

OVERALL REGIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDEX

2012

Ranked from Worst-Off to Best-Off Regions

Regional Districts*	Regional Socio-Economic		Human											
	Index ^{&}		Economic Hardship		Crime		Health		Education		Children		Youth	
	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank	Index	Rank
				Wt=(.30)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.20)		Wt=(.05)		Wt=(.05)
47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.95	1	1.28	1	0.64	5	0.58	5	1.00	1	1.24	1	1.18	1
49 Kitimat-Stikine	0.90	2	1.15	2	0.43	7	1.00	1	0.91	2	0.85	3	0.99	3
23 Alberni-Clayoquot	0.85	3	0.90	4	0.78	4	0.86	3	0.76	6	0.99	2	1.10	2
41 Cariboo	0.68	4	0.88	5	0.20	11	0.77	4	0.77	5	0.72	4	0.58	5
43 Mount Waddington	0.65	5	0.98	3	-0.14	16	0.86	2	0.78	4	0.40	6	0.63	4
51 Bulkley-Nechako	0.51	6	0.33	9	0.90	2	0.51	7	0.50	8	0.46	5	0.18	9
53 Fraser-Fort George	0.49	7	0.62	6	0.97	1	0.01	14	0.34	9	0.31	8	0.44	6
55 Peace River	0.18	8	-0.38	21	0.36	8	0.34	8	0.79	3	0.09	11	-0.25	18
9 Fraser Valley	0.15	9	0.34	8	0.63	6	-0.28	20	-0.05	14	-0.30	17	0.03	11
33 Thompson-Nicola	0.08	10	0.09	11	0.16	12	0.09	12	-0.03	13	0.17	10	0.10	10
27 Powell River	0.08	11	0.57	7	-0.88	25	0.25	10	0.02	11	0.19	9	0.38	7
59 Northern Rockies	0.03	12	-1.06	26	0.87	3	0.54	6	0.59	7	-0.83	26	-0.24	17
21 Nanaimo	0.00	13	0.21	10	-0.08	15	-0.29	21	-0.12	15	0.33	7	0.37	8
19 Cowichan Valley	-0.05	14	-0.05	13	0.07	14	0.17	11	-0.33	20	0.08	12	-0.35	22
39 Columbia-Shuswap	-0.11	15	-0.33	20	-0.22	18	0.08	13	0.28	10	-0.39	20	-0.34	21
37 North Okanagan	-0.18	16	-0.17	18	-0.15	17	-0.23	16	-0.17	16	-0.35	19	-0.09	12
7 Okanagan-Similkameen	-0.21	17	-0.08	16	-0.24	19	-0.12	15	-0.40	22	-0.42	21	-0.17	14
5 Kootenay Boundary	-0.21	18	-0.05	14	-0.39	20	0.26	9	-0.67	26	-0.33	18	-0.32	20
31 Squamish-Lillooet	-0.23	19	-0.54	23	0.13	13	-0.27	19	-0.02	12	-0.25	16	-0.41	24
35 Central Okanagan	-0.28	20	-0.32	19	0.30	9	-0.46	24	-0.57	24	-0.60	24	-0.18	15
25 Comox-Strathcona	-0.29	21	-0.11	17	-0.80	24	-0.24	18	-0.18	17	-0.03	14	-0.15	13
15 Greater Vancouver	-0.32	22	-0.05	15	0.27	10	-0.91	26	-0.63	25	-0.71	25	-0.36	23
3 Central Kootenay	-0.33	23	-0.01	12	-0.95	26	-0.23	17	-0.27	19	-0.49	23	-0.27	19
29 Sunshine Coast	-0.44	24	-0.53	22	-0.55	21	-0.36	23	-0.45	23	-0.02	13	-0.20	16
1 East Kootenay	-0.48	25	-0.66	25	-0.64	22	-0.33	22	-0.25	18	-0.21	15	-0.60	26
17 Capital	-0.60	26	-0.64	24	-0.76	23	-0.67	25	-0.37	21	-0.47	22	-0.53	25

* Excludes Stikine and Central Coast RDs due to small numbers.

& The Regional Socio-Economic Index is the weighted average of the individual subject matter "composite indices". The Composite Index is the weighted average of the sub-indices. The sub-indices are calculated as the distance from the median value (standardized by the interquartile range). For example, a region with a +0.75 index means that region is 0.75 standard units worse than the median region; while a -0.75 index means that region is 0.75 standard units better than the median region. Indices >+1 are tempered by the power of 1/4.

Background Information

2012

Regional Districts*	2012 Population		2012/2011		Avg Annual		2006 Census				Lone-Parent Families		2012		Income Dependency		
			1 Yr Pop Growth		2012/2007		% Aboriginal		% Visible Minorities		as a % of Total Families with Children at Home		% Seniors		on Forestry, Fishing & Mining 2005		
	Count	% of BC	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
1 East Kootenay	60,456	1.3	15	0.2	16	1.2	7	6.2	15	1.7	26	25.4	20	16.9	16	28	8
3 Central Kootenay	60,901	1.3	14	0.3	11	1.1	9	3.7	24	2.0	24	30.0	5	20.6	8	16	17
5 Kootenay Boundary	31,888	0.7	20	0.0	18	0.3	23	4.6	21	2.9	21	25.9	19	22.7	5	23	11
7 Okanagan-Similkameen	82,955	1.8	11	0.3	13	0.4	22	4.3	22	5.7	7	29.4	11	27.8	1	8	21
9 Fraser Valley	288,815	6.3	3	0.6	7	1.3	6	5.7	16	15.7	2	25.0	21	15.6	17	8	23
15 Greater Vancouver	2,443,739	53.4	1	1.5	3	1.8	3	1.9	26	41.7	1	23.7	23	13.6	18	5	25
17 Capital	376,423	8.2	2	0.4	10	0.9	11	3.3	25	10.1	3	29.7	7	19.1	11	2	26
19 Cowichan Valley	83,544	1.8	9	0.2	15	1.0	10	9.7	12	4.2	14	29.6	8	20.4	9	16	18
21 Nanaimo	151,510	3.3	5	0.5	8	1.2	8	5.0	20	5.8	6	30.3	4	23.8	4	9	20
23 Alberni-Clayoquot	31,548	0.7	21	-0.4	24	0.3	24	16.2	6	4.1	15	32.0	2	18.5	13	24	10
25 Comox-Strathcona	109,664	2.4	7	0.2	14	0.9	12	7.2	13	3.0	19	29.5	9	20.3	10	19	13
27 Powell River	20,548	0.4	23	0.1	17	0.7	17	5.7	17	2.7	22	27.7	15	24.4	3	27	9
29 Sunshine Coast	30,589	0.7	22	0.7	5	1.4	5	5.4	19	4.6	12	26.7	17	25.3	2	18	14
31 Squamish-Lillooet	42,425	0.9	17	2.5	1	2.7	1	11.6	9	9.4	4	24.9	22	9.1	25	8	22
33 Thompson-Nicola	132,464	2.9	6	0.0	19	0.8	14	10.9	10	5.3	8	29.5	10	17.7	14	18	15
35 Central Okanagan	188,454	4.1	4	0.6	6	1.6	4	3.8	23	5.2	9	28.6	13	19.0	12	7	24
37 North Okanagan	83,320	1.8	10	0.3	12	0.8	15	6.4	14	3.2	17	28.2	14	21.5	6	12	19
39 Columbia-Shuswap	53,578	1.2	16	-0.4	23	0.7	16	5.6	18	1.9	25	26.0	18	21.2	7	17	16
41 Cariboo	65,738	1.4	13	-0.2	21	0.7	18	14.7	7	3.8	16	26.8	16	17.4	15	38	4
43 Mount Waddington	11,753	0.3	25	-2.2	26	-0.3	25	23.5	3	3.1	18	31.3	3	12.6	21	38	5
47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte	19,416	0.4	24	-0.6	25	-0.4	26	40.7	1	7.7	5	35.6	1	12.4	22	21	12
49 Kitimat-Stikine	39,185	0.9	19	0.0	20	0.5	20	32.5	2	4.5	13	29.8	6	13.0	20	34	6
51 Bulkley-Nechako	39,319	0.9	18	-0.2	22	0.4	21	18.8	5	3.0	20	23.0	24	13.4	19	44	2
53 Fraser-Fort George	97,479	2.1	8	0.5	9	0.5	19	10.5	11	5.1	10	28.7	12	11.9	23	30	7
55 Peace River	66,137	1.4	12	2.3	2	1.9	2	12.0	8	2.1	23	22.8	25	9.4	24	38	3
59 Northern Rockies	6,378	0.1	26	0.9	4	0.8	13	19.4	4	5.1	11	22.2	26	5.9	26	50	1
British Columbia	4,573,321			1.0		1.5		4.8		24.8		25.7		15.3		11	

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