



Local Health Area Profile

Vancouver Island North - 434

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An accompanying Interpretation Guide has been created to assist with the interpretation of indicators.

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Before Canada and BC were formed, Indigenous peoples lived in balance and interconnectedness with the land and water in which the necessities of life are provided. Health disparities persist, which are due to the impacts of colonization and Indigenous-specific racism. Island Health acknowledges and recognizes these homelands and the stewardship of Indigenous peoples of this land; it is with humility we continue to work toward building our relationship.

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A large, weathered wooden totem pole with multiple carved figures, including a prominent face with a wide mouth and a smaller figure below it, set against a blue sky background.

LHA Overview

Geography

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- ▶ Community Health Service Areas (CHSAs) within LHA

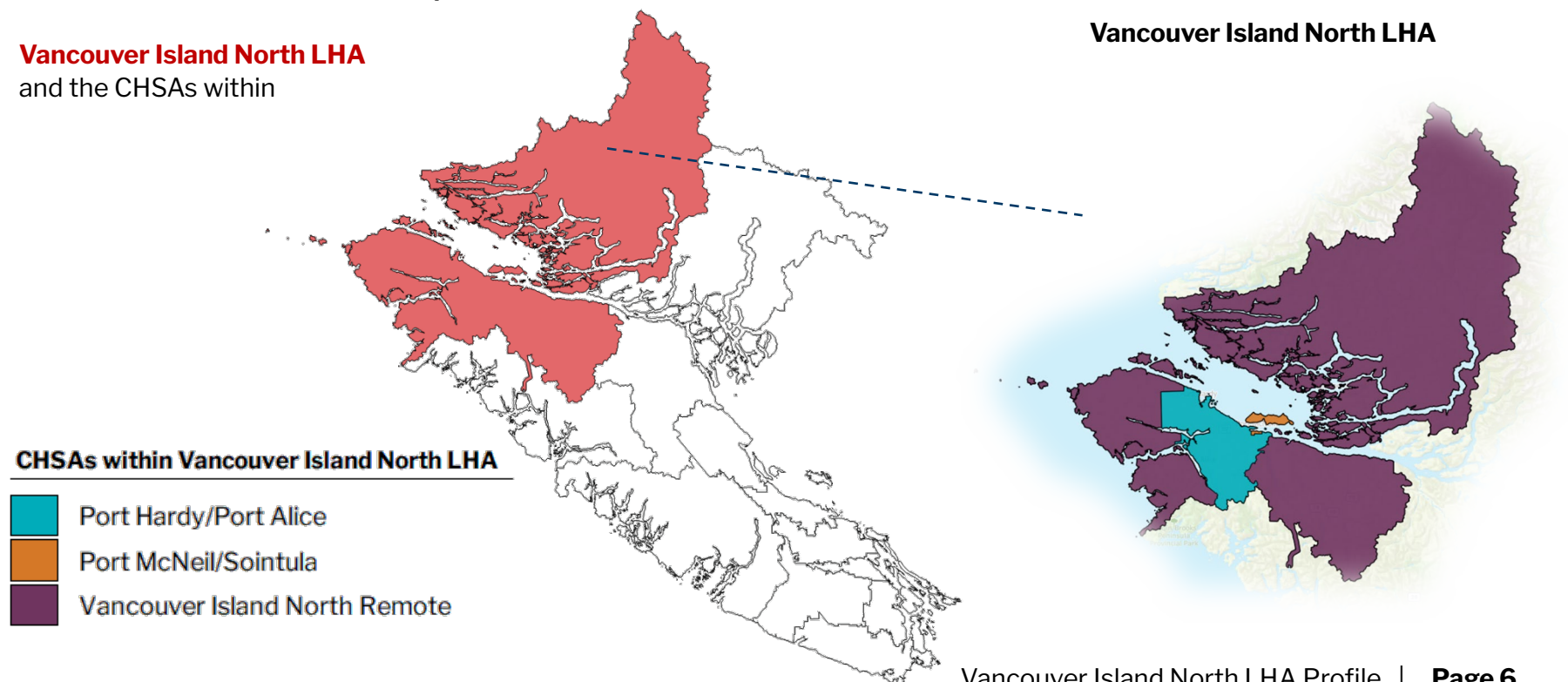
Population and Demographics

- ▶ Average Age
- ▶ Population Estimates

Geography

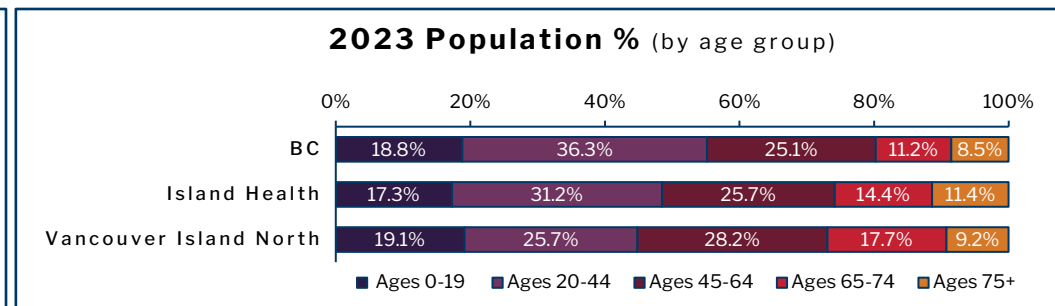
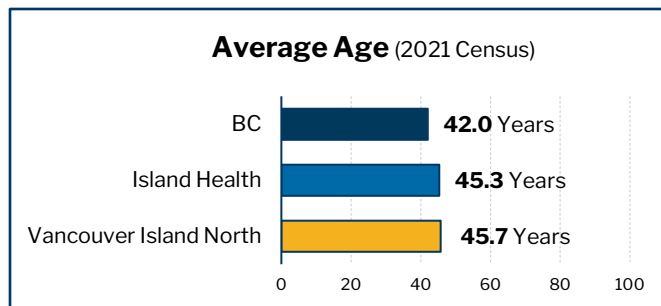
Vancouver Island North (V.I. North) Local Health Area (LHA) is one of 14 LHAs in Island Health and is located in Island Health's North Island Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA). Situated at the northern tip of the North Island HSDA, V.I. North encompasses 21,157 square kilometres and includes the communities of Port Hardy, Port Alice, Port McNeill, Alert Bay, Kingcome, and Zeballos. Vancouver Island North includes the traditional territories of several First Nations: 'Namgis, Gwa't'sinuxw, Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis, Kwagu'l, Gwa'sala- 'Nakwaxda'xw, Gwawae'nuxw, Tlat'lasikwala, Dzawade'enuxw, Mamalilikulla, and Da'naxda'xw Nations. V.I. North borders two other LHAs: Vancouver Island West and Greater Campbell River. V.I. North is situated along Highway 19, approximately a three-hour drive from Campbell River. Many of its communities are more accessible by boat or plane than by road. BC Transit runs seven bus lines in the V.I. North area, primarily between Port Hardy and Port McNeill. HandyDART services are also offered in Port Hardy and Port McNeill. There are BC Ferries services from Port Hardy to Bella Coola, Prince Rupert, and Haida Gwaii, as well as between Port McNeill, Sointula and Alert Bay. The Vancouver Island North LHA contains 3 unique Community Health Service Areas (CHSAs) within it. The areas can be viewed on the **map below**:

Vancouver Island North LHA
and the CHSAs within



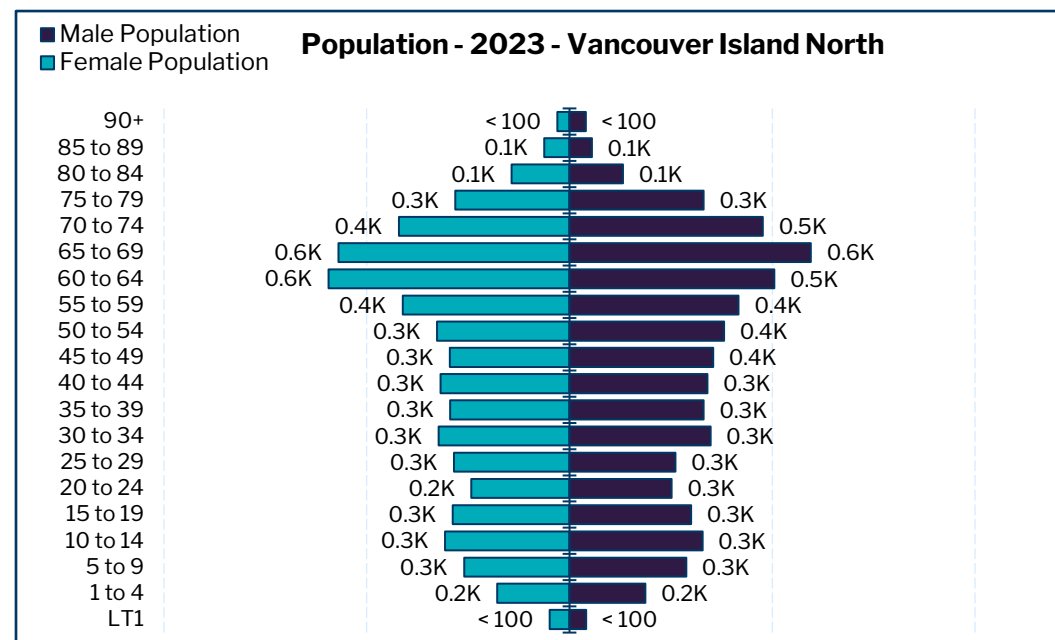
Population and Demographics

As of 2023, the Vancouver Island North LHA represents 1.2% (11,642 people) of Island Health's total population of 908,627. According to the 2021 Census, 29.8% of people living in the Vancouver Island North LHA identified themselves as Indigenous, compared to 7.8% across Island Health and 5.9% in BC. Additionally, 4.6% of people living in Vancouver Island North area identified themselves as a visible minority, compared to 11.6% across Island Health and 34.4% in BC.



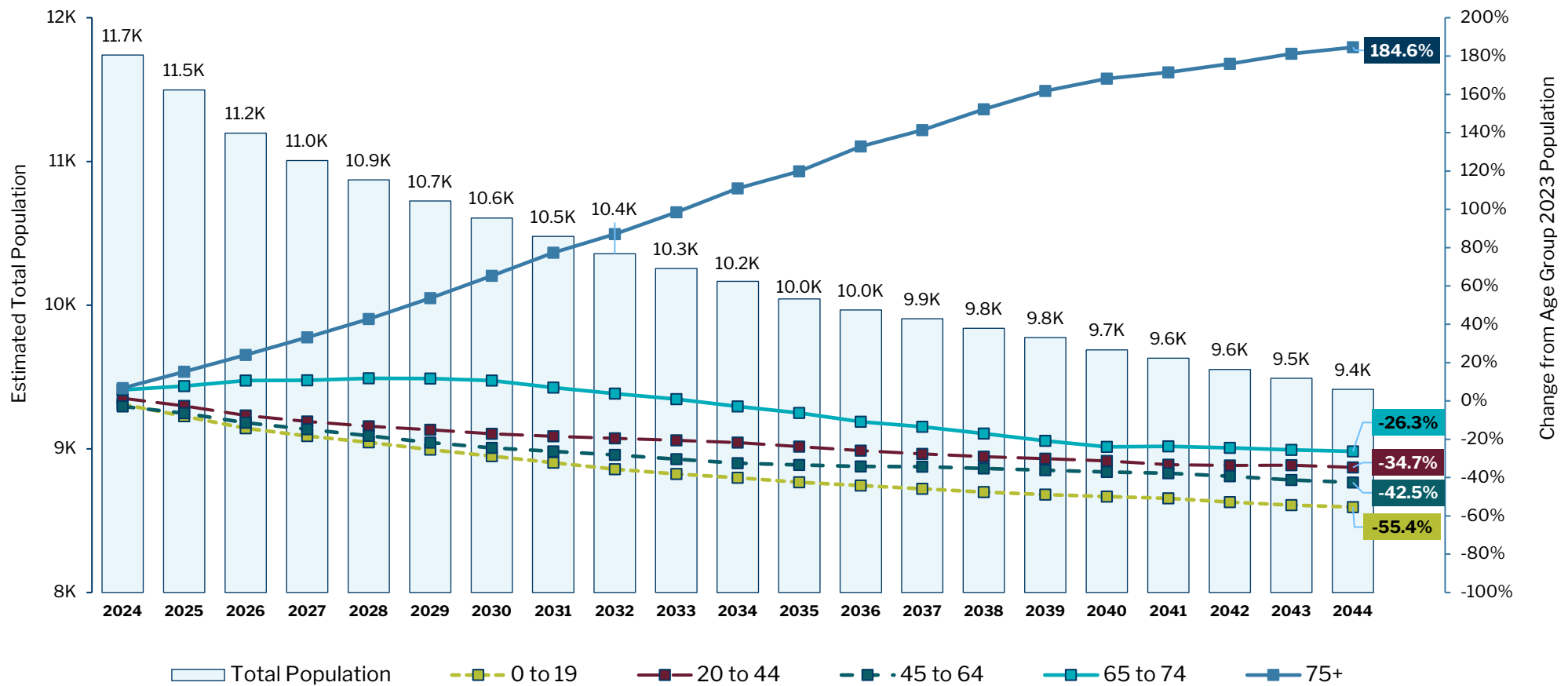
The average age of the population in Vancouver Island North is 45.7 years, slightly older than the Island Health average of 45.3 years and higher still than the BC average of 42.0. The 45-64 age group makes up the largest proportion of the population at 28.2%, followed by the 20-44 years age group at 25.7% of the total population.

Vancouver Island North's population is estimated to decrease by 11.0% by the year 2032; this is in contrast to the projected increases for BC (9.6% increase) and for Island Health (6.2% increase). By the year 2044 the Vancouver Island North population is estimated to fall to a total of 9.4 thousand people. All age



groups aside from the 75+ age group are expected to see a decrease in population over the next 20 years. The 75+ age group is expected to grow by 184.6% by 2044. The below chart highlights the estimated total population projections along with change in age group population from the 2023 year. See the Population and Demographics summary on pages 29-30 for more information.

Vancouver Island North Population Projections (2024 - 2044)



Indicators & Data Reporting

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- ▶ Healthy Behaviours and Built Environment

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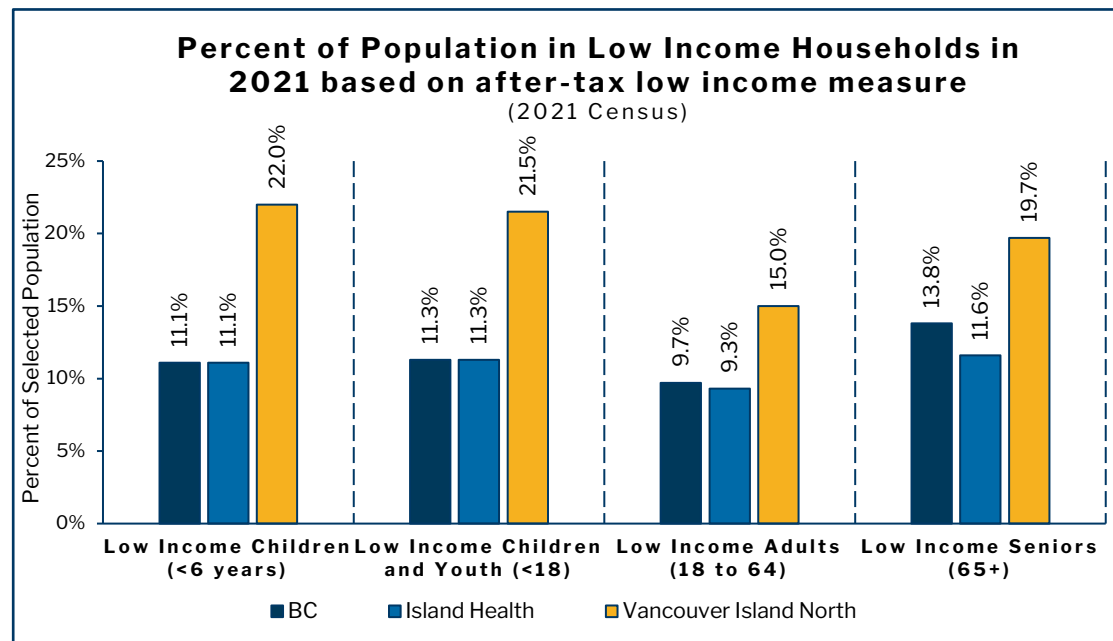
Determinants of Health

Access to adequate income, affordable housing, nutritious food, education, safe environments, and recreational opportunities influence our health and wellbeing. People who are less well-off generally have poorer health and shorter life expectancies than those who are well-off. By working upstream to improve the conditions in which all people live, work and play, we can decrease these gaps and improve the health and wellbeing of our population.

Income and Employment

The median household income for Vancouver Island North was \$68,000 in 2021, lower than the median incomes for both Island Health (\$80,000) and BC (\$85,000).

The after-tax Low Income Measure (LIM-AT) is defined as the number of persons in households for which their adjusted¹ household income is 50% or less of the median income in Canada. In Vancouver Island North, more than one in five (21.5%) children and youth under 18 live in low-income households. Among adults, 15.0% of working-age adults and 19.7% of seniors live in low-income households. Across all age categories, these proportions are considerably higher compared to both Island Health and BC rates.



¹ "Adjusted" income is calculated using a formula that takes into account the number of persons in the home, in order to account for the needs of the household and its members when assessing low income.

Within Vancouver Island North, rates of low-income households vary by CHSA. The Vancouver Island North Remote CHSA has the highest rates of low-income households across nearly all age groups, while Port McNeill / Sointula has the lowest.

The unemployment rate in Vancouver Island North is 9.2%, higher than both Island Health (7.5%) and BC overall (8.4%). Please see page 32 for more information.

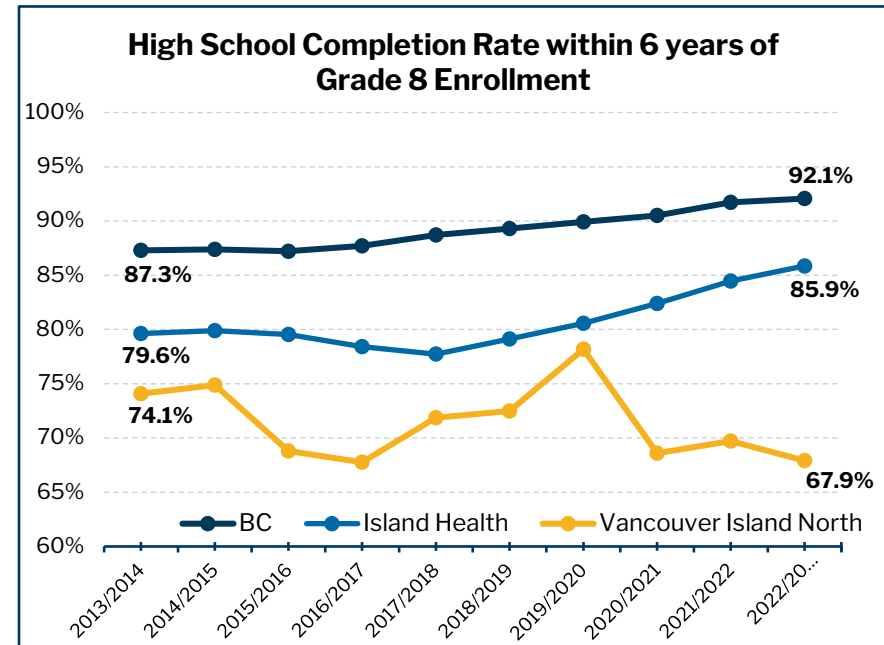
Percent of Population in Low Income Households in 2021 based on after-tax low income measure (2021 Census)

	Low Income Children (<6 years)	Low Income Children and Youth (<18)	Low Income Adults (18 to 64)	Low Income Seniors (65+)
BC	11.1%	11.3%	9.7%	13.8%
Island Health	11.1%	11.3%	9.3%	11.6%
Vancouver Island North	22.0%	21.5%	15.0%	19.7%
CHSAs				
Port Hardy/Port Alice	30.0%	23.2%	16.5%	17.0%
Port McNeill/Sointula	0.0%	15.8%	10.6%	18.0%
Vancouver Island North Remote	20.0%	25.0%	18.0%	32.5%

Education

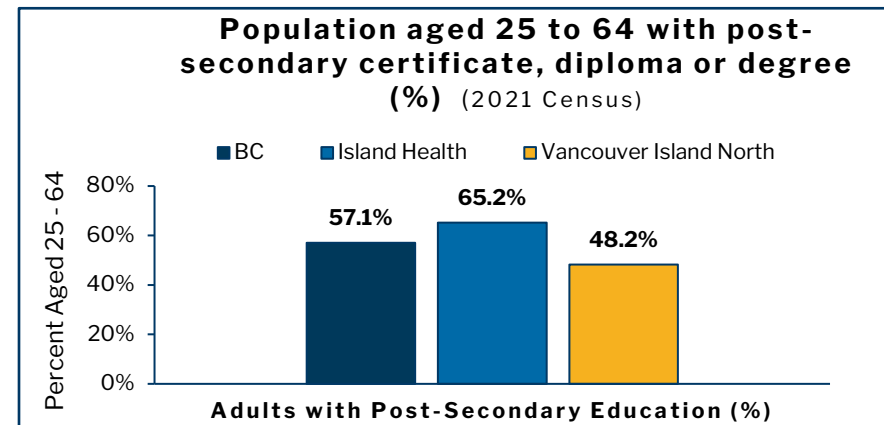
High school completion rates for Vancouver Island North have been decreasing over the last 10 years, in contrast to Island Health and BC trends which have seen increasing rates. As of 2022/23, just over two-thirds (67.9%) of students were completing secondary school on time (i.e., within six years of enrolling in Grade 8), compared to 85.9% of students across Island Health and 92.1% in BC.

Data from the 2021 Census indicate that just less than half (48.2%) of adults aged 25 to 64 in Vancouver Island North have completed some level of post-secondary education. This is lower than the rates for both Island Health (65.2%) and BC overall (57.1%). Within Vancouver Island North, the Port McNeill / Sointula CHSA has the highest rate of adults with a post-secondary credential (53.7%), while Vancouver Island North Remote has the lowest (38.3%).



Population aged 25 to 64 with post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree (%) (2021 Census)

BC	57.1%
Island Health	65.2%
Vancouver Island North	48.2%
CHSAs	
Port Hardy/Port Alice	47.7%
Port McNeill/Sointula	53.7%
Vancouver Island North Remote	38.3%

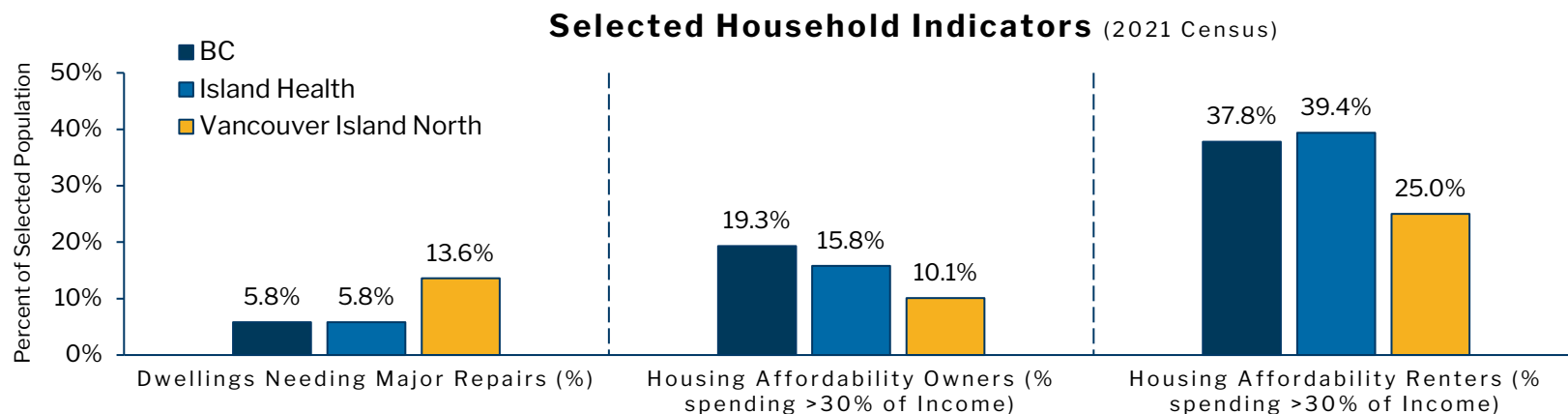


Housing

One way to measure the affordability of housing is to look at how much of a household's income is spent on shelter, the shelter-to-income ratio (STIR). Statistics Canada considers households with STIRs above 30% to be experiencing housing unaffordability. Within Vancouver Island North, 10.1% of homeowners and 25.0% of renters experience housing unaffordability. These rates are lower than their comparators at the Island Health and BC levels; overall, both owning and renting are more affordable in Vancouver Island North than the average across Island Health and BC.

Another measure of housing suitability is households living in homes in need of major repairs, which include repairs to defective plumbing or electrical wiring, or structural repairs to walls, floors or ceilings. In Vancouver Island North, 13.6% of dwellings were in need of major repairs as of the 2021 Census, more than twice the rates for Island Health and BC overall (both 5.8%).

Within Vancouver Island North, Port McNeill / Sointula is most affordable for homeowners, but least affordable for renters; this CHSA also has the lowest rate of dwellings in need of major repairs. Vancouver Island North Remote is the most affordable CHSA for renters, but also has the highest rate of dwellings in need of major repairs. See page 32 for more details on housing indicators.



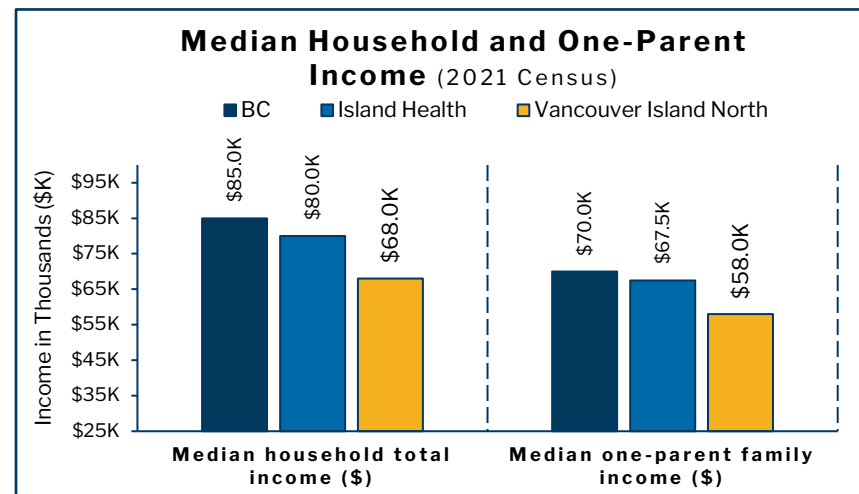
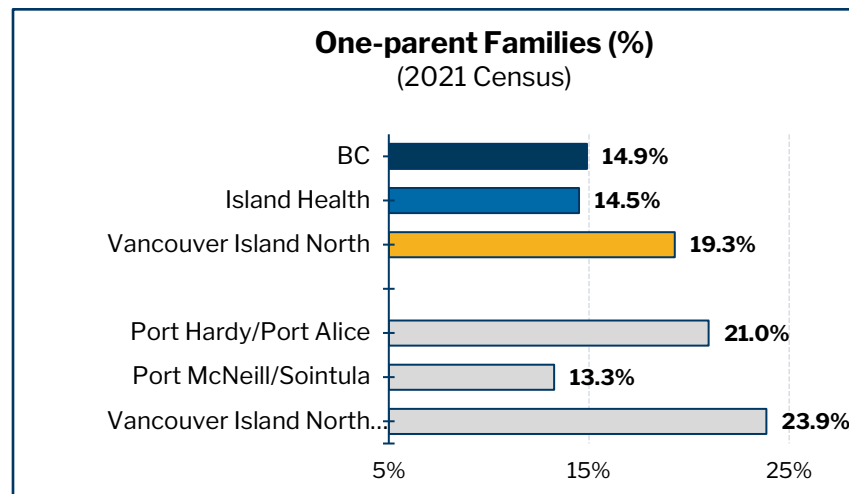
Selected Household Indicators (2021 Census)

	Dwellings Needing Major Repairs (%)	Housing Affordability Owners (% spending >30% of Income)	Housing Affordability Renters (% spending >30% of Income)
BC	5.8%	19.3%	37.8%
Island Health	5.8%	15.8%	39.4%
Vancouver Island North	13.6%	10.1%	25.0%
CHSAs			
Port Hardy/Port Alice	13.7%	11.3%	23.5%
Port McNeill/Sointula	11.3%	7.8%	30.7%
Vancouver Island North Remote	17.4%	9.5%	15.4%

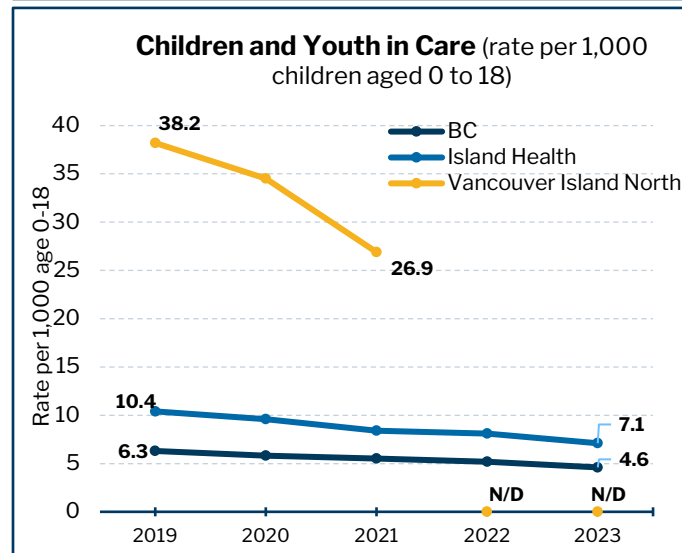
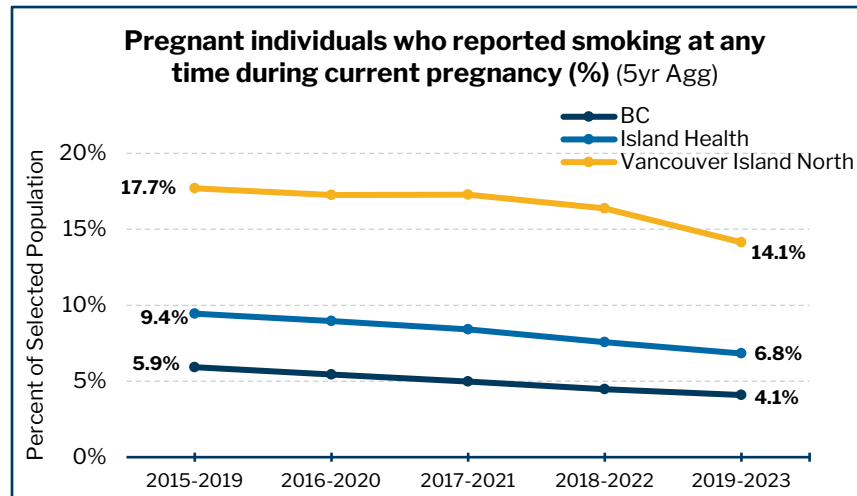
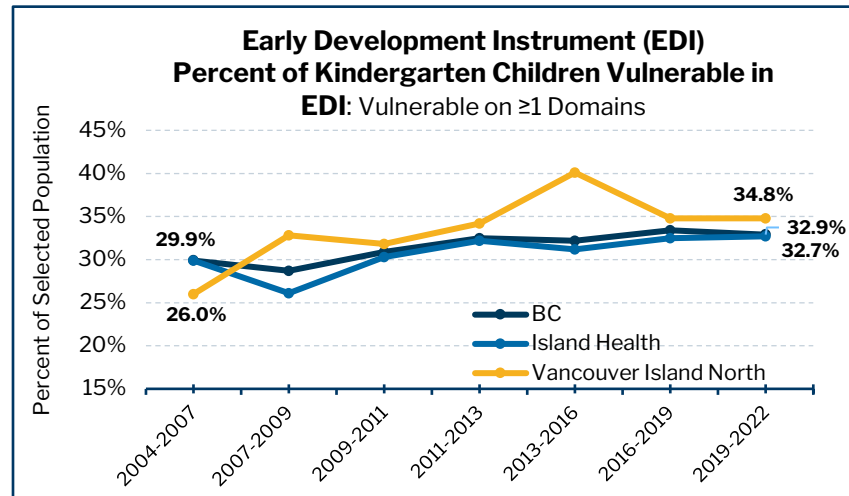
Early Childhood Development

Creating supportive and healthy environments where all children and youth can grow and thrive is critical to the health of the population. This includes supporting birthing persons during the pre- and post-natal period, supporting families during early development years, and supporting children and youth to grow, learn, and transition into adulthood. Socioeconomic factors, such as household income, also play important roles in supporting optimal childhood and youth development.

In Vancouver Island North, nearly one in five (19.3%) of Census families are led by one parent; this is higher than the proportions for both Island Health (14.5%) and BC overall (14.9%). Median household income in Vancouver Island North is \$68.0K, considerably lower than the median incomes for both Island Health (\$80.0K) and BC (\$85.0K). Among one-parent households, median household income in Vancouver Island North is \$58.0K, also lower than the Island Health (\$67.5K) and BC (\$70.0K) median incomes.



The Early Development Instrument (EDI) is used to measure vulnerability among kindergarten children across five domains (social, physical, emotional, language, and communication). Increases in the EDI rate are a negative indicator of child health and decreases are a positive indicator. For Island Health overall, vulnerability has increased over time but has seen minimal change in the last 10 years.

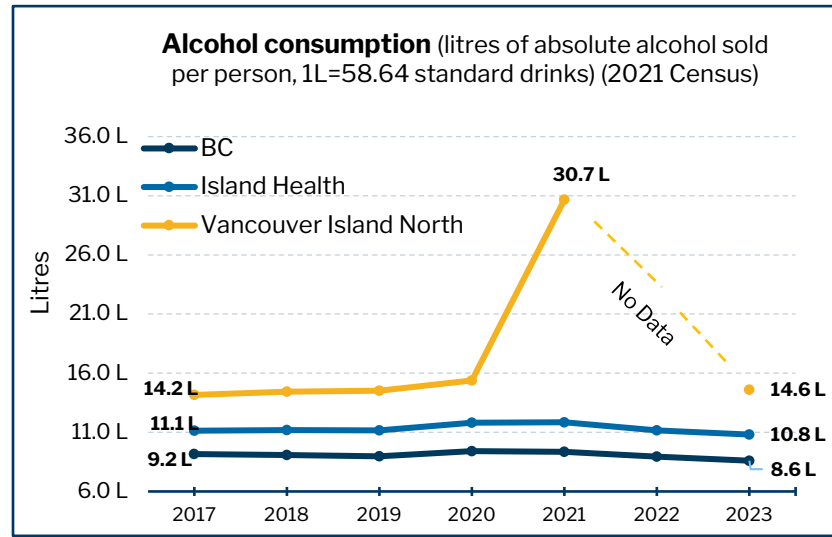


Vulnerability levels in Vancouver Island North have increased since the initial data collection in 2004-2007, from 26.0% to 34.8% in 2019-2022; the rate of vulnerability in Vancouver Island North is higher than both Island Health (32.7%) and BC (32.9%).

Smoking during pregnancy has demonstrated negative effects for both the pregnant individual and baby. At all geographies examined here, rates of smoking during pregnancy have decreased. Vancouver Island North continues to have rates of smoking during pregnancy considerably higher than either Island Health or BC, with 14.1% of pregnant people reporting smoking at any point during their pregnancy between 2019 and 2023.

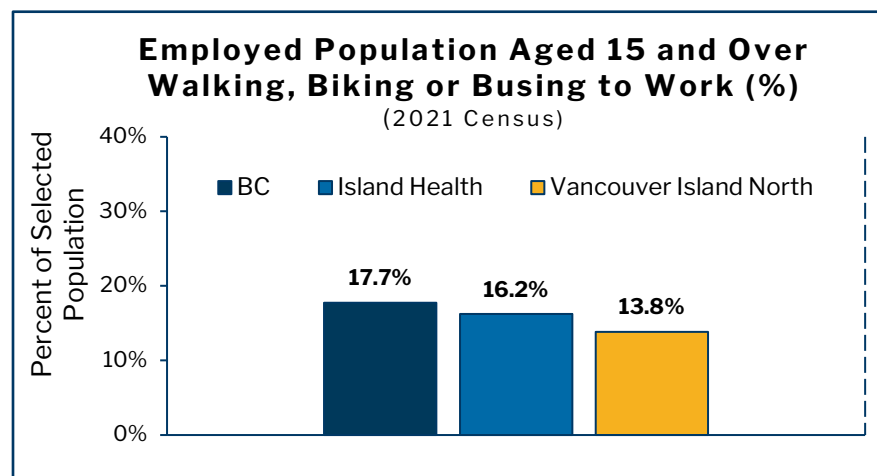
Rates of children and youth in care have not been available for Vancouver Island North for the past two years. See the Determinants of Health summary on pages 31-34 for more information.

Healthy Behaviours and Built Environment



Supporting healthy behaviours such as healthy eating, exercise, not smoking, reducing alcohol consumption, and maintaining social connections contributes to population health. Many healthy behaviour indicators are available through the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) but not all the data are available at the LHA level. Among data that are available at the LHA level, some are illustrated here. Average annual per capita alcohol sales, an indicator of overall alcohol consumption, have been inconsistent for Vancouver Island North, showing a large spike in 2021, no data in 2022, and a return to pre-2021 levels in 2023. In 2023, per capita alcohol consumption was 14.6 L, higher than both Island Health (10.8 L) and BC overall (8.6 L).

Among employed persons aged 15 and over in Vancouver Island North, 13.8% use sustainable transportation methods (walking, biking, or busing) to work. This rate is lower than both Island Health and BC overall. However, there is high variability among CHSAs; ranging from 29.7% in Vancouver Island North Remote take to 9.7% in Port Hardy / Port Alice. See the Determinants of Health summary on pages 31-34 for more information.



Employed Population Aged 15 and Over Walking, Biking or Busing to Work (%) (2021 Census)

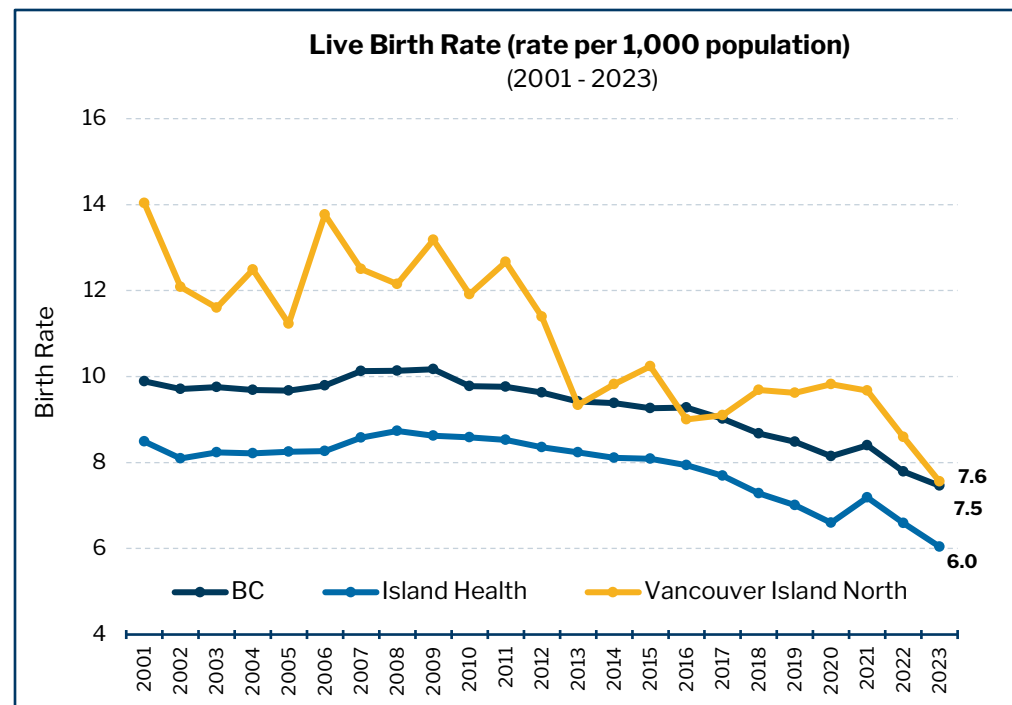
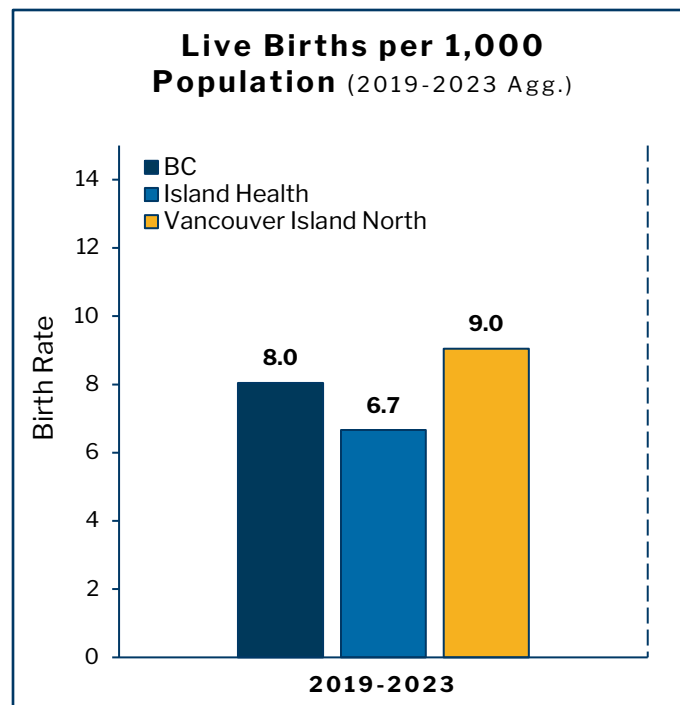
BC	17.7%
Island Health	16.2%
Vancouver Island North	13.8%
CHSAs	
Port Hardy/Port Alice	9.7%
Port McNeill/Sointula	15.3%
Vancouver Island North Remote	29.7%

Health Status

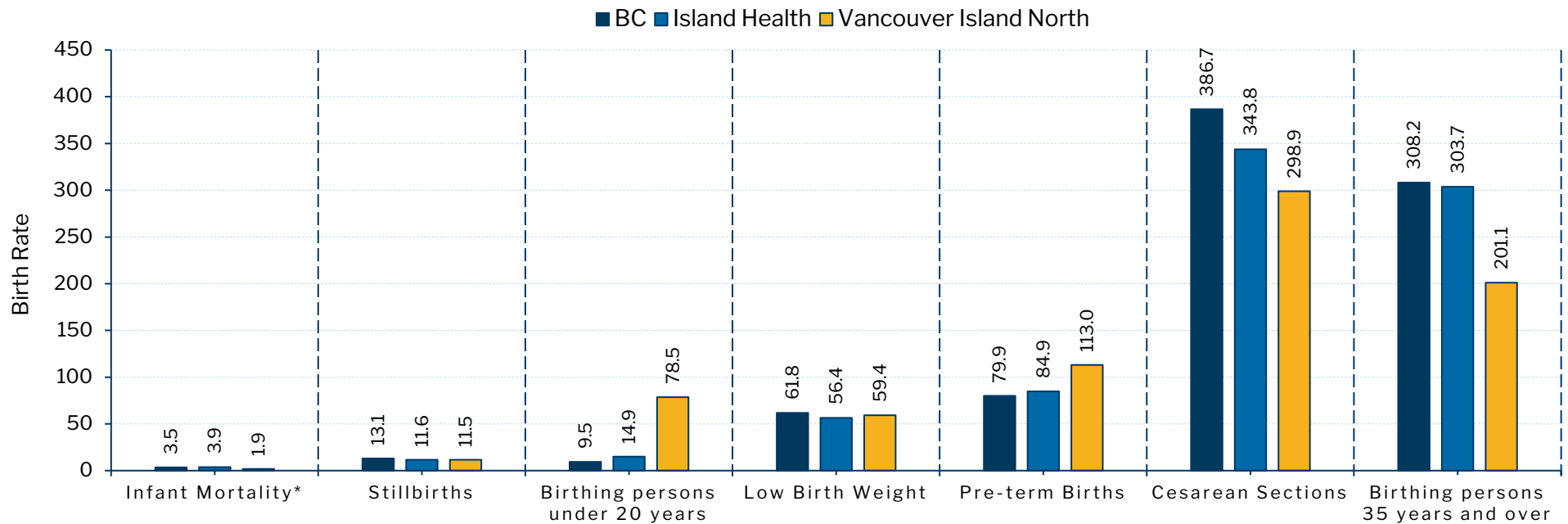
The health status of the population is measured with several indicators such as life expectancy, infant mortality, prevalence of chronic disease, mortality, and premature mortality.

Birth Statistics

The live birth rate for Vancouver Island North for 2019-2023 was 9.0 births per 1,000 population, higher than either Island Health (6.7) or BC overall (8.0). Across all levels of geography, the live birth rate has declined considerably over the past 15 to 20 years. Vancouver Island North experiences proportionally higher rates of births to persons under 20 years old, and rates of pre-term births, compared to both Island Health and BC overall. Rates of stillbirths and low birth weight babies are generally comparable to Island Health and BC rates; Vancouver Island North has notably lower rates of caesarean sections and birthing persons aged 35 and over, compared to Island Health and BC.



Birth Statistics, Per 1,000 Live Births (2019-2023 Agg.)



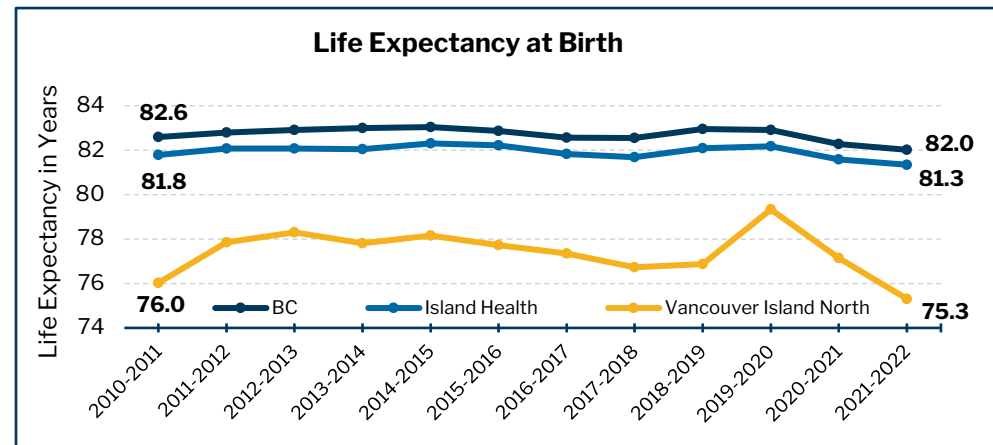
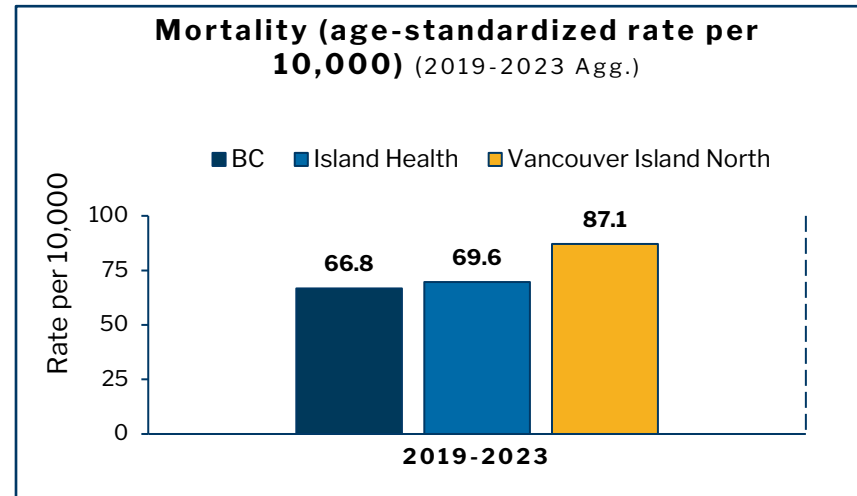
* It is important to note that caution should be exercised when dealing with a small number of cases as an increase or decrease may indicate random variation rather than a notable change in rates.

Mortality Statistics

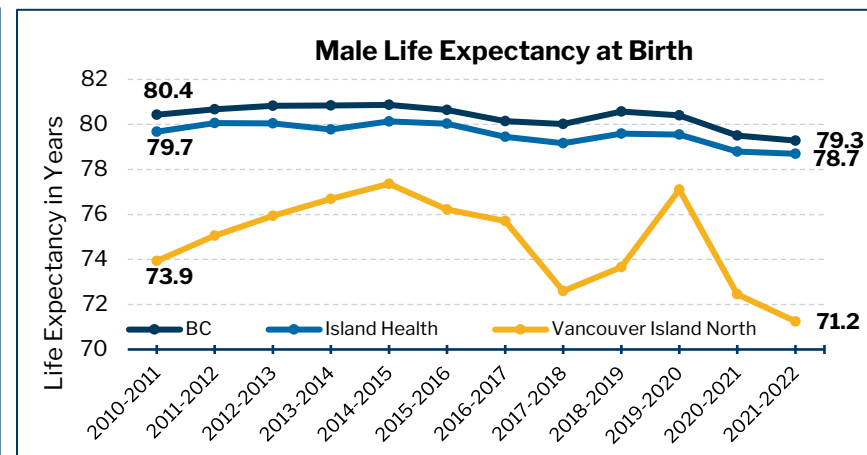
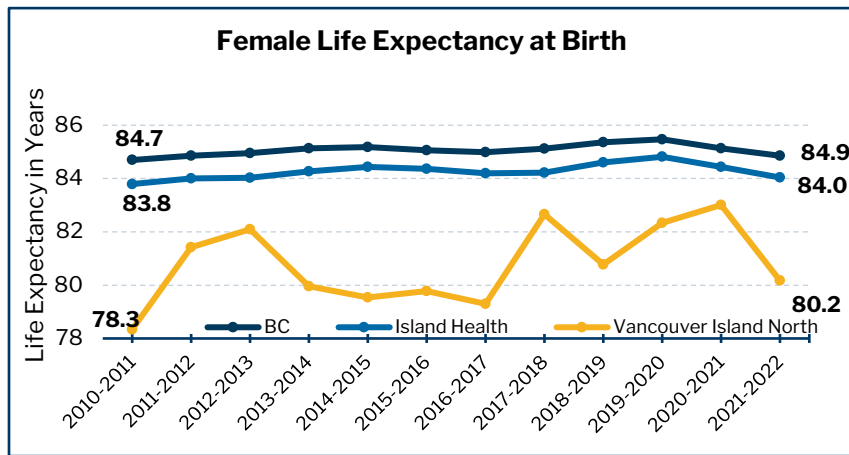
Mortality rates have seen an increase in Vancouver Island North from 79.2 per 10,000 in 2013-2017 to 87.1 per 10,000 in years 2019-2023. The age standardized all-cause mortality rate per 10,000 in Vancouver Island North is higher than BC (66.8), and lower than Island Health (69.6).

Potential years of life lost (PYLL) is a measure of premature mortality (an estimate of the average years a person would have lived if they had not died before the established life expectancy of 75 years). The age standardized all-cause PYLL in Vancouver Island North is 109.2 years lost per 1,000 population; this is notably higher than the PYLL rates for Island Health (58.3) and BC (52.3). The leading causes of PYLL in Vancouver Island North are malignant neoplasms, diseases of the circulatory system, diseases of the digestive system and suicide. Nearly all causes of PYLL are considerably higher than the comparable rates for Island Health and BC. A complete list of PYLL by cause can be found on page 40.

Life expectancy at birth in Vancouver Island North experienced a notable decline between 2019-20 and 2021-22, dropping to an 11-year low of 75.3 in 2021-22. Life expectancy throughout this reporting period has consistently been lower in Vancouver Island North than either Island Health or BC.



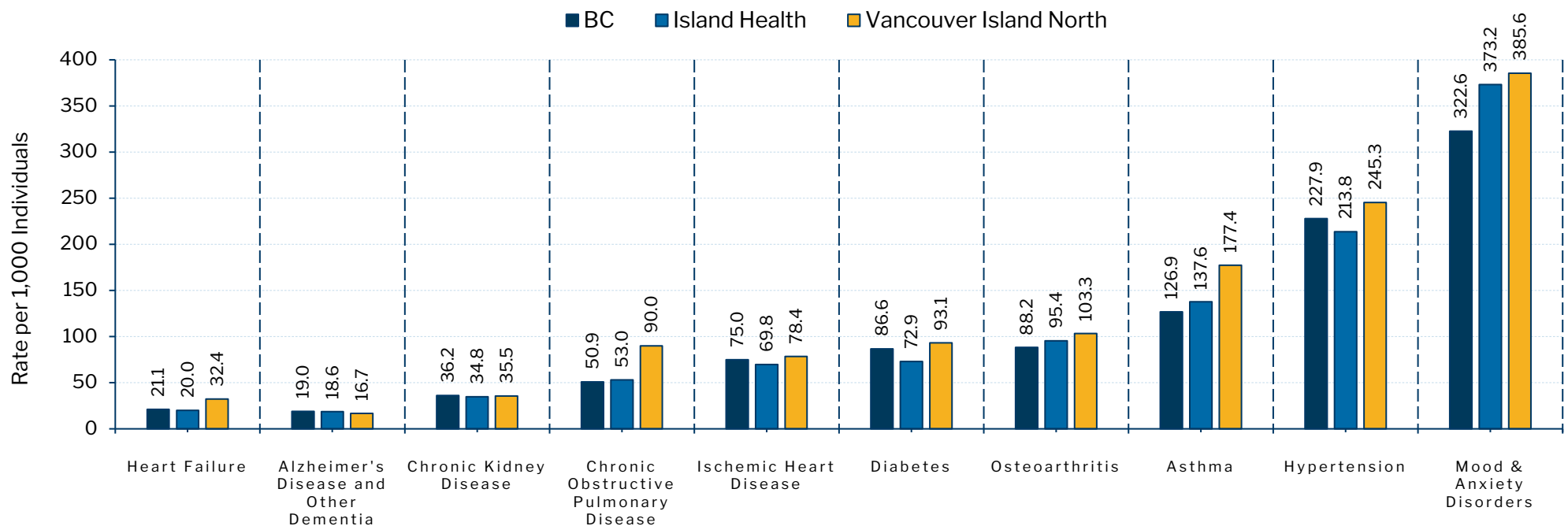
In Vancouver Island North, female life expectancy at birth is considerably higher than male life expectancy (80.2 years compared to 71.2 years in 2021-22). While variable, over the past decade, female life expectancy in Vancouver Island North has increased by nearly two years, male life expectancy has decreased by more than two and a half years. For both males and females, life expectancy at birth remains considerably lower than either Island Health or BC overall.



Chronic Disease

Among common chronic diseases, the most common in Vancouver Island North are mood and anxiety disorders, hypertension, and asthma. Across all disease categories reported on here, rates of illness in Vancouver Island North are higher than or comparable to rates for Island Health and BC overall, with the exception of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia where the rate is lower than both Island Health and BC. See the Health Status summary on pages 35-39 for more information.

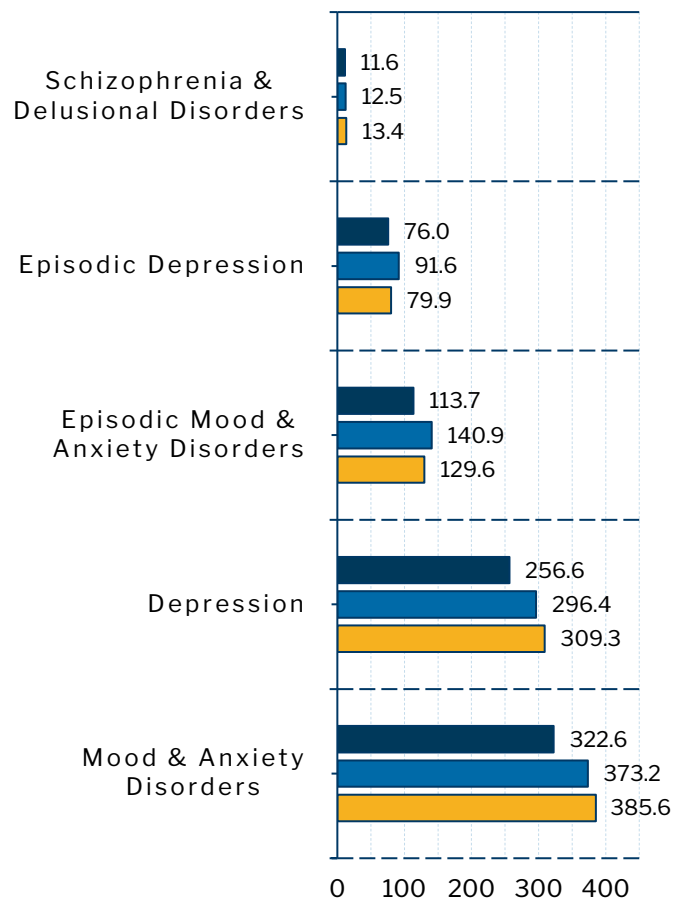
Chronic Disease Age Standardized Prevalence in 2022/23 Per 1,000 Individuals



Mental Health & Substance Use

Mental Health Disorders Age Standardized Prevalence per 1,000 Individuals, 2022/23

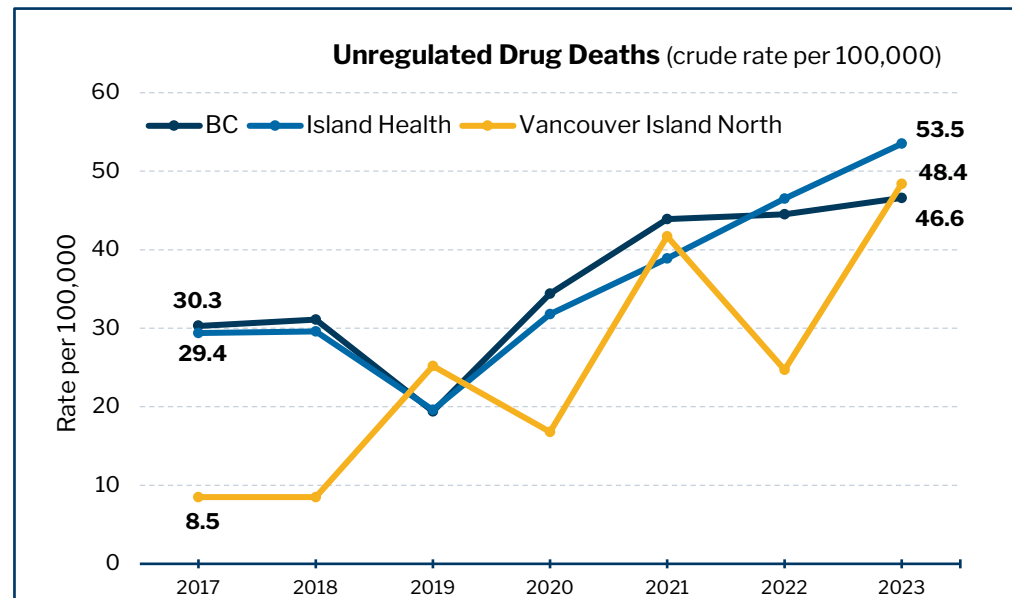
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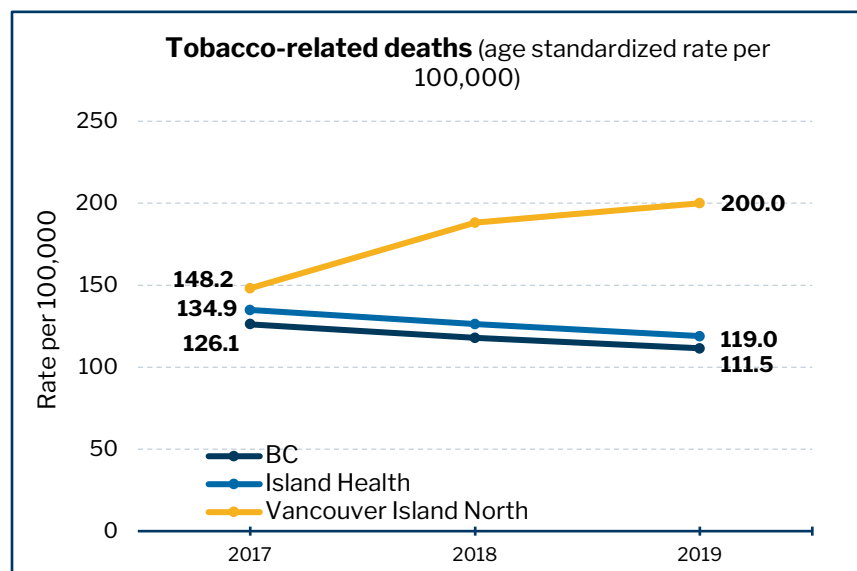
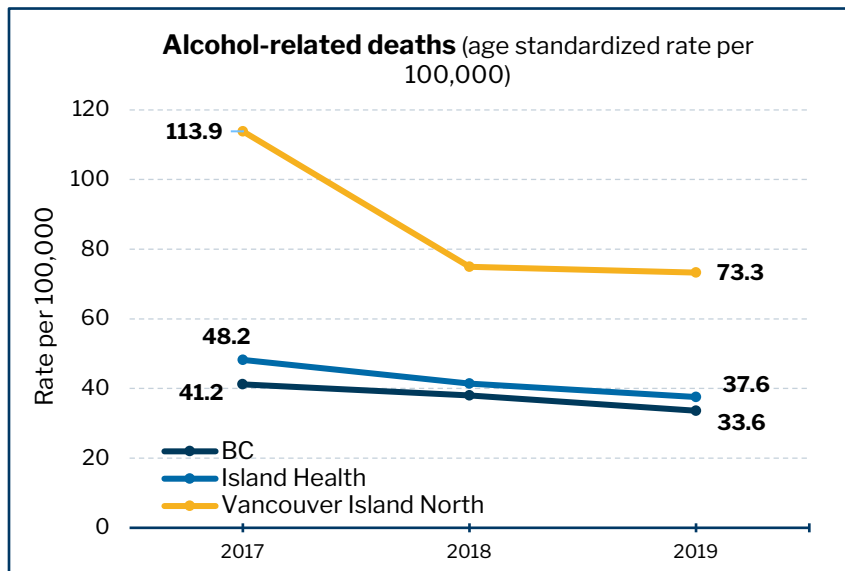
Mood and anxiety disorders are the most prevalent mental health disorders in Vancouver Island North, at a rate of 385.6 per 1,000 individuals, followed by depression at a rate of 309.3 per 1,000. Prevalence rates for mental health disorders in Vancouver Island North tend to be higher than Island Health and BC.

Since the declaration of a public health emergency on unregulated drug supply in 2016, Vancouver Island North has seen a steep increase in the rate of unregulated drug deaths. In 2017, the crude rate of unregulated drug deaths per 100,000 was 8.5, less than one-third the rate of Island Health (29.4) or BC (30.3). As of 2023, the rate in Vancouver Island North was 48.4, slightly lower than Island Health (53.5) but higher than BC overall (46.6).

For the most up to date data on Unregulated Drug Deaths, visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/death/coroners-service/statistical-reports>.



Between 2017 and 2019, age standardized alcohol-related deaths in Vancouver Island North dropped considerably, from 113.9 per 100,000 population to 73.3 per 100,000 population; this rate remains much higher than those for either Island Health (37.6) or BC (33.6). Over this same time period, age standardized tobacco-related deaths increased in Vancouver Island North, from 148.2 per 100,000 population to 200.0 per 100,000 population; during this same time period, tobacco-related deaths at the Island Health and BC levels experienced declines. The indicators listed for unregulated drugs, alcohol, and tobacco report deaths that are partially or entirely attributed to the substance being measured; for more details visit <http://aodtool.cfar.uvic.ca/aod/about.php>. Also, see hospitalization rates on page 32.



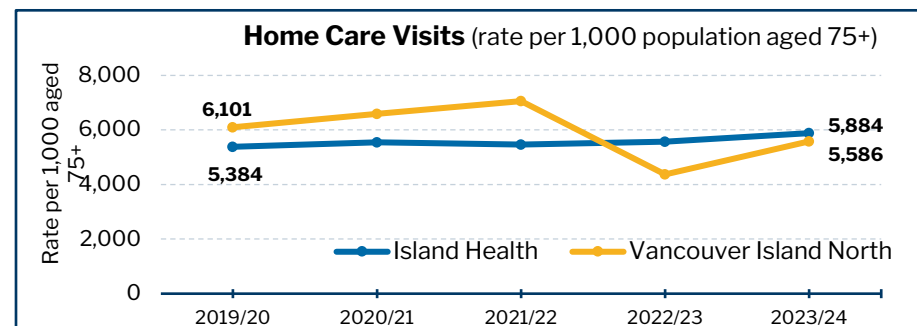
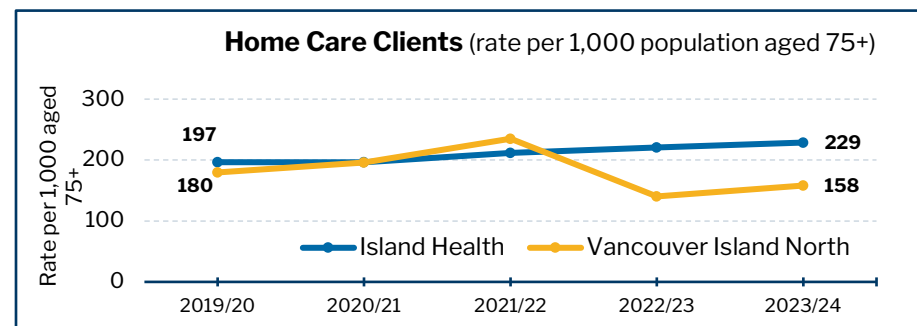
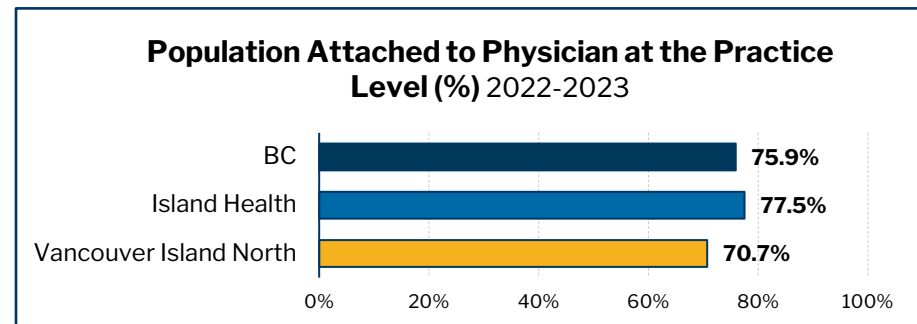
Health Service Use

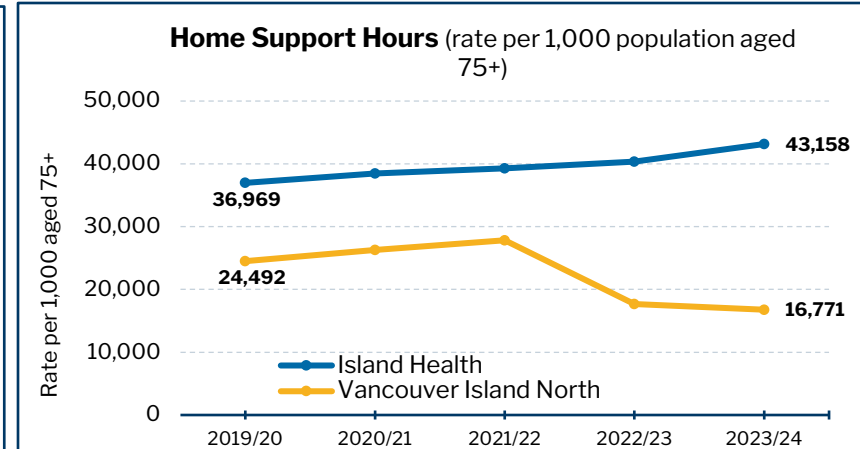
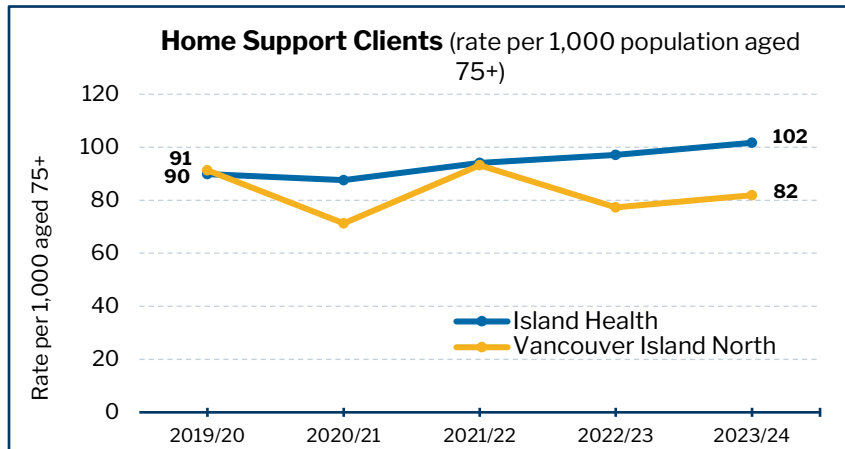
Physician Attachment and Home-Care Visits

Access to primary care services plays an important role in decreasing the use of emergency department and inpatient services. The population attached to a physician at the practice level is calculated by the Ministry of Health and indicates the percentage of the population who have a regular physician or regular physician practice. In Vancouver Island North, 70.7% of the population is attached to a physician at the practice level; this is lower than the Island Health (77.5%) and BC (75.9%) rates.

The rate of home care clients (per 1,000 population aged 75+) has decreased compared to 2019/20, despite this rate increasing at the overall Island Health level over this same time period. Keeping with this trend, the rate of home care visits has declined overall compared to 2019/20.

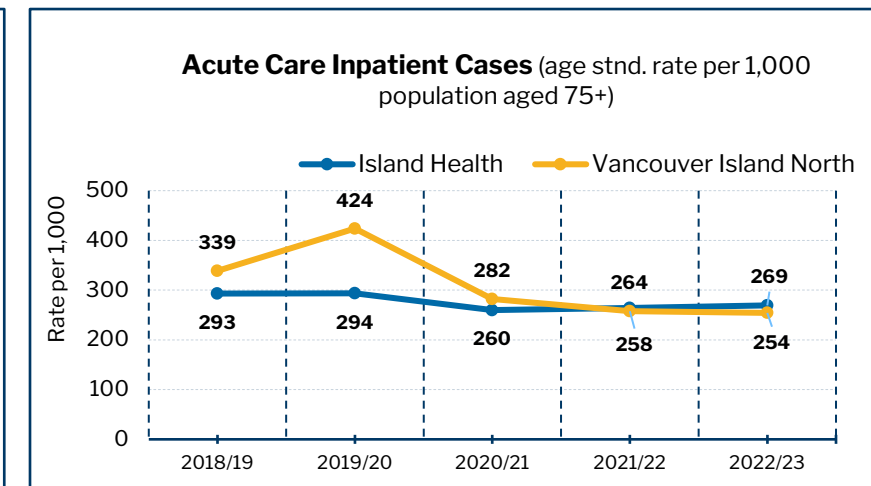
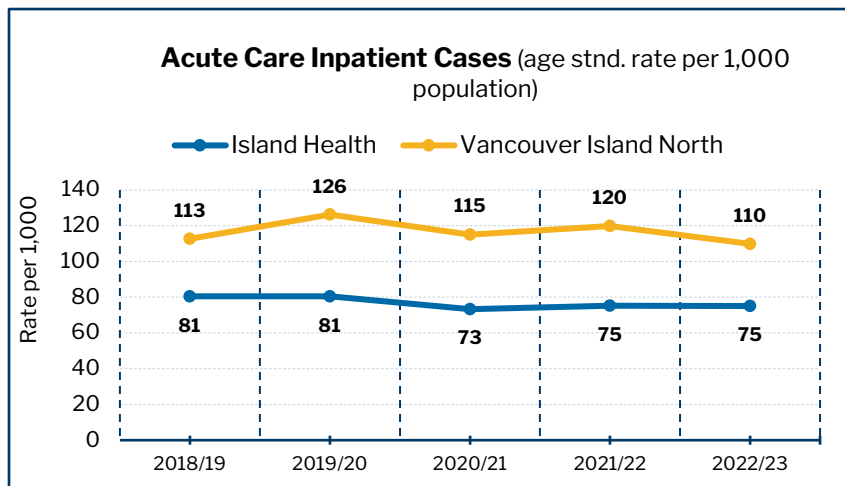
The rate of home support clients (per 1,000 population aged 75+) has also decreased slightly in Vancouver Island North compared to 2019/20, despite a modest increase at the Island Health level. The rate of home support hours (per 1,000 aged 75+) has declined Vancouver Island North compared to the same time period; the rate of home support hours across Island Health increased over this period. See Health Service Use summary on pages 41-42 more information on these topics.





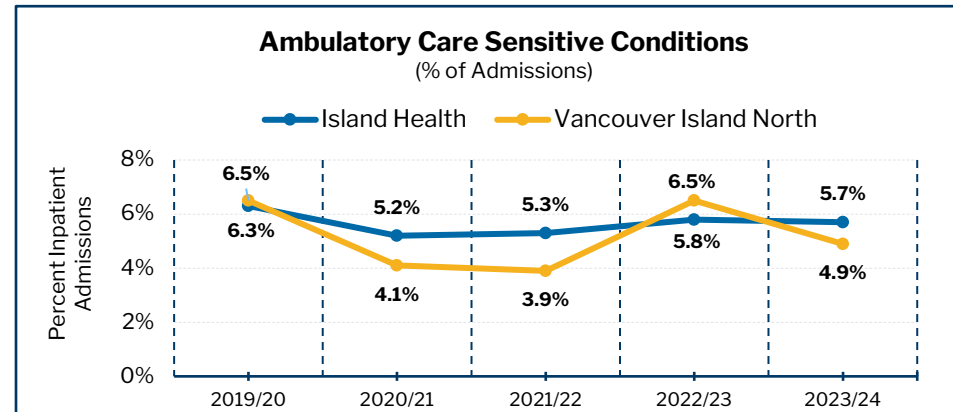
Acute Care Inpatient Cases

The age standardized hospitalization rate (inpatient admissions) for the Vancouver Island North population is 110 per 1,000 population. This rate has remained relatively stable for the past five years and has been consistently higher than Island Health. When looking at only the population aged 75 and older, however, the rate of acute care inpatient cases is 254 per 1,000, comparable to the rate for Island Health overall.



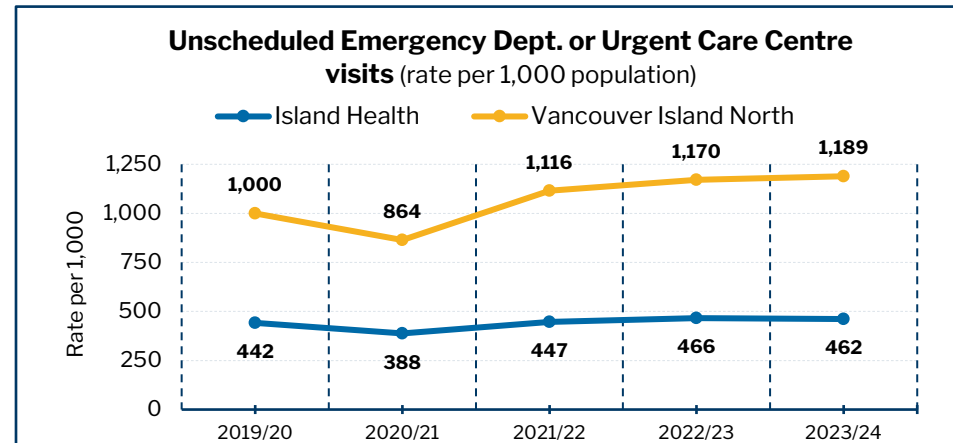
Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions

Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions (ACSCs) are conditions that can be treated in the community if services are available and would not necessarily require hospitalization. Tracking the percentage of hospital admissions due to ACSCs can provide an indicator of access to primary or other non-urgent care. In Vancouver Island North, the proportion of ACSCs as a percentage of all admissions has been variable over the past five years, ranging from 6.5% (2019/20, 2022/23) to 3.9% (2021/22).



Emergency and Urgent Care Centre Visits

Unscheduled emergency department and urgent care visits, per 1,000 population, are higher in Vancouver Island North than Island Health overall; for four of the past five years, the rate has been 1,000 or higher, meaning that on average every person had an unscheduled visit to an ED or urgent care centre that year. In each of the past five years, Vancouver Island North's rate has been more than twice that of Island Health overall. Health service usage is based on where the user resides, rather than where the service is provided. See the Health Service Use summary on pages 41-42 for more information on these topics.



Additional Indicators and Data

The tables below compare various indicators for this Local Health Area (LHA) with those of Island Health, British Columbia, and other LHAs within Island Health.

These results do not necessarily indicate statistical significance; instead, they provide a relative comparison of the LHA's performance against others within Island Health.

LHAs referenced in the below data tables include 411: Greater Victoria, 412: Western Communities, 413: Saanich Peninsula, 414: Southern Gulf Islands, 421: Cowichan Valley South, 422: Cowichan Valley West, 423: Cowichan Valley North, 424: Greater Nanaimo, 425: Oceanside, 426: Alberni/Clayoquot, 431: Comox Valley, 432: Greater Campbell River, 433: Vancouver Island West, and **434: Vancouver Island North**. These will be referred to numerically in the tables.

The LHA profile covered by this report is highlighted in yellow in the tables.

Population and Demographics Summary																	
				LHAs													
				South Island HSDA				Central Island HSDA						North Island HSDA			
Indicator Description	Time Period	BC	Island Health	411	412	413	414	421	422	423	424	425	426	431	432	433	434
Population and Population Projection																	
10-year population growth (%)	2023 - 2032	9.6	6.2	1.4	26.7	-0.4	6.2	3.4	2.2	4.3	7.9	6.2	1.2	6.6	4.3	-8.0	-11.0
Population aged 0-19 (%)	2023	18.8	17.3	15.1	21.0	16.0	13.8	20.0	16.4	17.0	18.3	12.5	19.9	18.3	18.5	18.7	19.1
Population aged 20-44 (%)	2023	36.3	31.2	38.0	36.7	25.0	21.4	27.4	24.0	24.0	31.3	18.8	30.8	27.2	28.2	23.9	25.7
Population aged 45-64 (%)	2023	25.1	25.7	24.3	25.6	25.8	28.3	27.2	31.7	26.5	25.4	26.8	25.7	26.3	26.2	29.3	28.2
Population aged 65-74 (%)	2023	11.2	14.4	12.2	10.3	16.9	21.9	14.7	18.4	18.3	13.9	22.5	13.8	15.5	16.2	18.2	17.7
Population aged 75 and over (%)	2023	8.5	11.4	10.5	6.4	16.2	14.7	10.8	9.5	14.2	11.0	19.4	9.9	12.7	10.9	9.9	9.2
Percent growth of the 0-19 age group population in next 10 years	2023 - 2032	-3.4	-6.0	-9.7	10.0	-5.6	-4.1	-10.2	-6.7	-2.5	-6.6	-8.0	-12.4	-2.8	-13.8	-33.7	-35.6
Percent growth of the 20-44 age group population in next 10 years	2023 - 2032	9.3	4.1	-5.5	28.1	0.0	21.8	4.6	2.5	9.2	3.3	4.1	3.2	6.1	5.3	2.5	-19.5
Percent growth of the 45-64 age group population in next 10 years	2023 - 2032	6.7	4.0	6.4	25.1	-6.9	3.0	-6.3	-7.7	-8.5	9.5	-5.2	-2.5	2.9	-0.8	-38.7	-28.2
Percent growth of the 65-74 age group population in next 10 years	2023 - 2032	10.4	-0.5	-5.3	30.7	-12.7	-14.5	3.9	-5.3	-6.7	4.1	-1.9	-5.1	-1.5	-6.7	15.7	3.9
Percent growth of the 75+ age group population in next 10 years	2023 - 2032	47.6	43.7	38.8	73.4	27.2	30.1	49.9	64.7	42.2	46.1	42.6	40.7	38.7	61.2	63.3	87.1
Average age (years)	2023	42.0	45.3	43.9	40.4	49.1	51.5	45.0	47.5	48.6	44.6	53.9	43.7	46.4	45.6	46.6	45.7

Population and Demographics Summary Cont'd

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Age and Demographics																	
Median age of population (years)	2021	42.8	48.0	43.6	41.2	55.2	58.4	48.8	53.6	55.2	46.4	60.8	46.4	50.8	49.2	52.4	45.2
Population where language spoken most often at home is not English or French (%)	2021	10.2	2.3	4.2	2.0	2.3	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.6	2.4	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.7
Visible minority population (%)	2021	34.4	11.6	20.1	11.8	11.6	5.1	6.4	3.1	4.1	11.9	4.1	4.9	5.7	5.1	2.5	4.6
Population in private households with Indigenous Identity (%)	2021	5.9	7.8	4.5	6.1	5.3	3.7	12.5	11.8	13.0	8.5	4.5	19.6	7.3	12.1	27.6	29.8
Marital Status																	
Population aged 15 and over who are married (%)	2021	47.5	45.5	39.3	47.9	54.9	47.1	48.3	46.8	50.1	44.1	54.8	41.1	48.3	46.8	39.4	38.3
Population aged 15 and over who are common-law (%)	2021	10.0	12.4	12.3	13.5	9.1	14.4	12.0	14.2	12.5	12.4	11.2	14.4	12.7	13.3	18.0	17.1
Population aged 15 and over who are single, never married (%)	2021	28.1	25.3	31.8	24.5	19.9	19.4	23.1	22.0	19.4	25.9	15.9	26.7	21.7	22.7	23.7	27.5
Population aged 15 and over who are widowed (%)	2021	5.5	6.3	5.5	4.5	7.6	6.9	6.3	6.3	7.7	6.5	8.2	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.2
Population aged 15 and over who are separated or divorced (%)	2021	11.6	14.3	13.9	13.5	12.2	17.6	14.4	16.3	15.0	14.9	14.9	14.8	15.0	15.5	18.3	15.7
Migration and Immigrants																	
Immigrant population (%)	2021	29.0	16.0	20.6	14.2	19.5	21.6	12.3	7.6	12.4	15.5	16.5	9.1	12.7	11.0	8.4	9.1
Population migrating to area in the last 5 years (%)	2021	43.8	44.2	45.6	50.3	36.5	42.8	40.2	43.2	38.6	46.5	42.1	44.0	44.3	42.7	43.1	41.5

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Education																	
Population aged 25 to 64 with post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree (%)	2021	57.1	65.2	72.6	62.6	71.3	68.7	58.9	52.0	60.1	63.2	62.2	54.1	62.8	58.3	38.0	48.2
Grade 12 completion among students entering Grade 12 for the first time (%)	2022 / 2023	83.0	78.3	83.0	84.0	69.0	90.0	74.0	N/A	N/A	82.0	80.0	75.0	71.0	77.0	88.0	67.0
Students completing high school within six years of enrollment in Grade 8 (%)	2022 / 2023	92.1	85.9	91.2	89.9	90.0	100.0	84.6	N/A	N/A	88.1	90.5	87.7	83.3	86.5	70.6	67.9
Employment																	
Population aged 15 and over who are unemployed (%)	2021	8.4	7.5	7.5	6.1	5.5	5.9	6.9	9.1	8.3	8.3	8.7	9.6	8.0	9.0	11.9	9.2
Health Behaviours																	
Alcohol consumption per year (litres of absolute alcohol sold per person, 1L=58.64 standard drinks)	2023	8.6	10.8	8.9	9.6	10.1	12.6	11.5	17.9	7.8	10.6	11.0	13.6	10.3	13.2	12.6	14.6
Household																	
One-parent family households (% of census families with children)	2021	14.9	14.5	14.8	14.4	11.1	11.5	15.7	14.0	12.8	16.7	10.4	18.5	13.9	15.4	17.5	19.3
Private households with multiple families (%)	2021	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	N/A	0.5
Private households with 5 or more persons (%)	2021	6.4	4.9	4.3	5.4	4.5	3.6	6.2	4.3	5.1	5.4	3.1	6.0	4.9	5.3	5.8	6.6
Dwellings rated as needing major repairs by renter or owner (%)	2021	5.8	5.8	5.9	4.0	3.9	8.8	6.6	6.8	6.5	5.7	4.2	9.3	5.7	6.0	14.1	13.6
Private households that are owner-occupied (%)	2021	66.8	69.0	53.6	71.7	81.4	83.0	77.4	84.1	81.0	69.5	81.6	71.1	77.3	74.1	76.6	71.2

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Morbidity																	
Alcohol-related hospital admissions (age stnd. rate per 100,000)	2019	352.0	468.7	450.0	345.5	428.9	384.8	606.0	575.6	517.7	481.4	431.7	766.4	412.7	534.2	749.1	813.3
Cannabis-related hospital admissions (age stnd rate per 100,000)	2019	25.0	33.3	25.1	20.4	17.7	27.5	50.7	88.9	46.2	54.1	49.4	33.1	32.7	33.0	29.9	40.9
Opioid-related hospital admissions (age stnd rate per 100,000)	2019	40.3	51.9	41.6	23.7	25.8	24.2	90.0	207.7	68.1	71.3	68.3	61.3	58.5	50.0	63.7	128.0
Tobacco-related hospital admissions (age stnd rate per 100,000)	2019	429.5	426.1	378.3	441.8	294.1	303.0	567.9	592.3	405.8	454.6	334.5	617.1	474.0	540.7	528.7	740.0
Transportation																	
Employed population aged 15 and over walking, biking or busing to work (%)	2021	17.7	16.2	31.1	11.2	11.6	14.1	7.1	10.3	7.8	10.1	8.3	12.3	10.7	8.7	26.4	13.8
Child Health																	
Child mental diseases & disorders hospital admissions (rate per 1,000 aged 0-14)	2022/23	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.3	1.0	2.7	2.6	5.9	5.0	2.3	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.2	0.0	0.0
Youth mental diseases & disorders hospital admissions (rate per 1,000 aged 15-24)	2022/23	11.0	13.6	9.2	12.5	9.4	13.8	19.5	24.6	11.8	18.7	13.5	24.0	9.0	13.9	0.0	19.0
Child/youth mental diseases & disorders hospital admissions (rate per 1,000 aged 0 to 24)	2022/23	6.0	7.1	5.9	6.4	4.8	6.5	9.6	13.4	7.7	9.4	6.7	10.2	3.8	6.3	0.0	8.1
Child hospitalization admissions - injury/poisoning (rate per 1,000 aged 0 to 14)	2022/23	1.9	2.2	2.5	1.6	1.8	2.7	3.0	0.0	6.1	2.1	0.0	2.5	2.3	2.0	0.0	3.0
Child hospitalizations - respiratory diseases & disorders (rate per 1,000 aged 0 to 14)	2022/23	6.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	7.3	7.0	7.3	11.8	8.7	7.9	4.0	12.1	4.7	6.8	17.8	16.2
Pregnant persons who reported smoking at any time during current pregnancy (%) (5yr Agg)	2018 - 2022	4.5	7.6	5.8	8.6	4.6	7.0	10.2	16.4	7.1	7.7	7.9	6.8	6.2	11.0	29.0	16.4

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Early Development																	
EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for physical development (%)	2019 - 2022	14.7	15.6	11.1	17.4	14.2	16.2	20.1	5.8	14.9	15.7	14.1	19.1	16.9	15.7	28.6	13.2
EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for social development (%)	2019 - 2022	16.3	15.9	14.8	18.7	14.2	15.5	16.7	5.8	12.1	17.2	12.6	15.1	17.1	16.6	37.1	13.7
EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for emotional development (%)	2019 - 2022	17.5	19.0	18.9	19.5	18.4	19.0	20.1	15.4	15.6	19.8	16.7	17.3	21.4	19.3	37.1	17.7
EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for language development (%)	2019 - 2022	10.5	11.0	7.2	10.7	7.7	4.2	11.9	5.8	12.1	13.9	8.8	14.5	12.4	11.6	33.3	17.6
EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for communication development (%)	2019 - 2022	14.3	11.8	9.2	12.7	10.3	11.3	15.2	1.9	9.2	12.3	8.1	15.1	12.1	12.8	22.9	12.3
EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable on one or more domains (%)	2019 - 2022	32.9	32.7	29.1	33.3	28.3	34.5	36.3	23.1	31.9	34.7	28.4	34.4	37.0	33.7	54.3	34.8
Income																	
Median one-parent family income (\$)	2021	70K	68K	71K	74K	79K	59K	66K	58K	71K	65K	61K	60K	66K	61K	48K	58K
Median household total income (\$, in thousands)	2021	85K	80K	78K	95K	99K	72K	82K	70K	78K	77K	74K	69K	78K	76K	56K	68K

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Income Inequality																	
Difference in median income comparing males and females aged 15 and over	2021	3200	1600	800	4400	4000	-1600	4400	1600	7600	2000	0	400	4400	3600	-4400	7600
Low income based on after-tax low income measure (%)	2021	10.8	10.2	10.4	6.8	6.5	14.5	10.3	13.2	11.0	11.0	11.2	13.7	10.2	11.0	22.5	17.3
Low income based on after-tax low-income measure, ages less than 18 years (%)	2021	11.3	11.3	10.6	7.2	6.5	19.1	13.6	20.4	12.1	11.5	13.9	17.5	10.6	13.0	34.5	21.5
Low income based on after-tax low-income measure, ages less than 6 years (%)	2021	11.1	11.1	10.7	6.4	5.5	19.2	13.4	16.5	10.6	12.1	14.7	15.1	11.8	11.7	36.0	22.0
Low income based on after-tax low-income measure, ages 18 to 64 years (%)	2021	9.7	9.3	9.7	5.9	6.1	15.3	9.2	11.6	9.9	9.6	11.1	12.4	9.3	9.5	20.2	15.0
Low income based on after-tax low-income measure, ages 65 years and over (%)	2021	13.8	11.6	12.1	9.7	7.2	11.7	10.3	12.6	12.1	14.0	10.4	14.0	11.9	12.8	18.8	19.7
Households (owned) spending more than 30% of income on housing (%)	2021	19.3	15.8	18.5	17.5	14.2	17.9	14.7	16.2	12.7	15.7	13.6	13.4	14.7	14.5	9.7	10.1
Households (rented) spending more than 30% of income on housing (%)	2021	37.8	39.4	40.9	37.2	36.9	39.9	36.2	33.3	37.0	40.0	43.6	35.6	38.3	37.6	28.0	25.0
Protecting Child and Youth																	
Children and youth in care (rate per 1,000 children aged 0-18)	2023	4.6	7.1	3.8	5.9	N/A	N/A	11.8	19.4	12.0	7.4	5.2	20.2	5.1	9.3	N/A	N/A
Children and youth in need of protection (rate per 1,000 children aged 0-18)	2022	22.6	31.0	21.8	28.1	24.6	18.8	45.0	28.9	49.2	42.5	22.8	58.9	30.2	35.4	129.9	44.8

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Births																	
Live birth rate (rate per 1,000 population)	2019 - 2023	8.0	6.7	6.2	9.0	5.3	4.7	7.2	8.1	6.9	7.0	4.1	8.1	6.5	7.0	6.6	9.0
Stillbirths (rate per 1,000 births)	2019 - 2023	13.1	11.6	12.5	9.8	6.4	21.2	10.9	10.5	9.5	12.9	11.3	12.0	13.2	10.2	42.3	11.5
Infant mortality - deaths of infants under 1 year of age (rate per 1,000 live births)	2019 - 2023	3.5	3.9	4.3	3.6	2.7	0.0	3.0	3.5	5.4	3.0	0.0	11.3	3.3	4.8	14.1	1.9
Low weight births - less than 2,500 grams (rate per 1,000 live births)	2019 - 2023	61.8	56.4	58.4	57.4	65.4	30.6	56.9	52.6	69.4	53.9	42.4	60.1	46.4	57.1	98.6	59.4
Cesarean sections (rate per 1,000 live births)	2019 - 2023	386.7	343.8	339.9	352.4	325.9	280.0	316.1	333.3	337.4	366.1	335.2	338.5	364.6	342.9	169.0	298.9
Pre-term births - gestational age less than 37 weeks (rate per 1,000 live births)	2019 - 2023	79.9	84.9	80.3	81.3	86.1	58.8	97.3	63.2	100.7	78.5	87.6	116.6	73.2	86.5	211.3	113.0
Birthing persons - live births to persons under 20 years of age (rate per 1,000 live births)	2019 - 2023	9.5	14.9	6.5	7.4	11.2	2.4	30.8	3.5	38.1	18.6	8.5	29.7	8.2	18.6	98.6	78.5
Birthing persons - live births to persons aged 35 and over (rate per 1,000 live births)	2019 - 2023	308.2	303.7	393.0	291.2	328.5	383.5	222.3	242.1	219.0	262.3	287.2	229.0	299.2	251.7	70.4	201.1

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Morbidity																	
Alzheimer's disease and other dementia - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	19.0	18.6	20.5	17.1	16.1	15.1	17.7	15.1	19.9	20.7	17.1	21.9	17.7	17.9	8.1	16.7
Asthma - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	126.9	137.6	127.2	139.4	134.5	117.0	150.7	151.2	165.1	141.2	138.2	149.0	133.1	156.7	160.4	177.4
Chronic kidney disease - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	36.2	34.8	34.3	39.5	33.7	25.4	34.3	41.6	33.5	36.6	32.8	42.9	32.5	36.0	35.8	35.5
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	50.9	53.0	40.6	52.2	33.1	44.0	88.3	102.6	65.2	55.2	47.8	71.2	50.7	73.9	65.3	90.0
Mood and anxiety disorders - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	322.6	373.2	371.7	373.9	357.0	358.0	399.5	401.6	382.8	367.5	362.6	387.7	374.6	395.7	333.4	385.6
Depression - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	256.6	296.4	297.8	302.0	286.0	258.8	309.6	310.0	313.8	285.1	287.1	326.3	298.8	306.8	261.0	309.3
Diabetes - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	86.6	72.9	70.1	84.2	65.4	46.7	74.5	79.6	74.7	76.8	65.6	92.6	63.5	83.0	84.9	93.1
Heart failure - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	21.1	20.0	17.7	20.5	16.0	15.3	19.4	19.2	20.1	21.1	19.7	31.5	20.5	26.7	22.5	32.4

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Morbidity Cont'd																	
Hypertension - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	227.9	213.8	200.5	232.0	208.7	171.2	226.6	232.4	223.7	211.2	208.6	251.0	208.8	229.3	235.4	245.3
Ischemic heart disease - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	75.0	69.8	57.5	68.1	60.5	53.1	63.0	68.9	70.3	80.8	79.0	99.0	78.7	83.5	83.6	78.4
Osteoarthritis - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	88.2	95.4	86.4	94.3	93.6	93.7	106.2	106.5	105.4	92.1	95.8	113.0	92.3	116.1	104.7	103.3
Episodic asthma - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	51.2	56.1	53.6	58.8	53.9	42.6	63.9	64.9	69.7	55.6	53.1	60.2	52.3	61.2	58.0	64.1
Episodic depression - prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	76.0	91.6	94.7	95.8	92.5	69.3	85.9	87.1	100.7	90.3	84.5	105.3	86.7	91.4	73.2	79.9
Episodic mood & anxiety disorders - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	113.7	140.9	145.1	150.2	138.4	117.8	146.7	149.5	145.0	131.9	125.1	143.2	141.9	142.9	123.9	129.6
Schizophrenia & delusional disorders - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000)	2022/23	11.6	12.5	17.3	9.2	9.8	12.8	11.9	13.3	7.3	12.8	11.1	11.4	9.9	10.5	6.9	13.4
Deaths																	
Mortality (age stnd. rate per 10,000)	2019 - 2023	66.8	69.6	67.1	64.0	57.6	56.7	75.5	89.4	73.1	73.6	66.9	97.6	71.4	79.1	75.3	87.1
Mortality- unintentional injury (age stnd. rate per 10,000)	2019 - 2023	4.9	4.7	4.6	2.8	2.6	3.9	5.4	6.4	4.5	5.7	4.9	7.4	5.0	5.9	14.5	6.6
Alcohol-related deaths (age stnd rate per 100,000)	2019	33.6	37.6	42.2	27.2	41.1	27.0	37.9	31.3	32.1	37.1	29.0	50.1	35.8	45.3	81.5	73.3
Unregulated Drug Deaths (crude rate per 100,000)	2023	46.6	53.6	58.1	15.8	11.1	26.4	59.5	54.6	13.6	91.7	27.9	105.9	47.6	93.3	N/A	51.5
Tobacco-related deaths (age stnd rate per 100,000)	2019	111.5	119.0	121.9	110.0	82.3	84.8	124.9	128.6	120.2	131.2	103.0	152.7	120.6	149.1	178.4	200.0

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Life Expectancy																	
Life expectancy (years)	2021 - 2022	82.0	81.3	82.0	82.7	84.2	83.6	79.8	80.5	80.2	80.6	83.1	75.7	80.7	79.4	N/A	75.3
Female life expectancy (years)	2021 - 2022	84.9	84.0	84.3	84.9	86.6	85.4	83.8	83.1	83.4	83.3	86.5	77.7	83.5	81.8	N/A	80.2
Male life expectancy (years)	2021 - 2022	79.3	78.7	79.6	80.4	81.9	81.9	76.1	78.6	77.1	78.0	79.8	73.9	78.0	77.3	N/A	71.2

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Health Matrix*																	
Health matrix: non-users (%)	2022 - 2023	18.1	15.8	13.2	16.5	14.4	14.4	14.4	12.4	15.7	11.7	14.9	13.8	14.1	13.0	16.2	15.0
Health matrix: healthy (%)	2022 - 2023	33.0	29.1	27.7	28.0	28.1	28.7	25.0	25.9	29.8	24.7	28.3	28.9	29.8	28.1	25.0	27.7
Health matrix: adult (18+) major cond. (%)	2022 - 2023	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.8	3.0	2.6	2.0	2.3
Health matrix: child and youth (<18) major cond.(%)	2022 - 2023	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.0
Health matrix: low chronic conditions (%)	2022 - 2023	24.6	27.0	28.4	26.6	27.0	27.0	28.1	28.9	26.1	28.3	26.8	27.3	26.8	27.8	27.1	28.6
Health Matrix: medium chronic conditions (%)	2022 - 2023	9.0	11.0	13.4	12.7	12.2	12.6	14.9	14.2	10.4	15.3	10.9	11.7	11.6	11.9	13.3	10.7
Health matrix: severe mental health & substance use (%)	2022 - 2023	1.8	2.2	1.2	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.7	1.9	2.8	1.8	2.9	2.2	1.9	2.5	3.2	2.9
Health matrix: maternity & healthy newborns (%)	2022 - 2023	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.0	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.0
Health matrix: frail in community (%)	2022 - 2023	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6
Health matrix: high chronic w/o frailty (%)	2022 - 2023	4.5	5.0	5.6	5.0	5.8	5.4	6.1	6.4	5.1	7.3	6.6	5.6	5.0	6.3	6.6	6.2
Health matrix: high chronic w/ frailty (%)	2022 - 2023	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8
Health matrix: cancer (%)	2022 - 2023	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.6	1.8	1.6	2.2	2.0	1.6	2.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	1.8	1.3
Health matrix: frail in residential care(%)	2022 - 2023	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.3
Health matrix: end of life (%)	2022 - 2023	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6

Potential Years of Life Lost (PYLL) from life expectancy of 75 years

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Potential Years of Life Lost																	
All cause PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	52.3	58.3	54.4	44.2	40.6	47.8	71.0	68.8	62.6	62.8	52.5	103.0	58.8	76.1	87.8	109.2
Cerebrovascular diseases - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.8	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.9	2.1	1.2	1.9	0.0	0.7
Chronic lower respiratory diseases - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.2	3.5	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3
Diabetes - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.1	1.4	1.9	0.5	1.4	0.8	3.1	1.1	1.3	0.5	2.2
Arteries, arterioles and capillaries - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.8
Accidental falls - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2
Influenza and pneumonia - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.9	3.2	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.8	2.0
Suicide - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	2.2	2.9	2.9	3.2	1.6	2.6	3.4	1.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.6	3.3	3.1	1.4	9.0
Ischemic heart diseases - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.6	1.8	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.0	4.7	2.5	2.4	1.7	4.6
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.3	0.3	2.3	2.2	1.3	2.1	1.0	4.7	1.4	2.7	3.1	4.1
Circulatory system - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	5.5	6.0	5.7	4.9	3.5	6.2	8.3	8.8	5.7	6.6	5.2	10.1	5.6	6.9	4.2	11.8
Lung/tracheal cancer - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.1	0.9	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.1	1.4	3.1	2.1	1.8	0.8	2.7
Malignant neoplasms - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	10.8	11.7	11.1	11.7	10.2	9.1	13.9	12.2	13.3	12.0	11.6	13.7	11.6	12.5	8.4	14.5
Motor vehicle accidents - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.0	1.3	4.4	0.5	1.3	2.0	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	3.9
Diseases of the respiratory system - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.0	1.4	0.8	2.5	7.2	1.9	1.9	0.6	3.5	1.5	3.0	2.1	3.5
Diseases of the digestive system - PYLL rate (age stnd. per 1,000)	2019 - 2023	2.8	3.8	3.5	3.0	3.7	1.5	4.2	2.3	6.2	3.4	2.4	7.5	3.8	4.3	13.6	10.1

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Complex Continuing Care																	
Home care visits (rate per 1,000 population aged 75+)	2023 - 2024	N/D	5884.0	5027.0	4380.0	3458.0	2534.0	5514.0	5705.0	5337.0	4908.0	3266.0	9407.0	5156.0	6370.0	1712.0	5586.0
Long term care beds (rate per 1,000 population aged 75+)	2023 - 2024	N/D	55.0	75.0	26.0	45.0	28.0	60.0	0.0	51.0	52.0	52.0	57.0	55.0	51.0	0.0	31.0
Home care clients (rate per 1,000 population aged 75+)	2023 - 2024	N/D	187.5	192.6	170.3	181.3	144.1	185.9	179.9	226.5	203.6	156.8	199.5	195.8	206.2	93.0	158.1
Home support clients (rate per 1,000 population aged 75+)	2023 - 2024	N/D	83.4	88.5	75.5	61.5	54.3	88.1	76.3	90.9	94.9	80.4	100.1	85.7	84.7	27.9	81.9
Home support hours (rate per 1,000 population aged 75+)	2023 - 2024	N/D	22.0	27.0	21.0	18.0	7.0	26.0	30.0	25.0	24.0	20.0	21.0	16.0	18.0	3.0	10.0
Emergency																	
Unscheduled emergency dept. or urgent care centre visits (rate per 1,000 pop.)	2023 - 2024	N/D	462.0	322.0	287.0	371.0	487.0	493.0	637.0	776.0	529.0	784.0	694.0	448.0	592.0	1462.0	1189.0
Unscheduled emergency dept. or urgent care centre visits (rate per 1,000 75+ pop.)	2023 - 2024	N/D	719.0	517.0	527.0	630.0	728.0	700.0	958.0	1075.0	743.0	1125.0	891.0	698.0	838.0	2633.0	1223.0
Primary Care																	
Population attached to physician (%)	2022 - 2023	75.9	77.5	72.7	74.8	80.9	80.2	80.2	77.9	79.5	79.3	83.3	75.0	80.9	82.6	81.3	70.7

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Hospital Inpatient Care																	
Acute care inpatient cases (age stnd. rate per 1,000 population)	2022 - 2023	69.6	75.1	65.3	73.6	65.6	64.3	87.9	112.5	86.4	85.6	70.2	108.4	72.3	88.2	79.4	109.8
Acute care inpatient cases (age stnd. rate per 1,000 population aged 75+)	2022 - 2023	270.9	269.2	252.5	329.0	270.0	233.9	283.9	391.7	274.8	273.3	240.0	317.8	272.0	286.0	186.6	254.3
Alternative level of care cases (age stnd. rate per 1,000 population)	2022-2023	3.5	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.1	0.9	1.8	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.1	4.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	0.9
Alternative level of care cases (age stnd. rate per 1,000 population 75+)	2022-2023	34.1	17.1	20.2	20.3	11.4	11.5	19.7	8.9	15.8	12.8	12.3	39.2	17.4	17.0	0.0	5.7
Acute care day cases (age stnd. rate per 1000 population)	2022-2023	87.3	103.7	76.1	85.0	84.0	65.3	81.3	125.6	90.8	85.8	82.2	89.0	90.8	96.3	92.2	79.9
Acute care day cases (age stnd. rate per 1000 population aged 75+)	2022-2023	235.9	207.3	183.8	203.3	224.2	186.5	207.1	306.2	224.7	211.6	227.8	205.4	215.0	199.1	128.7	130.4
Alternative level of care days (rate per 1,000 population)	2023-2024	N/D	126.0	158.0	59.0	140.0	94.0	94.0	47.0	100.0	87.0	109.0	124.0	156.0	221.0	173.0	176.0
Alternative level of care days (rate per 1,000 population 75+)	2023-2024	N/D	744.0	976.0	517.0	606.0	371.0	523.0	260.0	514.0	445.0	458.0	854.0	967.0	1568.0	1679.0	1380.0
Ambulatory care sensitive conditions (%)	2023 - 2024	N/D	5.70	6.10	5.90	5.30	4.30	5.60	6.90	7.00	5.10	4.40	7.00	5.80	6.10	7.60	4.90
Maternity acute care utilization (case rate per 1,000 population)	2022 - 2023	8.8	7.2	6.5	9.1	5.8	4.6	8.0	9.6	7.9	8.0	4.8	9.5	6.9	7.5	7.4	10.2
Psychiatry (dementia excluded) acute care utilization (case rate per 1,000 population)	2022 - 2023	8.2	8.8	8.8	6.8	6.0	6.7	9.3	13.0	7.3	10.7	7.9	14.3	7.2	10.6	9.8	12.1
MRI utilization - outpatient MRI exams (per 1000 population)	2023 - 2024	N/D	57.7	54.3	54.8	70.6	50.0	51.9	74.4	59.4	67.3	69.0	51.3	52.4	49.1	51.1	41.6

Population and Demographics, Data Sources

Population and Population Projection

Average Age: BC Statistics – P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024| Population Pyramid: BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Estimated Total Population - 2039: BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Estimated Population Change - 2039: BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | 10 Year Population Growth (%): BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Population aged 0-19 (%) - BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Population aged 20-44 (%) – BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024| Population aged 45-64 (%) - BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Population aged 65-74(%) - BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E.2024| Population aged 75 and over (%) - BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Percent growth of the 0-19 age group population in next 10 years - BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Percent growth of the 20-44 age group population in next 10 years – BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Percent growth of the 45-64 age group population in next 10 years - BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Percent growth of the 65-74 age group population in next 10 years - BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024 | Percent growth of the 75+ age group population in next 10 years - BC Statistics - P.E.O.P.L.E. 2024

Age Demographics & Marital Status

Median Age of Population - Census, 2021 | Population where language spoken most often at home is not English or French (%) - Census, 2021 | Visible minority population (%) - Census, 2021 | Population in private households with Indigenous Identity (%) - Census, 2021 | Population aged 15 and over who are married (%) - Census, 2021 | Population aged 15 and over who are common-law (%) - Census, 2021 | Population aged 15 and over who are single, never married (%) - Census, 2021 | Population aged 15 and over who are widowed (%) - Census, 2021 | Population aged 15 and over who are separated or divorced (%) - Census, 2021

Migration and Immigrants

Immigrant population (%): Census, 2021 | Population migrating to area in the last 5 years (%): Census, 2021

Determinants of Health, Data Sources

Education & Employment

Population aged 25 to 64 with post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree (%) - Census, 2021 | Grade 12 completion among students entering Grade 12 for the first time (%) (2yr Agg) - Ministry of Education, 2022-2023 | Students completing high school within six years of enrollment in Grade 8 (%) (2yr Agg) - Ministry of Education, 2022-2023 | Population aged 15 and over who are unemployed (%): Census, 2021

Health Behaviours

Alcohol consumption (litres of absolute alcohol sold per person, 1L=58 standard drinks)- AOD: CISUR, 2023

Household

Dwellings rated as needing major repairs by renter or owner (%) - Census, 2021 | One-parent family households (% of census families with children) - Census, 2021 | Private households that are owner-occupied (%) - Census, 2021 | Private households with 5 or more persons (%) - Census, 2021 | Private households with multiple families (%) - Census, 2021 | Households (owned) spending more than 30% of income on housing (%) - Census, 2021 | Households (rented) spending more than 30% of income on housing (%) - Census, 2021

Income & Income Inequality

Median household total income (\$) - Census, 2021 | Median one-parent family income (\$) - Census, 2021 | Difference in median income comparing males and females aged 15 and over - Census, 2021 | Households (owned) spending more than 30% of income on housing (%) - Census, 2021 | Households (rented) spending more than 30% of income on housing (%) - Census, 2021 | Low income based on after-tax low income measure (%) - Census, 2021 | Low income based on after-tax low-income measure, ages 18 to 64 years (%) - Census, 2021 | Low income based on after-tax low-income measure, ages 65 years and over (%) - Census, 2021 | Low income based on after-tax low-income measure, ages less than 6 years (%) - Census, 2021 | Low income based on after-tax low-income measure, ages less than 18 years (%) - Census, 2021

Morbidity

Alcohol-related hospitalizations (age-standardized rate per 100,000) - CISUR, 2019 | Cannabis-related hospitalizations (age-standardized rate per 100,000) - CISUR, 2019 | Opioid-related hospitalizations (age-standardized rate per 100,000) - CISUR, 2019 | Tobacco-related hospitalizations (age-standardized rate per 100,000) - CISUR, 2019

Transportation

Employed population aged 15 and over walking, biking or busing to work (%) - Census, 2021

Child Health

Child Hospitalizations - Injury/Poisoning (rate per 1,000 aged 0 to 14) : Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Child hospitalizations - Respiratory Dis. (rate per 1,000 aged 0 to 14) Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Child Mental Diseases & Disorders Hospitalizations (rate per 1,000 aged 0-14) Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Youth Mental Diseases & Disorders Hospitalizations (rate per 1,000 aged 15-24): Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023

Early Development

EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for social development (%) - Early Development Instrument, 2019-2022 | EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for communication development (%) - Early Development Instrument, 2019-2022 | EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for emotional development (%) - Early Development Instrument, 2019-2022 | EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for language development (%) - Early Development Instrument, 2019-2022 | EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable for physical development (%) - Early Development Instrument, 2019-2022 | EDI: Kindergarten children rated as vulnerable on one or more domains (%) - Early Development Instrument, 2019-2022 |

Protecting Children and Youth

Children and Youth in Care (rate per 1,000 children aged 0 to 18) - Ministry of Children and Family Development, 2023 | Children and Youth in Need of Protection (rate per 1,000 children aged 0 to 18) - Ministry of Children and Family Development, 2022

Health Status, Data Sources

Life Expectancy

Female Life Expectancy - Ministry of Health, 2021-2022 | Male Life Expectancy - Ministry of Health, 2021-2022| Life Expectancy - Ministry of Health, 2021-2022

Deaths

Mortality (age-standardized rate per 10,000) - Vital Statistics, 2024 | Mortality due to unintentional injuries (age-standardized rate per 10,000) - Vital Statistics, 2024 | Alcohol-related deaths (age standardized rate per 100,000) - CISUR, 2019 | Tobacco-related deaths (age-standardized rate per 100,000) - CISUR, 2019 | Unregulated Drug Deaths (crude rate per 100,000) - BC Coroner's Service, 2023

Health Matrix

Health System Matrix v.14: Healthy (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Adult (18+) Major Conditions (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Child and Youth (<18) Major Conditions (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Low Chronic Conditions (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Medium Chronic Conditions (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Severe Mental Health & Substance Use (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Maternity & Healthy Newborns (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Frail in Community (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: High Chronic w/o Frailty (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: High Chronic w/ Frailty (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Cancer (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: Frail in Residential Care(%) - HSM v.14, 2024 | Health System Matrix: End of Life (%) - HSM v.14, 2024 |

Births

Live Birth Rate (rate per 1,000 population) - Vital Statistics/Ministry of Health, 2019-2023 | Stillbirths (rate per 1,000 births) - Vital Statistics/Ministry of Health, 2019-2023| Infant Mortality - deaths of infants under 1 year of age (rate per 1,000 live births) - Vital Statistics/Ministry of Health, 2019-2023 | Low Weight Births - less than 2,500 grams (rate per 1,000 live births) - Vital Statistics/Ministry of Health, 2019-2023 | Caesarean Sections (rate per 1,000 live births) - Vital Statistics/Ministry of Health, 2019-2023 | Pre-term Births - gestational age less than 37 weeks (rate per 1,000 live births) - Vital Statistics/Ministry of Health, 2019-2023 | Mothers under 20 - live births to mothers under 20 years of age (rate per 1,000 live births) – Vital Statistics/Ministry of Health, 2019-2023 | Mothers 35 and over - live births to mothers aged 35 and over (rate per 1,000 live births) - Vital Statistics/Ministry of Health, 2019-2023

Morbidity

Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Asthma - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Chronic Kidney Disease – Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease – Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Mood and Anxiety Disorders – Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Depression - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Diabetes - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH – Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Heart Failure - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Hypertension - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Ischemic Heart Disease - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Osteoarthritis - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Episodic Asthma - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Episodic Depression - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Episodic Mood & Anxiety Disorders - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023 | Schizophrenia & Delusional Disorders - Prevalence (age-standardized rate per 1,000) - MoH - Chronic Disease Registries, 2022-2023

Complex Continuing Care

Home Care Visits (rate per 1,000 population) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024 | Home Care Visits (rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024 | Long-Term Care Beds (rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024 | Home Care Clients (rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024 | Home Support Clients (rate per 1,000 population) - Island Health – Ideas, 2023/2024 | Home Support Clients (rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) – Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024 | Home Support Hours (rate per 1,000 population) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024 | Home Support Hours (rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024

Emergency

Unscheduled Emergency Department or Urgent Care Centre visits (rate per 1,000 population) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024 | Unscheduled Emergency Department or Urgent Care Centre visits for 75+ (rate per 1,000 75+ population) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024

Hospital Day Care

Acute Care Day Cases (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population) - Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Acute Care Day Cases (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) - Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023

Primary Care

Population attached to physician at the practice level (%) - Ministry of Health, 2022-2023

Potential Years of Life Lost

Accidental Falls - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | All Cause Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Arteries, arterioles and capillaries - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 Cerebrovascular diseases - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Chronic lower respiratory diseases - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Circulatory system - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Diabetes - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Diseases of the digestive system - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Diseases of the respiratory system - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Influenza and pneumonia - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Ischemic heart diseases - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Lung/tracheal Cancer - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Malignant neoplasms - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Motor vehicle accidents - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023 | Suicide - Potential Years of Life Lost rate (age standardized per 1,000): Vital Statistics, Calendar year ending 2019-2023

Hospital Inpatient Care

Acute Care Inpatient Cases (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) - Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Alternative Level of Care Cases (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population) – Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Alternative Level of Care Cases (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) – Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Acute care day cases (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population) – Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Acute care day cases (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population aged 75+) – Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Alternative Level of Care Days (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population) - Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Alternative Level of Care Days (age-standardized rate per 1,000 population aged 75 and over) - Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Ambulatory Care Sensitive conditions (%) - Island Health - Ideas, 2023/2024 | Maternity Acute Care Utilization (case rate per 1,000 population) - Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | Psychiatry (Dementia excluded) Acute Care Utilization (case rate per 1,000 population) - Ministry of Health Ideas, 2022/2023 | MRI Utilization – Outpatient MRI Exams (rate per 1,000 population) - Island Health, 2023/2024