

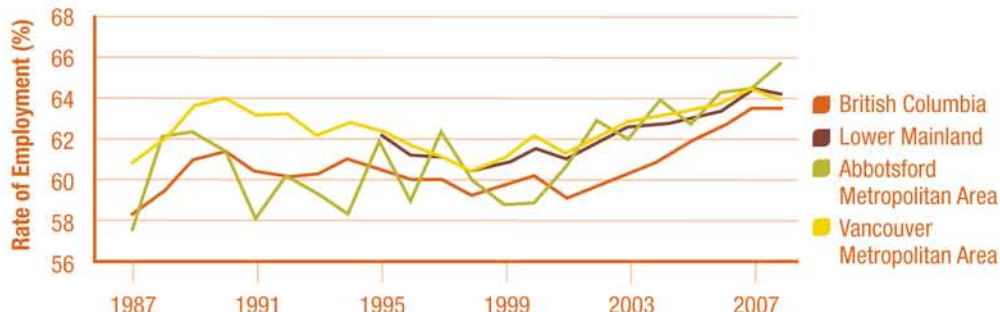
Social & Economic Well-Being

A vibrant economy that provides enough income for basic needs, such as food and shelter, is essential for the health and well-being of individuals and families.



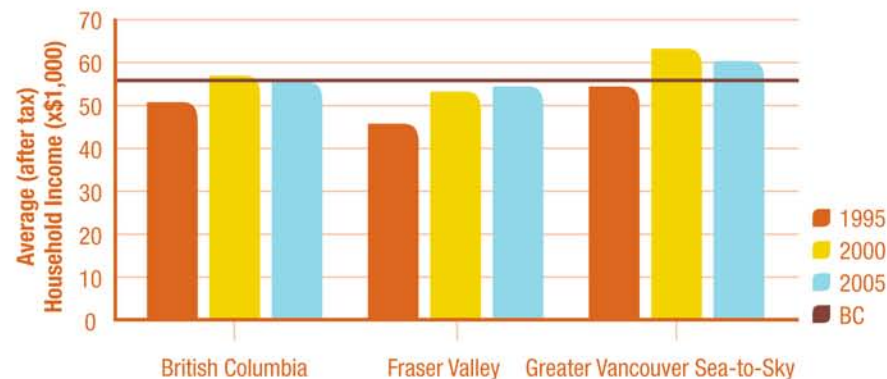
EMPLOYMENT & INCOME

Annual Employment Rates in the Lower Mainland (1987–2008)



◀ Employment rates generally increased between 1987 and 2008. They began decreasing in 2008 due to the global recession.

Average (after tax) Household Income in the Lower Mainland (1995; 2000; 2005)



◀ Average household income rose from 1995 to 2005. Almost 30% of households earned an average income of less than \$30,000 in 2005.

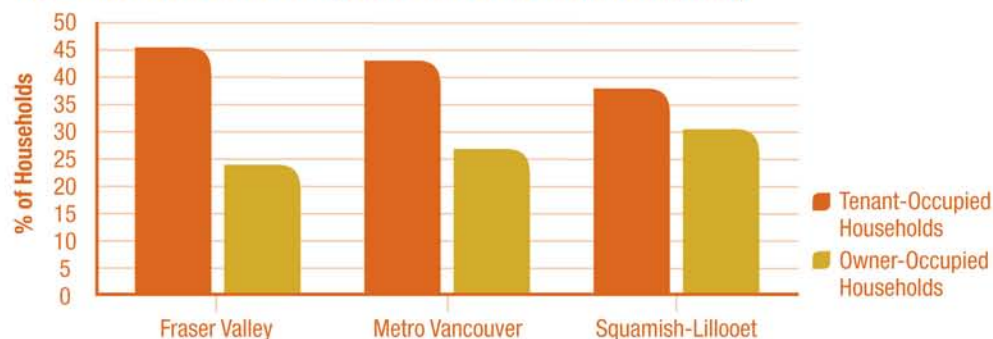
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Adequate, affordable, accessible housing is a basic need, which affects health and quality of life for individuals and families.



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Percent of Renters and Owner-Occupiers Spending 30% or More of Household Income on Housing Costs in the Lower Mainland (2006)



◀ 39 – 45% of renters and 24 – 30% of home-owners spent more than 30% of their income on housing in 2006.



The number of homeless people increased from 2002 to 2008 in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.