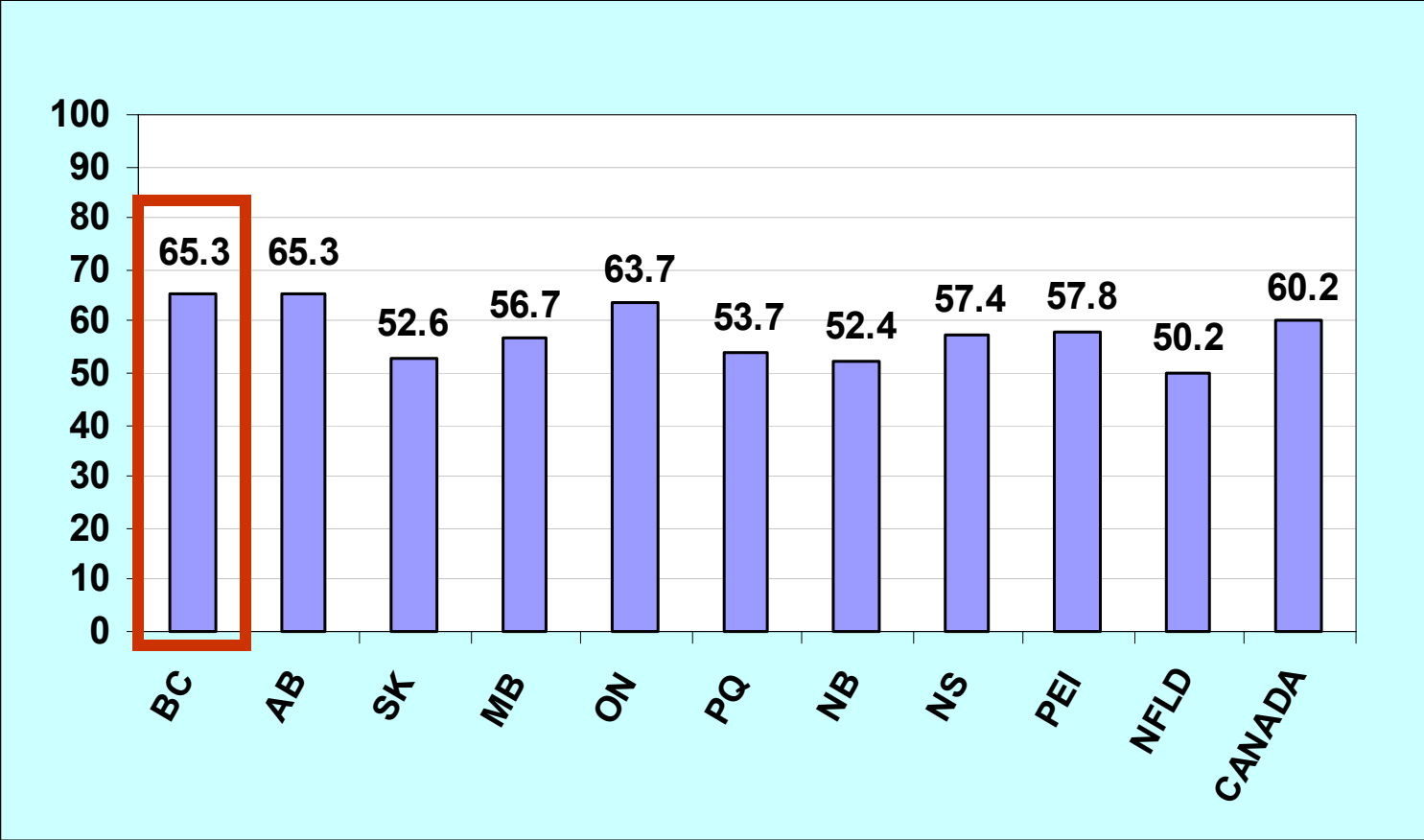


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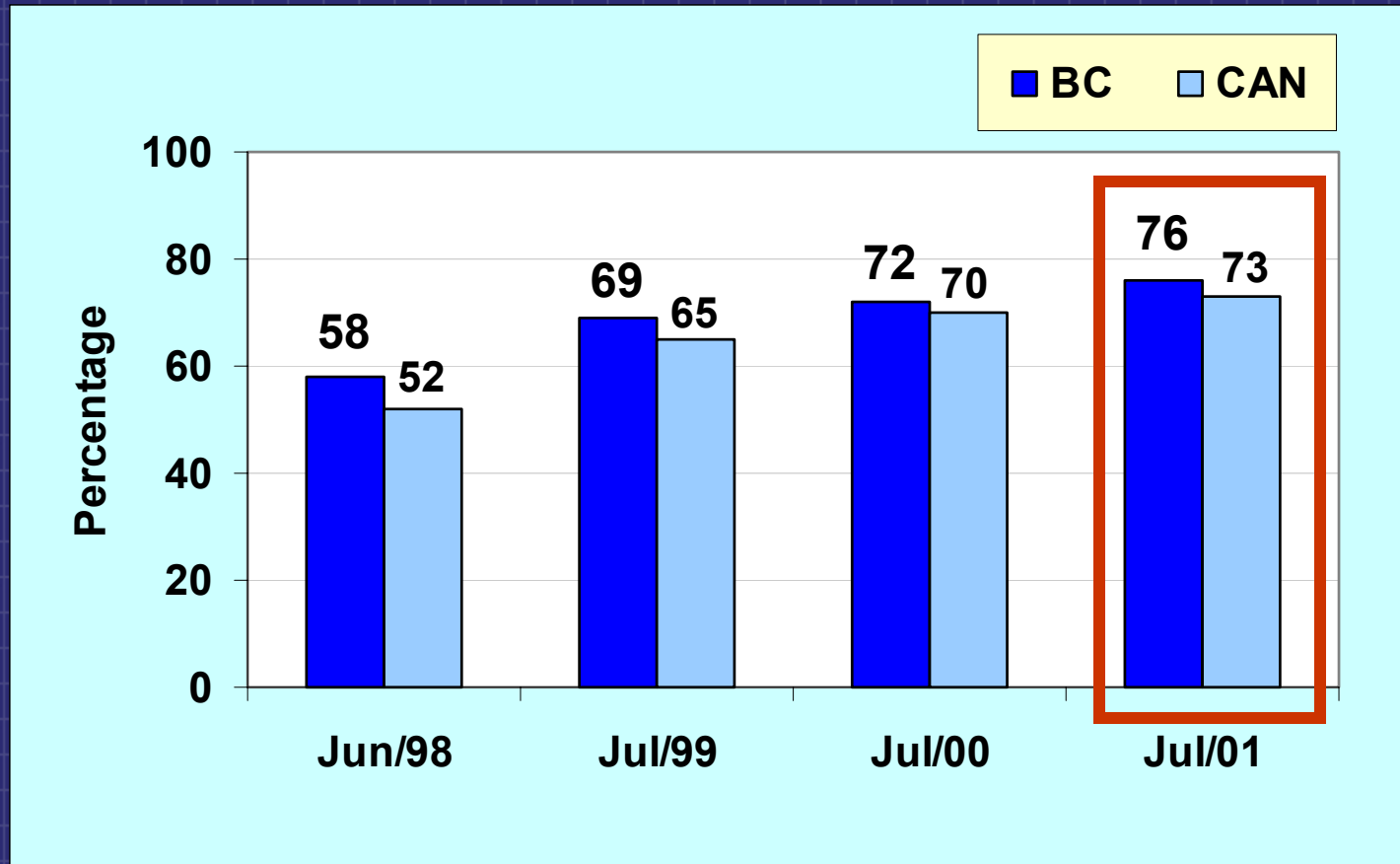
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# Households Using Internet (%)



Source: BC Stats –  
Input Indicators of the British Columbia High Technology Sector, 2002 Edition

# BC Small Business Internet Use



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# New Era Commitment

**Extend high  
speed internet  
access to  
every  
community in  
British  
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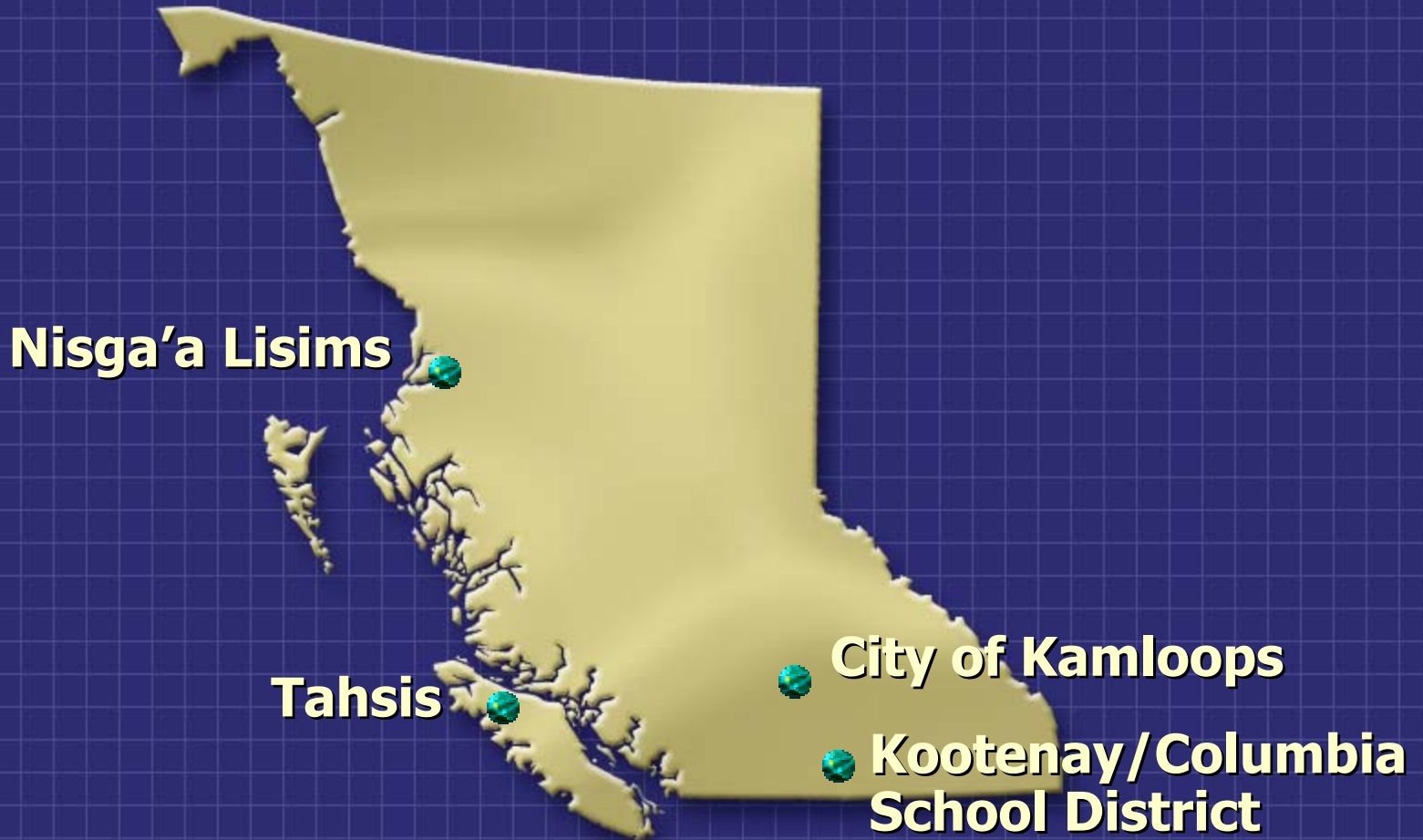


# Premier's Technology Council Recommendation

**Encourage  
community-  
based  
networks to  
enter market**



# Connecting B.C. Communities Pilot Projects



# Columbia Mountain Open Network

## BENEFITS

- **Connect schools in the district**
- **New learning options**
- **Video conferencing technology**



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## BENEFITS

- Share health and education data
- Bridge distance to health services
- Learning and training





# Kamloops Community Fibre Network

## BENEFITS

- Opportunities for tech companies
- Expansion of home-based businesses



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## BENEFITS

- **Business opportunities**
- **Eco-tourism marketing**
- **Growth of knowledge-based businesses**



# Benefits to British Columbians



- **Expanded learning experiences**
- **Opportunities for high-tech expansion**
- **New avenues for delivery of health services**

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