

**Population 19-64 Receiving Basic Income Assistance¹
or Employment Insurance--December 2005**

Regional Districts	Total Population Age 19-64	Recipients 19-64		Recipients as % of Population		
		Income Assistance	EI	Income Assistance	EI	IA + EI ²
1 East Kootenay	40,533	343	1,376	0.9	3.4	4.2
3 Central Kootenay	37,361	544	1,485	1.5	4.0	5.4
5 Kootenay-Boundary	20,384	268	746	1.3	3.7	4.9
7 Okanagan-Similkameen	47,119	636	2,207	1.4	4.7	6.0
9 Fraser Valley	159,980	2,407	6,618	1.5	4.1	5.6
15 Greater Vancouver	1,440,797	13,777	36,065	1.0	2.5	3.4
17 Capital	224,742	2,196	5,123	1.0	2.3	3.2
19 Cowichan Valley	47,617	727	1,683	1.6	3.5	5.1
21 Nanaimo	85,187	1,568	3,116	1.9	3.7	5.4
23 Alberni-Clayoquot	20,412	441	1,321	2.3	6.5	8.7
25 Comox-Strathcona	66,135	1,046	3,203	1.6	4.8	6.4
27 Powell River	12,882	258	482	2.1	3.7	5.7
29 Sunshine Coast	17,379	184	493	1.1	2.8	3.9
31 Squamish-Lillooet	26,088	130	970	0.5	3.7	4.2
33 Thompson-Nicola	82,388	1,219	3,285	1.5	4.0	5.5
35 Central Okanagan	102,788	1,180	3,329	1.2	3.2	4.3
37 North Okanagan	48,836	631	1,796	1.3	3.7	4.9
39 Columbia-Shuswap	32,977	391	1,499	1.2	4.5	5.7
41 Cariboo	44,925	655	1,768	1.5	3.9	5.4
43 Mount Waddington	9,007	134	523	1.7	5.8	7.4
45 Central Coast	2,371	15	235	1.4	9.9	11.3
47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte	14,562	548	1,327	4.2	9.1	13.3
49 Kitimat-Stikine	26,919	748	1,314	3.3	4.9	8.1
51 Bulkley-Nechako	27,484	426	948	1.7	3.4	5.1
53 Fraser-Fort George	67,056	1,401	2,570	2.1	3.8	5.8
55 Peace River	39,776	302	1,263	0.8	3.2	3.9
57 Stikine	941	-	72	-	7.7	-
59 Northern Rockies	4,488	-	138	-	3.1	-
British Columbia	2,751,134	32,197	84,940	1.2	3.1	4.2

- Data too small to release.

¹ These figures include only a subset of those receiving Income Assistance. **INCLUDED** are those on Temporary 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 in these reports as **each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance**. Data do not include aboriginal people living on reserve. Since 2002, the program is BC Employment and Assistance but the definition used is identical to previously published material.

² Beginning in June 1997, the combined IA+EI rate in this report has been adjusted to count only once those persons receiving both Employment Insurance and Income Assistance. Therefore use caution when comparing current data to pre June 1997 data. This adjustment resulted in an overall decrease of 0.3 percentage points to the BC rate in June 1997.

Source: Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance and Human Resources & Social Development Canada administrative files, and BC STATS Population Estimates.

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