



ENHANCING REGIONAL CAPACITY,
INVESTMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES
FOR GROWTH

State OF THE North REPORT

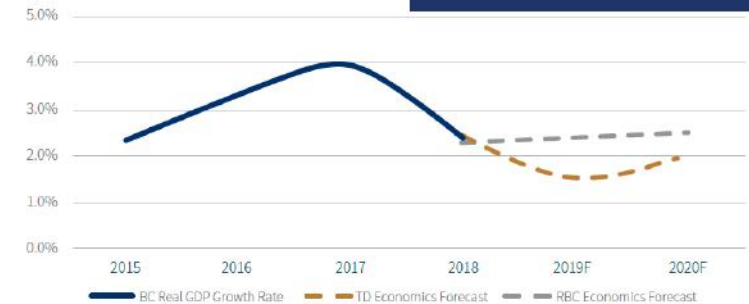
Macroeconomic

- Canadian economic growth slowed in second half of 2018
- B.C. economy moderated in 2018, but remained strong
- Major infrastructure projects in Northern B.C.
- Lower growth projection for 2020 and 2021
- In B.C. signs economy improving
- Drilling activity in the oil and gas sector above 2016 levels two years in a row
- LNG Canada positive investment

1. Macroeconomic Indicators

GDP

B.C. Real GDP Growth Rate



Gross domestic product ("GDP")

Measures the value of final goods and services produced in the economy. Changes in GDP are the standard measure of economic growth.

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 379-0030, TD Economics, RBC Economics

Short Term

- Lower growth projection for 2020 and 2021
- Drilling activity in the oil and gas sector above 2016 levels two years in a row
- LNG Canada positive investment
- Steep decline in forestry sector
- Tourism improving thanks to reduced fire activity in summer 2019
- Site C Dam and LNG Canada facility contributing to increased economic activity

GDP GROWTH

TREND



FORECAST



Unemployment

- **Northeast:** 6.9 per cent in 2019 vs 5.7 per cent in 2018. Expected to decline with the construction of the Site C Dam
- **CCL:** 7 per cent in 2019 vs 6.3 per cent in 2018. Levels are expected to rise with the downturn in forestry
- **Northwest:** 4.4 per cent in 2019 vs 5.9 per cent in 2018.
- **North Central:** 4.9 per cent 2019 vs 5.2 per cent 2018

- Northern B.C. average is 5.8 per cent
- B.C. average is 4.7 per cent



Table 1: Percentage of Total Provincial Employment Attributable to Natural Resource Industries, 1997-2016

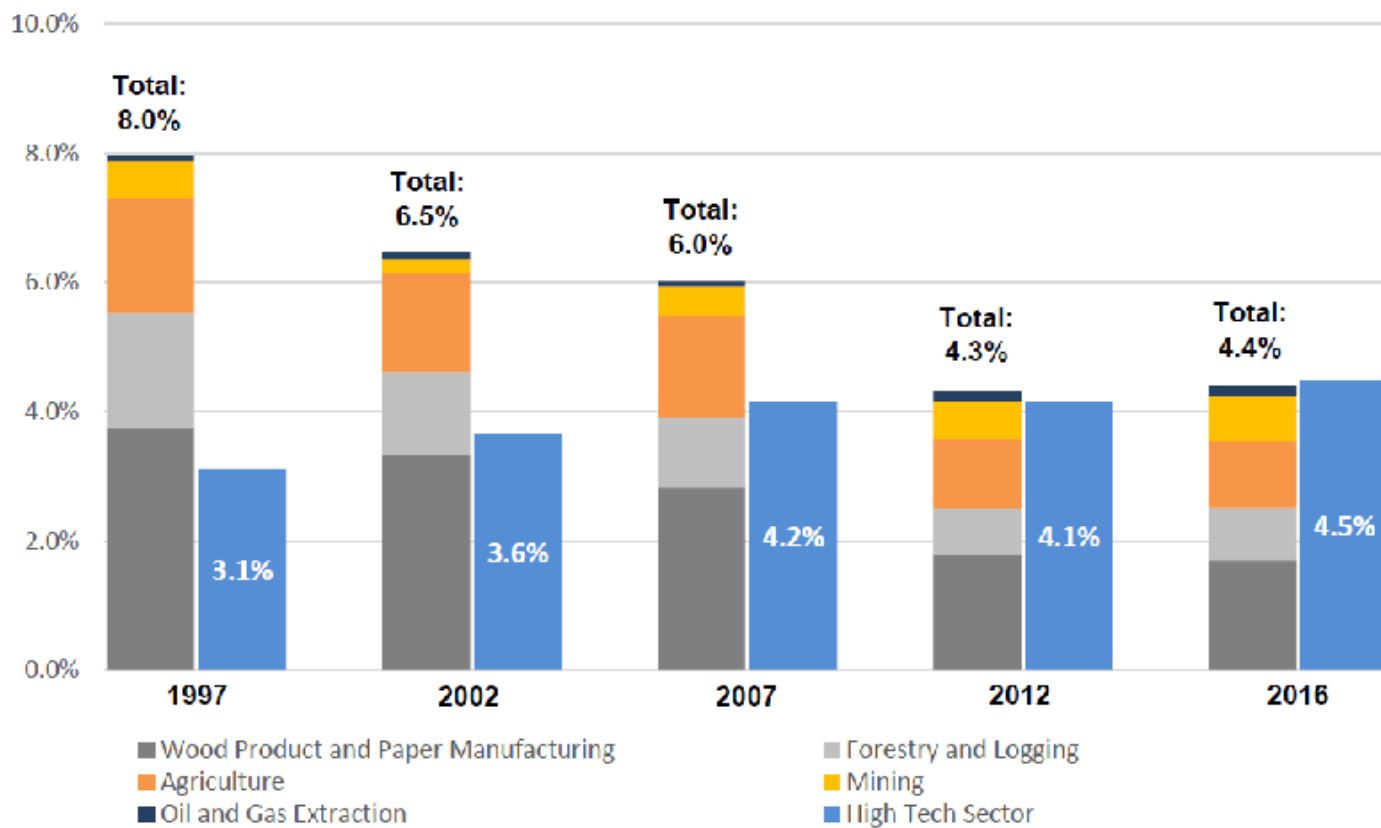


Table 2: Percentage of Total Provincial GDP Attributable to Traditional Northern BC Industries, 1997-2016

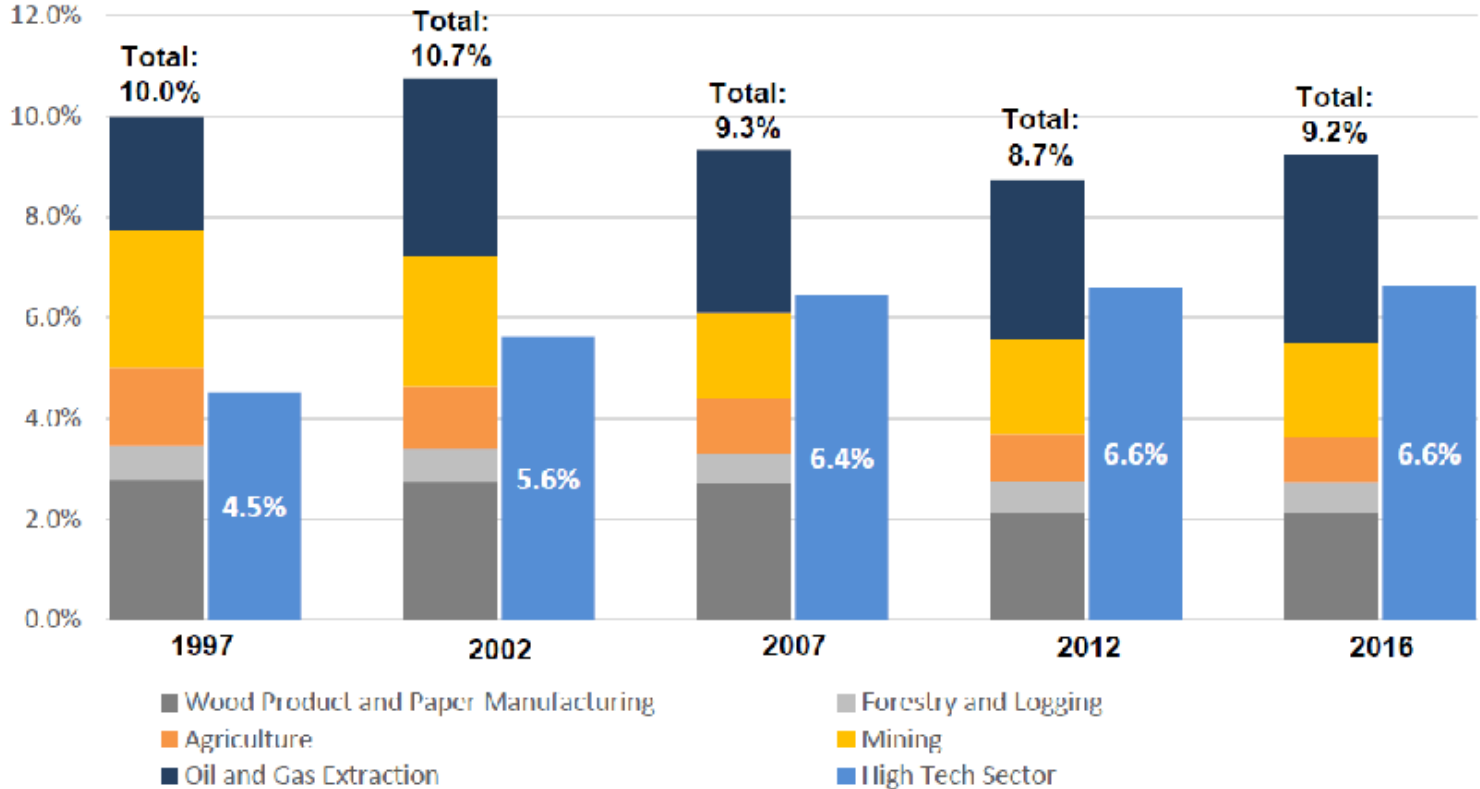
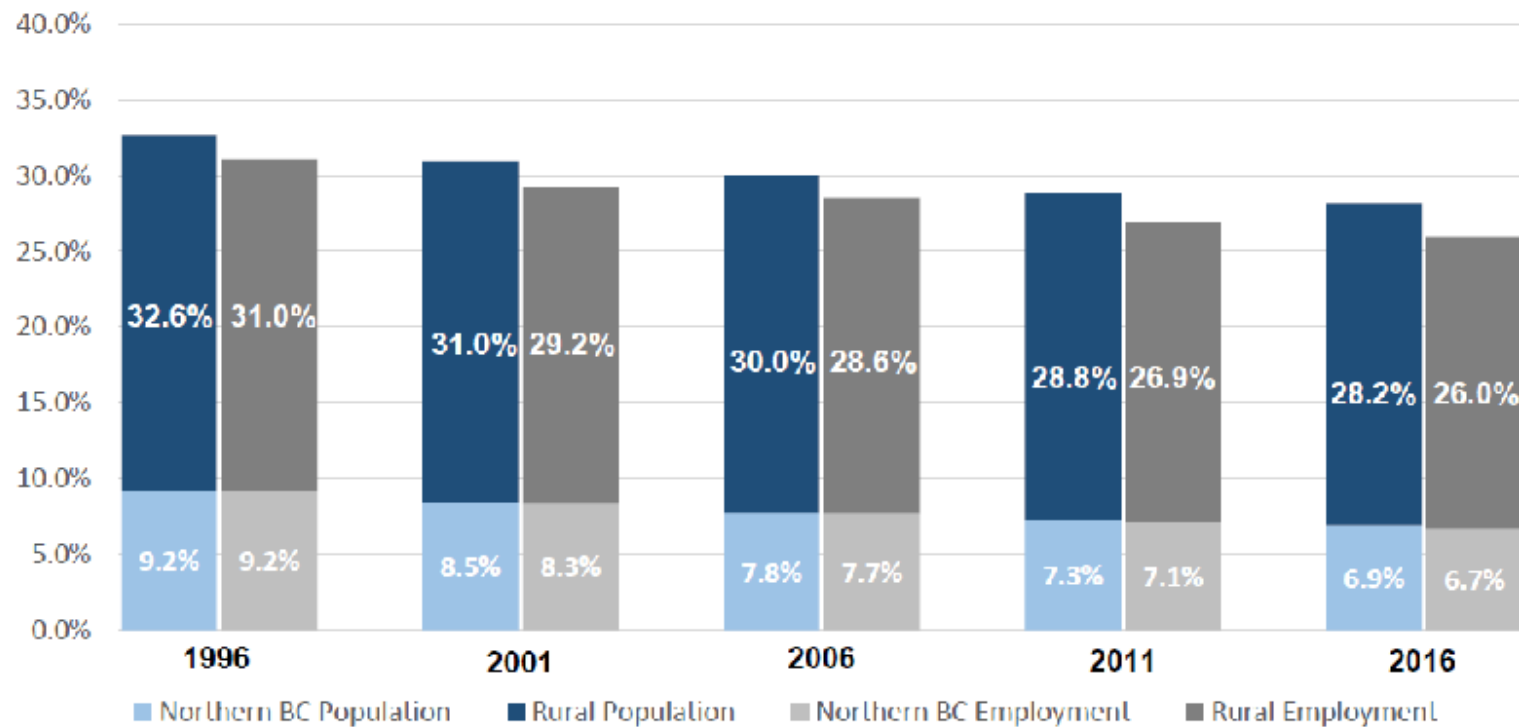


Table 3: Percentage of Total Provincial Employed Individuals and Population that Live in Rural Areas and Northern BC, 1996-2016



Charting the Future of the North

Human Infrastructure

Economic Infrastructure

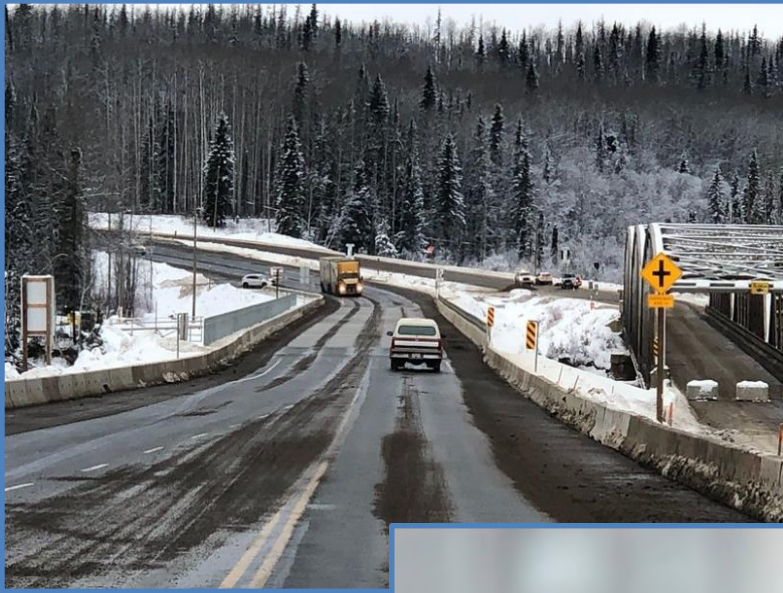
Physical Infrastructure

Social Infrastructure

Building Long Term Sustainability



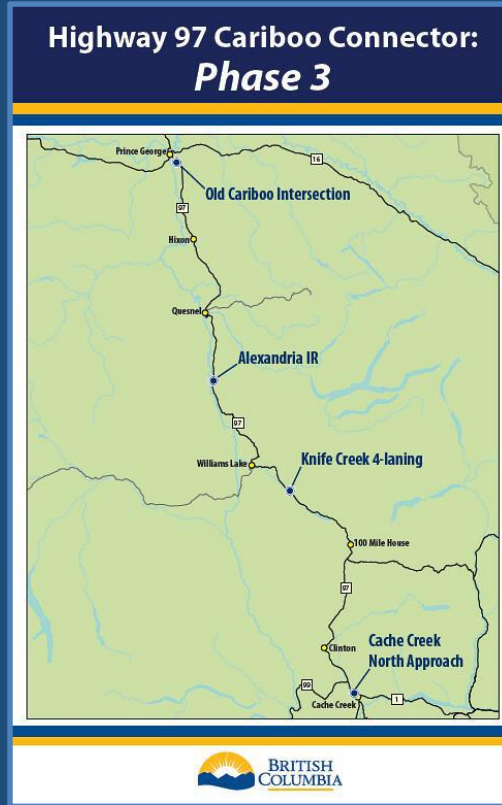
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