

- Exports climb 1.5% in November of 2009
- November building permits soar 15.6%
- Canadians' expanding waistlines

## The Economy

- **The value of BC exports climbed 1.5% (seasonally adjusted) in November of last year, marking the second consecutive month-over-month increase.** Exports to the US inched up 0.4%, on the heels of more solid growth in October (+1.4%). The escalation in US-bound exports was fuelled in part by a sustained upturn in shipments of industrial & consumer goods (+6.3%), but exports of machinery, equipment & automotive (+1.9%), forestry (+0.6%), and agriculture & fishing (+0.2%) products were also up. Gains in these commodity groups were moderated by an 8.9% decline in energy exports. Shipments to other countries continued to rise (+2.7%, following a 5.2% increase in October), with a double-digit surge in energy products (+12.6%) offsetting declines in other major commodity groups.

Canadian exports (+1.1%) climbed for the fifth time in six months in November. Most principal commodity groups posted increases, most notably energy products (+6.2%). Shipments to Japan (-6.1%) and the European Union (-1.4%) were off, while exports to the US (+2.0%) showed more promise.

*Data Source: Statistics Canada & BC Stats*

- **The value of building permits issued by BC municipalities soared (+15.6%, seasonally adjusted) in November, following a 0.6% slip in October.** Non-residential permits surged (+25.3%), on the strength of commercial projects, adding to the previous month's (+6.7%) gain. Meanwhile, the value of residential permits also made strides (+11.8%),

negating the previous month's losses (-3.2%). Kelowna (+27.3%), Vancouver (+40.4%) and Victoria (+47.9%) all saw double-digit jumps in planned building activity, but Abbotsford (-12.2%) didn't fare as well.

Nationally, permits slumped 4.6%, as four provinces recorded declines. Contractors took out 21.9% less in non-residential permits, more than offsetting a moderate rise in the value of residential projects (+9.1%). Declines in Quebec (-11.6%) and Alberta (-23.7%) had the most impact on the nation's negative figures, managing to offset increases in BC, Ontario (+8.3%) and several other provinces.

*Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **Compared to the same month last year, the year-to-date value of building permits issued by BC municipalities dropped a whopping 33.3% (unadjusted) in November, with decreased activity in every region.** Kootenay (-40.6%) posted the most substantial drop, but overall permits were pulled down most by declines in Mainland/Southwest (-38.0%) and Vancouver Island/Coast (-21.9%) as planned spending on residential and industrial buildings was scaled back substantially in both regions.

*Data Source: Statistics Canada & BC Stats*

- **Relative to the same month of 2008, the cost of new housing in BC's two largest cities continued to decline in November of 2009.** Home builders in Vancouver received 2.8% less for their projects, and Victoria's housing price index was down 8.4%. Both metropolitan areas saw relatively stable land values (+0.1% in Vancouver and +0.2% in Victoria), but this was not enough to offset declining

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Most (63%) of those British Columbians who made a fitness or healthy lifestyle resolution for 2009 had abandoned their goals at some point over the year. *Source: Ipsos Canada*

new housing prices (-5.0% and -14.4%, respectively).

Nationally, the new housing price index was off 1.4% during the twelve-month period ending in November. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **BC investment in non-residential construction dropped 1.9% (seasonally adjusted) to \$1.20 billion in current dollars in the fourth quarter of 2009.** The decline was the result of slides in commercial (-6.1%) and industrial (-16.9%) construction, while investors increased their spending significantly on institutional (+11.1%) construction projects.

*Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **Sales of new motor vehicles in BC (including the territories) dropped 2.6% (seasonally adjusted) in November, partly offsetting a strong month in October (+4.1%).** Sales in the region increased in nine out of 11 months in 2009.

The number of new motor vehicles sold nationally dropped 6.0%, as sales declined for passenger cars built in both North America (-9.1%) and overseas (-5.2%). Sales were weaker in all provinces, with Newfoundland & Labrador (-19.6%), Nova Scotia (-18.2%) and Saskatchewan (-17.2%) registering double-digit decreases. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

## Health

- **Results from the Canadian Health Measures Survey indicate that Canadian children are increasingly more likely to be obese and inactive than they were three decades ago.** During the survey period of 2007 to 2009, the average 12-year-old boy weighed 14 pounds more than a typical boy of the same age in 1981. Girls had similar results, with the average 12-year-old weighing in at 11 pounds heavier than her 1981 counterpart. Although Canadian kids of this age are also generally taller than those in 1981 (an average of two inches taller for boys and one inch for girls), their Body Mass Index (BMI), which takes a ratio of an individual's weight and height, waist circumference, and several fitness

measures such as strength and flexibility put today's kids at much higher health risk compared to their 1981 equivalents. In fact, if the BMI of Canadian children follow anticipated trajectories over the next few decades, the average 11- to 14-year-old Canadian of today will be overweight by the age of 36.

Canadian adults did not fare any better than children in health measures. Between 1981 and 2009, the average weight of a 45-year-old man ballooned by 20 pounds and his waist expanded by almost three inches. Meanwhile, the average woman of the same age is carrying an extra 12 pounds and three inches have been added to her waist. Overall, a whopping 61% of adults nation-wide are considered to be overweight or obese.

In adults and children alike, tests used to gauge aerobic and muscular fitness such as sit-ups, step-ups and grip strength, showed marked declines. Changes were most pronounced among those in the video game generation, to the point where one in seven children were unable to participate in some of the tests because they were so unfit.

*Data Source: S.C. Canadian Health Measures Survey*

## The Nation

- **Tourism spending in Canada inched up 0.3% in the third quarter of 2009.** This marked the first quarter of gains, since the second quarter of 2008, ending the longest string of consecutive decreases since the early 1990s. Strong Canadian tourism demand (+0.9%) was behind the boost, as spending by non-residents was down for the seventh consecutive quarter (-2.4%).

Tourism employment was unchanged in the third quarter, as job gains in the air transportation and accommodation industries managed to offset losses in other industries, most notably food and beverage and travel services.

*Data Source: Statistics Canada*

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## 2009 Sub-Provincial Population Estimates

### Provincial Estimates

Between July 1st 2008 and June 30th 2009 British Columbia's population grew by 1.6 per cent, which represents an increase in the population of 71,362 persons.

### Sub-Provincial Estimates

Understanding population change at the sub-provincial - i.e., regional and municipal - level is vital to provincial and local government planning processes. BC Stats produces sub-provincial population estimates using the Generalized Estimation System (GES). The system uses symptomatic indicators - e.g., residential electrical connections and health registration information - to estimate change in population.

### Regional District

Twenty-five of 29 regional districts showed positive population growth between 2008 and 2009. Squamish-Lillooet, containing the communities of Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton and Lillooet, had the highest growth rate over this period at 3.6 per cent, gaining a total of 1,362 individuals. Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) had the highest gains in absolute terms as 45,285 more persons called this area home in 2009. The GVRD typically attracts the bulk of immigrant landings to the province: According to Statistics Canada sources, between 1998 and 2008, 89% of immigrants ended up in the GVRD. The Fraser Valley and Capital Regional Districts accounted for an average of 4% and 2% respectively over this period.

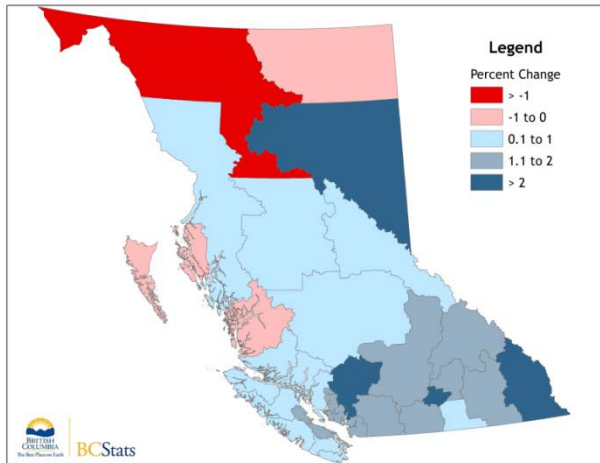
### Regional District Population Change: 2008 to 2009<sup>1</sup>

Regional District	2009	Change	% Change
Greater Vancouver	2,318,526	45,285	2.0
Central Okanagan	184,411	4,115	2.3
Fraser Valley	280,210	3,943	1.4
Capital	367,572	3,527	1.0
Nanaimo	147,866	1,996	1.4
Thompson-Nicola	131,675	1,477	1.1
North Okanagan	83,179	1,372	1.7
Squamish-Lillooet	39,209	1,362	3.6
Peace River	62,244	1,252	2.1
East Kootenay	59,954	1,177	2.0
Okanagan-Similkameen	83,337	1,010	1.2
Central Kootenay	59,756	779	1.3
Cowichan Valley	81,689	732	0.9
Comox Valley	64,084	721	1.1
Columbia-Shuswap	53,713	540	1.0
Cariboo	65,047	473	0.7
Strathcona	44,189	400	0.9
Sunshine Coast	29,551	354	1.2
Kitimat-Stikine	39,380	299	0.8
Fraser-Fort George	95,652	267	0.3
Powell River	20,207	182	0.9
Alberni-Clayoquot	31,542	109	0.3
Kootenay Boundary	32,111	100	0.3
Mount Waddington	12,042	88	0.7
Bulkley-Nechako	38,860	77	0.2
Central Coast	3,118	-1	0.0
Stikine (region)	642	-33	-4.9
Northern Rockies	6,003	-58	-1.0
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	19,438	-183	-0.9

The two northernmost regions of the province, Stikine and Northern Rockies, had highest percent drop in population at 4.9% and 1.0% respectively, while Skeena-Queen Charlotte had the highest absolute drop in population at 183 persons.

<sup>1</sup> The Northern Rockies RD is comprised of the newly incorporated Northern Rockies Regional Municipality along with a small unincorporated population

**Regional District Population Change**



**Municipal**

Estimates of population are available for 189 BC municipalities and unincorporated areas. There were 161 incorporated municipal areas in 2009 that accounted for 3,939,980 or 88.4%, of the total provincial population; the 28 unincorporated areas contained a total of 515,227 (11.6%) persons.

Of the 161 municipalities, 122 showed positive population growth between 2008 and 2009, six showed no change and 33 had population declines. When we consider the areas showing growth, it becomes evident that size does matter. For municipalities above the 2009 median<sup>2</sup> population of 4,448, 91% showed population growth, while for those below the median only 60% showed growth.

The City of Vancouver had the largest absolute gain in population at 12,171, with Surrey a close second with an increase of 12,053 people.

**Top Ten Growth Municipalities: 2008 to 2009**

Municipalities	2009	Change	% Change
Vancouver	628,621	12,171	2.0
Surrey	446,561	12,053	2.8
Burnaby	222,802	4,401	2.0
Richmond	193,255	4,224	2.2
Abbotsford	135,866	2,343	1.8
Kelowna	120,812	2,148	1.8
Langley	103,267	1,850	1.8
Coquitlam	123,213	1,661	1.4
Port Moody	32,998	1,492	4.7
Nanaimo	84,228	1,479	1.8

In percentage terms, Slokan (6.0%), Invermere (5.9%) and Whistler (5.6%) had the highest population growth rates in the province.

**Bottom Ten Growth Municipalities: 2008 to 2009**

Municipalities	2009	Change	% Change
Mackenzie	3,827	-427	-10.0
Oak Bay	18,012	-55	-0.3
Williams Lake	11,090	-52	-0.5
Houston	2,958	-49	-1.6
Lanzville	3,701	-46	-1.2
Clearwater	2,348	-35	-1.5
Burns Lake	2,114	-35	-1.6
Grand Forks	4,150	-34	-0.8
Stewart	444	-24	-5.1
North Saanich	11,021	-22	-0.2

The District Municipality of Mackenzie had the greatest population loss between 2008 and 2009, with a loss of 427 people, representing a 10% decline in population. For Mackenzie, the demographic impact of forest sector closures and curtailments is becoming evident.

Population estimates information is available on the BC Stats web site at the following link: <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca>.

<sup>2</sup> The population estimate at which half the 161 municipalities have a greater population and half have a lower population.

## British Columbia Regional District and Municipal Population Estimates

SGC Name	Area Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2008-2009 % Change
<b>23000 Alberni-Clayoquot</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>31,077</b>	<b>31,138</b>	<b>31,433</b>	<b>31,542</b>	<b>0.3</b>
23008 Port Alberni	C <sup>1</sup>	17,614	17,622	17,678	17,741	0.4
23025 Tofino	DM	1,750	1,773	1,812	1,829	0.9
23019 Ucluelet	DM	1,522	1,545	1,576	1,591	1.0
23000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	10,191	10,198	10,367	10,381	0.1
<b>51000 Bulkley-Nechako</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>38,866</b>	<b>38,471</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>38,860</b>	<b>0.2</b>
51022 Burns Lake	VL	2,154	2,164	2,149	2,114	-1.6
51013 Fort St. James	DM	1,362	1,362	1,343	1,322	-1.6
51009 Fraser Lake	VL	1,129	1,135	1,119	1,122	0.3
51032 Granisle	VL	365	377	390	396	1.5
51034 Houston	DM	3,197	3,062	3,007	2,958	-1.6
51043 Smithers	T	5,292	5,206	5,288	5,321	0.6
51038 Telkwa	VL	1,333	1,332	1,359	1,357	-0.1
51007 Vanderhoof	DM	4,172	4,144	4,122	4,143	0.5
51000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	19,862	19,689	20,006	20,127	0.6
<b>17000 Capital</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>355,871</b>	<b>359,272</b>	<b>364,045</b>	<b>367,572</b>	<b>1.0</b>
17015 Central Saanich	DM	16,005	16,023	16,168	16,170	0.0
17041 Colwood	C	15,260	15,581	15,945	16,174	1.4
17040 Esquimalt	DM	17,513	17,527	17,658	17,682	0.1
17049 Highlands	DM	2,010	2,036	2,115	2,175	2.8
17044 Langford	C	23,513	24,764	26,118	27,328	4.6
17042 Metchosin	DM	4,969	5,060	5,108	5,133	0.5
17005 North Saanich	DM	10,923	10,874	11,043	11,021	-0.2
17030 Oak Bay	DM	18,040	17,970	18,067	18,012	-0.3
17021 Saanich	DM	111,575	112,062	113,183	113,516	0.3
17010 Sidney	T	11,510	11,551	11,549	11,578	0.3
17052 Sooke	DM	10,077	10,333	10,412	10,540	1.2
17034 Victoria	C	80,871	81,649	81,876	82,785	1.1
17047 View Royal	T	9,126	9,169	9,354	9,583	2.4
17000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	24,479	24,673	25,449	25,875	1.7
<b>41000 Cariboo</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>63,217</b>	<b>63,436</b>	<b>64,574</b>	<b>65,047</b>	<b>0.7</b>
41005 100 Mile House	DM	1,912	1,919	1,933	1,941	0.4
41013 Quesnel	C <sup>1</sup>	9,475	9,503	9,625	9,710	0.9
41025 Wells	DM	236	244	257	257	-
41009 Williams Lake	C <sup>1</sup>	11,082	11,106	11,142	11,090	-0.5
41000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	40,512	40,664	41,617	42,049	1.0
<b>45000 Central Coast</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>-0.0</b>
<b>3000 Central Kootenay</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>56,484</b>	<b>57,613</b>	<b>58,977</b>	<b>59,756</b>	<b>1.3</b>
3045 Castlegar	C	7,359	7,509	7,629	7,871	3.2
3004 Creston	T	4,837	4,988	5,192	5,246	1.0
3023 Kaslo	VL	1,073	1,167	1,170	1,184	1.2
3050 Nakusp	VL	1,524	1,512	1,523	1,530	0.5
3015 Nelson	C <sup>1</sup>	9,326	9,474	9,800	9,938	1.4
3032 New Denver	VL	512	503	526	516	-1.9
3011 Salmo	VL	1,007	1,027	1,048	1,060	1.1
3027 Silverton	VL	185	191	198	202	2.0
3019 Slocan	VL	314	345	369	391	6.0
3000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	30,347	30,897	31,522	31,818	0.9

SGC Name	Area Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2008-2009 % Change
<b>35000 Central Okanagan</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>167,417</b>	<b>173,730</b>	<b>180,296</b>	<b>184,411</b>	<b>2.3</b>
35010 Kelowna	C <sup>1</sup>	110,351	114,660	118,664	120,812	1.8
35016 Lake Country	DM	9,790	10,220	11,007	11,409	3.7
35018 Peachland	DM	4,938	5,112	5,221	5,244	0.4
35999 West Kelowna	DM <sup>2</sup>	na	na	27,161	27,303	0.5
35000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	42,338	43,738	18,243	19,643	7.7
<b>39000 Columbia-Shuswap</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>50,725</b>	<b>51,587</b>	<b>53,173</b>	<b>53,713</b>	<b>1.0</b>
39007 Golden	T	3,876	3,857	3,913	3,959	1.2
39019 Revelstoke	C <sup>1</sup>	7,288	7,273	7,267	7,267	-
39032 Salmon Arm	C	16,305	16,650	17,043	17,220	1.0
39045 Sicamous	DM	2,684	2,749	2,939	2,950	0.4
39000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	20,572	21,058	22,011	22,317	1.4
<b>25000 Comox-Strathcona</b>	<b>RD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>103,128</b>	<b>104,918</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
25034 Campbell River	C <sup>1</sup>	30,054	30,444	na	na	na
25005 Comox	T <sup>1</sup>	12,401	12,720	na	na	na
25010 Courtenay	C <sup>1</sup>	22,481	23,367	na	na	na
25014 Cumberland	VL	2,764	2,880	na	na	na
25025 Gold River	VL	1,371	1,411	na	na	na
25039 Sayward	VL	341	326	na	na	na
25030 Tahsis	VL	366	354	na	na	na
25029 Zeballos	VL	189	182	na	na	na
25000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	33,161	33,234	na	na	na
<b>28000 Comox Valley</b>	<b>RD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>63,363</b>	<b>64,084</b>	<b>1.1</b>
28005 Comox	T <sup>1</sup>	na	na	13,263	13,444	1.4
28010 Courtenay	C <sup>1</sup>	na	na	23,977	24,216	1.0
28014 Cumberland	VL	na	na	3,045	3,163	3.9
28000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR <sup>4</sup>	na	na	23,078	23,261	0.8
<b>19000 Cowichan Valley</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>78,471</b>	<b>79,558</b>	<b>80,957</b>	<b>81,689</b>	<b>0.9</b>
19012 Duncan	C	5,035	4,978	4,994	5,008	0.3
19021 Ladysmith	T <sup>1</sup>	7,637	7,899	8,065	8,118	0.7
19016 Lake Cowichan	T <sup>1</sup>	2,973	2,961	3,025	3,182	5.2
19008 North Cowichan	DM	28,408	28,799	29,244	29,493	0.9
19000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	34,418	34,921	35,629	35,888	0.7
<b>1000 East Kootenay</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>56,096</b>	<b>57,031</b>	<b>58,777</b>	<b>59,954</b>	<b>2.0</b>
1043 Canal Flats	VL	700	747	783	817	4.3
1022 Cranbrook	C <sup>1</sup>	18,493	18,584	18,935	19,161	1.2
1003 Elkford	DM	2,517	2,509	2,546	2,591	1.8
1012 Fernie	C <sup>1</sup>	4,289	4,293	4,366	4,415	1.1
1039 Invermere	DM	3,046	3,184	3,464	3,668	5.9
1028 Kimberley	C	6,184	6,322	6,522	6,705	2.8
1040 Radium Hot Springs	VL	738	892	973	1,005	3.3
1006 Sparwood	DM	3,680	3,704	3,780	3,804	0.6
1000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	16,449	16,796	17,408	17,788	2.2
<b>9000 Fraser Valley</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>266,725</b>	<b>271,262</b>	<b>276,267</b>	<b>280,210</b>	<b>1.4</b>
9052 Abbotsford	C <sup>1</sup>	129,345	131,239	133,523	135,866	1.8
9020 Chilliwack	C	71,298	73,294	74,930	76,106	1.6
9027 Harrison Hot Springs	VL	1,577	1,584	1,597	1,594	-0.2
9009 Hope	DM	6,243	6,160	6,202	6,269	1.1
9032 Kent	DM	5,318	5,341	5,460	5,515	1.0
9056 Mission	DM	35,741	36,280	36,751	37,167	1.1
9000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	17,203	17,364	17,804	17,693	-0.6

<b>SGC Name</b>	<b>Area Type</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008-2009 % Change</b>
<b>53000 Fraser-Fort George</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>94,415</b>	<b>94,911</b>	<b>95,385</b>	<b>95,652</b>	<b>0.3</b>
53033 Mackenzie	DM	4,616	4,534	4,254	3,827	-10.0
53012 McBride	VL	661	659	678	674	-0.6
53023 Prince George	C	72,889	73,340	73,886	74,547	0.9
53007 Valemount	VL	1,018	1,007	1,015	1,044	2.9
53000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	15,231	15,371	15,552	15,560	0.1
<b>15000 Greater Vancouver</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>2,199,121</b>	<b>2,237,220</b>	<b>2,273,241</b>	<b>2,318,526</b>	<b>2.0</b>
15038 Anmore	VL	1,887	2,030	2,122	2,160	1.8
15036 Belcarra	VL	688	678	688	681	-1.0
15062 Bowen Island	IM	3,468	3,522	3,581	3,608	0.8
15025 Burnaby	C	210,507	214,919	218,401	222,802	2.0
15034 Coquitlam	C	119,582	120,249	121,552	123,213	1.4
15011 Delta	DM	99,490	99,293	99,505	99,862	0.4
15001 Langley, Township of	DM	96,792	99,012	101,417	103,267	1.8
15002 Langley	C	24,899	25,167	25,383	25,526	0.6
15065 Lions Bay	VL	1,406	1,402	1,397	1,398	0.1
15075 Maple Ridge	DM	71,453	72,502	73,974	75,051	1.5
15029 New Westminster	C	60,533	61,778	63,771	65,016	2.0
15046 North Vancouver	DM	85,472	85,966	86,098	86,725	0.7
15051 North Vancouver	C	46,910	47,277	47,773	48,881	2.3
15070 Pitt Meadows	C <sup>1</sup>	16,297	16,582	17,431	17,915	2.8
15039 Port Coquitlam	C	54,538	54,971	55,564	56,446	1.6
15043 Port Moody	C	28,747	29,945	31,506	32,998	4.7
15015 Richmond	C	182,652	186,376	189,031	193,255	2.2
15004 Surrey	C	412,733	422,873	434,508	446,561	2.8
15022 Vancouver	C	599,780	610,136	616,450	628,621	2.0
15055 West Vancouver	DM	42,863	42,973	42,907	43,307	0.9
15007 White Rock	C	18,916	18,996	18,897	19,102	1.1
15000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	19,508	20,573	21,285	22,131	4.0
<b>49000 Kitimat-Stikine</b>	<b>RD<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>38,803</b>	<b>38,320</b>	<b>39,081</b>	<b>39,380</b>	<b>0.8</b>
49022 Hazelton	VL	293	296	298	304	2.0
49005 Kitimat	DM	9,328	9,095	9,180	9,226	0.5
49024 New Hazelton	DM	627	610	610	604	-1.0
49032 Stewart	DM	496	482	468	444	-5.1
49011 Terrace	C	11,475	11,357	11,551	11,675	1.1
49000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR <sup>1</sup>	16,584	16,480	16,974	17,127	0.9
<b>5000 Kootenay-Boundary</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>30,826</b>	<b>31,389</b>	<b>32,011</b>	<b>32,111</b>	<b>0.3</b>
5005 Fruitvale	VL	1,968	2,010	2,048	2,031	-0.8
5032 Grand Forks	C	4,059	4,104	4,184	4,150	-0.8
5042 Greenwood	C	625	633	667	676	1.3
5037 Midway	VL	621	643	662	658	-0.6
5009 Montrose	VL	1,018	1,021	1,046	1,043	-0.3
5023 Rossland	C	3,278	3,333	3,475	3,532	1.6
5014 Trail	C	7,248	7,365	7,364	7,353	-0.1
5018 Warfield	VL	1,739	1,794	1,798	1,811	0.7
5000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	10,270	10,486	10,767	10,857	0.8
<b>43000 Mount Waddington</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>11,962</b>	<b>11,914</b>	<b>11,954</b>	<b>12,042</b>	<b>0.7</b>
43008 Alert Bay	VL	477	476	486	478	-1.6
43017 Port Alice	VL	828	841	843	842	-0.1
43023 Port Hardy	DM	3,976	3,924	3,933	3,986	1.3
43012 Port McNeill	T	2,681	2,655	2,605	2,618	0.5
43000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	4,000	4,018	4,087	4,118	0.8

<b>SGC Name</b>	<b>Area Type</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008-2009 % Change</b>
<b>21000 Nanaimo</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>141,246</b>	<b>142,996</b>	<b>145,870</b>	<b>147,866</b>	<b>1.4</b>
21008 Lantzville	DM	3,685	3,722	3,747	3,701	-1.2
21007 Nanaimo	C	80,757	81,456	82,749	84,228	1.8
21018 Parksville	C	11,090	11,314	11,615	11,783	1.4
21023 Qualicum Beach	T	8,516	8,618	8,753	8,766	0.1
21000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	37,198	37,886	39,006	39,388	1.0
<b>37000 North Okanagan</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>78,877</b>	<b>80,110</b>	<b>81,807</b>	<b>83,179</b>	<b>1.7</b>
37028 Armstrong	C	4,342	4,350	4,467	4,533	1.5
37010 Coldstream	DM	9,674	9,903	10,154	10,388	2.3
37033 Enderby	C	2,845	2,869	2,890	2,906	0.6
37005 Lumby	VL <sup>1</sup>	1,658	1,710	1,754	1,804	2.9
37024 Spallumcheen	DM	4,991	4,982	5,017	5,128	2.2
37014 Vernon	C <sup>1</sup>	36,922	37,550	38,341	38,968	1.6
37000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	18,445	18,746	19,184	19,452	1.4
<b>59000 Northern Rockies</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>6,298</b>	<b>6,125</b>	<b>6,061</b>	<b>6,003</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
59005 Fort Nelson	T <sup>1</sup>	4,612	4,457	4,398	na	na
59999 Northern Rockies Regional Municipality	RGM <sup>2</sup>	na	na	na	5,558	na
59000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR <sup>1</sup>	1,686	1,668	1,663	445	-73.2
<b>7000 Okanagan-Similkameen</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>80,351</b>	<b>81,322</b>	<b>82,327</b>	<b>83,337</b>	<b>1.2</b>
7009 Keremeos	VL	1,289	1,326	1,417	1,479	4.4
7014 Oliver	T <sup>1</sup>	4,374	4,450	4,593	4,783	4.1
7005 Osoyoos	T	4,790	4,927	5,044	5,189	2.9
7041 Penticton	C	32,544	32,853	32,974	33,250	0.8
7024 Princeton	T	2,685	2,696	2,721	2,757	1.3
7035 Summerland	DM	10,911	11,012	11,140	11,243	0.9
7000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	23,758	24,058	24,438	24,636	0.8
<b>55000 Peace River</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>59,329</b>	<b>60,214</b>	<b>60,992</b>	<b>62,244</b>	<b>2.1</b>
55010 Chetwynd	DM	2,722	2,637	2,639	2,676	1.4
55014 Dawson Creek	C <sup>1</sup>	11,093	11,289	11,420	11,514	0.8
55034 Fort St. John	C	17,933	18,392	18,792	19,457	3.5
55025 Hudson's Hope	DM	1,012	1,009	1,031	1,051	1.9
55005 Pouce Coupe	VL <sup>1</sup>	738	744	737	746	1.2
55030 Taylor	DM	1,386	1,403	1,468	1,480	0.8
55003 Tumbler Ridge	DM	2,491	2,434	2,441	2,450	0.4
55000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	21,954	22,306	22,464	22,870	1.8
<b>27000 Powell River</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>19,711</b>	<b>19,791</b>	<b>20,025</b>	<b>20,207</b>	<b>0.9</b>
27008 Powell River	C	13,027	13,144	13,283	13,338	0.4
27806 Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (Part)	IGD <sup>3</sup>	17	17	18	18	-
27000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	6,667	6,630	6,724	6,851	1.9
<b>47000 Skeena-Queen Charlotte</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>19,980</b>	<b>19,755</b>	<b>19,621</b>	<b>19,438</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
47023 Masset	VL	947	937	912	929	1.9
47030 Port Clements	VL	443	450	461	453	-1.7
47007 Port Edward	DM	580	576	585	570	-2.6
47012 Prince Rupert	C	13,072	12,906	12,829	12,846	0.1
47026 Village of Queen Charlotte	VL	950	951	952	961	0.9
47000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	3,988	3,935	3,882	3,679	-5.2

SGC Name	Area Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2008-2009 % Change
<b>31000 Squamish-Lillooet</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>36,627</b>	<b>37,124</b>	<b>37,847</b>	<b>39,209</b>	<b>3.6</b>
31026 Lillooet	DM	2,355	2,318	2,373	2,367	-0.3
31012 Pemberton	VL	2,349	2,358	2,339	2,416	3.3
31006 Squamish	DM	15,495	15,980	16,583	17,181	3.6
31020 Whistler	RM <sup>1</sup>	9,795	9,749	9,686	10,228	5.6
31000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	6,633	6,719	6,866	7,017	2.2
<b>57000 Stikine</b>	<b>R<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>-4.9</b>
<b>30000 Strathcona</b>	<b>RD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>43,789</b>	<b>44,189</b>	<b>0.9</b>
30034 Campbell River	C <sup>1</sup>	na	na	31,001	31,328	1.1
30025 Gold River	VL	na	na	1,425	1,425	-
30039 Sayward	VL	na	na	329	331	0.6
30030 Tahsis	VL	na	na	380	381	0.3
30029 Zeballos	VL	na	na	174	161	-7.5
30000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR <sup>4</sup>	na	na	10,480	10,563	0.8
<b>29000 Sunshine Coast</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>27,959</b>	<b>28,590</b>	<b>29,197</b>	<b>29,551</b>	<b>1.2</b>
29005 Gibsons	T	4,212	4,336	4,360	4,448	2.0
29011 Sechelt	DM	8,501	8,766	9,015	9,164	1.7
29803 Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (Part)	IGD <sup>3</sup>	827	814	815	831	2.0
29000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	14,419	14,674	15,007	15,108	0.7
<b>33000 Thompson-Nicola</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>125,648</b>	<b>127,335</b>	<b>130,198</b>	<b>131,675</b>	<b>1.1</b>
33019 Ashcroft	VL	1,671	1,722	1,741	1,740	-0.1
33999 Barriere	DM <sup>2</sup>	na	na	1,723	1,722	-0.1
33024 Cache Creek	VL	1,045	1,058	1,085	1,083	-0.2
33054 Chase	VL	2,439	2,409	2,468	2,478	0.4
33998 Clearwater	DM <sup>2</sup>	na	na	2,383	2,348	-1.5
33028 Clinton	VL	578	573	597	597	-
33042 Kamloops	C <sup>1</sup>	83,129	84,375	86,184	87,017	1.0
33035 Logan Lake	DM	2,198	2,194	2,198	2,189	-0.4
33015 Lytton	VL	235	231	226	226	-
33006 Merritt	C	7,338	7,393	7,454	7,450	-0.1
33000 Unincorporated Areas	RDR	27,015	27,380	24,139	24,825	2.8
<b>British Columbia</b>		<b>4,243,580</b>	<b>4,309,453</b>	<b>4,383,845</b>	<b>4,455,207</b>	

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**Notes:**

RD = Regional District, R = Region, RDR = Regional District Unincorporated Area  
C = City, T = Town, VL = Village, DM = District Municipality, IM = Island Municipality, RGM = Regional Municipality,  
RM = Resort Municipality, IGD = Indian Government District.  
All figures correspond to municipal boundaries as of July 1st of the year stated.  
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<sup>1</sup> Denotes a boundary or status change between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> New incorporations: Clearwater on Dec 3, 2007; Barriere on Dec 4, 2007; West Kelowna (formerly Westside) Dec 6, 2007;  
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality on Feb 6, 2009

<sup>3</sup> The Sechelt Indian Government District is split between two Regional Districts, thus the two table occurrences here.

<sup>4</sup> Comox Strathcona RD split into Comox RD and Strathcona RD Feb 15, 2008.

<sup>5</sup> Dease Lake area incorporated into Kitimat-Stikine RD (from Stikine) on June 21, 2007.



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<i>BC at a glance . . .</i>		
<b>POPULATION (thousands)</b>		
	Jul 1/2009	% change on one year ago
BC	4,455.2	1.6
Canada	33,739.9	1.2
<b>GDP and INCOME (Revised Nov 9)</b>		
<i>(BC - at market prices)</i>	2008	% change on one year ago
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (\$ millions)	197,931	3.3
GDP (\$ 2002 millions)	164,520	0.0
GDP (\$ 2002 per Capita) (reflects revised pop)	37,529	-1.7
Personal Disposable Income (\$ 2002 per Capita)	25,931	3.2
<b>TRADE (\$ millions, seasonally adjusted)</b>		% change on prev. month
Manufacturing Shipments - Oct	2,794	0.8
Merchandise Exports - Oct	1,952	3.2
Retail Sales - Oct	4,659	1.9
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b>	% change on one year ago	12-month avg % change
<i>(all items - Nov 2009)</i>		
BC	0.1	0.0
Vancouver	0.2	0.2
Victoria	0.0	0.2
Canada	1.0	0.3
<b>LABOUR FORCE (thousands)</b>		% change on prev. month
<i>(seasonally adjusted)</i>	Dec '09	
Labour Force - BC	2,476	0.1
Employed - BC	2,266	0.0
Unemployed - BC	209	2.0
		Nov '09
Unemployment Rate - BC (percent)	8.4	8.3
Unemployment Rate - Canada (percent)	8.5	8.5
<b>INTEREST RATES (percent)</b>	Jan 6/2010	Jan 7/2009
Prime Business Rate	2.25	3.50
Conventional Mortgages - 1 year	3.60	5.60
- 5 year	5.49	6.75
<b>US-CANADA EXCHANGE RATE</b>	Jan 6/2010	Jan 7/2009
<i>(avg. noon spot rate)</i> Cdn \$ per US \$	1.0334	1.1853
<i>(closing rate)</i> US \$ per Cdn \$	0.9685	0.8354
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE</b>		% change on one year ago
<i>(industrial aggregate - dollars)</i>	Dec '09	
BC	815.03	2.3
Canada	811.07	1.9
<b>SOURCES:</b>		
Population, Gross Domestic Product, Trade, Prices, Labour Force, Wage Rate } Statistics Canada		
Interest Rates, Exchange Rates: Bank of Canada Weekly Financial Statistics		
For latest Weekly Financial Statistics see <a href="http://www.bankofcanada.ca">www.bankofcanada.ca</a>		

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