A Review of Socio-Economic Characteristics in the Robson and Canoe Valleys

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Availability

Copies of this report have been provided to the McBride and Area Public Library, the Robson Valley Support Society, and the Village of McBride. Copies of the report have also been provided to all participants. Copies have also been posted on the UNBC Community Development Institute’s website: www.unbc.ca/cdi.

Project Reports

- Pilot Project Methodology Report
- A Review of Socio-Economic Characteristics in the Robson and Canoe Valleys
- Pilot Project Summary Report

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1.0 Project Description

This report includes and reviews data on a number of socio-economic indicators. The data covers the Robson-Canoe Valleys and comes from the Census of Canada. This data provides information on trends and changes in the communities.

Poverty remains an important, but challenging research, policy, and lived world issue. In Canada, most research has been urban focused and our knowledge about the dynamics, experiences, and complex underpinnings of rural poverty is more limited. This research project is a pilot designed to examine the scope and experiences of rural poverty. One case, the small forest dependent community of McBride, BC and its surrounding region is used to explore local and institutional processes affecting household journeys into, and out of, poverty. This includes exploring interactions between low income households and service support networks to develop a greater understanding of emerging issues.

2.0 Background

In Canada, there is no consensus about how poverty should be defined or measured. However, Statistics Canada’s low income cut-off (LICO) has been used as a surrogate measure of low income. It is understood as the threshold at which families spend a higher proportion of their income on basic necessities. This threshold is based upon a 20 percentage point difference between low income and average household expenditures. This means that if the average family spends 43% of its income on basic necessities such as shelter, food, and clothing, then households spending 63% or more of their income on such necessities would be identified as low income.

Table 1: Before-Tax Versus After-Tax LICOs for 2005

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For more information on defining rural poverty, please see the Pilot Project Summary Report.
3.0 About Census Data

The data and information for this report was collected through a review of Statistics Canada’s Census data. The Census is undertaken every five years and provides information on the age distribution and socio-economic characteristics of local populations. While Census data categories may change between Census periods, it is none-the-less possible to conduct an assessment of the population based on the following issues:

- The rates of population growth,
- The changing age structure and household composition of the population,
- Employment and income characteristics, and
- Housing characteristics.

As detailed in the Methodology Report, caution must be taken when interpreting Census data for smaller communities. For example, it is important to understand that Statistics Canada applies a rounding procedure to data in order to protect the anonymity of residents. As well, the boundaries of some data collection areas have also changed over time.

The data included in this report is largely drawn from Census periods up until 2006. While total population figures for the 2011 Census were released in February 2012, more specific socio-economic data will be released over the next couple of years. For example, data about age and sex (which would describe how many seniors or youth are in a community) is expected to be released on May 29th, 2012. Data for families, households, and marital status, as well as structural type of dwelling is expected to be released on September 19th, 2012. The release dates for other types of socio-economic characteristics (i.e. employment rates, income levels, etc.) have not yet been determined. It is also important to acknowledge that while this information provides an important foundation to understand trends and changes over time, caution should be used when interpreting or using the data as there have been many changes in the area since 2006.

4.0 Area Description

Growth in many northern BC communities was driven by an expansion of resource development. Since the 1980s, however, these places have been impacted by industrial consolidation, the adoption of labour shedding technology by industry, and a retrenchment of government services and supports. In addition to these changes, the more recent global recession has produced a number of social and economic pressures.

This part of the report describes the socio-economic characteristics of residents living in McBride, Valemount, and the surrounding rural areas in Fraser-Fort George Area H (Figure 1). This information can be useful to assess socio-economic issues of change. Key characteristics include age distribution, family characteristics, housing characteristics, employment, and income.

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1 Fraser-Fort George Area H includes residents living in both the Robson and Canoe Valleys. It generally includes the communities of Dome Creek, Dunster, and Tete Jaune Cache, as well as residents living outside the municipal boundaries of McBride and Valemount.
The census figures for 2011 show that the total populations in McBride and the Fraser Fort George Regional District Electoral Area H have declined by roughly 11%, while the population in Valemount has remained stable. Looking at available census data to 2006, there is an aging population – both in terms of an older workforce and a growth in the number of seniors. The emergence of an aging population has also been influenced by an out-migration of young families. Since the 1990s, McBride and Valemount have experienced a loss of single residents and a rise in residents who are divorced or separated. Such residents, particularly older rural women, can be at-risk for living in poverty as they may no longer have access to the earnings, pension benefits, and other assets that are linked to their former spouse (McLaughlin 1998). In McBride, there has also been an increase in lone-parent households. Female lone-parents can be at-risk for living in poverty for a number of reasons (Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning 2007). If women have limited or no credit, they may encounter difficulties obtaining new housing. Valemount and rural areas in Fraser-Fort George Area H have also experienced a rise in widowed residents.

Using 2006 census data, and comparing that to the BC average (47.8%), a higher proportion of residents in the region had no post-secondary education (63.3% in McBride; 61.1% in Valemount; and 61.1% in Fraser-Fort George Area H). However, the data also reveal some
unique trends. First, since 2001, there has been a substantial decline in the number of residents who had no high school degree and an increase in the number of residents who had a high school diploma. In 2006, both McBride and Valemount had more residents with a college or university degree compared to five years earlier. This contradicts trends in other rural and small town places where those with the least amount of education and skills tend to remain while those with higher levels of education migrate to urban centres in search of employment options (Aron 2006; Cloke et al. 2000; Fitchen 1995, 1994). Overall, the region has been able to attract educated residents or build the educational capacity of its residents. Educational programs offered by the Valemount Learning Centre, as well as the literacy and continuing educational programs accessible in both McBride and Valemount, have likely played a positive role in these changes.

Data on housing characteristics indicates that there has been a decline in rented dwellings, and a corresponding increase in owned dwellings, in the McBride and surrounding rural areas. In the Robson Valley, there is a perception that there are more seasonal home owners who have been attracted to the region’s expanding recreational and investment opportunities. An influx of seasonal or second home buyers, however, can reduce the rental housing stock, increase house prices, and may force some low income residents to take on mortgages they cannot afford (Bruce 2003; Milbourne 1998). There has also been an increase in the number of movable dwellings, or mobile homes. While these create affordable options, they can come with unanticipated or hidden costs associated with pad fees, parking, or pets (Salomon and MacTavish 2006).

Renters can be a vulnerable group at-risk for living in poverty due to uncertain tenure and the potential for rising costs. Different census periods have demonstrated this risk. In 1996, for example, almost all renters in McBride and Valemount spent at least 30% or more of their income on rent. By 2006, however, there are fewer renters in McBride spending 30% or more of their income on rent. Since 1991, there has been a growth in household owners who spend 30% or more of their income on mortgage payments. Similar trends have been experienced in Valemount. Further research would be needed to confirm if a displacement of rental options produced pressures for residents to pursue homeownership.

Repairs, as well as higher utility and heating costs, associated with older housing can also place households at-risk for moving into poverty (Bruce 2003, 2007; Geisler and George 2006). Statistics Canada collects data on the condition of dwellings to determine if homes need regular maintenance, minor repairs, or major repairs. Homes that only require regular maintenance are generally those that need paint, furnace cleaning, and other routine maintenance. Minor repairs refer to repairs to floor tiles, bricks or shingles, steps, railings, or siding. Major repairs refer to repairs to plumbing, electrical wiring, structural repairs to walls, floors, and roofing. Most homes in McBride, Valemount, and the surrounding rural areas were constructed before 1986. Of concern is the growing number of homes that show up in the Census as requiring major repairs. On a positive note, in 2006, fewer rural homes in Fraser-Fort George Area H required minor or major repairs compared to the previous Census period.

The employment and financial security of rural residents can be impacted by job losses, seasonal employment, part-time or underemployment, and low wages (Aron 2006; Bruce 2006; Freudenburg and Gramling 1994; Larson 1989; Slack and Jensen 2002). Rural women, in particular, can be vulnerable due to lower labour participation rates and lower wages throughout
their employment (Lockhead and Scott 2000; McLaughlin 1998; National Advisory Council on Aging 2005). In many resource towns, women have not as often benefited from the high paying jobs (Tolbert 2006). Instead, their employment is often linked to lower paying service sector jobs that have few benefits.

While the participation rates\(^2\) of men across the region have been consistent over time, the participation rates for women have increased.

Between 2001 and 2006, McBride experienced employment gains in agriculture and forestry, as well as real estate and education. Job losses, however, have been felt in sectors such as transportation and warehousing, health care, and social services. By comparison, between 2001 and 2006, Valemount experienced employment gains in construction, wholesale trade, education, health care, social services, and accommodations and food services. However, there were fewer jobs in resource-based manufacturing, retail trade, and transportation and warehousing. Rural areas in Fraser-Fort George Area H exhibited similar trends with gains in agriculture / forestry jobs and real estate; and losses in manufacturing; professional, scientific, and technical services; arts, entertainment, and recreation; and accommodations and food services.

Between 2001 and 2006, incomes increased across the valley. However, the wage gap between men and women remained. Women who work part-time are particularly at-risk for living in poverty. When statistics on the prevalence of low income are reviewed, key vulnerable groups include female lone-parents and single residents. In 2006, 50% of female lone parents and single women in Valemount had low incomes. By comparison, one-third of female lone-parents in McBride had low incomes, and half of all single men in the Fraser-Fort George Area H were also identified as low income households.

5.0 Conclusion

The purpose of this report has been to provide background information on socio-economic characteristics for communities in the Robson and Canoe Valleys and use this information to understand emerging issues in the region. This information can also assist local leaders, service providers, community groups, and residents. This pilot project can start to help with a more comprehensive understanding of the factors that influence poverty in small communities. Understanding these issues will be important as communities prepare for, and respond to, on-going community and economic change.

\(^2\) Statistics Canada provides data on employment statistics, such as participation, employment, and unemployment rates. The participation rate refers to the proportion of residents over 15 years of age who are engaged in the labour force by either working or looking for work. The employment rate refers to the proportion of residents aged 15 years of age and older who are employed. The unemployment rate refers to the proportion of residents over 15 years of age who are unemployed, but looking for work. These rates exclude people who may be living in an institution, such as a hospital, nursing home, or prison.
6.0 References


Appendix A: Statistics Canada Census Data – Socio-Economic Characteristics

Statistics Canada Census Dictionary

The link below will provide information about how Statistics Canada has defined specific terms and categories that are listed in the tables throughout Appendix A.

Appendix A: Socio-Economic Characteristics

Age Distribution

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Figure 4: Age Distribution – Valemount – 1981

Figure 5: Age Distribution – Valemount – 2006
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### Figure 6: Age Distribution – Fraser-Fort George Area H - 2006
## Legal Marital Status

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## Family Characteristics

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### Education

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Note: The categories for educational statistics changed between 2001 and 2006. In 2001, public data is only available to describe the level of education for residents aged 20 years and older. Statistics Canada was contacted to obtain comparable categories across the two Census periods. However, the population of Fraser-Fort George Regional District Area H was not high enough for Statistics Canada to provide data without compromising confidentiality for some categories. In this case, only data for 2006 is provided.
### Table 14: Housing Characteristics – McBride

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### Table 16: Housing Characteristics – Fraser-Fort George Area H

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### Dwelling Characteristics

#### Table 17: Type of Dwelling - McBride

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### Housing Costs

#### Table 20: Housing Costs - McBride

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### Housing Repair Needs

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## Employment Rate

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### Income Characteristics

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### Prevalence of Low Income

#### Table 35: Prevalence of Low Income - McBride

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Source: Statistics Canada 2006a.

#### Table 36: Prevalence of Low Income - Valemount

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