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Monitoring systems for socio-economic data: ReSDA, the IRC, and the Inuvialuit Indicators Project

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Monitoring change in northern communities

- Need for a more systematic way to determine what sort of social and economic changes are occurring in northern regions
- Communities are currently doing this out of need
  - Monitoring linked to resource development projects
  - Desire to examine other sources of change
  - Need for quantitative data but also for more qualitative community-based data
- Academics are doing this out of interest and desire to work with communities
  - Survey of Living Conditions in the Arctic
  - Arctic Social Indicators Project
  - Community monitoring of socio-economic changes

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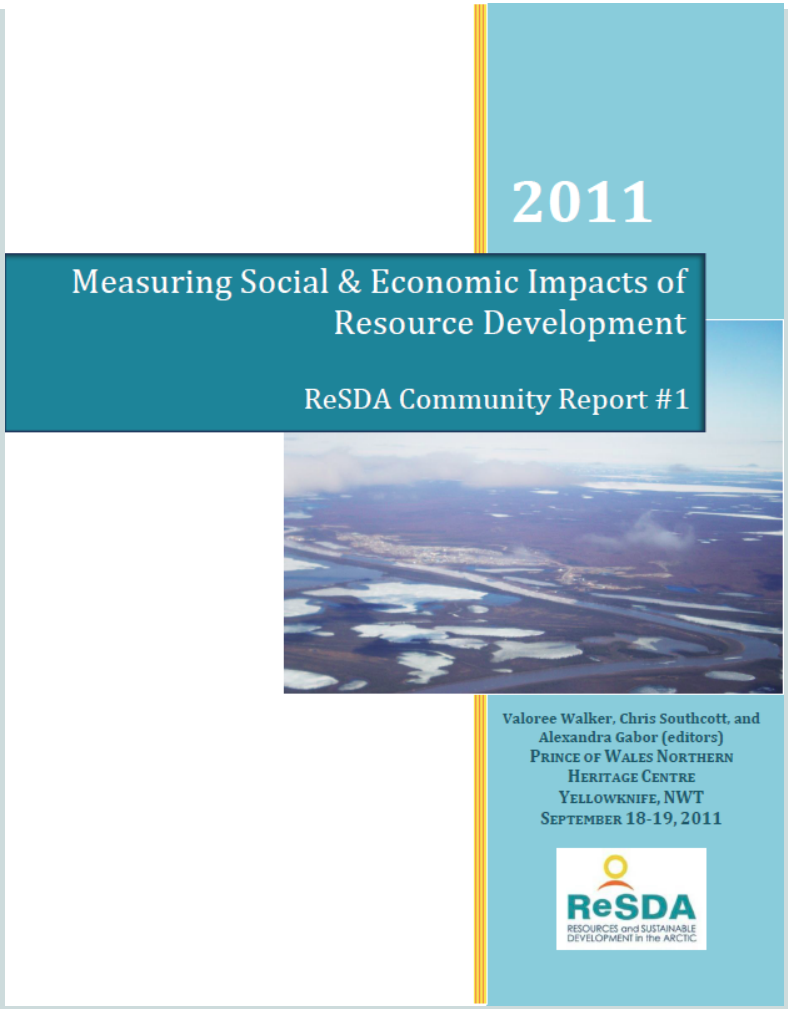
The Inuvialuit Indicators Project: A ReSDA/IRC Partnership

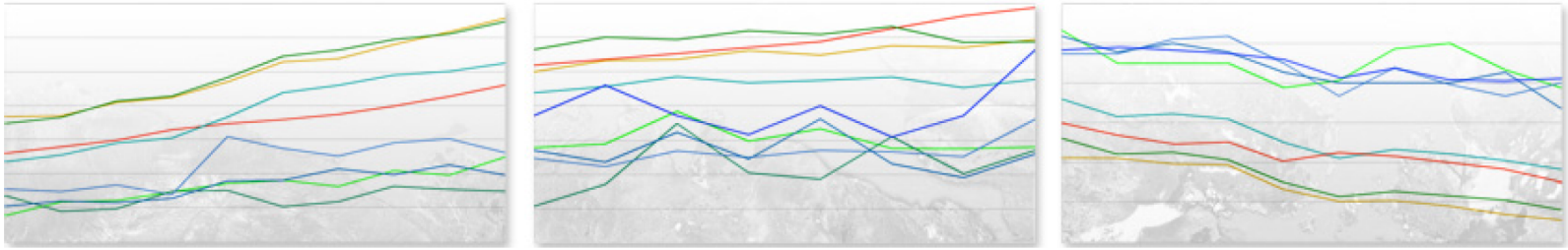
- The Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic Network
- The Inuvialuit Indicators Project
- Arctic Social Indicators Project



Objective was to help provide the IRC with an initial set of reliable indicators to measure socio-economic change in their region

Inuvialuit Indicators

PopulationEducationCultureLabour ForceWellbeingIncomeGovernmentHousing All



Inuvialuit Indicators uses Inuvialuit Regional Corporation's database of statistics to track how our people and our communities change over time.

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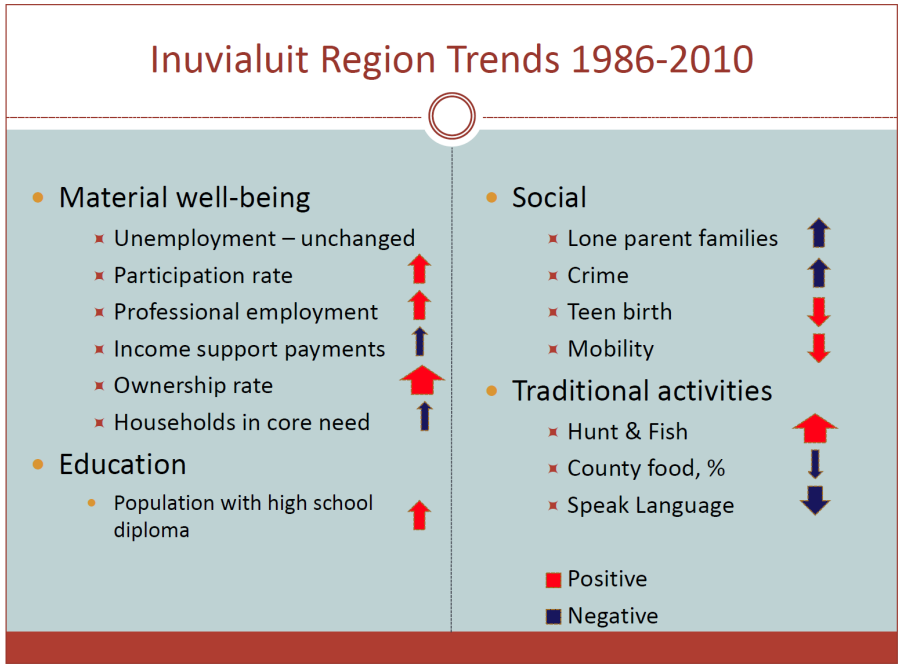
Initial results



- Existing data sources can provide acceptable baseline indicators for many aspects of socio-economic change but control of data an issue
- Community surveys are a good way to provide more precise data in a way that more directly benefits communities and increases local control of data
- Capacity is often a problem

Next Steps

- Fine tuning of indicators to measure more specific causes of socio-economic change
  - Specific resource development projects
  - Specific government policies
- Building capacity within Indigenous organizations
  - Local analysis of quantative indicators
  - More effective community monitoring of socio-economic change
    - More local control of data collection and analysis
    - Ensuring more benefits of data collection go to community

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