

**British Columbia's Heartland
At the Dawn of the 21st Century**

**2001 Economic Dependencies
and Impact Ratios for 63 Local Areas**

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Preface

This report was prepared to provide economists in the province of British Columbia with up-to-date consistent information on the local economies in the rural areas of the province and to help in the estimation of the economic impacts of changes in those local economies. It is the latest in a series of reports that use data from the Canadian Census and other sources.

This work was made possible by funding provided by the Ministries of Forests, Sustainable Resource Management, Competition, Science and Enterprise, and Health. Each of these ministries has a unique way of looking at the province, and as part of this study comparable statistics that provide dependencies and impact ratios for the geographical breakouts of interest to these ministries have been specially prepared for them.

An early draft of this report was reviewed by interested personnel in BC Stats and the client ministries and their comments helped to shape the final product. However, any errors, incoherence, or other shortcomings that remain are the full responsibility of the author.

Abstract

This report presents economic information about 63 local areas in the province of British Columbia. Specifically, it provides tables and maps that identify and quantify the sources of income that support the local economies in each of those areas. In addition, it presents ratios that economists can use to estimate the impacts on employment and income of changes in those sources. The local areas cover the entire province with the exception of the greater Vancouver area.

The results in the report rely on an economic base perspective and detailed information from the 2001 Census of Canada, and other sources. Changes in the results during the period 1991 - 1996 - 2001 are presented and discussed. Use of the tables in this report for estimating economic impacts is illustrated by a number of examples. Appendices provide additional analysis and information that may be valuable for regional studies.