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Local Health Area Profile

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HEALTH STATUS:

<p><i>Low Birth Weight (2003-07):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Birth Weight Rate of 27.86 per 1,000 Live Births (↑) 	<p><i>Life Expectancy (2005-09):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased over the past 20 years (↑) Same as IH; lower than EKHSA and BC
<p><i>Standardized Mortality Ratio (SMR) (2003-07):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More Deaths due to Arteries, Arterioles or Capillaries than expected * 	<p><i>Chronic Disease (2008/09):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depression/Anxiety prevalence rate of 16.3%, which is lower than EK, IH and BC 38% of residents with Congestive Heart Failure also have Ischemic Heart Disease
<p><i>Leading Causes of Death (2003-07):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36% of all deaths caused by Diseases of the Circulatory System 	<p><i>Socio Economic (2008):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Very Low' on the socio-economic stress index when comparing against BC LHAs.

In comparison to other Interior Health Local Health Areas, Golden residents rank favourably (Low Birth Weight) and moderately (Life Expectancy) on key health status measures. Golden ranks favourably on the social determinants of health (Socio Economic) risk factor.

HEALTH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE:

<p><i>Acute Care (2008/09):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 528.2 ED visits per 1,000 pop'n (↓) <p><i>Age Standardized Rates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 583.6 A/R days per 1,000 pop'n (↑) 43.1 ALC days per 1,000 pop'n (↑) 63.0 SDC cases per 1,000 pop'n (↑) 34.1 IP Surgical cases per 1,000 pop'n (↓) 	<p><i>Home and Community Care:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 82.6 Residential Care & Short Stay beds per 1,000 75+ pop'n for 2009/10 (↓) 23.6 Assisted Living Units per 1,000 75+ pop'n for 2009/10 (↓) 13,108 Home Support hours per 1,000 65+ pop'n for 2008/09 (↑) <p><i>Acute Inpatient Referrals (2008/09):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over half (54.6%) of Golden resident inpatient acute cases were treated at Golden and District General Hospital
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In 2009/10 Golden exceeded established IH targets for Residential Care & Short Stay and Assisted Living crude bed rates. The age standardized Acute/Rehab Days rate is over the Interior Health Rural/Remote target of 575 for 2008/09 and has been over this target for 3 of the past 5 years.

HEALTH SERVICES:

<p><i>Services:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Level 1 Hospital (Golden & District Hospital) and a Health Centre (Golden) A variety of public health, mental health, primary health care and home and community care services

*Indicates statistical significance

(↑) Increased since previous year or aggregation of years

(↓) Decreased since previous year or aggregation of years

2. INTRODUCTION

This profile provides an overview of residents in the Golden Local Health Area and highlights key characteristics in the following areas:

- Health status
- Health system performance
- Health services

The health indicators conceptual framework used within this document is based on a population health indicator framework developed by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). This framework reflects the principle that health is not determined solely by medical care, but by a range of individual and population level, social and economic factors.

The Information Support Department produces a number of utilization and service reports. In addition to this LHA Profile, the following reports, relevant to the Golden LHA, are also available on the Interior Health website: 2009 Golden LHA Population Profile; 2009 East Kootenay Health Service Area Profile; and 2009 Facility Profiles.

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3. HEALTH STATUS

Health Status indicators focus on a range of measures such as health conditions, human function, well-being, and mortality. Please note much of the data in this section are aggregated over five year periods.

TABLE 1 Health Status Quick Stats

Golden LHA, 2001 to 2005, 2002 to 2006, 2003 to 2007

Indicator / Measure	2001-2005	2002-2006	2003-2007
Low Birth Weight Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 live births)	26.79	24.24	27.86
Standardized Mortality Ratio (All Causes of Death)	0.90	1.04	1.06

Source: BC Vital Statistics Agency, Annual Report 2007

*Indicates SMR with statistical significance

Low birth weight infants (< 2,500 grams) have increased risks of morbidity and premature death. The Golden rate of low birth weight infants is 27.86 per 1,000 live births, which is lower than the EKHSA (47.39), IH (53.35), and BC (55.64) rates.

Standardized Mortality Ratios

The Standardized Mortality Ratio (SMR) is the ratio of the number of deaths occurring to residents of a geographic area (e.g. Golden LHA) to the expected number of deaths in that area based on provincial age-specific mortality rates. An SMR less than 1 indicates fewer observed deaths than expected while an SMR greater than 1 indicates more deaths than expected. The SMR (all causes of death) for Golden is 1.06, which means there were slightly more, but not statistically significant, deaths than expected, given provincial rates.













Table 2 shows up to the five highest and five lowest **statistically significant** Standardized Mortality Ratios (SMR) for the Golden LHA. For those Local Health Areas with fewer than five, cells have been left blank.  indicates more deaths than expected given provincial rates, while  indicates less deaths than expected given provincial rates. Colour scale indicates variance from the expected number of deaths; darkest colours represent the greatest variance.

TABLE 2 Statistically Significant Standardized Mortality Ratios

Golden LHA, 2003 to 2007

More deaths than expected	
Arteries/Arterioles/Capillaries	
Diseases of Circulatory System	
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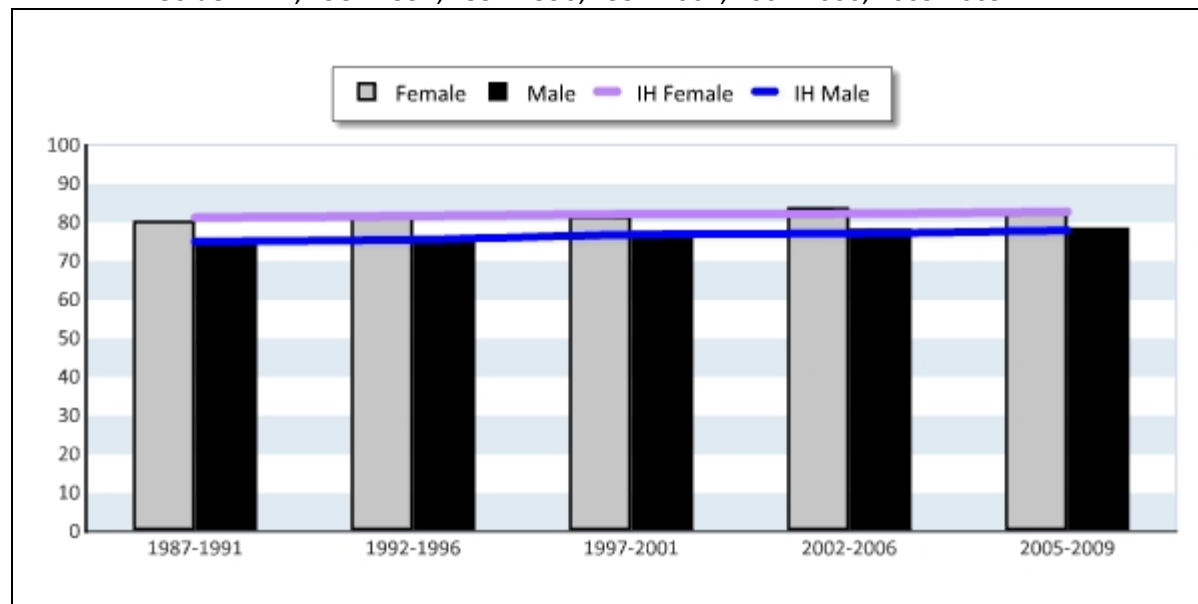
Less deaths than expected	
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Source: BC Vital Statistics Agency, Annual Report 2007

Life Expectancy

Figure 1 shows that females have a higher life expectancy than males in the Golden LHA. Total life expectancy has increased from 78 in 1987-1991 to 80 in 2005-2009.

FIGURE 1 Life Expectancy Trends by 5 year aggregations
Golden LHA, 1987-1991, 1992-1996, 1997-2001, 2002-2006, 2005-2009



Source: BC STATS, Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services

For 2005-2009, Golden's life expectancy at birth of 80 years is the same as that for IH (80), and lower than EKHS (81) and BC (81).

Leading Causes Of Death

The five leading causes of death in the Golden LHA over the period from 2003 to 2007 are presented in Table 3.

TABLE 3 Top 5 Cause of Death Categories
Golden LHA, 2003 to 2007

Cause of Death Category	Number of Deaths	% of Total Deaths	% of Category Deaths < 75 Years of Age
Diseases of Circulatory System	66	35.87%	33.33%
Malignant Neoplasms (all sites)	53	28.80%	58.49%
Diseases of Respiratory System	15	8.15%	53.33%
Endocrine Diseases	11	5.98%	45.45%
Suicide	5	2.72%	40.00%
Sub Total	150	81.52%	45.33%
All Causes of Death	184	100.00%	47.28%

Source: BC Vital Statistics Agency, Annual Report 2007

Diseases of the Circulatory System were the leading cause of death in the Golden LHA and accounted for 35.87% of the total deaths in the Golden LHA. Of the 66 deaths caused by Diseases of the Circulatory System, 33.33% were under 75 years of age.

Chronic Disease

Chronic health conditions affect many residents of the Interior Health Authority and the numbers of people affected are expected to increase as our population ages. These conditions impact health and well-being and represent a significant, and growing, healthcare and economic burden.¹

TABLE 4 Chronic Disease Prevalence Rates
Golden LHA, 2008/09

Chronic Disease Category	Golden LHA	EKHS A	IHA	BC
Depression/ Anxiety	16.3%	17.9%	24.5%	22.6%
Asthma	8.4%	8.7%	10.9%	11.1%
COPD	4.3%	6.0%	6.8%	5.3%
Diabetes Mellitus	4.1%	5.9%	6.6%	6.9%
Cardiovascular Disease	3.5%	5.4%	6.2%	5.0%
Congestive Heart Failure	1.5%	2.2%	2.6%	2.0%
Ischemic Heart Disease	1.5%	2.5%	3.7%	3.2%

Sources: Primary Health Care registry (DAD); Discharge Abstract Database (DAD), Medical Services Plan (MSP), 2008/09.

Of the conditions reported here, Depression/Anxiety is the most prevalent chronic disease among residents of the Golden LHA, with a rate of 16.3%. This is lower than the rate of Depression/Anxiety for EKHS A, IHA and BC.

It is common for patients with a chronic condition, to suffer from multiple conditions or co-morbidities. For example, Table 5 shows that 10% of Golden residents with Asthma also have Depression, Anxiety or Neuroses and that 3% of residents with Depression, Anxiety or Neuroses also have Asthma.

TABLE 5 Percentage of Residents with Combinations of Co-morbidities
Golden LHA, 2008/09

Chronic Disease Category	Total Cases	Depression, Anxiety, Neuroses	Asthma	Ischemic Heart Disease	Congestive Heart Failure	Diabetes Mellitus (Type 1 or 2)	COPD, Emphysema, Chronic Bronchitis
Depression, Anxiety, Neuroses	1,070		3%	2%	1%	6%	3%
Asthma	360	10%		3%	3%	2%	7%
Ischemic Heart Disease	204	13%	6%		16%	23%	13%
Congestive Heart Failure	84	17%	12%	38%		21%	33%
Diabetes Mellitus (Type 1 or 2)	450	14%	2%	10%	4%		5%
COPD, Emphysema, Chronic Bronchitis	196	17%	12%	13%	14%	11%	

Sources: Primary Health Care registry (DAD); Discharge Abstract Database (DAD), Medical Services Plan (MSP), 2008/09.

¹ Broemeling, A.M., Watson, D.E., Prebtani, F. Population Patterns of Chronic Health Conditions, Co-Morbidity & Healthcare Use in Canada: Implications for Policy and Practice. Healthcare Quarterly, 2008; 11(3): 70-76.

Health Behavior Statistics

TABLE 7 Health Behavior Indicators
EKHSA, 2008

Indicator / Measure	EKHSAs	IHA	BC	Canada
Leisure Time Physical Activity (proportion of 12+ population active or moderately active)	59.2%	63.4%	58.7%	50.6%
Healthy Eating (proportion of 12+ population eating 5+ servings of fruit and vegetables per day)	42.2%	38.7%	42.4%	43.7%
Overweight / Obesity (proportion of 18+ population)	57.2%	49.1%	45.1%	51.1%
Tobacco Use (proportion of 15+ population who are daily or occasional smokers)	22.2%	23.4%	18.6%	21.4%

Note: Data not available at the LHA level; Source: Canadian Community Health Survey, Statistics Canada, 2008.

East Kootenay HSA residents have a higher percentage of population who report being active or moderately active when compared to the provincial and national rates, but a lower percentage than the Interior Health rate. Of interest, a higher percentage of East Kootenay residents reported being either overweight or obese when compared to the Interior Health, provincial and Canadian rates.

Leisure-Time Physical Activity - Regular physical activity reduces the risk of developing chronic diseases, helps to control weight and promotes psychological well-being.

Healthy Eating - 30% of cancer and diabetes cases and 20% of cardiovascular disease can be attributed to poor nutrition².

Overweight/Obesity - Obesity is a major risk factor for many chronic illnesses, including cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes and some types of cancer.

Tobacco Use - Cigarette smoking is the primary risk factor for the top three causes of death in Canada: diseases of the circulatory system, cancers and respiratory diseases.

To access many other Canadian Community Health Survey indicators, please visit this link:

http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca/cgi-win/cnsmcgl.exe?Lang=E&RootDir=CII/&Detail=1&ResultTemplate=CII/CII_&TblDetail=1&C2SUB=HEALTH&Array_Pick=1&ArravId=105-0501

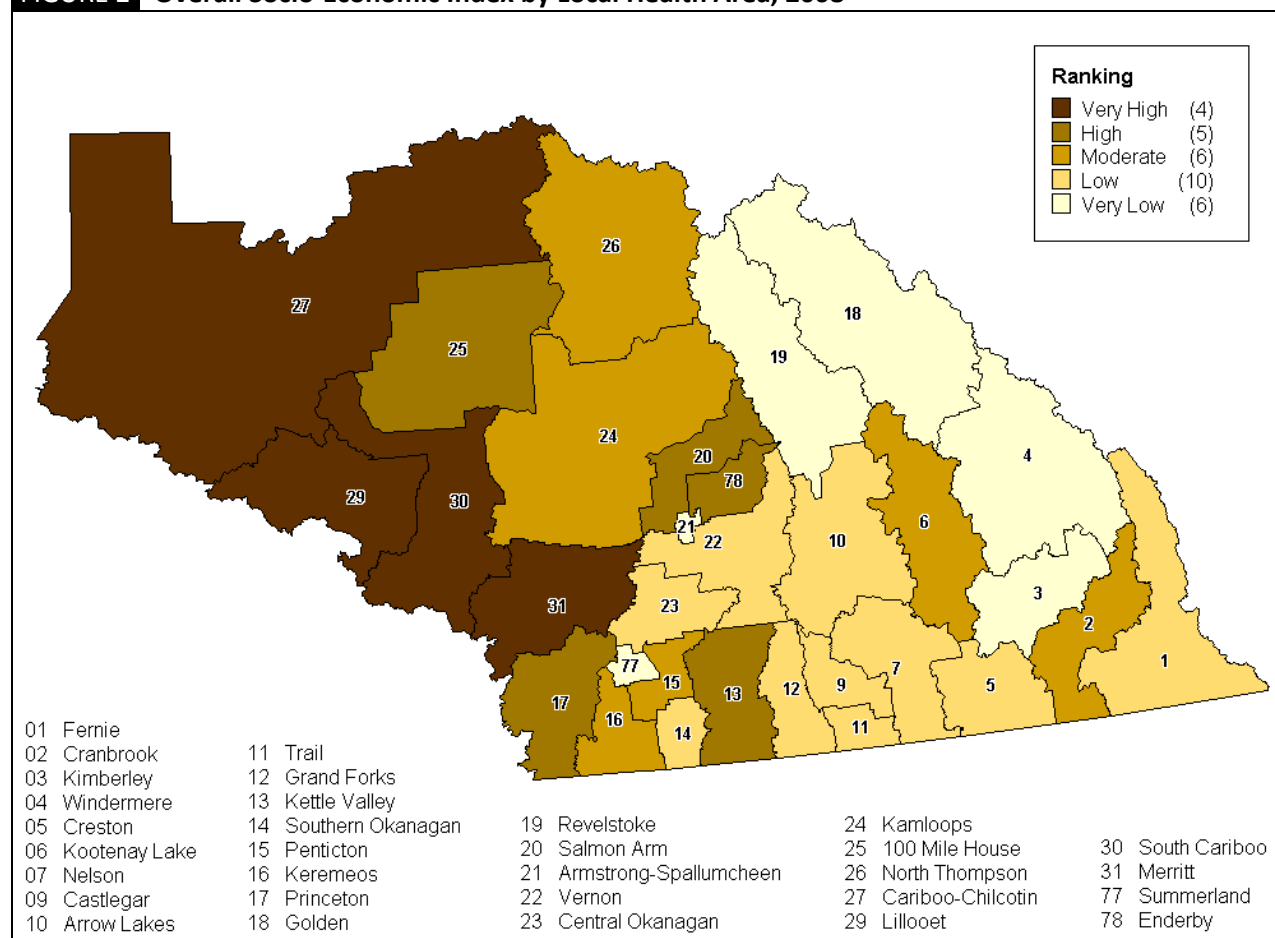
² http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/prevent/healthy_eating.html

Overall Regional Socio-Economic Index

The purpose of the Overall Regional Socio-Economic Index is to summarize the results of the six composite indices by providing an overall weighted average of Economic Hardship, Crime, Health Problems, Education Concerns, Children at Risk, and Youth at Risk.

The design of the various indices is intended to provide cross-sectional analysis at *a point in time*. The developed indices are not designed for temporal analysis. For example, a drop in an index value for a particular region from 0.50 to 0.30 does not necessarily mean an improvement in conditions within the region. The change may be due to other areas becoming relatively worse off. The higher the Socio-Economic Index value, the greater the socio-economic stress within that region. It should be noted that although only the Interior Health region is shown, these rankings are based on Index values for *all Local Health Areas within British Columbia*.

FIGURE 2 Overall Socio-Economic Index by Local Health Area, 2008



Source: BC Stats, Socio-Economic Indices, 2008

The following four IH LHAs ranked 'Very High' (worst off) on this measure relative to other British Columbia LHAs: Cariboo-Chilcotin, Merritt, South Cariboo and Lillooet. Conversely, the following six IH LHAs ranked 'Very Low' (best off) on this measure relative to other BC LHAs: Summerland, Revelstoke, Armstrong, Windermere, Kimberley and Golden. The Golden LHA ranked 'Very Low,' indicating a very low level of socio-economic stress relative to other BC LHAs.

For individual values for all of the Socio-Economic Indices and methods for index development, please visit the BC Stats website at: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/sep/i_lha/lha_main.asp

4. HEALTH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Health indicators that fall under the Health System Performance category measure various aspects of the quality of health care, such as access, efficiency and utilization.

Age Standardized Utilization Rates are hypothetical rates that are calculated to allow comparisons of health care service use across geographic areas, by adjusting for differences in the age mixes of regions. They are the rates that would be expected in a region if the region's population experienced the same age specific utilization rates as the province as a whole. Tables 8 and 10 report age standardized utilization rates for Acute/Rehab days, ALC days, Inpatient Surgery cases and Surgical Day Care cases.

TABLE 8 Health System Quick Stats
Golden LHA, 2008/09

Indicator / Measure	Golden LHA	EKHSa	IH	BC
Age Standardized - Acute/Rehab Days (per 1,000 Population) †	583.6	598.9	528.5	570.3
Age Standardized - Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Days (per 1,000 Population) †	43.1	48.7	73.3	72.7
Age Standardized – Inpatient Surgical (IP) Cases (per 1,000 Population) †	34.1	34.9	31.8	27.6
Age Standardized – Surgical Day Care (SDC) Cases (per 1,000 Population) †	63.0	90.4	86.6	81.7
Emergency Department Visits (per 1,000 Population)*	528.2	649.7	472.0	--
Home Support Clients/1,000 Pop'n. 65+ Ω	89	72	55	--
Adult Day Service Clients/1,000 Pop'n 65+ Ω	22	21	18	--
Home Support Hours/1,000 Pop'n. 65+ Ω	13,108	13,736	10,697	--
Adult Day Services Days/1,000 Pop'n. 65+ Ω	687	790	542	--
Residential Care Days/1,000 Pop'n 75+ ℘	31,408	31,172	30,371	--
Assisted Living Days/1,000 Pop'n 75+ ℘	9,172	5,965	5,199	--

Sources: † Healthideas Summary Reports, Ministry of Health; *Admissions Universe, 2008/09, Interior Health; Ω HCC Universe Business Objects, 2008/09; ℘ MIS/General Ledger.

Notes: Age Standardized Rates are age-standardized per 1,000 population using the indirect method and have been calculated using PEOPLE 34 population data (no newborns); Rates for ED visits and HCC indicators are crude rates per 1,000 population and have been calculated using PEOPLE34 data. Total for ED visits does not include scheduled visits; Home Support includes LT, ST, EOL & CISL for 65+.

Golden residents have a higher age standardized Inpatient Surgical case rate than Interior Health and B.C. residents, but slightly lower than the EKHSa rate. Age standardized Surgical Day Care case rates for Golden residents are lower than EKHSa, Interior Health and B.C. residents. Golden and EKHSa Surgical Day Care rates may be understated due to unavailability of data for use of services in Alberta.

Golden residents have one of the highest crude rates of Home Support clients per 1,000 65+ population of all Interior Health Local Health Areas. The Home Support hours rate is lower than the EKHSa rate and higher than the IH rate. Adult Day Services client rates for Golden are similar to the HSA and IH rates and the days rate is lower than the EKHSa rate and higher than the IH rate. The Residential Care Days rate is higher than rates for EKHSa (31,172) and IH (30,371). The Golden Assisted Living Days rate is the highest per 1,000 65+ population of all Interior Health Local Health Areas.

Details on age standardized Acute/Rehab and Alternate Level of Care days are provided in figures 3 and 4.

Interior Health has a Residential Care & Short Stay bed target of 79 beds per 1,000 75+ population and an Assisted Living unit target of 14 beds per 1,000 75+ population. The Golden LHA exceeds these Home and Community Care bed rate targets and has a higher Residential Care & Short Stay and Assisted Living bed rate than the EKHSA and IH.

TABLE 9 Bed Rates
Golden LHA, 2009/10

Indicator / Measure	Golden LHA	EKHSAs	IH
Residential Care & Short Stay beds/1,000 Pop'n 75+ ^o	82.6	79.4	81.8
Assisted Living Units/1,000 Pop'n 75+ ^o	23.6	16.0	14.7

Sources: ^o HCC Resl & AL beds September 2008, Interior Health

Notes: Values reported for RC beds and AL units are funded beds and/or units as at September, 2009

TABLE 10 Health System Quick Stats Trends
Golden LHA, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09

Indicator / Measure	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Age Standardized – Acute/Rehab Days (per 1,000 Population) τ	614.5	547.1	583.6
Age Standardized – Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Days (per 1,000 Population) τ	21.5	28.7	43.1
Age Standardized – Inpatient Surgical (IP) Cases (per 1,000 Population) τ	38.6	37.7	34.1
Age Standardized – Surgical Day Care (SDC) Cases (per 1,000 Population) τ	36.6	46.8	63.0
Emergency Department Visits (per 1,000 Population)*	576.0	550.6	528.2
Home Support Clients/1,000 Pop'n. 65+ Ω	92	82	89
Adult Day Service Clients/ 1,000 Pop'n 65+ Ω	27	31	22
Home Support Hours/1,000 Pop'n. 65+ Ω	10,027	12,696	13,108
Adult Day Services Days/1,000 Pop'n. 65+ Ω	1,219	953	687
Residential Care Days/1,000 Pop'n 75+ ℓ	30,620	31,038	31,408
Assisted Living Days/1,000 Pop'n 75+ ℓ	0	8,871	9,172

See notes from Table 8

The age standardized Inpatient Surgical case rate and ED crude rate decreased over the past 3 years, while the Surgical Day Care case rate increased for Golden residents during that time. Golden and EKHSAs Surgical Day Care rates may be understated due to unavailability of data for use of services in Alberta.

The rate of Home Support clients in Golden decreased from 2006/07 to 2007/08 and slightly increased from 2007/08 to 2008/09. During the same time period the rate of Home Support hours has increased each year since 2006/07. Adult Day Service clients and days rates have both decreased from the previous year.

The Golden Assisted Living and Residential Care days rates have both increased each year since 2006/07.

Trending details on age standardized Acute/Rehab and Alternate Level of Care days are provided in figures 3 and 4.

TABLE 11 Bed Rate Trends

Golden LHA, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10

Indicator / Measure	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Residential Care & Short Stay beds/1,000 Pop'n 75+ ^o	83.1	88.1	87.8	82.6
Assisted Living Units/1,000 Pop'n 75+ ^o	0.0	25.2	25.1	23.6

Sources: ^o HCC Resl & AL beds September 2008, Interior Health

Notes: Values reported for RC beds and AL units are funded beds and/or units as at October 2006, September 2007, September 2008, September 2009

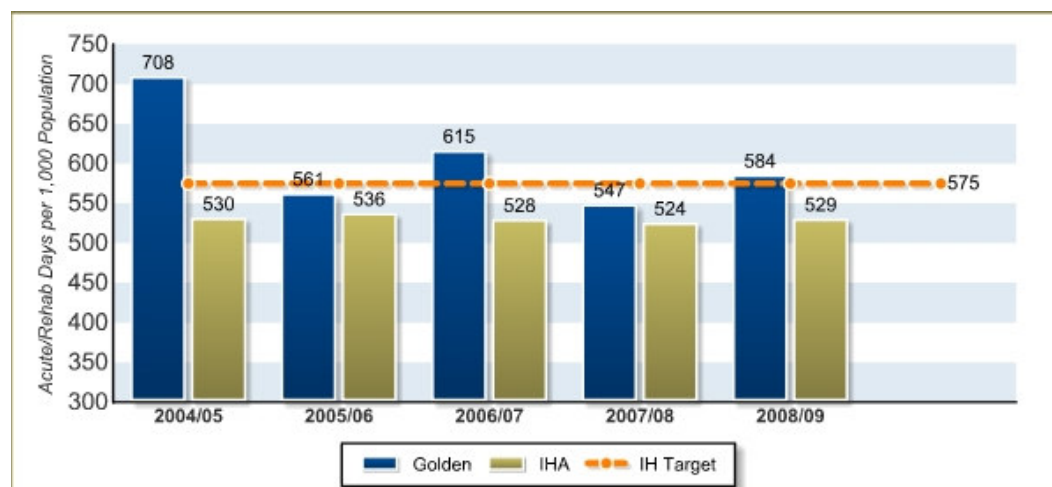
The Residential Care & Short Stay bed and Assisted Living Unit rates increased from 2006/07 to 2007/08 and have decreased each year since then.

Age Standardized Days Rates

Figure 3 provides the age-standardized acute/rehab days per 1,000 population for residents of the Golden LHA compared to Interior Health overall for the period from 2004/05 to 2008/09. The Golden LHA days rate increased to above the Rural/Remote target of 575 days per 1,000 population in 2008/09. This tells us that Golden residents used inpatient resources at a higher rate per 1,000 population than targeted that year.

FIGURE 3 Trends in the Acute/Rehab Days Rate

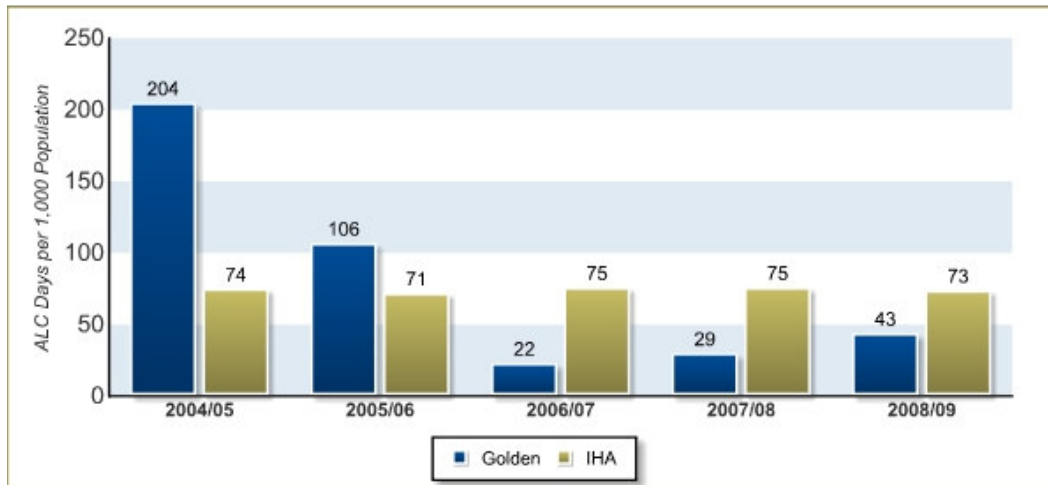
Golden LHA, 2004/05 – 2008/09



Source: Healthideas Summary Reports, Ministry of Health. The IH Target was established in the Acute Care Roles Review.

An important indicator of appropriateness of acute care resources is the number of alternate level of care (ALC) days. ALC days are the days that a patient spends in hospital after their acute care needs have been met, due to the unavailability of alternate care options such as placement in an appropriate setting. Figure 4 provides the standardized ALC days per 1,000 population for residents of the Golden LHA over the period from 2004/05 to 2008/09. The ALC days rate for the Golden LHA has been increasing since 2006/07.

FIGURE 4 Trends in the ALC Days Rate
Golden LHA, 2004/05 – 2008/09

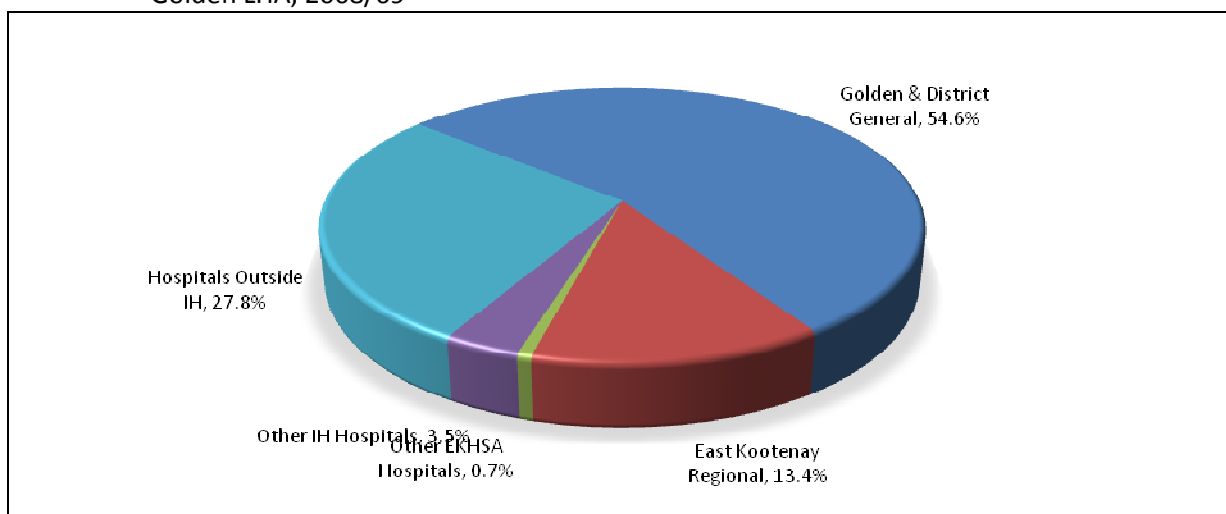


Source: Healthideas Summary Reports, Ministry of Health.

Inpatient Referral Patterns

As shown in Figure 5, over half (54.6%) of Golden inpatients received treatment at Golden and District General Hospital and another 13.4% received treatment at East Kootenay Regional Hospital (EKRH). Overall, over 68% of Golden LHA inpatient cases were treated at hospitals within the East Kootenay Health Service Area (EKHSA). It is important to note that 26.2% of the 27.8% of Golden residents receiving treatment out of IH, received care in Alberta hospitals.

FIGURE 5 Inpatient Referral Patterns
Golden LHA, 2008/09



Source: Discharge Abstract Database (DAD), 2008/09, Ministry of Health

5. HEALTH SERVICES

This section provides a high level snap shot of the types of services available within the Golden Local Health Area.

TABLE 12 Health Services
Golden LHA, 2009

Public Health/ Prevention Services	
Type of Service	Available
Public Health Programs	Y
Health Protection Services	Y

Primary Health Care	
Type of Service	Available
Nursing Outpost	N
Primary Health Care Centre / Community Health Centre	Golden
Integrated Health Network	N
Family/General Practitioner Services	Y*

Home and Community Care	
Type of Service	Available
Home Support	Y
Home Nursing Care	Y
Community Rehab	Y
Assisted Living	Golden
Residential Care	Golden
Short Stay	Golden
Adult Day Services	Golden

** GP services data are reported at the LHA level, therefore we are unable to report on specific communities*

Y - indicates services are offered in all communities

Acute Care	
Type of Service	Available
Community Health Centre with Urgent Care	N
Hospital	--
Community Level 1	Golden
Community Level 2	N
Service Area	N
Tertiary	N

Mental Health & Addictions Services	
Type of Service	Available
Mental Health Centre	Golden
Addictions Programs & Services	Golden
Supported Housing	N
Residential Care	N

Tertiary Mental Health	
Type of Service	Available
Acute Adult/Youth	N
Residential/Rehab	N

6. GLOSSARY

Glossary of Terms

Acute/Rehab (A/R)

Inpatient cases and days designated as Acute Care indicating the patient is acutely or seriously ill, requiring professional care and daily medical attention or special diagnostic and treatment procedures in an acute care hospital.

Alternate Level of Care (ALC)

Inpatient cases and days where a patient has finished the acute care phase of his/her treatment but remains in an acute care bed.

Age Standardized Utilization Rate

Hypothetical rates that are calculated to allow comparisons of health care service use across geographic areas, by adjusting for differences in the age mixes of regions.

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)

A not-for-profit federally chartered organization to which hospitals are required to submit predefined information on each inpatient and selected day patients at the time of their discharge

Case (Inpatient)

A discharge from hospital (not an individual). Hence, a patient may be represented more than once.

Case (Surgical Day Care)

A case where a patient is not admitted to an inpatient bed, and on whom is performed an elective surgical or endoscopic procedure, and who is released on the same day.

Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

A database maintained by CIHI which contains demographic, administrative and clinical data for hospital discharges and surgical day care cases across Canada. Data is based on the patient's discharge date and reflects the entire stay in hospital.

Health Service Area (HSA)

Geographic units of analysis. HSA boundaries were redefined in December 2001 to accord with the newly created Health Authorities. Interior Health is made up of 4 HSAs.

Local Health Area (LHA)

Geographic units of analysis. LHA boundaries were redefined in December 2001 to accord with the newly created Health Authorities. Interior Health is made up of 31 LHAs which roll up into 4 Health Service Areas.

P.E.O.P.L.E.

Population Extrapolation for Organizational Planning with Less Error. Methodology employed by the BC Statistics Agency incorporating fertility, mortality and migration assumptions to estimate and project populations at various geographies for BC.

Standardized Mortality Ratio

The ratio of the number of deaths occurring to residents of a geographic area (e.g., LHA) to the expected number of deaths in that area based on provincial age-specific mortality rates. The SMR is a good measure for comparing mortality data that are based on a small number of cases or for readily comparing mortality data by geographical area. SMR is an internationally recognized health status indicator.

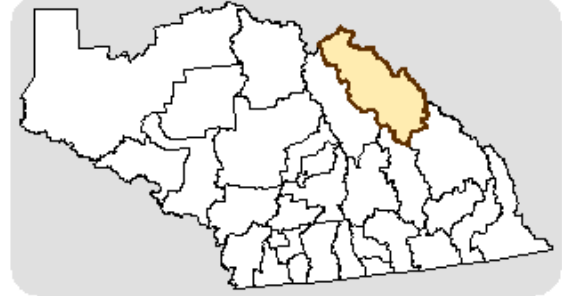
Unscheduled Emergency Department Visits

An unscheduled direct personal exchange between a patient and a health professional for the purpose of seeking care and receiving personal health services.

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Local Health Area 18

- Locality
- Highway
- Lake
- Local Health Area Boundary



*Note: Localities displayed on map have given populations as defined by BC Stats



Source: BC Stats, DMTI Spatial

Scale 1: 1,300,000

Localities

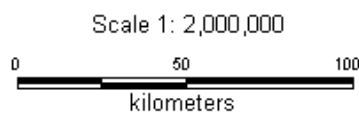
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Beavermouth	Forde	Leancoil	Rogers
Blaeberry	Fraine	McMurdo	Rogers Pass
Castledale	Glenogle	Moberly	Seeney
Cathedral	Golden	Nicholson	Stephen
Donald	Griffith	Ottertail	Stoney Creek
East Gate	Harrogate	Palliser	Wakely
Edelweiss	Hector	Parson	Yoho



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