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Preface

The **Information Resource Manual 2010/2011** is produced by the Planning and Innovation Division. It provides a reference for some of the most frequently asked questions about Medical Services Plan data including practitioner, patient and registrant fee-for-service statistics.

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This document is available on the internet at:

<http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp/paystats/index.html>

A related publication on Medical Services Plan data is the **Medical Services Plan Fee-For-Service Payment Analysis, 2006/2007 - 2010/2011**.

Introduction

The Medical Services Commission under the authority of the *Medicare Protection Act* administers the Medical Services Plan of British Columbia (MSP). The MSP insures registrants for medically required services provided by general practitioners, specialists and other health practitioners. The MSP pays practitioners on a fee-for-service and an alternative payment basis.

The **Information Resource Manual** contains statistics based on fee-for-service payments made to British Columbia practitioners by the MSP, for services provided to MSP registrants.

To maintain confidentiality, the information given does not disclose personally identifiable data.

This publication is prepared using specific criteria and therefore may not reconcile with other Ministry documents such as the Medical Services Commission **Financial Statements**.

The manual is arranged in four major sections. The first section, British Columbia Geographic Health Groupings, includes maps of Health Authorities (HA) and Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDA) and shows the relationship between the HA, HSDA and Local Health Areas (LHA). The second section, Practitioner Information, lists expenditure and paid services by specialty, service code and geographic area. The third section, Registrant and Patient Information, provides expenditure and services data by patient gender/age and geographical area. The fourth section, General Practice and Specialist Services Committee Initiatives, provides expenditure and services for practitioner initiatives by specialty.

The Methodological Notes section contains information that applies to the Practitioner; Registrant, Patient Information and Initiative sections. Additional details are provided at the start of these sections. A Glossary containing an explanation of terms used in the publication is included at the end of the manual. Readers are strongly urged to refer to these notes.

Methodological Notes

The data includes Medical Services Plan fee-for-service payments made to general practitioners, specialists and other health practitioners, for insured services provided to MSP registrants. Only services performed in a given fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) and paid on or before September 30 of the following year are included.

The MSP Information Resource Manual 2010/2011 includes:

- Expenditures paid for by the Medical Services Plan (includes the adjudicated fee schedule amount, retroactive payments, rural retention program payments and tray fees);
- Expenditures paid to physicians for services referred by registered midwives or nurse practitioners;
- Changes under the 2010 Second Renewed Laboratory Agreement – a revised fee schedule implemented on October 1, 2010 and a continuation of the laboratory volume discounting mechanism implemented April 1, 2007;
- Retroactive fee increases paid up to and including September 30, 2011 for 2006/2007 to 2010/2011 medical services;
- Expenditures for temporary H1N1-specific fee items in 2009/2010;
- Expenditures for General Practice Services Committee (GPSC) and Specialist Services Committee (SSC) Initiatives are reported in Section four only.

The following are excluded from the MSP Information Resource Manual 2010/2011:

- Payments that practitioners receive for services not covered by MSP, such as those by ICBC and WorkSafe BC;
- Interest on late payment of claims;
- Payments for form fees;

- Services associated with the following service codes as these are charges in addition to the principal fee:
 - 9 – General Practice Visit Premiums
 - 19 – No Charge Referral
 - 29 – Specialist Visit Premiums
 - 49 – Procedural Premiums, and
 - 71 – Tray Fees;

- Alternative payments made for contract, salaried, session, etc services;

- Payments for services performed out-of-province.

British Columbia Geographic Health Groupings

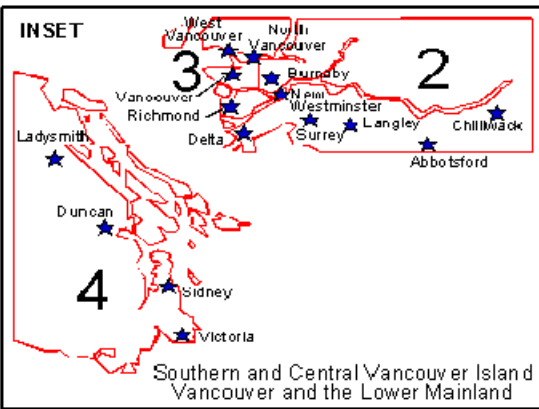
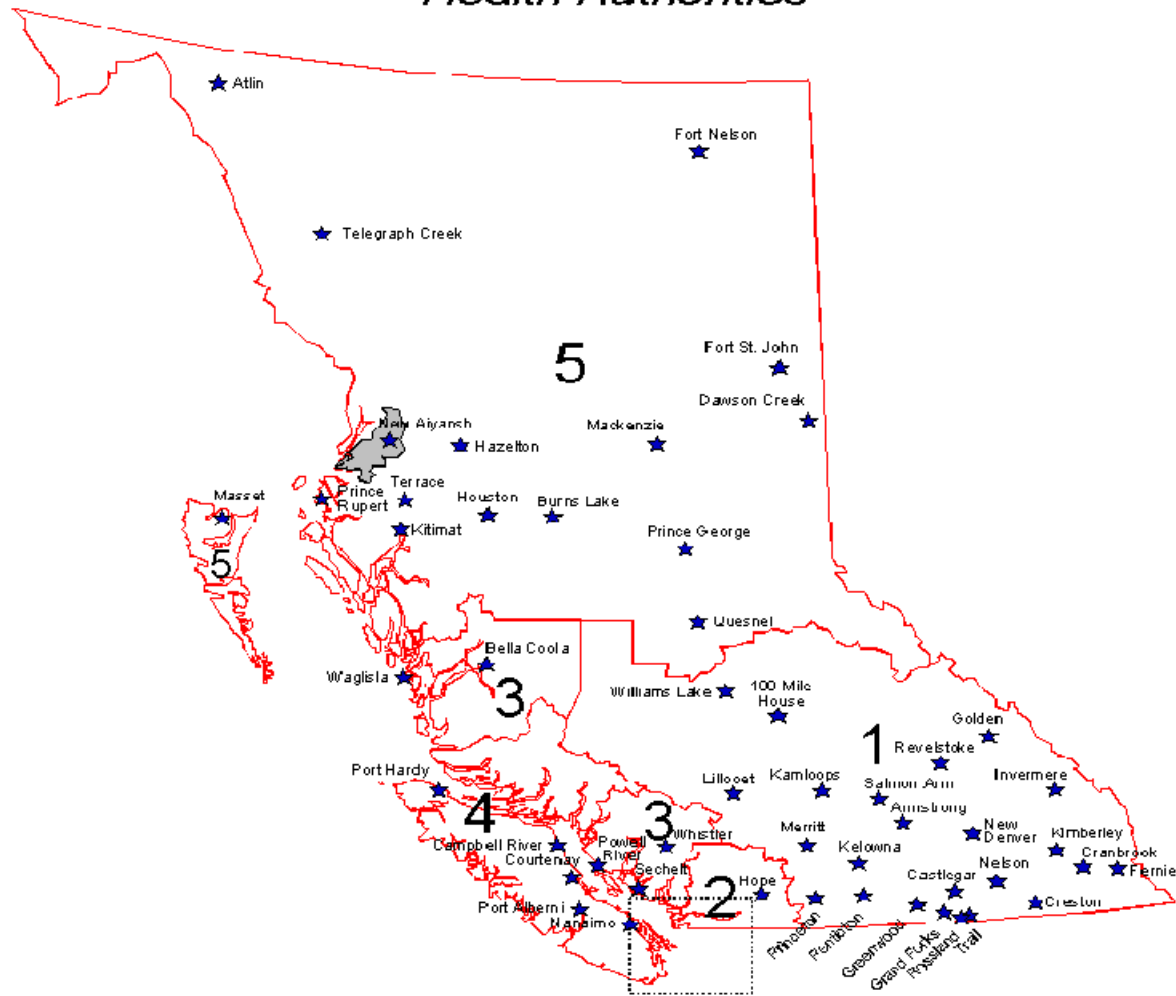
In December 2001, a new health care delivery structure was implemented:

- **One Provincial Health Services Authority** responsible for governing and administering provincial programs and highly specialized services, such as those delivered by the Children's and Women's Health Centre, the B.C. Cancer Agency and the B.C. Transplant Society.

- **Five geographic health authorities** serving the following areas:
 - Northern
 - Interior
 - Fraser
 - Vancouver Coastal
 - Vancouver Island

Each health authority consists of several **Health Service Delivery Areas**. There are 16 Health Service Delivery Areas in total.

British Columbia Health Authorities



- 1. Interior
- 2. Fraser
- 3. Vancouver Coastal
- 4. Vancouver Island
- 5. Northern

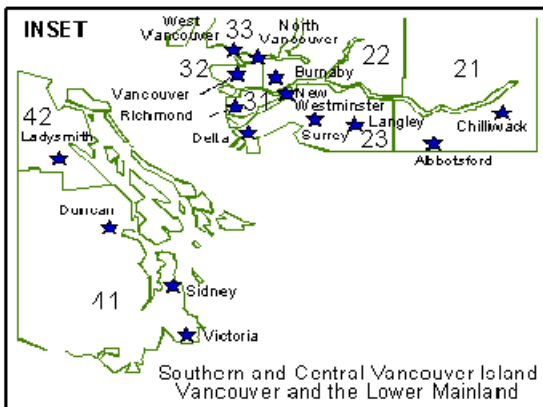
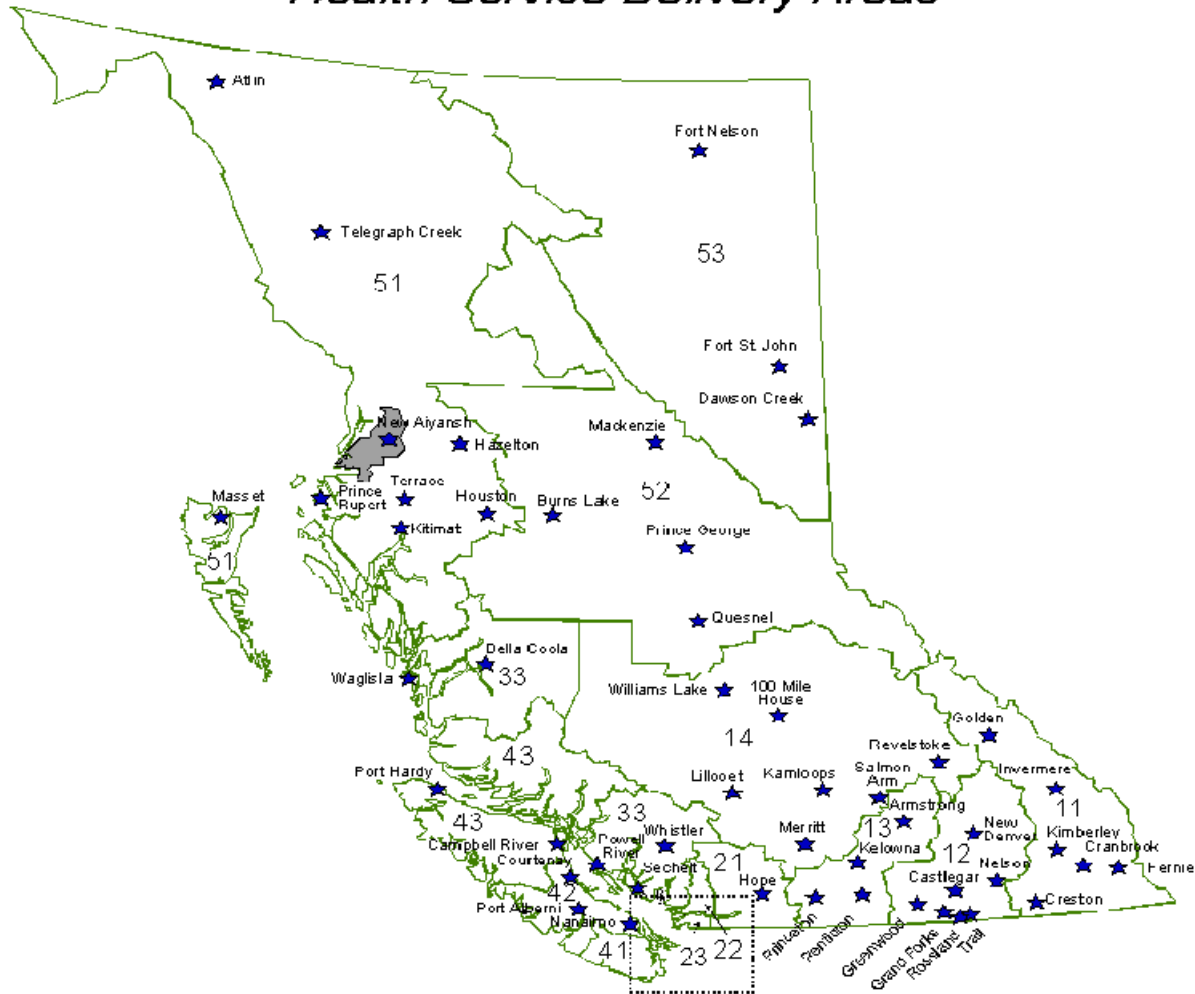
Note: The Nisga'a Valley is a separate governance health board.

Listing of Health Authorities and Local Health Areas

HA	Health Authorities	LHA	Local Health Areas (89 regions)
01	Interior	001	Fernie
		002	Cranbrook
		003	Kimberley
		004	Windermere
		005	Creston
		018	Golden
		006	Kootenay Lake
		007	Nelson
		009	Castlegar
		010	Arrow Lakes
		011	Trail
		012	Grand Forks
		013	Kettle Valley
		014	Southern Okanagan
		015	Penticton
		016	Keremeos
		017	Princeton
		021	Armstrong - Spallumcheen
		022	Vernon
		023	Central Okanagan
		077	Summerland
		078	Enderby
		019	Revelstoke
		020	Salmon Arm
		024	Kamloops
		025	100 Mile House
		026	North Thompson
		027	Cariboo - Chilcotin
		029	Lillooet
		030	South Cariboo
		031	Merritt
032	Hope		
02	Fraser	033	Chilliwack
		034	Abbotsford
		075	Mission
		076	Agassiz - Harrison
		040	New Westminster
		041	Burnaby
		042	Maple Ridge
		043	Coquitlam
		035	Langley
		037	Delta
		201	Surrey
202	South Surrey/White Rock		
03	Vancouver Coastal	038	Richmond
		161	Vancouver - City Centre
		162	Vancouver - Downtown Eastside
		163	Vancouver - North East
		164	Vancouver - Westside
		165	Vancouver - Midtown
		166	Vancouver - South
		044	North Vancouver
		045	West Vancouver - Bowen Island
		046	Sunshine Coast
		047	Powell River
048	Howe Sound		
049	Bella Coola Valley		
083	Central Coast		

HA	Health Authorities	LHA	Local Health Areas (89 regions)
04	Vancouver Island	061	Greater Victoria
		062	Sooke
		063	Saanich
		064	Gulf Islands
		065	Cowichan
		066	Lake Cowichan
		067	Ladysmith
		068	Nanaimo
		069	Qualicum
		070	Alberni
		071	Courtenay
		072	Campbell River
		084	Vancouver Island West
		085	Vancouver Island North
		05	Northern
051	Snow Country		
052	Prince Rupert		
053	Upper Skeena		
054	Smithers		
080	Kitimat		
087	Stikine		
088	Terrace		
092	Nisga'a		
094	Telegraph Creek		
028	Quesnel		
055	Burns Lake		
056	Nechako		
057	Prince George		
059	Peace River South		
060	Peace River North		
081	Fort Nelson		
99	BC	099	BC

British Columbia Health Service Delivery Areas



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| 11. East Kootenay | 32. Vancouver |
| 12. Kootenay/Boundary | 33. North Shore/Coast Garibaldi |
| 13. Okanagan | 41. South Vancouver Island |
| 14. Thompson Cariboo Shuswap | 42. Central Vancouver Island |
| 21. Fraser Valley | 43. North Vancouver Island |
| 22. Simon Fraser | 51. Northwest |
| 23. South Fraser | 52. Northern Interior |
| 31. Richmond | 53. Northeast |

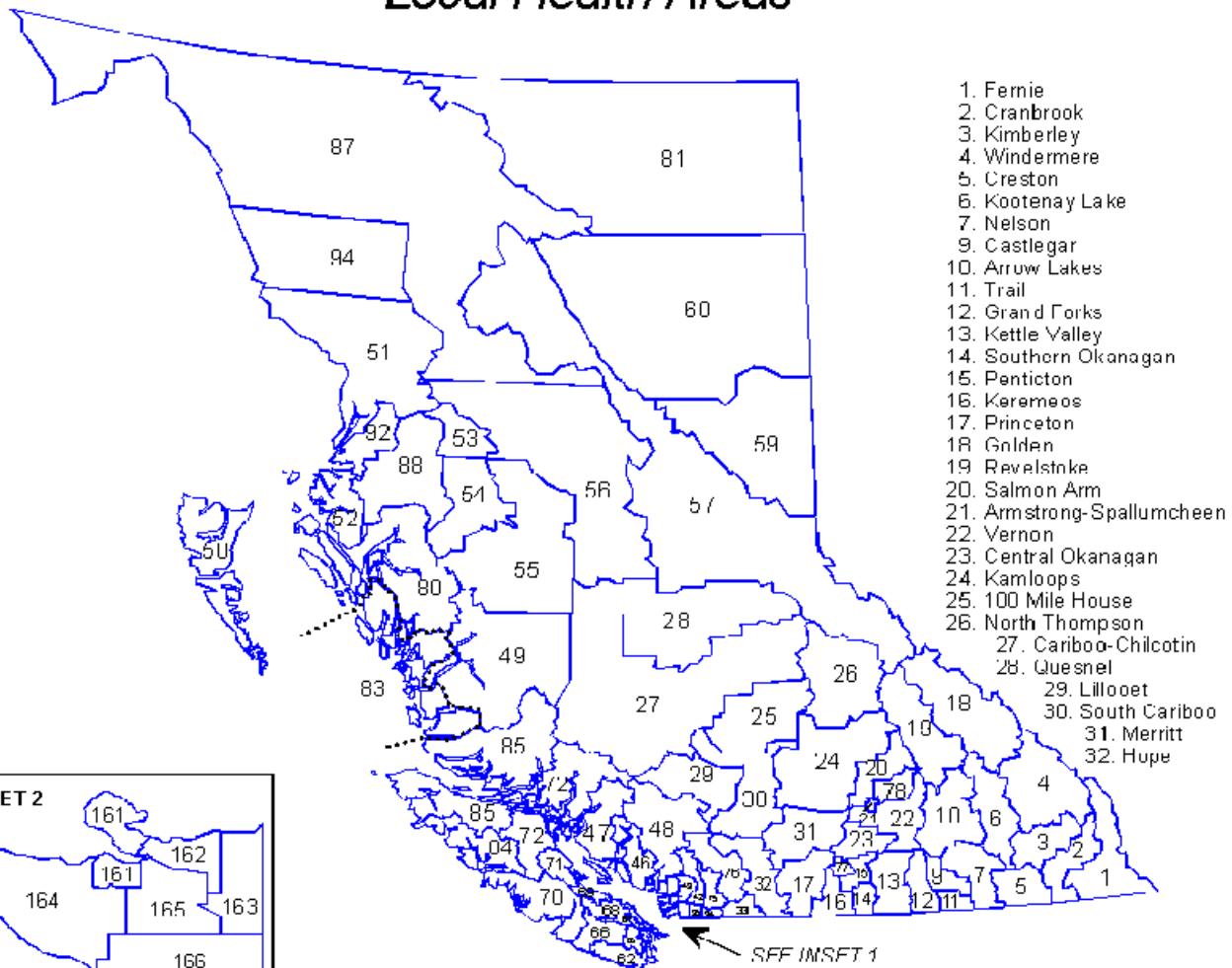
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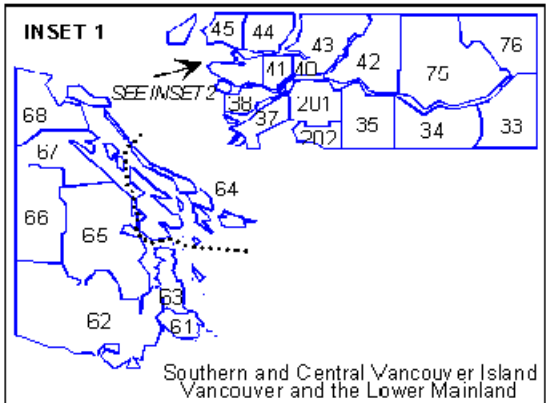
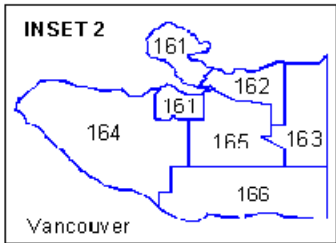
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		004	Windermere			164	Vancouver - Westside
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12	Kootenay/Boundary	006	Kootenay Lake	33	North Shore/Coast Garibaldi	044	North Vancouver
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		010	Arrow Lakes			047	Powell River
		011	Trail			048	Howe Sound
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		013	Kettle Valley			083	Central Coast
13	Okanagan	014	Southern Okanagan	41	South Vancouver Island	061	Greater Victoria
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		016	Keremeos			063	Saanich
		017	Princeton	42	Central Vancouver Island	064	Gulf Islands
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		022	Vernon			066	Lake Cowichan
		023	Central Okanagan			067	Ladysmith
		077	Summerland			068	Nanaimo
		078	Enderby			069	Qualicum
14	Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	019	Revelstoke	43	North Vancouver Island	070	Alberni
		020	Salmon Arm			071	Courtenay
		024	Kamloops			072	Campbell River
		025	100 Mile House			084	Vancouver Island West
		026	North Thompson			085	Vancouver Island North
		027	Cariboo - Chilcotin	51	Northwest	050	Queen Charlotte
		029	Lillooet			051	Snow Country
		030	South Cariboo			052	Prince Rupert
		031	Merritt			053	Upper Skeena
21	Fraser East	032	Hope	52	Northern Interior	054	Smithers
		033	Chilliwack			080	Kitimat
		034	Abbotsford			087	Stikine
		075	Mission			088	Terrace
		076	Agassiz - Harrison			092	Nisga'a
22	Fraser North	040	New Westminster	53	Northeast	094	Telegraph Creek
		041	Burnaby			028	Quesnel
		042	Maple Ridge			055	Burns Lake
23	Fraser South	043	Coquitlam	056	Nechako		
		035	Langley	057	Prince George		
		037	Delta	059	Peace River South		
		201	Surrey	060	Peace River North		
31	Richmond	202	South Surrey/White Rock	081	Fort Nelson		
		038	Richmond				

British Columbia

Local Health Areas



1. Fernie
2. Cranbrook
3. Kimberley
4. Windermere
5. Creston
6. Kootenay Lake
7. Nelson
9. Castlegar
10. Arrow Lakes
11. Trail
12. Grand Forks
13. Kettle Valley
14. Southern Okanagan
15. Penticton
16. Keremeos
17. Princeton
18. Golden
19. Revelstoke
20. Salmon Arm
21. Armstrong-Spallumcheen
22. Vernon
23. Central Okanagan
24. Kamloops
25. 100 Mile House
26. North Thompson
27. Cariboo-Chilcotin
28. Quesnel
29. Lillooet
30. South Cariboo
31. Merritt
32. Hupe



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| 33. Chilliwack | 54. Smithers | 77. Summerland |
| 34. Abbotsford | 55. Burns Lake | 78. Enderby |
| 35. Langley | 56. Nechako | 80. Kitimat |
| 37. Delta | 57. Prince George | 81. Fort Nelson |
| 38. Richmond | 59. Peace River South | 83. Central Coast |
| 40. New Westminster | 60. Peace River North | 84. Vancouver Island West |
| 41. Burnaby | 61. Greater Victoria | 85. Vancouver Island North |
| 42. Maple Ridge | 62. Sooke | 87. Stikine |
| 43. Coquitlam | 63. Saanich | 88. Terrace |
| 44. North Vancouver | 64. Gulf Islands | 92. Nisga'a |
| 45. West Vancouver-Bowen Island | 65. Cowichan | 94. Telegraph Creek |
| 46. Sunshine Coast | 66. Lake Cowichan | 161. Vancouver-City Centre |
| 47. Powell River | 67. Ladysmith | 162. Vancouver-Downtown |
| 48. Howe Sound | 68. Nanaimo | 163. Vancouver-North East |
| 49. Bella Coola Valley | 69. Qualicum | 164. Vancouver-Westside |
| 50. Queen Charlotte | 70. Alberni | 165. Vancouver-Midtown |
| 51. Snow Country | 71. Courtenay | 166. Vancouver-South |
| 52. Prince Rupert | 72. Campbell River | 201. Surrey |
| 53. Upper Skeena | 75. Mission | 202. South Surrey/White Rock |
| | 76. Agassiz-Harrison | |