

Community Economic Sustainability in the Slocan Arrow Lakes Region

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What are the Challenges?

Big Issues

- Globalization of the Economy, Trade
- Global Economic Recession
- Labour Force (demographics, immigration, skills)
- Climate Change
- Oil/Energy Costs
- Food Security

What are the Challenges?

Provincial/Regional Issues

- Pine Beetle/Softwood Lumber Market
- Aging Population
- Immigration (Regional lack of!)
- Advanced High Speed Access
- Transportation, communication infrastructure
- Housing Prices
- Non-Local investment
- Illegal and underground economies

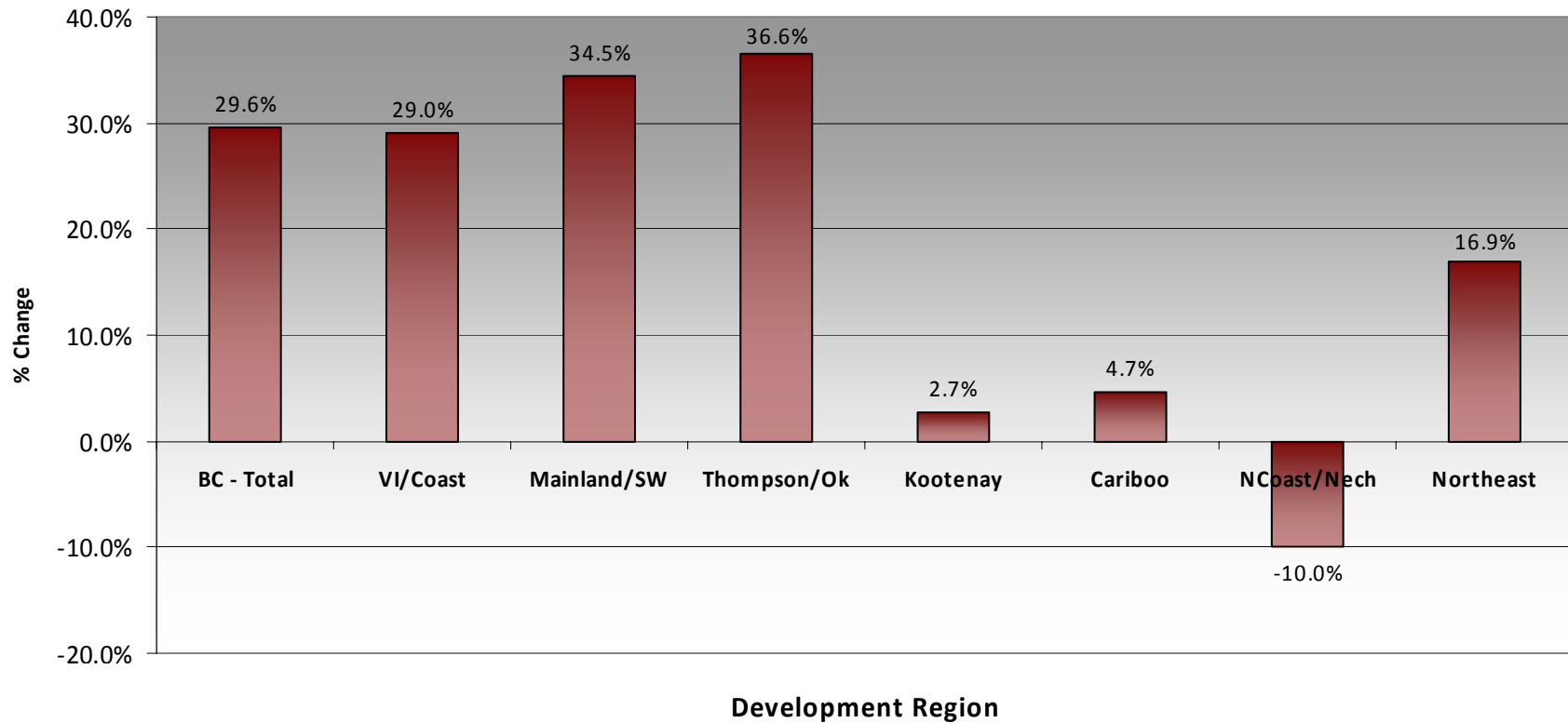
Local Issues

- Forestry and other business closures

Response: “Healthy Economy” and Transition initiatives

Your are not Alone - Jobs!

**% Change in Employed Labour Force
1995 to 2008**

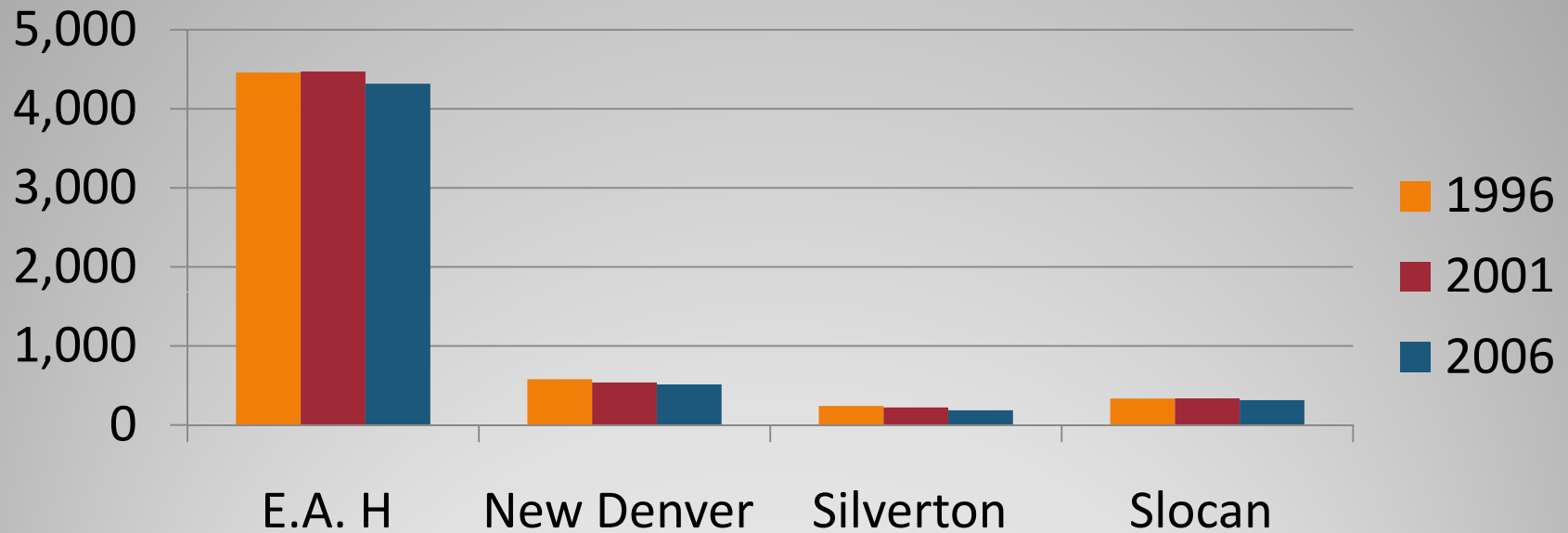


Your are not Alone – Population!

Annual Average Population Percent Change (2006 Census)

	All BC	Rural BC
Last 10 Years	1.13%	0.50%
Last 5 Years	1.14%	0.77%
Total 2006	4,320,255	1,342,850

Your Situation - Population



Arrow Lakes LHA

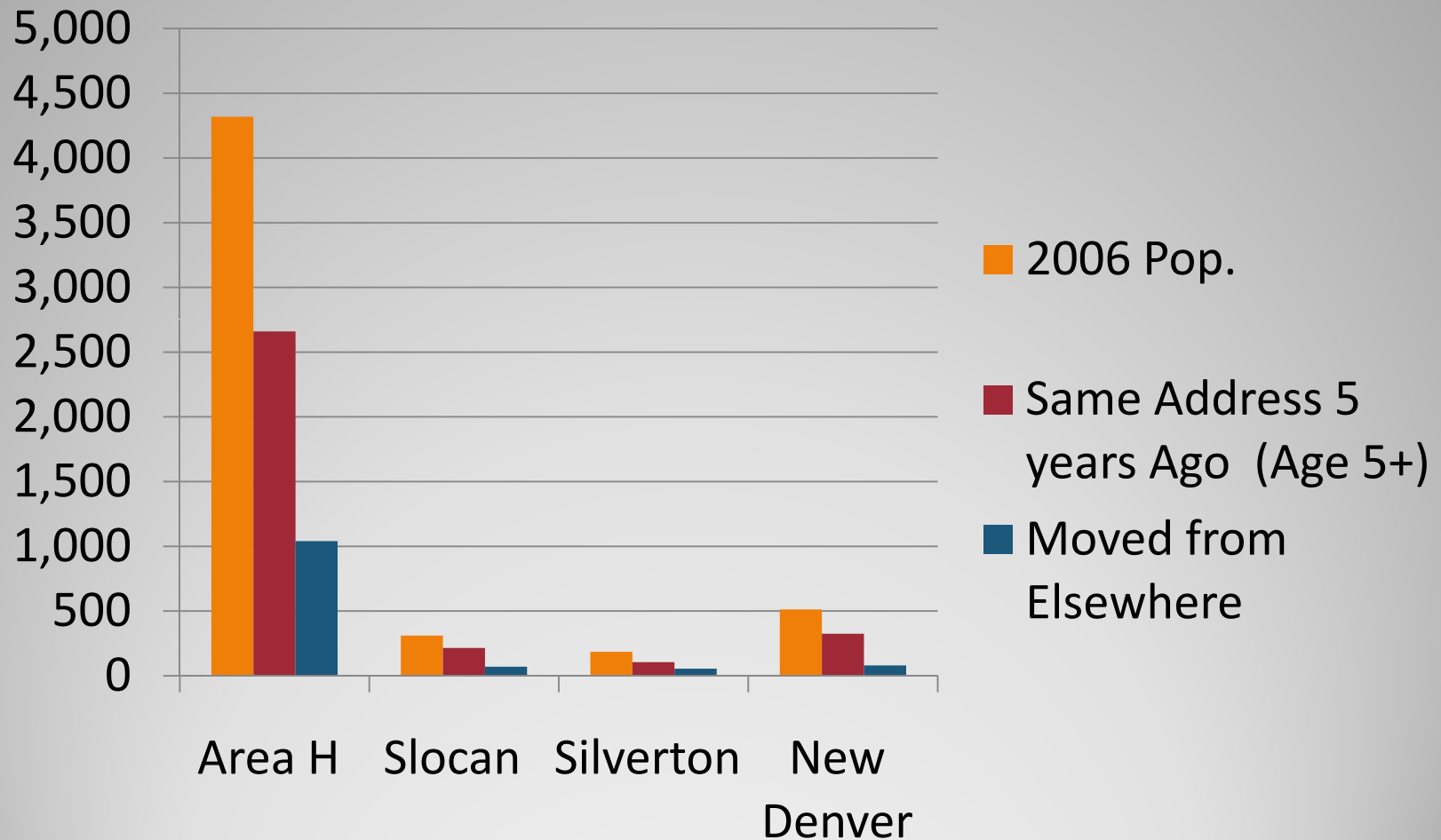


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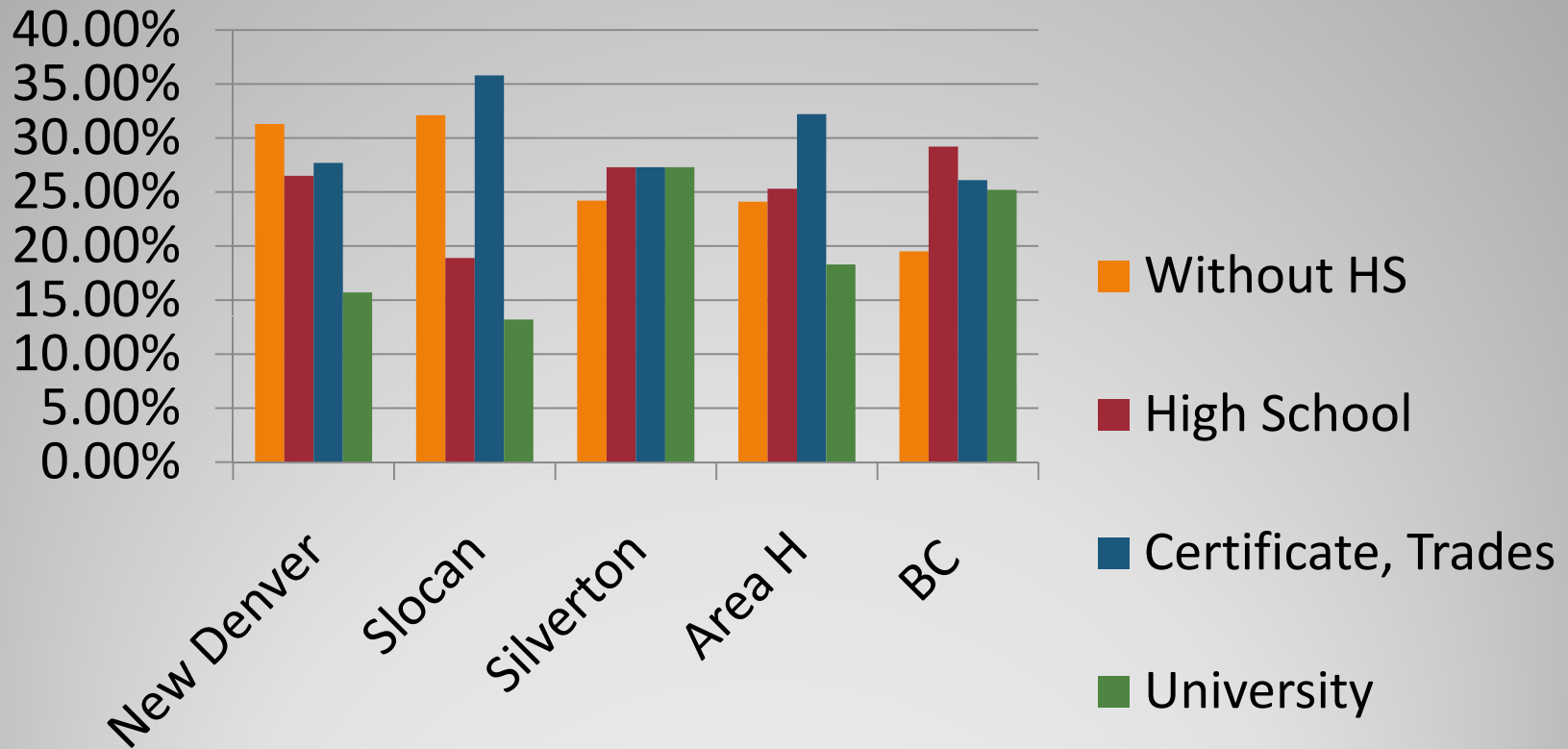
Arrow Lakes LHA Age Range	2008	2018	Change 2008 - 2018
Age 0-17	869	633	-236
Age 18-24	240	390	+150
Age 25-64	2,631	2,115	-516
Age 65+	1,001	1,453	+452
	4,741	4,519	

Median Age (2006)	Area H	New Denver	Silverton	Slocan	BC
Age (Yrs.)	44.0	53.0	54.8	47.4	40.8

Mobility Patterns 2001 - 2006

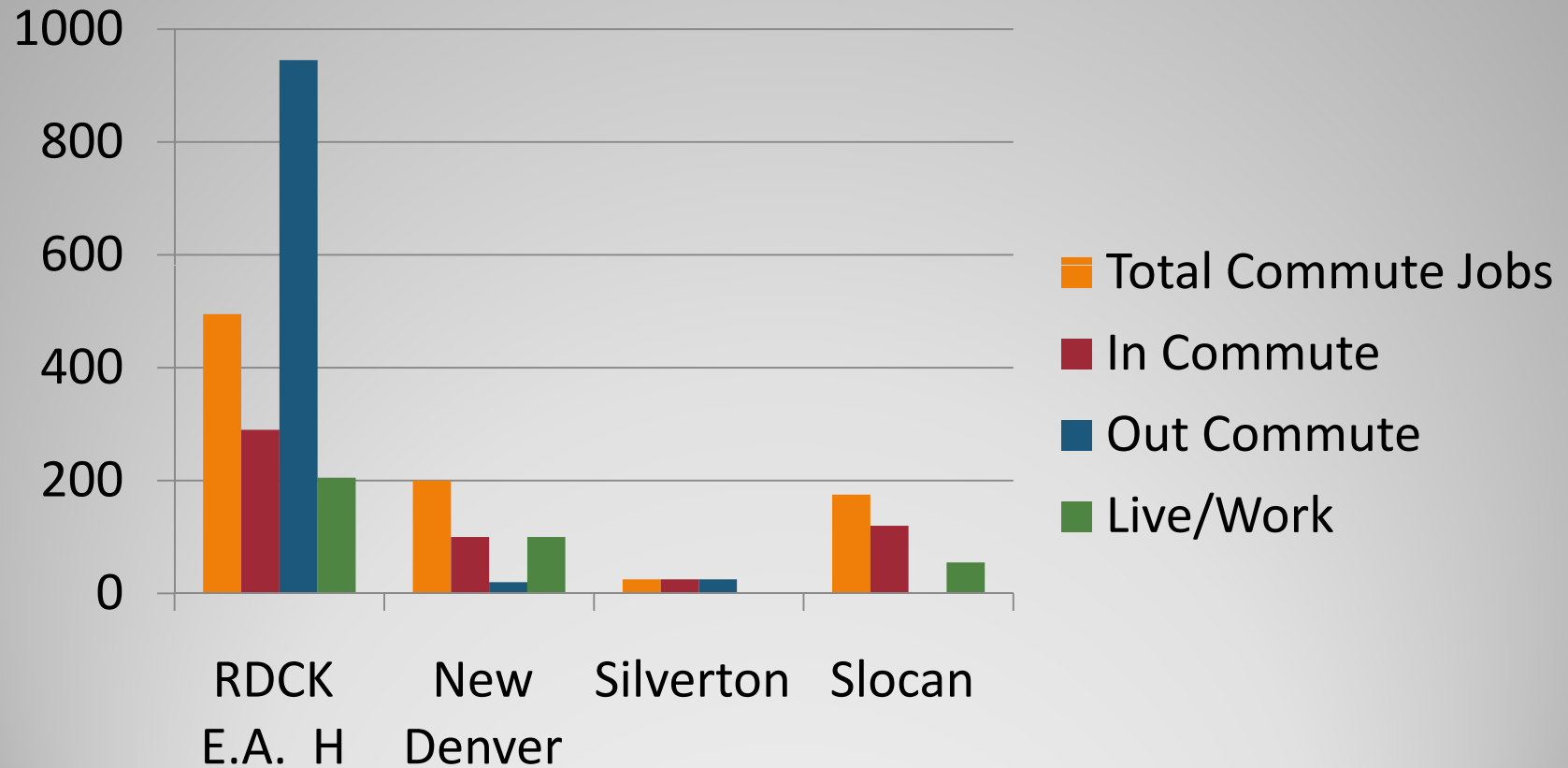


Your Situation – Education (Age 15 +)



	Arrow Lakes LHA	Nelson LHA	BC
% 18 yr. old non grad. 2007/2008	13.8%	29.4%	26.2%

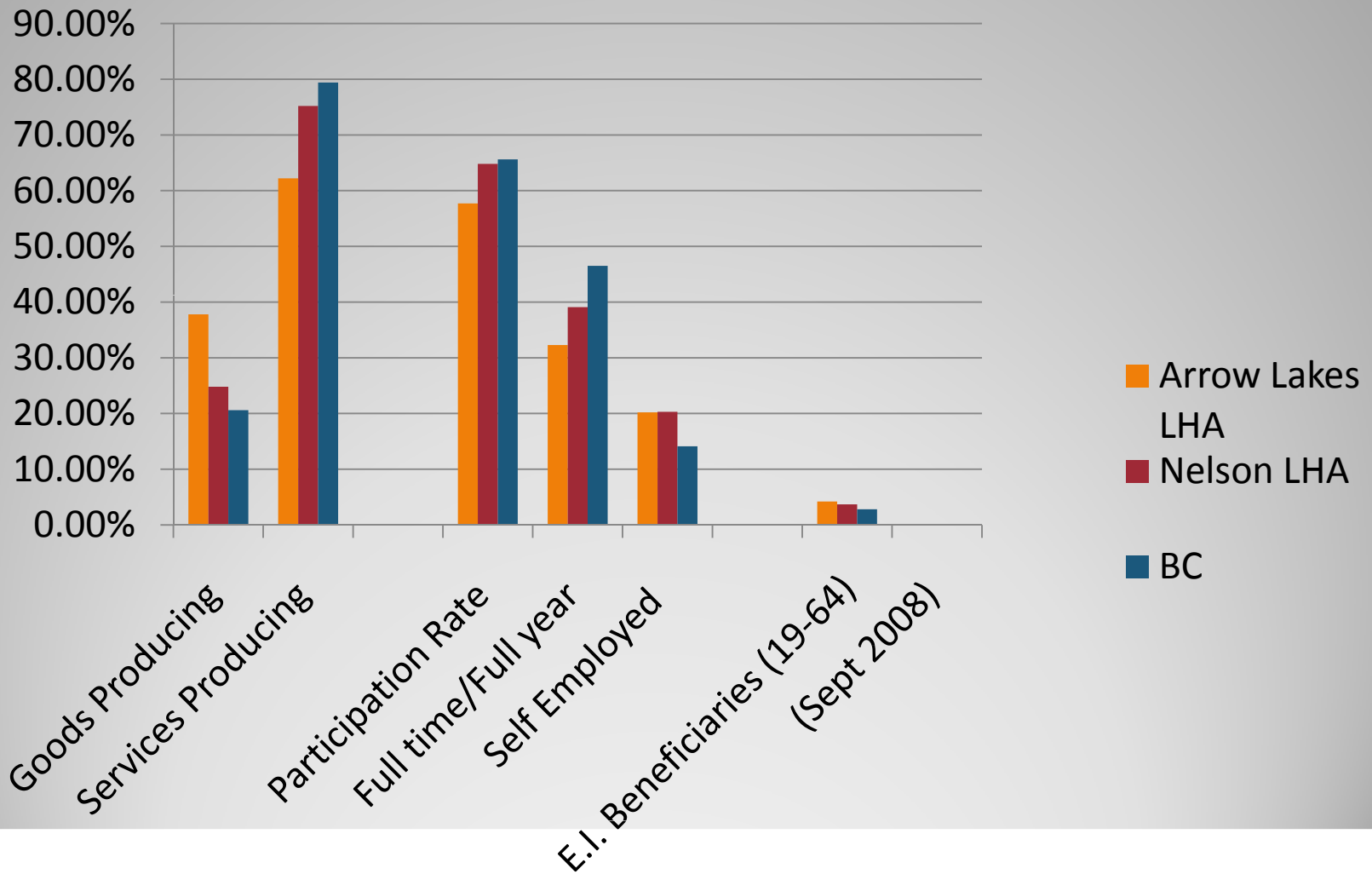
Jobs and Commuting Patterns 2006



What are the Regional Employment Trends?

	1998	2008
BC <i>Total</i> (<i>,000</i>)	1,858	2,314
Goods Producing	408	501
<i>Construction</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>221</i>
<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>187</i>
Services Producing	1,450	1,812
Kootenay ED Region	70	71.5
Goods Producing	21.6	22.1
<i>Construction</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>8.0</i>
<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>4.6</i>
Services Producing	48.8	49.4

Your Situation – Employment (2006)



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Employment	Arrow Lakes LHA	Nelson LHA	BC
Management	8.6%	8.9%	10.5%
Professional	11.1%	15.2%	14.4%
Trades/Technical	18.8%	17.9%	29.1%
Lesser Skilled	61.5%	58.0%	46.0%

What are the RDCK Business Trends?

	Total Businesses 2008	Change 1999 - 2008	% Change 1999-2008	With Employees	No Employees
All Industries	4,691	584	12.4%	+ 18	+ 566
<i>Goods Producing</i>	1,355	98		-23	121
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt.	444	-12	-2.7%	-75	63
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	27	8	29.6%	7	1
Utilities	18	8	44.4%	4	4
Construction	676	81	12.0%	37	44
Manufacturing	190	13	6.8%	4	9

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	Total Businesses 2008	Change 1999 - 2008	% Change 1999-2008	With Empl'y's	No Empl'y's
<i>Services Producing</i>	3,336	486	14.6%	41	445
Retail Trade	516	3	0.6%	26	-23
Finance & Insurance	170	60	35.3%	22	38
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	407	134	32.9%	0	134
Professn'l, Scientific & Tech.	436	122	28.0%	13	109
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises.	120	49	40.8%	-16	65
Accom. & Food Services	287	-18	-6.3%	-14	-4
Other Serv's	358	44	12.3%	24	20
Public Administration	26	-19	-73.1%	-20	1

Your Situation—Economic Dependency (2006)

	Arrow Lakes LHA	Nelson LHA
Forestry	23%	8%
Public Sector	22%	30%
Transfer Payments	17%	18%
Non –Emp't Income	14%	17%
Construction	9%	10%
Tourism	5%	6%
Cash Economy	?	?

Your Situation – Municipal Tax Revenue

Total Municipal Tax Revenue		
	Average Revenue 2007 - 2009	Revenue Source Proportion
New Denver	\$139,899.00	
Residential	\$118,248.67	84.5%
Major Industry	\$0.00	0.0%
Business	\$20,300.67	14.5%
Silverton	\$94,235.33	
Residential	\$81,053.00	86.0%
Major Industry	\$0.00	0.0%
Business	\$13,182.33	14.0%
Slocan	\$223,309.33	
Residential	\$62,539.67	28.0%
Major Industry	\$148,343.67	66.4%
Business	\$5,803.33	2.6%

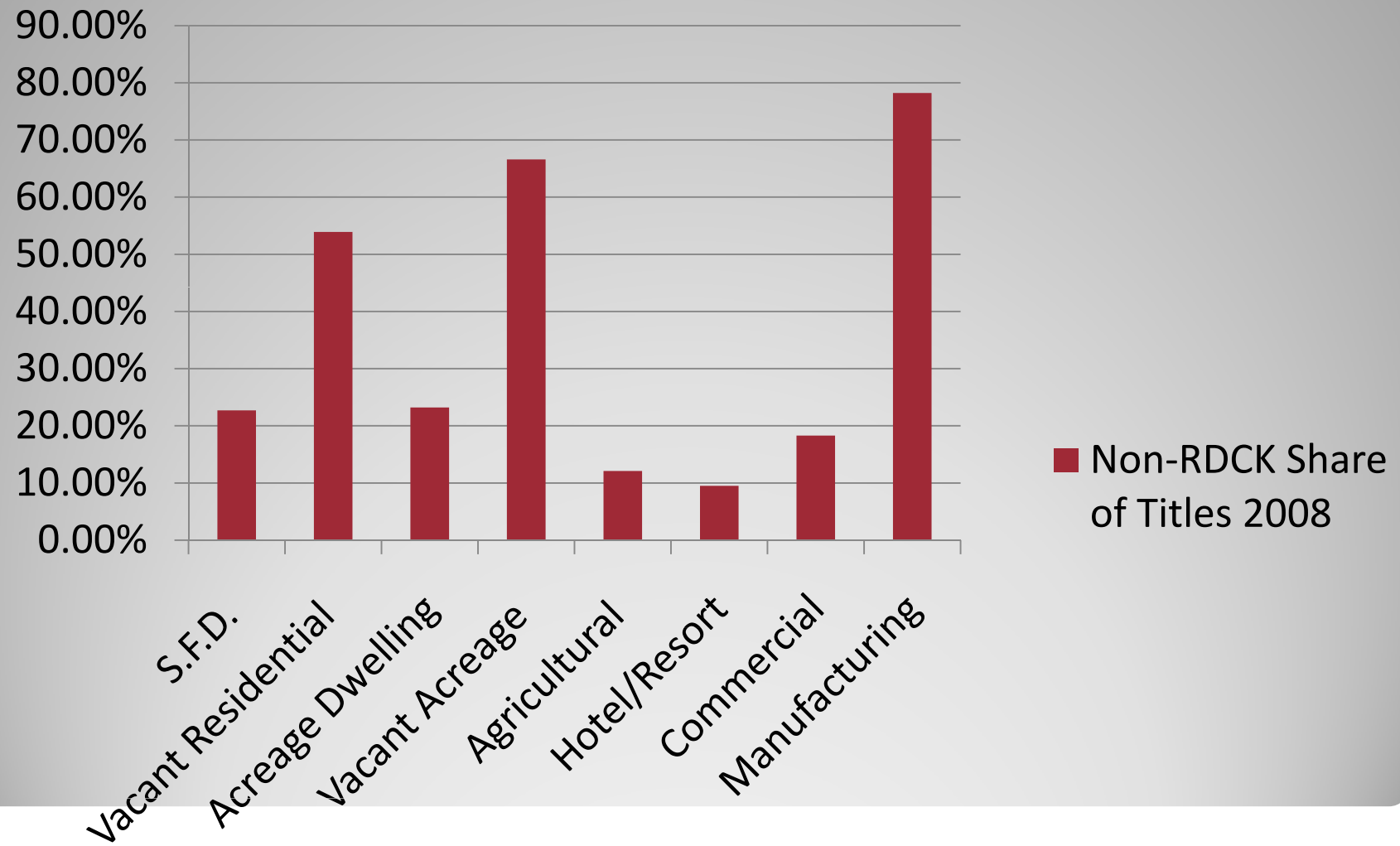
Your Situation – Income (2005)

	Arrow Lakes LHA	Nelson LHA	BC
Average Household Income	\$44,804	\$54,250	\$67,675
Average Family Income	\$57,250	\$60,950	\$80,511
Less Than \$20k	12.6%	10.4%	8%
\$20k – \$80K	66.7%	63.7%	53.8%
\$80k +	20.4%	25.7%	38.1%
Low Income Families	14.7%	12.6%	13.3%

Your Situation - Dwellings and Values

	Average Dwelling Value 2006	Average Dwelling Value Increase 2001-2006 (%)	Average Household Income 2005	Households Spending more than 30% on Shelter
Area H	\$248,948	65%	\$41,871	26.5%
New Denver	\$208,210	86%	\$36,717	28.8%
Silverton	\$239,531	181%	n/a	n/a
Slocan	\$122,679	22%	\$53,531	25.9%
BC	\$418,703	81.5%	\$67,675	27.8%

Slocan Arrow Lakes Non- Resident Ownership



What are the Local Challenges to achieving employment or new business development?

- Regional Competition
- Effective Link between opportunities and skills/interests
- Land, services, facilities availability
- Community interest, acceptance
- Air accessibility
- Small regional market
- Distance from larger markets
- Labour force age, skills
- Lack of economic/employment diversity
- Access to Capital , Venture Capital
- Transportation (road, rail transport)
- Enhanced broadband access
- Variable capacities in local infrastructure (sewer, water, designated /zoned business areas)
- Limited research and advanced education
- Small, separated communities and organizations (co-operation and coordination a challenge)
- Reputation (Pot Economy)

What are your Advantages?

- Provincial Highway
- In BC context, reasonable housing costs
- Lower regional wage rates
- Great outdoor amenities for tourism and lifestyle
- Good regional business support services
- In migration of “zoomers” with skills and capital
- Still have base of agriculture, forestry, minerals
- Close to Okanagan
- Relatively “safe” place to be
- Regional E.D.C. and Chamber of Commerce
- Selkirk College
- Columbia Basin Trust

What are municipal roles in Economic Development?

- Land use planning
- Basic (water, sewer, road) infrastructure capacity
- Municipal “quality of life” infrastructure, services
- Development controls, charges and permits
- Land and building ownership
- Business liaison
- Commercial and industrial land inventory
- Specific E.D. contacts
- Community, regional information
- Marketing
- \$ and human resources
- Joint ventures
- Legitimacy, Vision and leadership
- Regional Branding and Marketing
- Coordination, Communication and Raising Awareness

Community Capacity

- Participation
- Leadership
- Community Organizations
- Community Infrastructure
- External support
- Asking why? Problem solving
- Resources, \$
- Skills, knowledge, and learning
- Linking with others, Partnerships
- Sense of community, Community confidence
- to accomplish what?
- over what time frame?

Economic Strategy/Transitions

- Value-added manufacturing
- Wood supply for value-added operators and small independent mills
- Community forest tenure
- Mining and Agriculture sectors
- Support of innovation and Development of New Technologies
- Development of the Tourism/Cultural Sector
- Energy Development
- Amenity Migration
- Infrastructure Development
- Development of Infrastructure and Services Related to the Health and Well Being of Seniors and Families

- Business Retention, Attraction and Expansion
- Attract people, \$, or business?

Questions?

- What do you want to achieve? How do you measure success?
- How can Healthy Housing, E.D.C., Chamber, Business, Provincial, local and regional governments (elected and staff) and community groups and stakeholders play a proactive role in helping to realize the goals/objectives?
- How can Healthy Housing, E.D.C., Chamber, Business, Provincial, local and regional governments improve their “process” of collaboration and encourage more of it?