

Population 19-64 Receiving Basic Income Assistance¹ or Employment Insurance

Regional District	Basic Income Assistance Recipients & EI Beneficiaries ² as a Percent of the Population Aged 19-64								
	June 2005	Sept 2005	Dec 2005	March 2006	June 2006	Sept 2006	Dec 2006	March 2007	June 2007
1 East Kootenay	3.7	3.2	4.5	4.5	3.2	2.8	3.7	4.2	3.0
3 Central Kootenay	4.9	4.5	5.6	5.5	4.4	4.0	5.2	5.2	3.9
5 Kootenay-Boundary	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.8	3.9	3.6	4.8	4.2	3.5
7 Okanagan-Similkameen	4.6	4.0	6.1	5.9	3.9	3.6	5.4	5.1	3.7
9 Fraser Valley	4.8	4.6	5.6	5.2	4.4	4.1	5.4	5.1	4.3
15 Greater Vancouver	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.2	2.9
17 Capital	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.5
19 Cowichan Valley	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.0	4.0	3.9	4.5	4.3	3.8
21 Nanaimo	5.0	4.7	5.4	5.4	4.4	4.1	4.8	4.7	4.0
23 Alberni-Clayoquot	6.5	5.9	8.9	9.2	6.1	5.2	8.1	8.0	5.9
25 Comox-Strathcona	5.5	5.0	6.5	6.4	4.6	4.1	5.7	5.0	3.9
27 Powell River	5.5	4.9	5.9	6.2	4.8	4.1	5.4	5.3	4.0
29 Sunshine Coast	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.9	2.8	2.5	3.5	3.3	2.5
31 Squamish-Lillooet	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.7	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.2
33 Thompson-Nicola	5.1	4.7	5.6	5.4	4.2	3.9	4.9	5.1	4.1
35 Central Okanagan	4.0	3.7	4.4	4.6	3.4	3.2	3.8	4.3	3.5
37 North Okanagan	4.8	4.2	5.0	5.0	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.3	3.6
39 Columbia-Shuswap	4.4	4.1	5.9	6.3	4.3	3.6	5.3	5.6	3.7
41 Cariboo	6.5	5.3	5.8	6.4	5.8	4.7	5.6	6.1	5.8
43 Mount Waddington	8.2	9.0	8.2	9.8	6.6	5.9	7.3	7.2	5.4
45 Central Coast	8.3	5.8	12.9	13.2	8.0	7.6	17.1	15.5	6.5
47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte	10.4	7.4	14.4	15.4	10.1	8.2	13.1	13.2	9.0
49 Kitimat-Stikine	7.9	6.9	8.6	8.8	7.1	6.6	8.3	8.5	6.8
51 Bulkley-Nechako	6.3	5.1	5.5	5.6	6.4	4.7	5.1	5.3	6.1
53 Fraser-Fort George	6.3	5.9	6.1	6.4	5.9	5.4	6.1	6.4	6.1
55 Peace River	4.9	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.7	4.5
57 Stikine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.0	6.3
59 Northern Rockies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	4.2
British Columbia	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.4

- 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 BCStats Population Estimates.

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