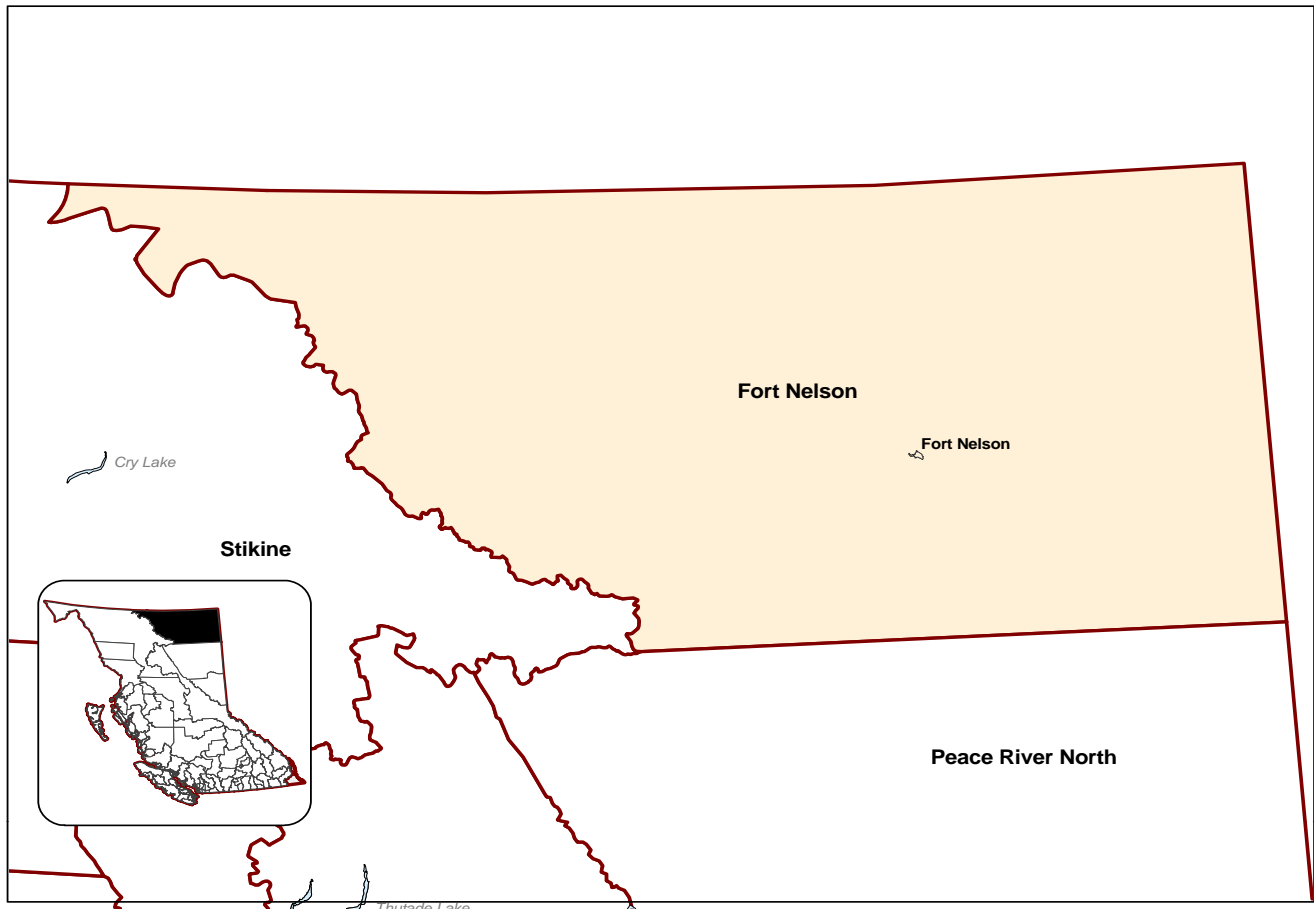


Socio-Economic Profile



	<u>2006 CENSUS POPULATION</u>		<u>2006 LAND AREA</u>		<u>2006 POPULATION DENSITY</u>
	Number	% of Region	Sq. Km.	% of Region	Persons per Sq.Km.
Fort Nelson, T	4,514	72.1%	13.3	0.0%	340.4
Rest of Region	1,746	27.9%	89,314.4	100.0%	0.0
Total Region	6,260	100.0%	89,327.7	100.0%	0.1
Total BC	4,113,487		925,344.7		4.4
Region as a % of BC	0.2%		9.7%		

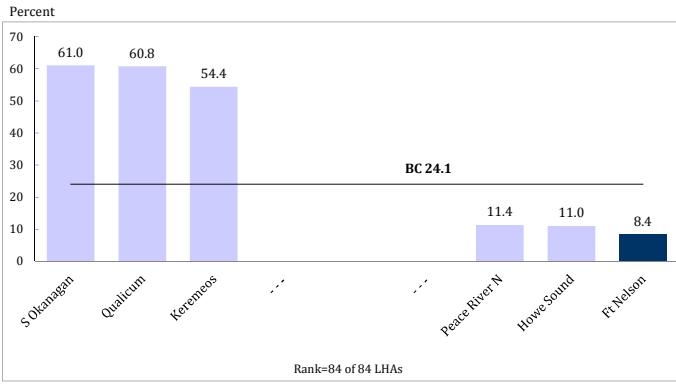
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Demographic Profile

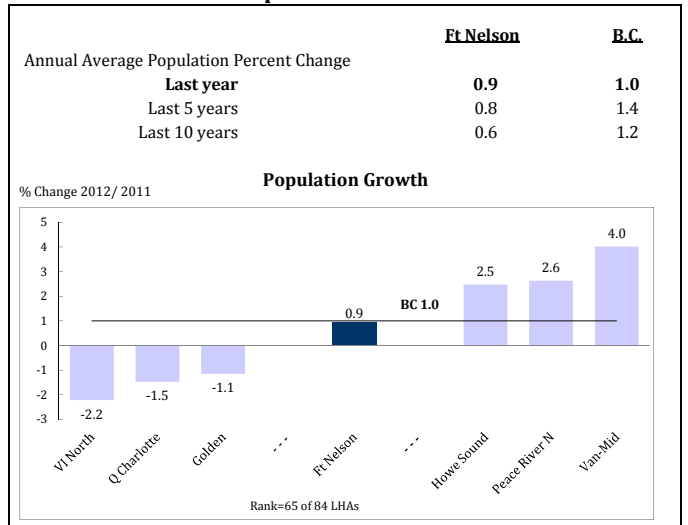
Age Structure

	Ft Nelson		B.C.	
	2012	2012	2022	2012
Population Estimate			(Percent Distribution)	
0-17 years	1,534	23.6	24.0	18.3
18-24 years	736	11.3	8.6	9.7
25-64 years	3,841	59.1	57.5	56.1
65+ years	384	5.9	10.0	15.9
Total	6,495	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dependency Rate (%)				
Child		33.5	36.3	27.7
Elderly		8.4	15.1	24.1
Total		41.9	51.4	51.8

Elderly Dependency Rate - 2012



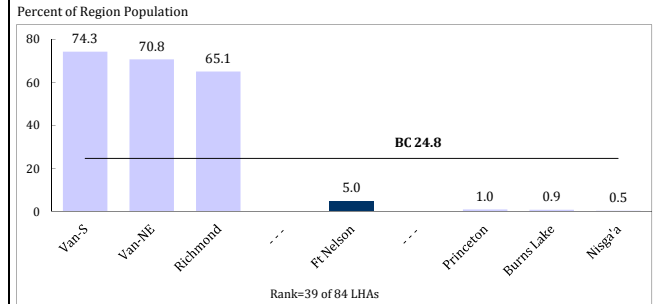
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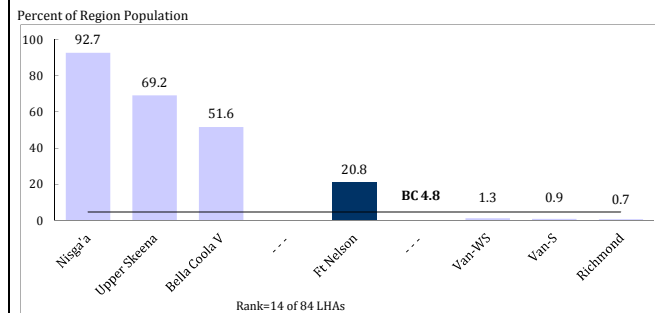
Ethnic Identity

	Ft Nelson	Ft Nelson	B.C.
	(Percent Distribution)		
2006			
Total Visible Minorities	310	5.0	24.8
Single Origins	310	5.0	24.1
Chinese	25	0.4	10.0
South Asian	155	2.5	6.4
Filipino	35	0.6	2.2
Japanese	0	0.0	0.9
Other	95	1.5	4.7
Multiple Origins	0	0.0	0.6
Total Aboriginal People	1,295	20.8	4.8

Visible Minority Population - 2006



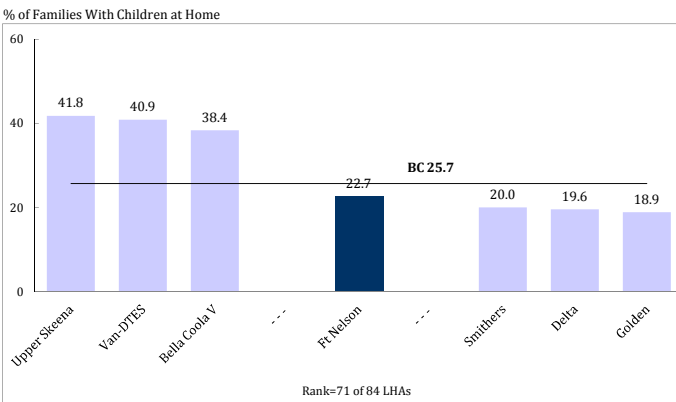
Aboriginal Identity - 2006



Family Structure

	Ft Nelson	Ft Nelson	B.C.
	(Percent Distribution)		
Total Census Families - 2006	1,715		
No Children at Home	635	37.0	41.3
Children at Home	1,080	63.0	58.7
Families with Children			
Couples	835	77.3	74.3
Lone Parents	245	22.7	25.7
Avg Number of Children		1.9	1.8
		(% of Total in Economic Families)	
Unattached Individuals	785	14.6	17.9

Lone Parent Families as a % of Families With Children at Home - 2006



Indicators of Economic Hardship

Income Levels

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Average Family income 2005 (\$) Economic Families		
All Economic Families	105,649	80,511
Couple Economic Families	112,582	86,574
Female Lone Parent	54,658	43,491
Income Distribution Among Economic Families		
< \$20,000	2.9	8.0
\$20,000 - \$79,999	36.5	53.8
\$80,000+	60.3	38.1
Prevalence of low income of Persons (after tax in 2005)	3.2	13.1
Income Inequality Measure		
Income Share of Bottom Half (poorest) of Households*	24.0	20.7

Income Share of Poorest Households - 2005

Region	Percent
W Van-Bow Is	12.1
Van-WS	13.5
Van-DTFS	13.9
BC	20.7
Ft Nelson	24.0
Golden	25.0
Kitimat	25.2
Sooke	25.9

Rank=78 of 84 LHAs

* The proportion of each region's household income that accrues to households earning less than the median income. In a situation of perfect equality, the bottom half (poorest) households would receive 50% of the total income.

Income Dependency

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Composition of Total Income - 2005		
Employment	92.1	77.1
Government Transfers	4.2	9.6
Other	3.7	13.4
Income Dependency 2005		
Forestry	27%	7%
Mining	24%	3%
Construction	4%	8%
Gov't transfer payments	5%	15%
Tourism	7%	6%
Public Sector	17%	26%

Income Dependency on Forestry, Mining & Fishing* - 2005

Region	Percent
Kitimat	57.4
Ft Nelson	51.3
Nechako	50.7
BC	11.0
Sooke	3.4
Saanich	1.7
Gr-Victoria	1.5

Rank=2 of 84 LHAs

BC data are a Weighted Average of LHAs/RDs

*Heavy dependency on the primary sector increases the vulnerability of a region to swings in the economic cycle resulting in economic hardship.

Housing Costs

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Households (Occupied non-farm non-reserve) - 2005		
% Renting	26.4	30.4
Gross Rent or Major Monthly Payment (\$)		
Tenants	751	828
Owners	1163	1059
% Paying 30% or More of Income on Housing Costs		
Tenants	17.1	43.4
Owners	13.6	22.7
Total	14.5	29.0

Households Paying 30% or More on Housing Costs - 2005

Region	Percent of Households
Van-DTFS	46.2
Van-City Contr	41.1
Van-Mid	35.6
BC	29.0
Ft Nelson	14.5
Smithers	14.1
Bella Coola V	11.0
Kitimat	10.3

Rank=80 of 83 LHAs

NOTE: NISGA'A LHA excluded from charts.

Income Assistance*

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of Population Receiving IA Benefits - September 2012		
Total	0.7	1.7
Children (0-14)	1.1	3.1
Youth (15-24)	0.8	1.8
By Duration		
1 Year or >	0.3	1.0
<1 Year	0.4	0.7
% of Income Assistance Caseload that are Single Parent Families	37.5	25.5
% of Population age 15+ on Income Assistance and are Employable		
Total	0.3	0.9
By Duration (15+)		
1 Year or >	0.1	0.4
<1 Year	0.2	0.4
% of OAS Recipients Receiving Max. Gov't Income Supp. - 2012		
Total	5.8	2.9
Males	n.a.	2.3
Females	n.a.	3.5

% of Population Age 15+ Receiving Income Assistance and are Employable - September 2012

Region	Percent of Population Age 15+
Prince Rupert	4.0
Van-DTFS	3.4
Terrace	2.3
BC	0.9
Ft Nelson	0.3
Summerland	0.2
Van-WS	0.1
W Van-Bow Is	0.1

Rank=74 of 83 LHAs

NOTE: Some LHAs are suppressed.

* All Income Assistance recipients, except Aboriginal persons on-reserve and the disabled.

Indicators of Labour Market Issues

Labour Demand

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Labour Force 2006		
Industrial Structure (% Distribution)		
Goods		
Primary	13.3	4.4
Construction	7.1	7.6
Manufacturing	12.7	8.6
Services		
Non-Government	60.5	74.4
Government	6.0	5.0
	<u>99.5</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Occupational Structure (% Distribution)		
Management:	7.0	10.5
Professional Occupations in:		
Business & Finance	0.8	2.5
Natural & Applied Sciences	1.4	3.4
Health	1.0	2.7
Social Sciences (excl. teachers)	0.9	2.2
Teachers	3.2	3.7
Art & Culture	0.5	1.5
Total	7.7	16.0
Technical Trades & Assorted Other High Skilled Occupations in:		
Finance & Insurance Admin.	2.9	1.5
Techs In Natural & Appl. Sciences	5.4	2.9
Techs. In Health	0.6	1.3
Paraprofs. in Soc Sci Educ etc	1.4	2.2
Techs in Art Culture & Rec.	1.1	2.0
Skilled Sales & Service	4.3	4.7
Trades & Skilled Transp & Equip Ops.	24.6	15.5
Total	40.4	30.1
Intermediate & Lesser Skilled Occupys*	44.9	43.4

* High Skilled Occupations in Primary Manufacturing and Protective Services could not be separated out and therefore are included in Intermediate & Lesser Skilled Occupations.

Labour Supply

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of Population 25-64 With Post Secondary Qualifications - 2006		
Total	49.6	61.8
College, Apprenticeship or Trades CF or DP	35.9	31.5
With University Degree or Above	9.5	24.1
% Distribution by Field of Study		
Education	11.2	7.5
Visual & Performing Arts	0.6	4.2
Humanities	3.4	5.6
Social, Behavioural Sciences & Law	4.5	10.5
Business, Management & Public Admin.	21.3	21.0
Physical & Life Sciences	2.0	3.5
Math, Computer & Information Sciences	1.4	4.1
Architecture, Engineering & Related	35.0	21.1
Health, Parks, Recreation & Fitness	7.3	14.2
Personal, Protective & Transportation	7.3	5.5
Agriculture & Natural Resources	6.4	2.6
	<u>100.3</u>	<u>100.0</u>
% of Population 25-64 With a University Degree - 2006		

Region	Percentage
Lk Cowichan	5.6
Upper Skeena	7.8
Princeton	8.1
Ft Nelson	9.5
Van-City Cent	48.3
W Van-Bow Is	50.2
Van-WS	59.9

Rank=9 of 84 LHAs

Unemployment

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries Sept. 2012 (3MMA)		
Total Beneficiaries (age 15+)	120	52,940
Percent Female	52.8	50.7
Percent 15-24 Years Old	8.3	7.6
Total Beneficiaries as a Percent of Population Age 15+ (3MMA)		
Sep/12	2.3	1.3
Jun/12	2.0	1.4
Mar/12	1.8	1.8
Dec/11	1.7	1.4
Sep/11	2.1	1.4
Most recent 4 quarter average	2.0	1.5
EI Beneficiaries - 4 Quarter Average to September 2012 (3MMA)		
% of Population age 15+		

Region	Percentage
Kettle Valley	10.1
Nisgala	7.4
Prince Rupert	3.9
Ft Nelson	2.0
Saanich	0.8
North Van	0.8
W Van-Bow Is	0.4

Rank=38 of 84 LHAs

Other

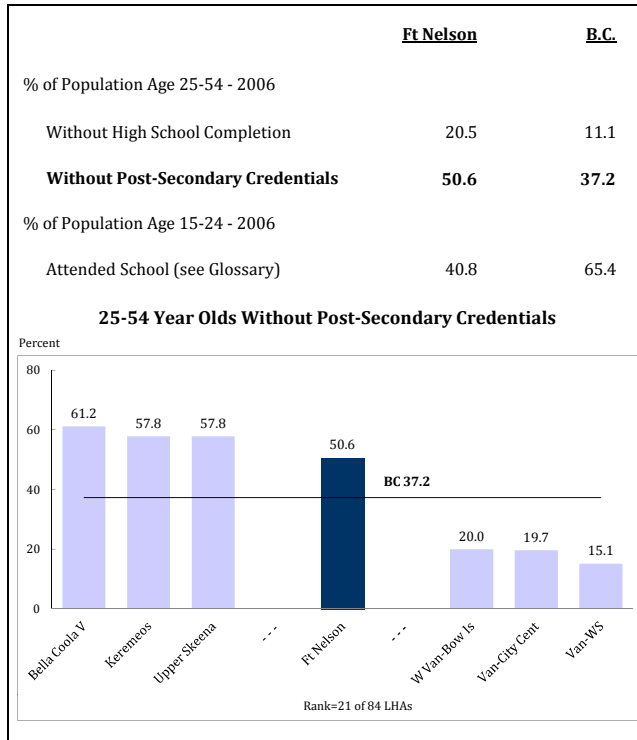
	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Labour Force 2006		
Participation Rate		
Males	91.4	70.7
Females	74.7	60.7
Total	83.7	65.6
% Full Year, Full Time Workers	48.2	46.5
% Self-Employed	12.0	14.1
Average Employment Income (\$) - 2005	47,386	34,978
Average Employment Income of Full-Year Full-Time Workers (\$)		
Males	75,773	57,772
Females	43,698	41,073
Ratio of Female to Male Income	57.7	71.1
Average Employment Income (\$) - 2005		

Region	Income
Nisgala	21,063
Upper-Skeena	22,199
Creston	22,756
Ft Nelson	47,386
Van-WS	54,514
W Van-Bow Is	71,269

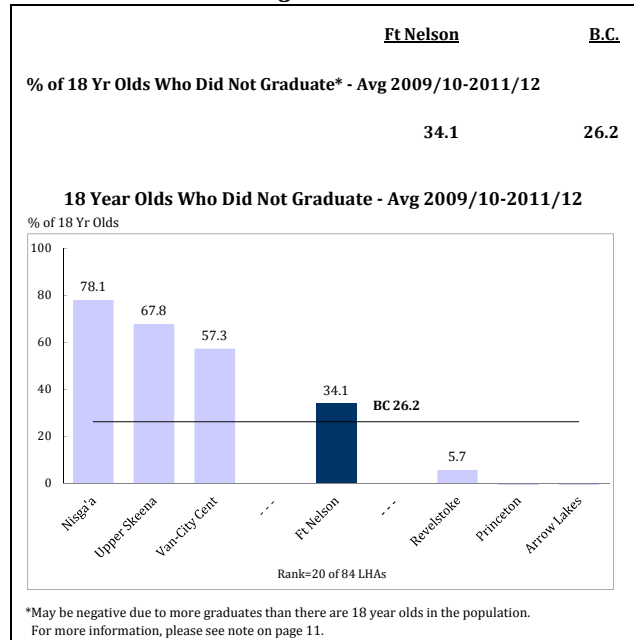
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Indicators of Education Concerns

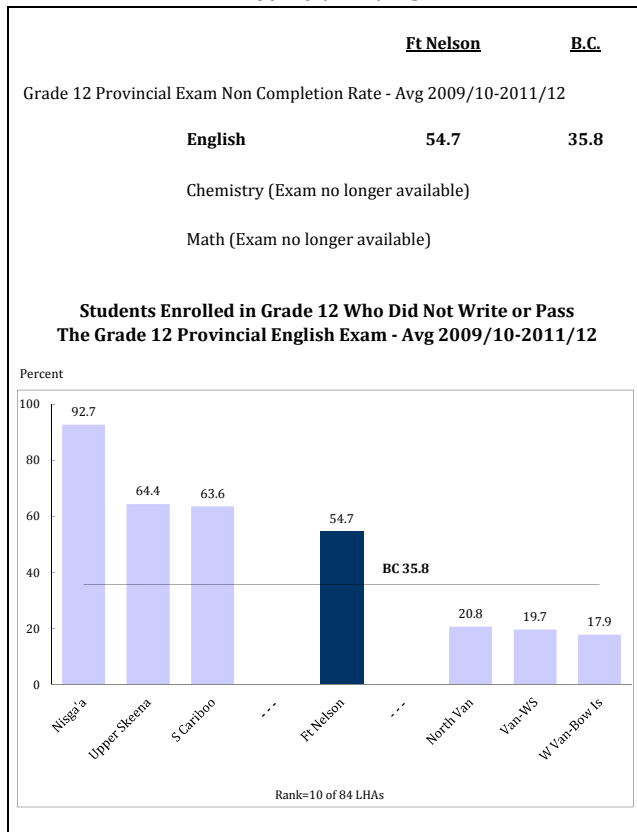
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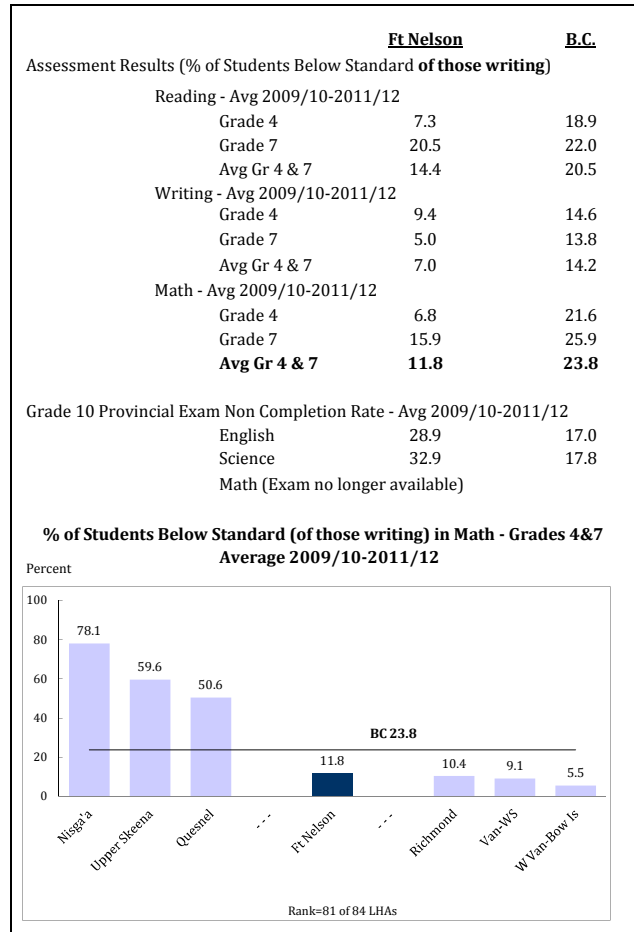
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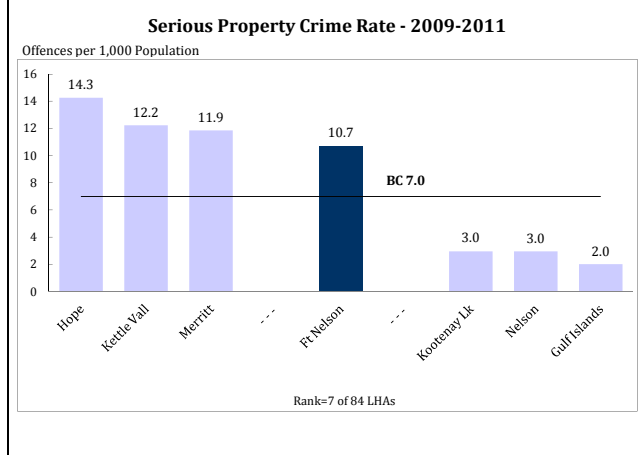
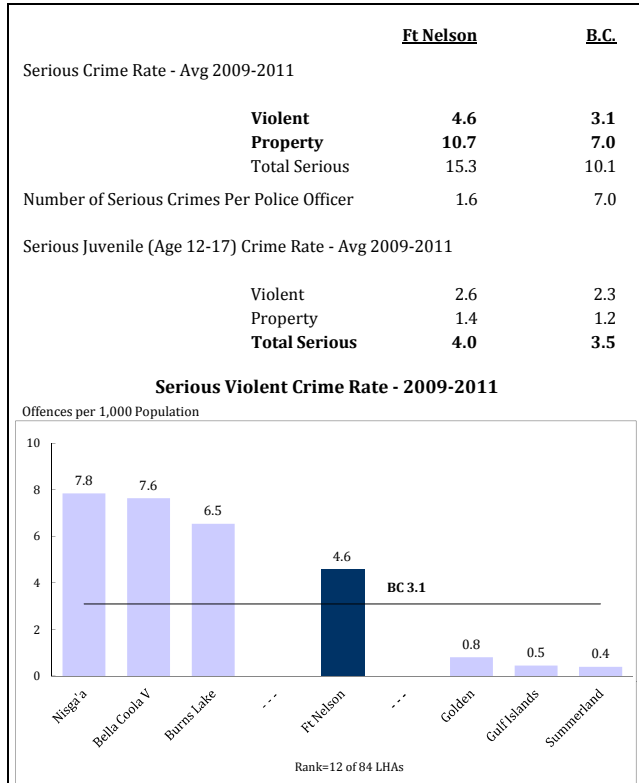


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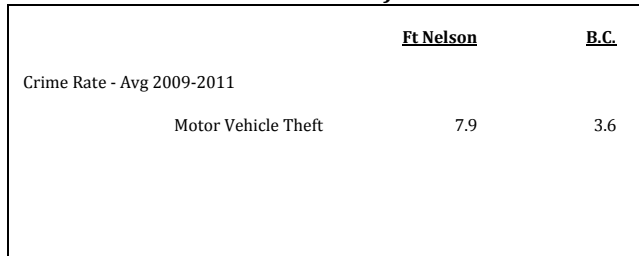


Indicators of Crime

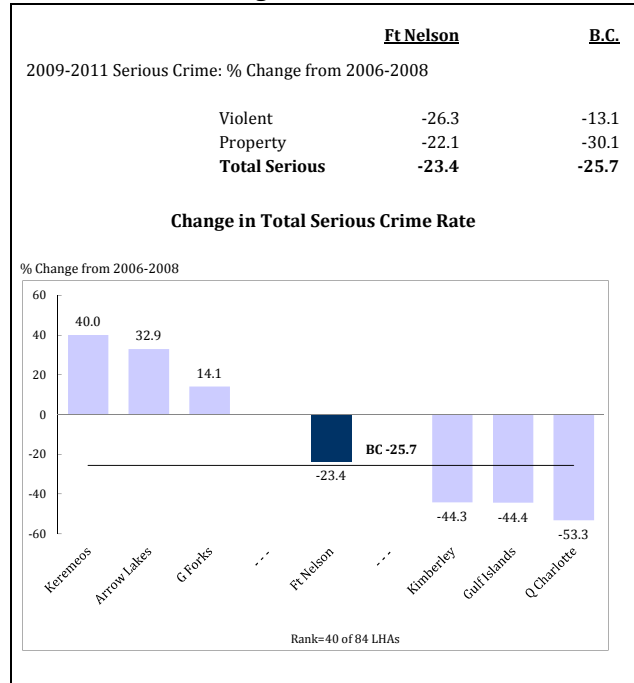
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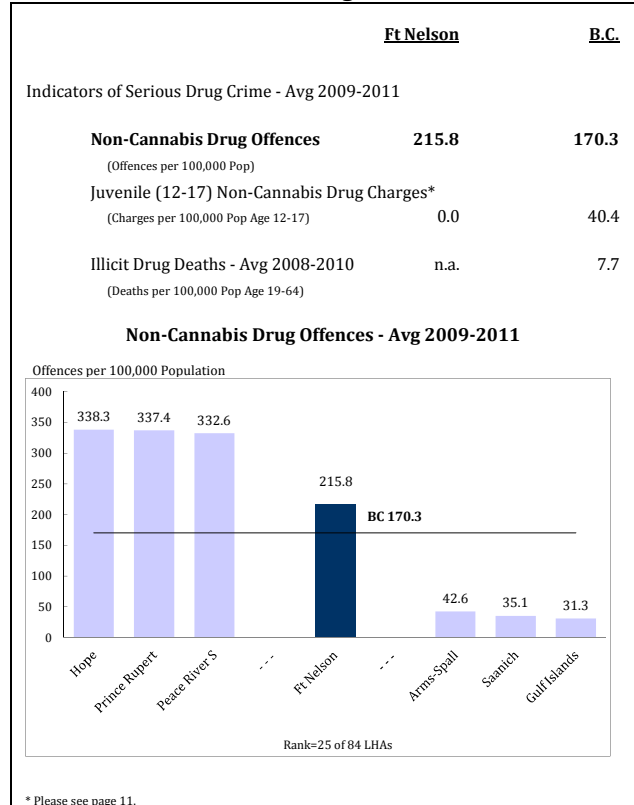
Other Indicators of Crime



Change in Crime Rate



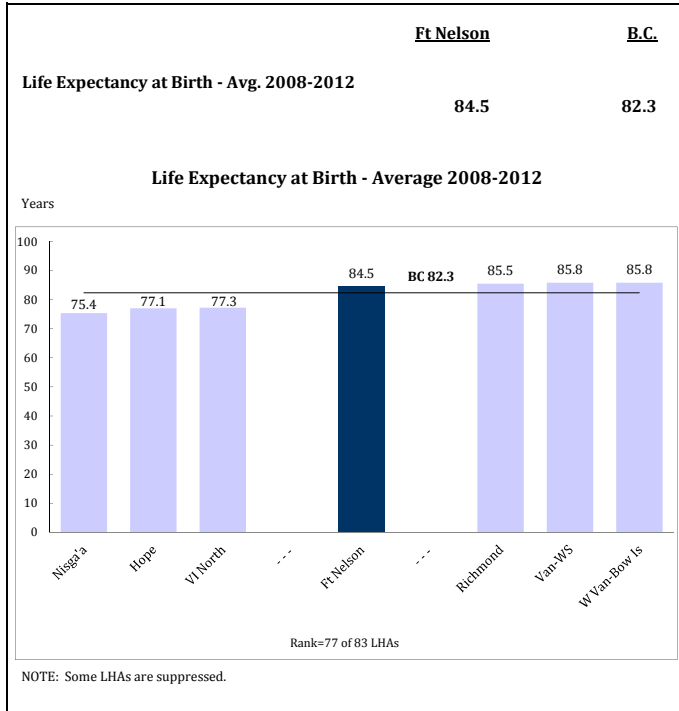
Serious Drug Crime



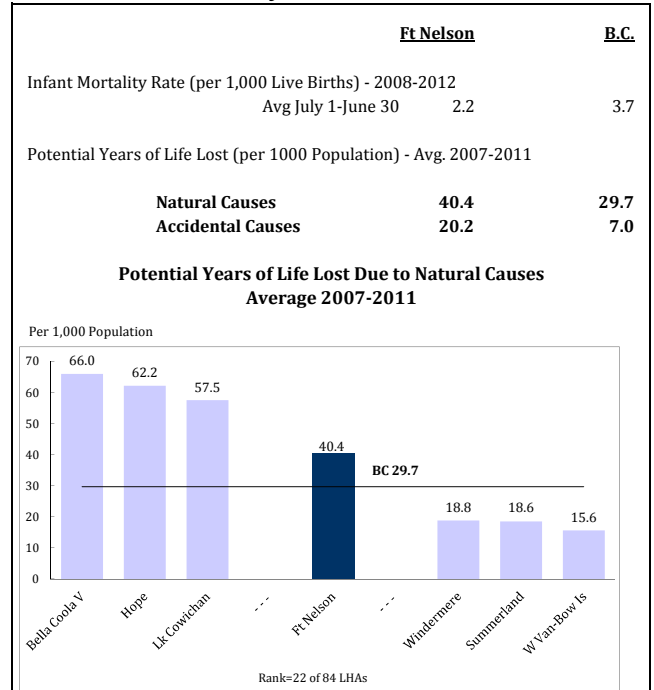
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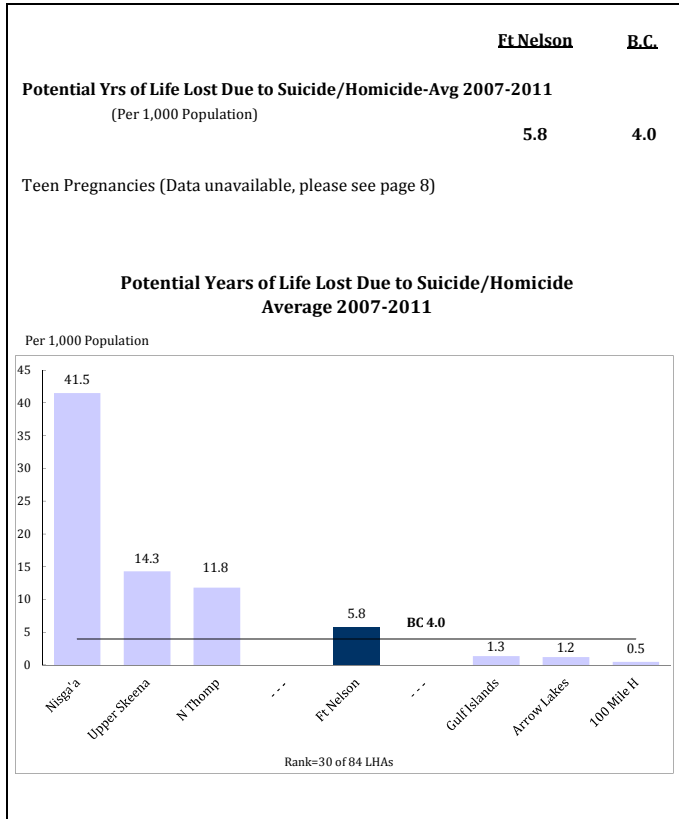
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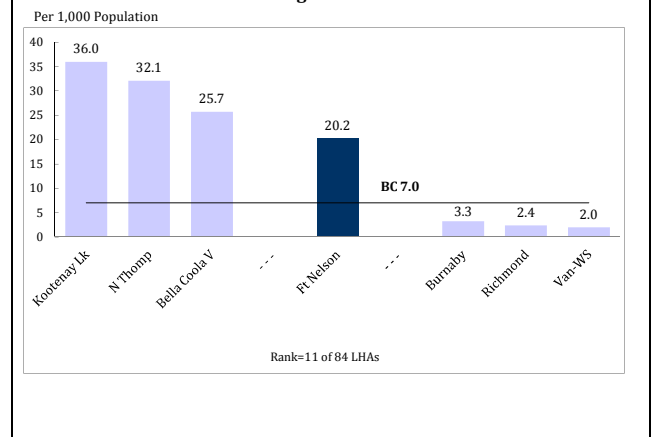
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Mental Health



Potential Years of Life Lost Due to Accidental Causes Average 2007-2011



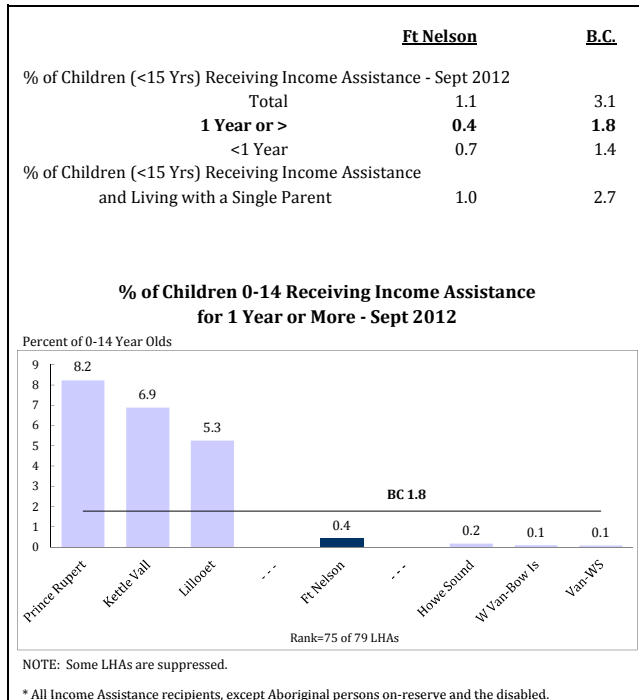
Alcohol Sales*

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Per Capita Alcohol Sales - 2012 (Per Population Age 19+)		
Dollars Spent (\$)	1534	796
Litres Consumed	197	103
% Distribution of Litres Sold		
Spirits	11.1	6.3
Wine	5.0	16.4
Beer/Cider/Coolers	83.9	77.4

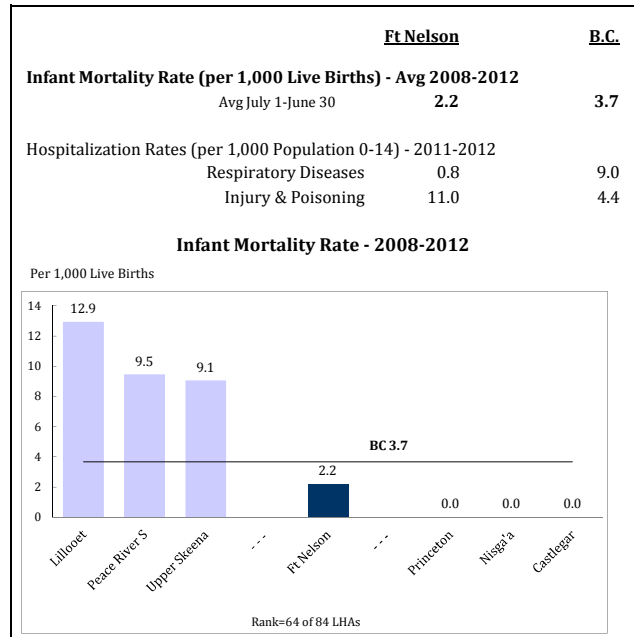
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Indicators of Children at Risk

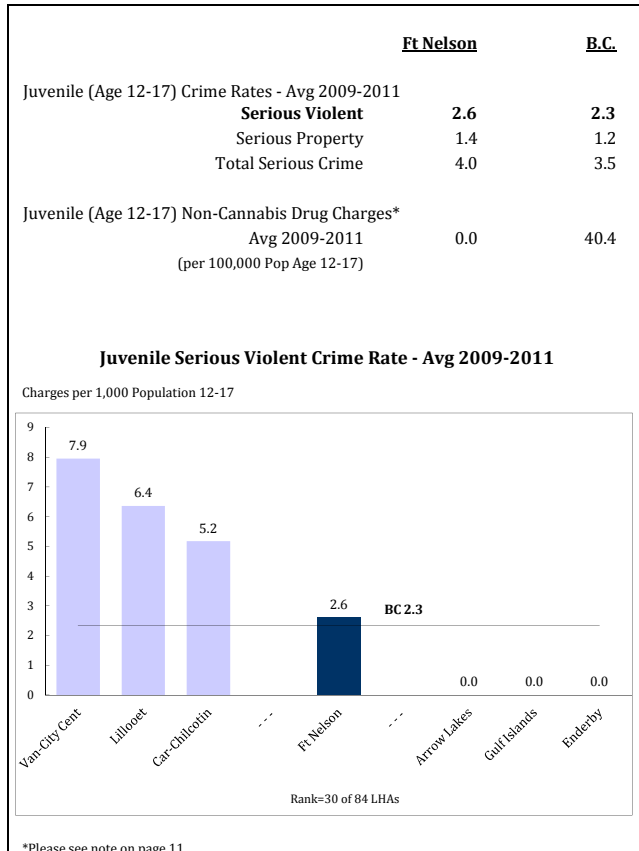
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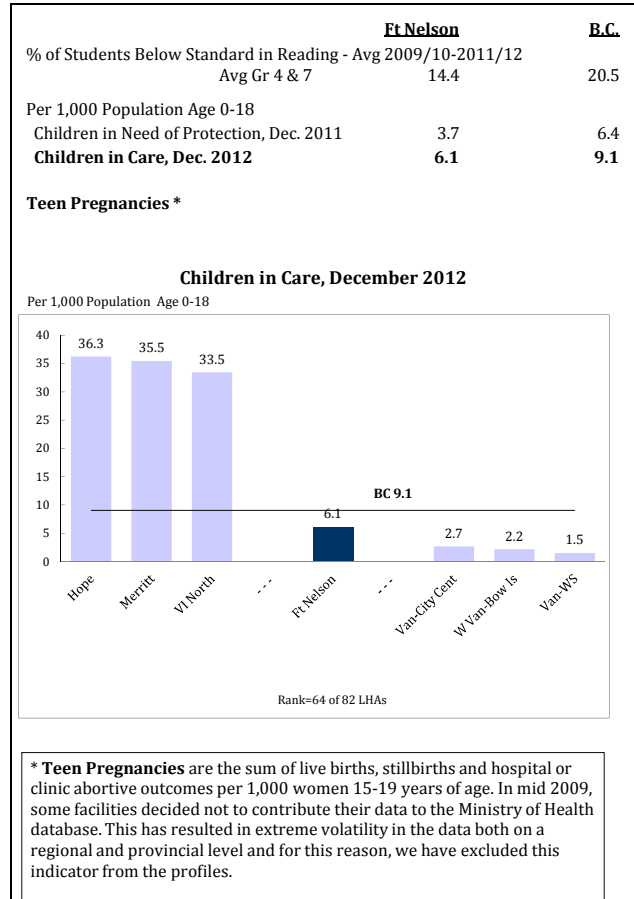
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Crime



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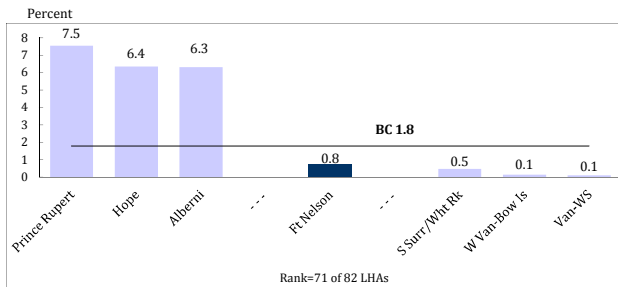


Indicators of Youth at Risk

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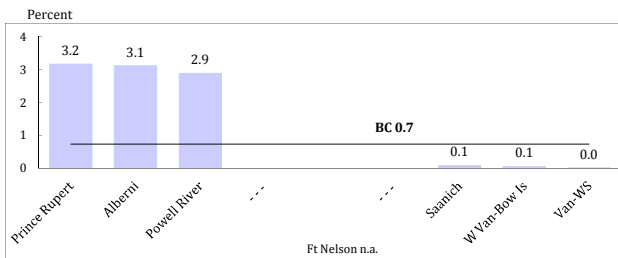
	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of Youth (Age 15-24) Receiving Income Assistance - Sept 2012		
Total	0.8	1.8
1 Year or >	n.a.	0.9
<1 Year	n.a.	0.9
% of Youth (Age 15-24) on Income Assistance and Single Parents**	n.a.	0.4
% of Youth (Age 15-24) on Income Assistance and Employable**	n.a.	0.7

% of Youth 15-24 Receiving Income Assistance - September 2012



NOTE: Some LHAs are suppressed.

% of Youth 15-24 Receiving Income Assistance Who Are Employable**



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* All Income Assistance recipients, except Aboriginal persons on-reserve and the disabled.

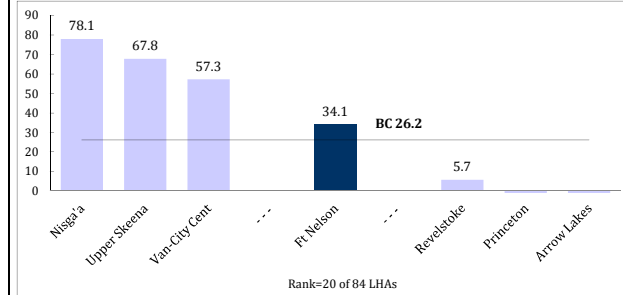
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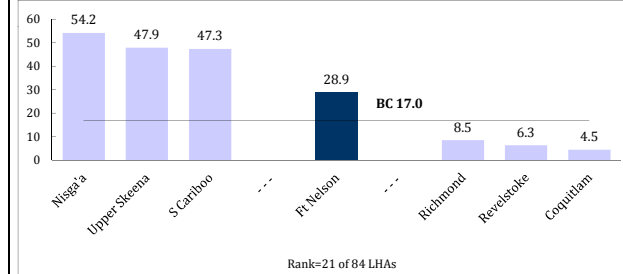
	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
% of 18 Yr Olds Who Did Not Graduate* - Avg 2009/10-2011/12	34.1	26.2
Grade 12 Provincial Exam Non Completion Rate - Avg 2009/10-2011/12		
English	54.7	35.8
Chemistry & Math (Exams no longer available)		
Grade 10 Provincial Exam Non Completion Rate - Avg 2009/10-2011/12		
English	28.9	17.0

*Please see Page 11.

18 Year Olds Who Did Not Graduate Average 2009/10-2011/12



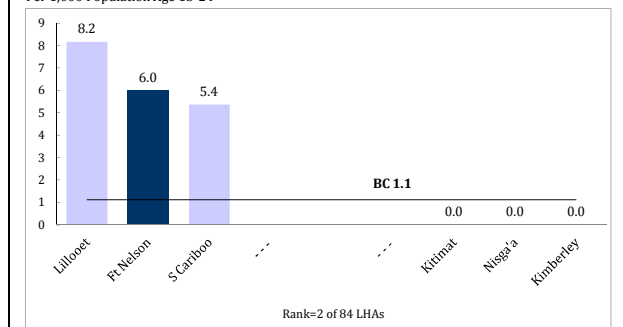
Gr. 10 Prov. Exam Non-Completion Rate - English Average 2009/10-2011/12



Other

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Total Serious Crime Rate - Avg 2009-2011 (All ages, Offences per 1,000 Pop)	15.3	10.1
Non-Cannabis Drug Offences - Avg 2009-2011 (All ages, Offences per 100,000 Pop)	215.8	170.3
Hospitalization rates from Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2011-2012 (Per 1,000 Pop Age 15-24)	6.0	1.1

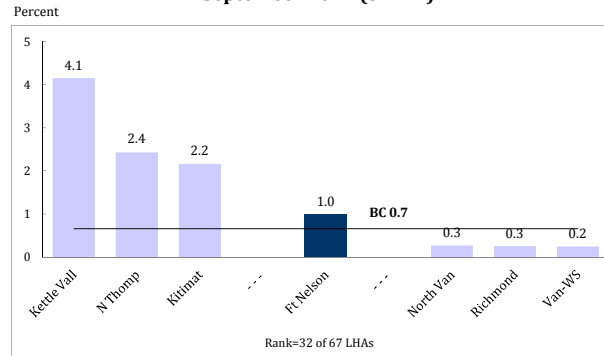
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Unemployment

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries Age 15-24 As % of population age 15-24 - Sept 2012 (3MMA)	1.0	0.7

Population 15-24 Receiving Employment Insurance September 2012 (3MMA)



NOTE: Some LHAs are suppressed.

Regional Immigration Indicators

Immigrant Population - 2006 Census

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Number of immigrants	295	1,119,215
Number of recent immigrants*	65	177,840
% without English and/or French	15.4	14.8
% without English as their mother tongue	92.3	83.3
% by birthplace Asia & Middle East	92.3	73.4

* Permanent residents who arrived between January 2001 and May 2006.

Income Assistance* - September 2012

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Immigrants on income assistance (number)	n.a.	7,188
% adult 15 plus	n.a.	69.3
% children 0-14	n.a.	30.7
Canadian-born on income assistance (Number)	41	69,126
% adult 15 plus	68.3	72.8
% children 0-14	31.7	27.2
% Immigrants on IA with duration 1 year or >	n.a.	56.8
% Canadian-born on IA with duration 1 year or >	41.5	56.8

Of immigrants on IA, % with duration 1 year or more

LHA Region	Percent
Wandermere	100.0
Lk Cowichan	100.0
Prince Rupert	90.9
BC	56.8
Kamloops	38.5
Maple Ridge	36.4
Prince G.	29.0
Ft Nelson	n.a.

NOTE: Some LHAs are suppressed.
* All Income Assistance recipients, except Aboriginal persons on-reserve and the disabled.

Immigrant Arrivals¹ 2007 to 2012 (CIC*)

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Total immigrants (number)	75	239,544
By age: % children 0-18	20.0	23.4
% youth 19-24	n.a.	9.4
% working age 25-64	62.7	63.8
% seniors 65+	n.a.	3.4
% 25-64 with post-secondary	68.1	72.2
% not speaking either English or French ²	24.0	33.8

* Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
¹ Represents the "intended destination" at the time of landing.
² Primarily self-assessed ability.

Temporary Residents Present in 2012(CIC)

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Total Temporary Residents (number)	417	160,527
% Foreign Workers	98.3	46.2
% Foreign Students	n.a.	42.6
% Humanitarian Population	n.a.	2.7
% Other	n.a.	8.5

Percent of Temporary Residents that are Foreign Workers

LHA Region	Percent
Ft Nelson	98.3
Wandermere	90.2
Fernie	87.4
BC	46.2
Kamloops	21.7
New West	19.5
Cowichan	18.1

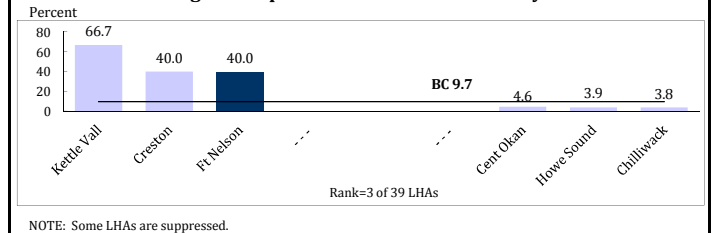
NOTE: Some LHAs are suppressed. Rank=1 of 61 LHAs

Labour Market Performance - 2006 Census (May)

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Population age 25-54	3,195	1,781,820
Canadian-born	2,995	1,211,545
All immigrants	165	544,095
Recent immigrants	30	100,910
with post-secondary credentials	20	78,170
Participation rates - Total population 25-54	90.0	84.6
Canadian-born	89.6	86.4
All immigrants	93.8	81.7
Recent immigrants	100.0	74.3
with post-secondary credentials	100.0	76.4
Employment rates - Total population 25-54	84.0	80.3
Canadian-born	83.9	82.3
All immigrants	84.4	77.2
Recent immigrants	66.7	67.1
with post-secondary credentials	50.0	69.0
Unemployment rates - Total population 25-54	6.6	5.0
Canadian-born	6.5	4.8
All immigrants	10.0	5.5
Recent immigrants	28.6	9.7
with post-secondary credentials	40.0	9.7
Employment income 2005 - \$ (population 25-54)	44,968	33,500
Canadian-born	44,935	36,053
All immigrants	47,672	28,009
Recent immigrants	124,465	17,944
with post-secondary credentials	n.a.	18,671

Unemployment Rate 2006

Recent Immigrant Population with Post-Secondary Credentials



K-12 Students - ESL & Home Language

	<u>Ft Nelson</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
2011/2012 School Year:		
Students in ESL Programs	13	58,104
Public schools (number)	n.a.	54,945
Independent schools (number)	n.a.	3,159
% of students in ESL - all schools	1.3	9.1
Top non-English or French home languages* public schools		
% of students - Punjabi	0.6	4.1
% of students - Spanish	0.4	0.2
% of students - German	0.3	0.1

*Excludes Aboriginal languages; based on all students, not only ESL students.

Percent of Students in ESL Programs

LHA Region	Percent
Richmond	25.6
Surrey	21.6
S Surr / Wnt Rk	21.6
BC	9.1
Ft Nelson	1.3
Cranbrook	0.4
Powell River	0.3
Nechako	0.3

NOTE: Some LHAs are suppressed. Rank=37 of 72 LHAs

Note:

The B.C. population estimates by age and gender that were released in December 2012 may not be comparable with those published in 2011 due to changes in the methodology. As a result, rates calculated based on 2012 population for some indicators in the Socio-Economic Profiles are not comparable to earlier years.

In a number of instances, the population estimates of certain age groups had to be substantially revised for some geographical areas. This change in the methodology was then applied consistently to all the estimates for the years between July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2012.

The new procedure of estimating sub-provincial population by age and gender is considered to be an improvement over the old method in the overall performance of the estimates.

Below is an example of the 2011 and 2012 estimates for the youth population in Local Health Area 165 (Vancouver Midtown):

Estimates for Those 12-17 and 18 Years of Age in Local Health Area 165, Vancouver Midtown

	<u>Age 12-17</u>				<u>Age 18</u>			
	<u>2011 Estimates</u>		<u>2012 Estimates</u>		<u>2011 Estimates</u>		<u>2012 Estimates</u>	
	2011	% Growth	2012	% Growth	2011	% Growth	2012	% Growth
2006	4,367		4,367		792		792	
2007	4,400	0.8%	4,376	0.2%	806	1.8%	807	1.9%
2008	4,332	-1.5%	4,382	0.1%	728	-9.7%	768	-4.8%
2009	4,658	7.5%	4,426	1.0%	775	6.5%	745	-3.0%
2010	5,042	8.2%	4,631	4.6%	750	-3.2%	738	-0.9%
2011	5,508	9.2%	4,686	1.2%	931	24.1%	833	12.9%

Please note that all estimates are consistent with the preliminary and revised population estimates of B.C. from Statistics Canada. For more information about this change please contact: Frank Ip 250-387-0336 or Werner Grundlingh 250-387-8896.

In addition to the population estimates, it is also important to note that the counts (numerator) can also change considerably from year to year. Below is an example of the number of 18 year-olds in Local Health Area 10, Arrow Lakes who graduated from High School. To obtain the percent of 18-year-olds who did not graduate, the number of high school graduates is subtracted from the population estimate of 18-year-olds in the area and presented as a percentage. If there are significant changes in the counts from year to year or in the population estimates, the results can show extreme volatility or can even be negative.

High School Graduation for 18-Year-Olds in Local Health Area 10, Arrow Lakes

Reporting Year	School Year (3-year AVG)	Number of High School Grads 18 years old at the time of graduation	Population of 18 year olds (3-year AVG)	% of 18 Year Olds Who Did Not Graduate
2011	2008/09-2010/11	59	66.3	11.36%
2012	2009/10-2011/12	46	36.6	-25.50%
Percentage Change 2011-2012		-22%	-45%	