



MIGRATION

What does this measure and why is it important?

This indicator measures the movement of people into the Kootenay Development region. International migration refers to people who move to the region from outside of Canada, interprovincial migration refers to people who move to the area from another province and intraprovincial migration refers to people who move to the area from elsewhere in the province. Data are sourced from [BC Statistics](#).

What are the trends and current conditions?

More people were leaving the region than entering from 2010 to 2011 (-695) (Figure 1). This net out-migration followed 6 years of significant net in-migration from 2004-2009 (+4890) with growth occurring primarily from 2006-2007 (+3380). The net out-migration from 2010 to 2011 was due to interprovincial (-281) and intraprovincial (-584) migration as opposed to international migration (+170). International migration has been relatively positive since 2003 with a total of 1682 international migrants coming to the area from 2003-2011.

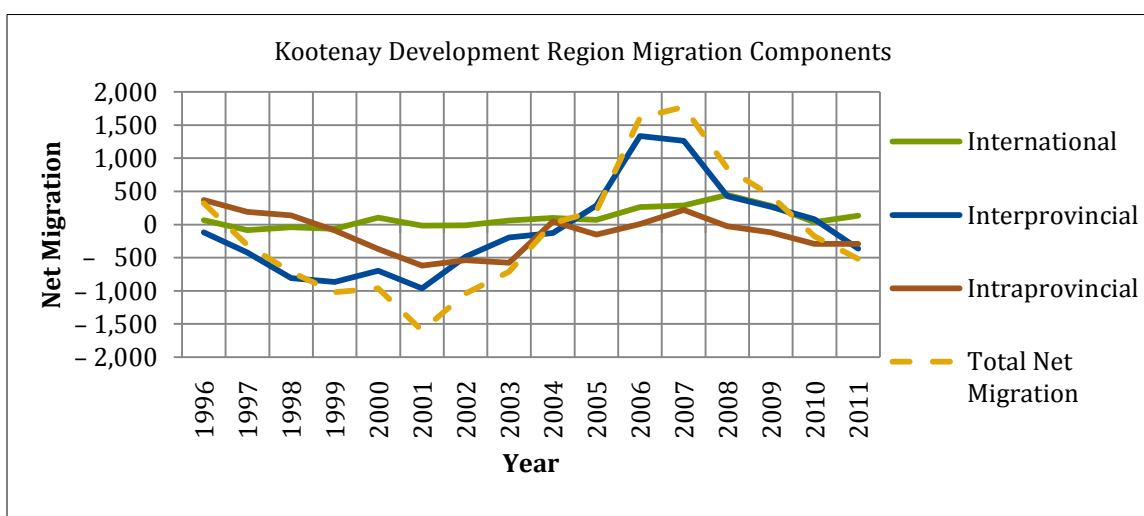


Figure 1. Kootenay Development Region Migration. Source: BC Stats.

Migration trends in the Kootenay Development Region have been somewhat similar to the other BC Development regions since 1996, with the exception of 'high amenity' Thompson Okanagan and Vancouver Island regions that experienced significant growth since 2000 and more recently a steep decline. Unlike 'non amenity rich' regions in BC, the 'amenity rich' Kootenay region did experience some significant migration growth in 2006 and 2007. Note that the Lower Mainland is not included in Figure 2. The Lower Mainland has experienced significant net migration over the last 15 years, primarily due to international migration.

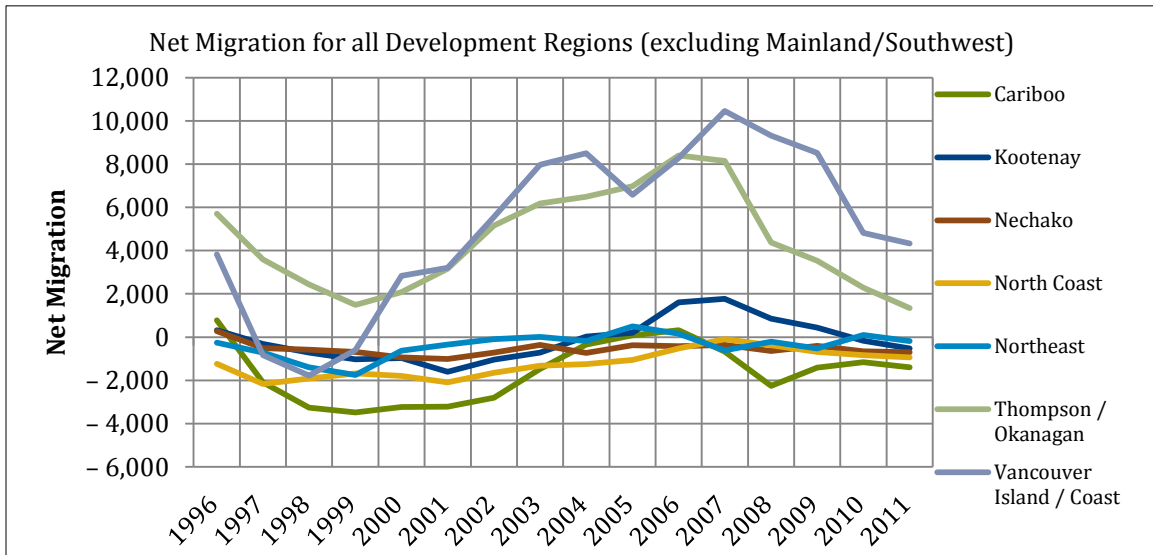


Figure 2. Net Migration for BC Development Regions. Source: BC Stats



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