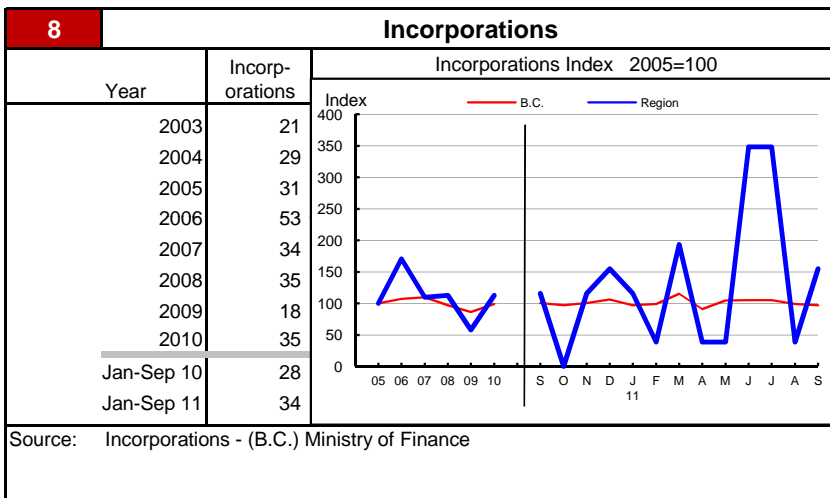
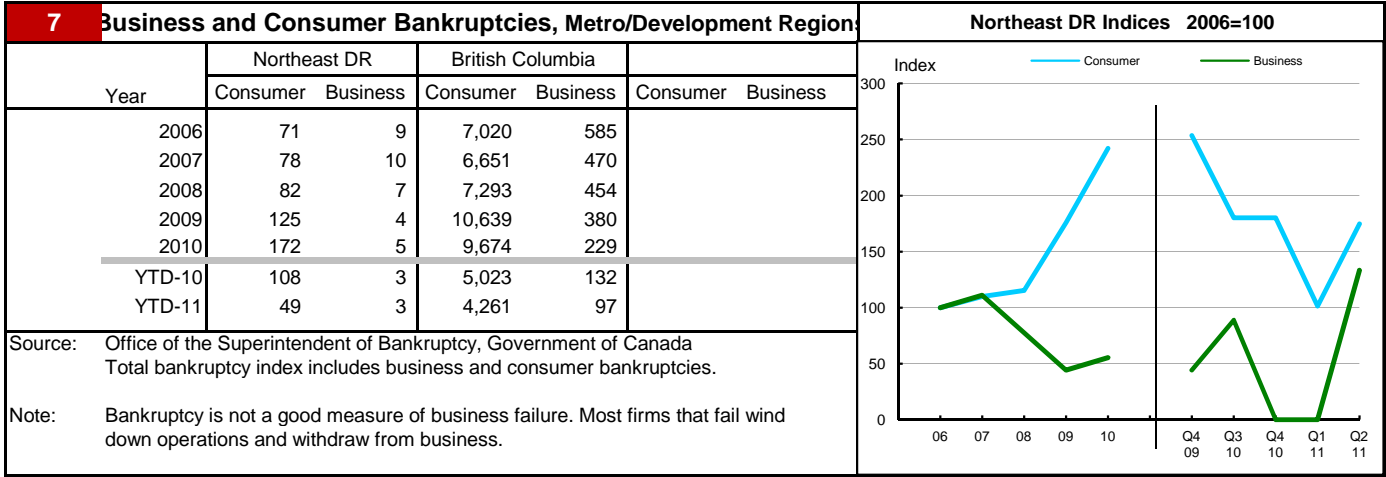
All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called *Tourism Sector Monitor*, April and May issues of 2009. Link to explanation of changes: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp

6		Building Permits					Total Permits Index 2005=100	
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential			Residential	Index		
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial		Institutional & Gov't	B.C.	Region
		<-- \$ Millions -->						
							Units	
2003	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	
2004	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	
2005	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	
2006	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	
2007	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	
2008	10.8	8.3	0.3	8.0	0.0	2.5	10	
2009	54.2	52.8	1.0	51.5	0.3	1.4	5	
2010	20.3	16.4	3.6	12.8	0.0	3.9	16	
Jan-Oct 10	20.1	16.3	3.6	12.7	0.0	3.8	16	
Jan-Oct 11	21.7	14.5	3.3	10.7	0.4	7.2	35	

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							11 Employment Insurance (was UI)				
(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	
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '08	1.0	1.9	1.0	-	1.0	2.4	3.0	2.3	2.8	Sep '07
	Dec '08	1.0	1.6	1.7	-	0.9	2.0	-	1.9	-	Dec '07
	Mar '09	1.0	1.7	1.3	-	0.9	1.8	-	1.8	-	Mar '08
	Jun '09	0.7	1.0	-	0.7	0.6	5.1	5.0	4.6	8.8	Jun '08
	Sep '09	1.3	2.0	-	-	1.1	2.7	2.9	2.4	4.9	Sep '08
	Dec '09	1.4	2.0	-	-	1.1	4.4	3.1	4.5	4.9	Dec '08
	Mar '10	1.4	2.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	5.4	4.1	5.4	6.8	Mar '09
	Jun '10	1.2	1.8	-	1.1	1.0	5.6	6.9	5.2	7.1	Jun '09
	Sep '10	1.0	1.5	-	0.9	1.0	5.5	5.3	5.3	7.3	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		B.C.					Percent				
Total Number of Recipients	55	75,506					Percent				
Percent Distribution by Duration							Percent				
<1 Year	78.2	56.9					Percent				
1-2 Years	18.2	24.5					Percent				
>2 Years	-	18.6					Percent				
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.				
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					
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '07	2.8	-	2.7	-	Percent					
	Dec '07	2.4	-	2.2	-	Percent					
	Mar '08	2.3	-	2.2	-	Percent					
	Jun '08	5.7	6.5	-	-	Percent					
	Sep '08	3.4	3.9	-	-	Percent					
	Dec '08	5.0	4.8	-	-	Percent					
	Mar '09	6.1	5.4	-	-	Percent					
	Jun '09	6.2	-	5.8	-	Percent					
	Sep '09	6.5	-	-	8.4	Percent					

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

The Northern Rockies has experienced periods of strong growth, especially in the early to mid 1990s, as well as periods of net loss of population. The population has aged over the last two decades, but at a slower rate than the province as a whole. It added over six years to its median age since 1986, compared with a provincial gain of 7.2 years. Despite this ageing, Northern Rockies remains very young, with a median age almost 8.5 years younger than the provincial median in 2007. Fertility is quite variable, but overall has been extremely high relative to the province. Consistent with a young population with high fertility, the population of children aged 17 and under contributes the most to overall dependency, while elderly dependency ratios are very low. The remoteness of the area tends to make it less attractive to seniors. The sex ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, likely due to economic dependence on the resource sectors. Births continue to outnumber deaths by a substantial margin, resulting in positive natural increase. Recent growth in the region is due both to net migration or natural increase.

14 Projection

Net migration to this region is forecast to remain negative through the first half of the projection period although the flow is expected to become positive over time. Natural increase (births minus deaths) will gradually drop over the projection period, but will offset the most of the initial out-migration. Therefore, slow growth will persist over much of the period, accelerating towards the end of the projection. Population ageing is expected to continue and, by 2036, there will likely be over 6 dependents for every 10 people of working age, compared to a ratio of about 4:10 in 2007.

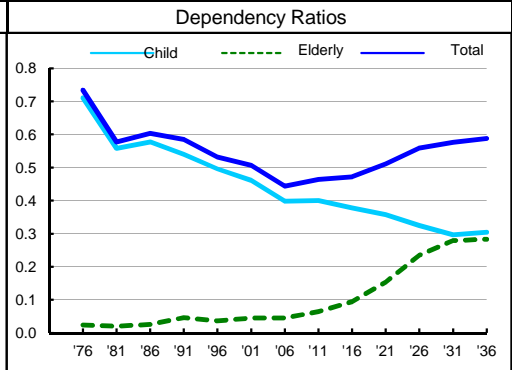
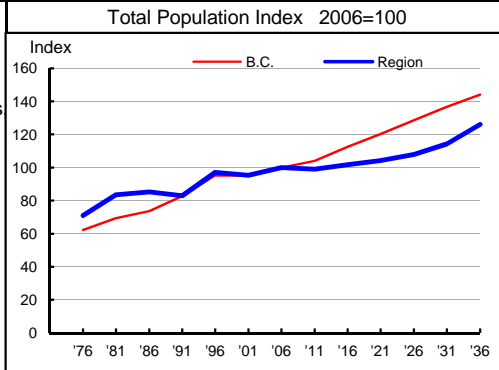
15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

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	0.5	1.3	0.7	1.4	0.5	0.1	4.5	1.2	0.711	0.023	0.734	1976
1981	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.6	0.1	5.3	1.6	0.558	0.020	0.578	1981
1986	0.7	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.1	5.4	1.7	0.577	0.026	0.603	1986
1991	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.2	5.2	1.7	0.539	0.046	0.585	1991
1996	0.6	1.4	0.7	2.5	0.8	0.1	6.1	2.0	0.496	0.036	0.532	1996
2001	0.5	1.4	0.7	2.2	1.1	0.2	6.0	1.9	0.461	0.045	0.507	2001
2006	0.5	1.2	0.7	2.2	1.4	0.2	6.3	2.4	0.398	0.045	0.444	2006
2011	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.1	1.6	0.3	6.2	2.4	0.400	0.064	0.465	2011
2016	0.4	1.2	0.6	2.0	1.8	0.4	6.4	2.6	0.378	0.094	0.472	2016
2021	0.4	1.2	0.5	1.9	1.9	0.7	6.6	2.7	0.358	0.153	0.511	2021
2026	0.3	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.0	1.0	6.8	2.9	0.324	0.234	0.559	2026
2031	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.9	2.0	1.3	7.2	3.1	0.297	0.279	0.576	2031
2036	0.5	1.0	0.7	2.3	2.1	1.4	7.9	3.5	0.304	0.283	0.587	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.