

READING THE TEA LEAVES

WHAT RURAL DEMOGRAPHY TELLS US

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SHIFT! Thriving in Change – 2017 CBT Symposium

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Across Canada

Aging

Out migration

Growth

rural-urban

interconnections

Service delivery
challenges

Globalization

Innovative
strategies

Family size

Urbanization

Economic
restructuring

Increased local
responsibilities



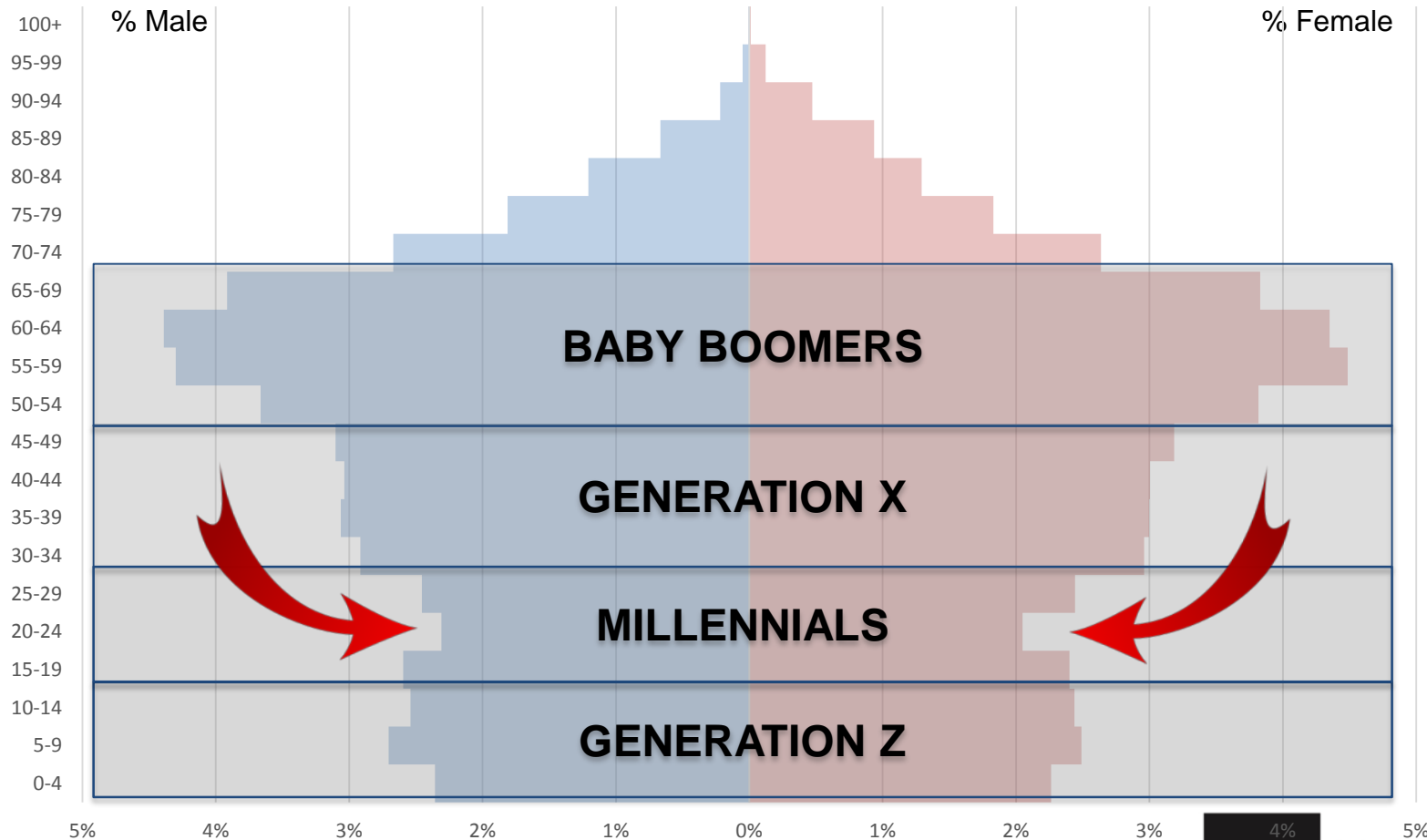
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Columbia Basin, 2016

Population Dynamics



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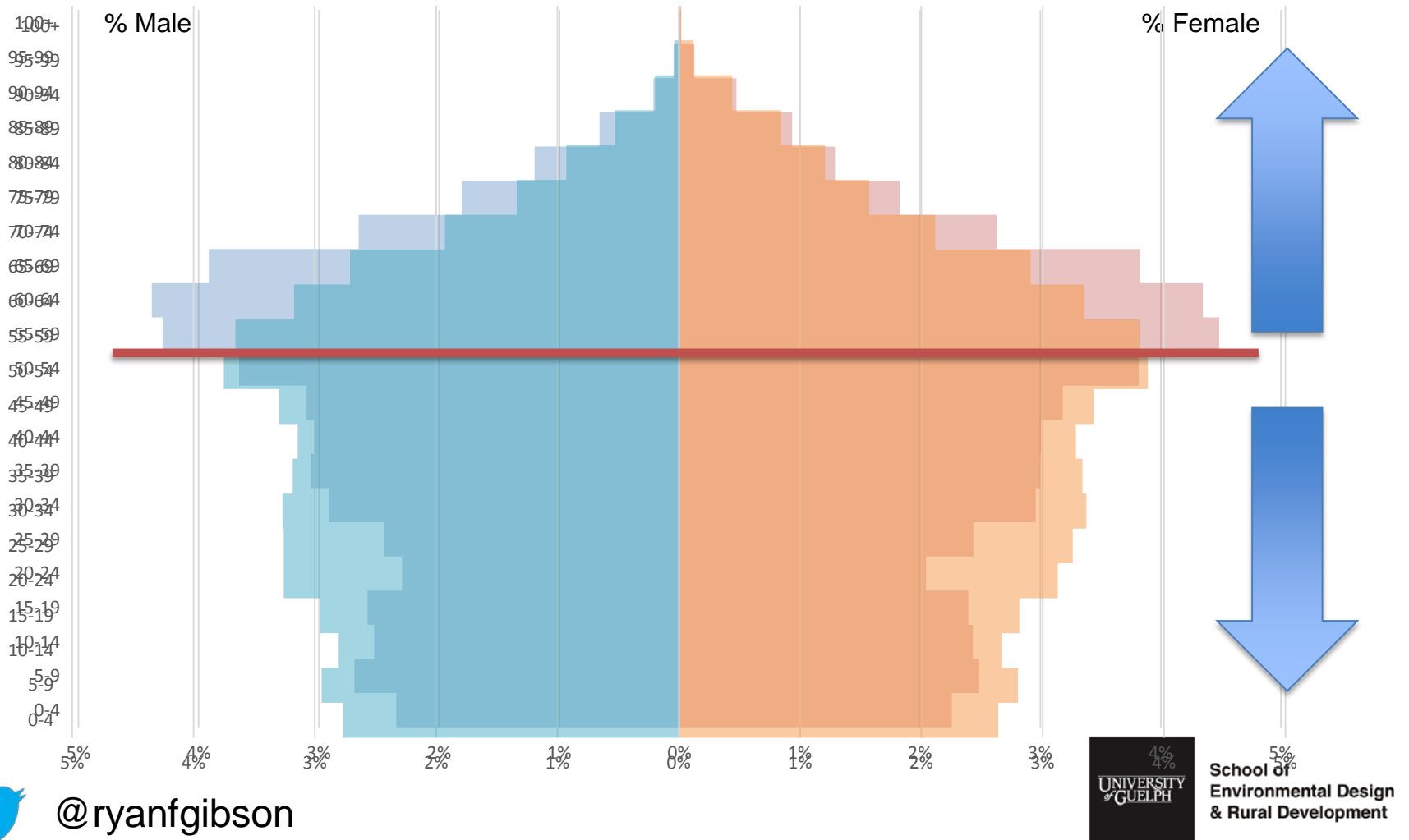


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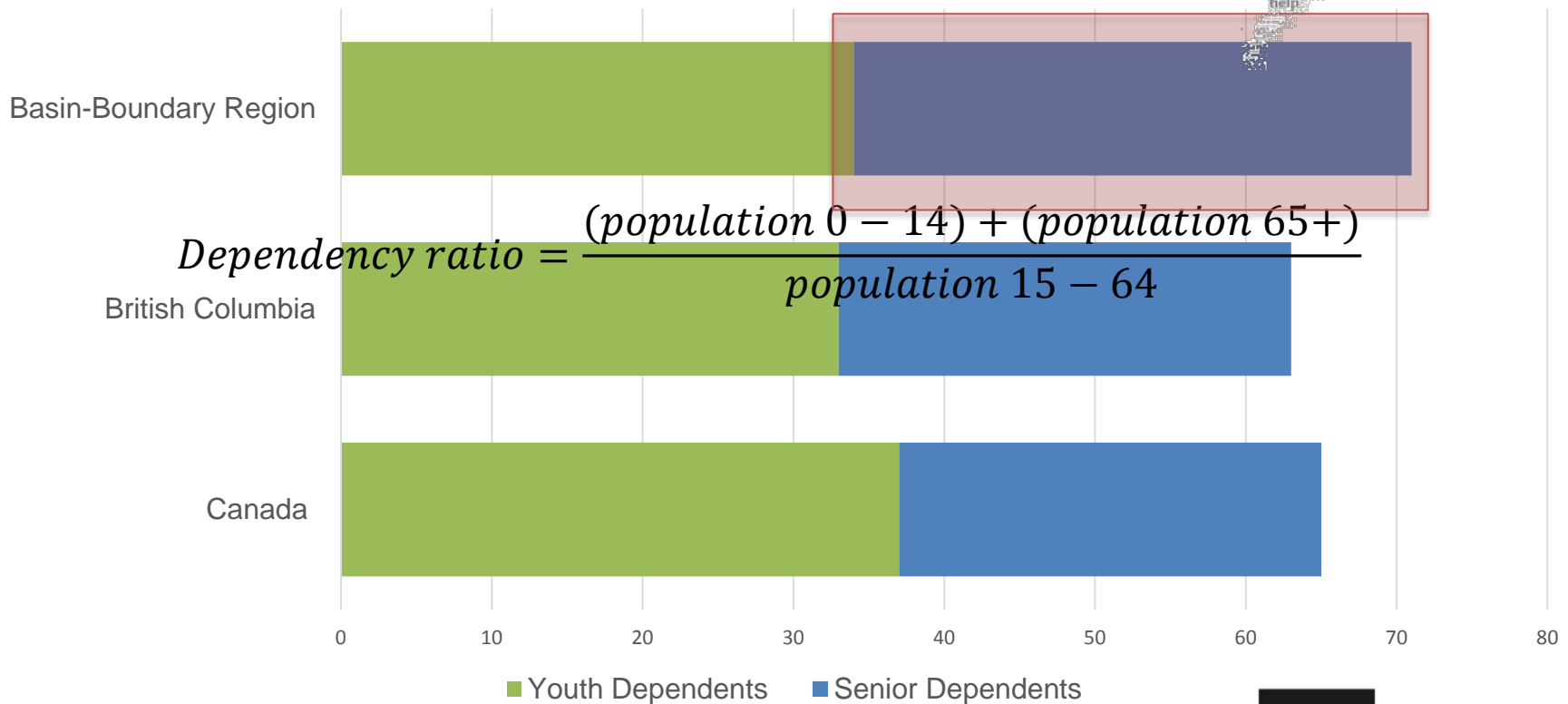


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Planning for the future



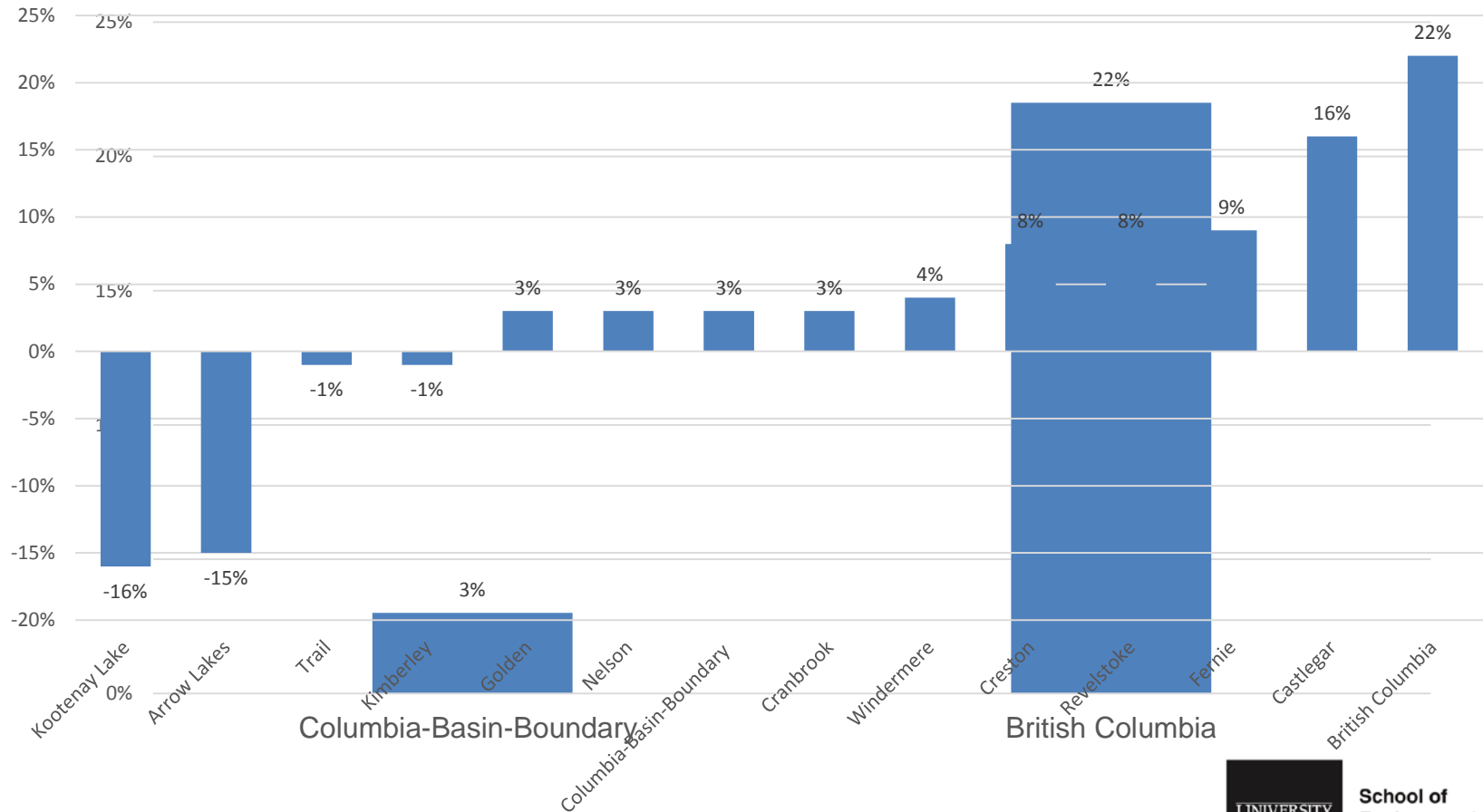
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Place matters

Projected Population Change, 2017-2037



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Implications

- » taxation
- » labourforce
- » service delivery
- » elected leadership
- » business opportunities
- » schools
- » infrastructure
- » volunteerism
- » zoning
- » health and social services
- » recreation
- » **every community impacted differently!**

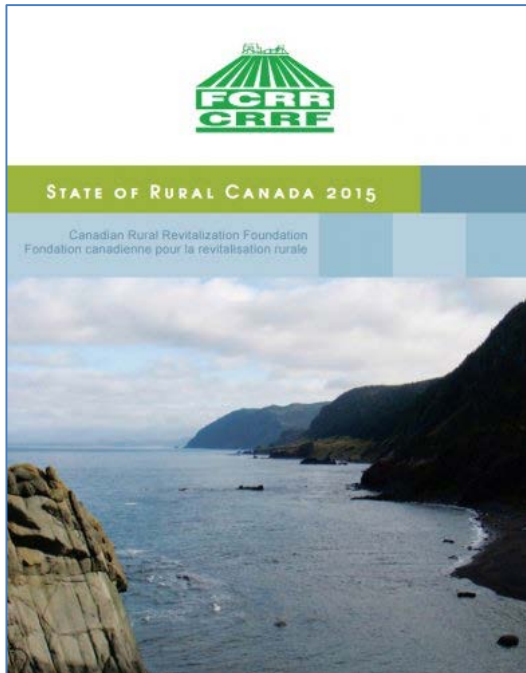


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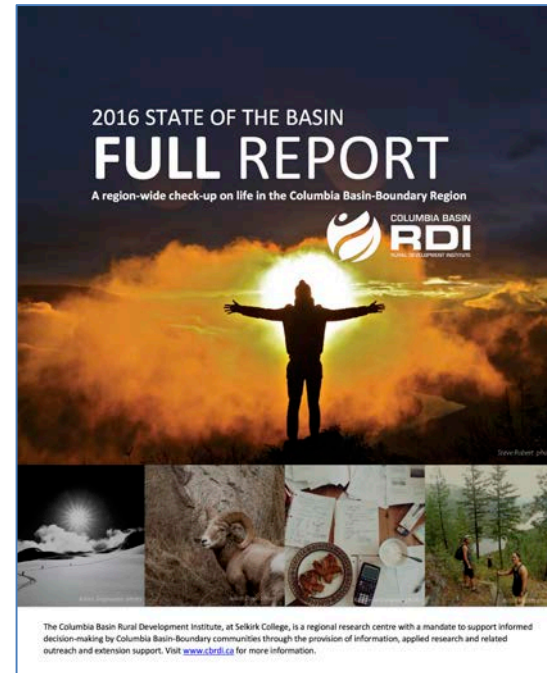


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