

# Vancouver Island Labour Market Profile for 2021

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Population	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Population	799,400	864,864	8.2%	4,648,055	5,000,879	7.6%
Total private dwellings	383,244	412,133	7.5%	2,063,417	2,211,694	7.2%
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents	352,716	381,864	8.3%	1,881,969	2,041,834	8.5%
Population density per square kilometre	9.5	10.3	8.4%	5.0	5.4	8.0%
Land area in square kilometres	84,232	84052.49	-0.2%	922,503	920686.55	-0.2%
0 to 14 years	108,085	113,355	4.9%	691,390	716,900	3.7%
0 to 4 years	34,070	32,755	-3.9%	220,625	216,825	-1.7%
5 to 9 years	37,270	39,825	6.9%	236,900	244,290	3.1%
10 to 14 years	36,740	40,775	11.0%	233,860	255,790	9.4%
15 to 64 years	504,685	524,985	4.0%	3,107,680	3,267,620	5.1%
15 to 19 years	39,980	39,520	-1.2%	258,980	253,690	-2.0%
20 to 24 years	43,840	43,105	-1.7%	287,560	294,650	2.5%
25 to 29 years	43,765	48,195	10.1%	303,000	337,090	11.3%
30 to 34 years	46,020	52,555	14.2%	313,750	358,585	14.3%
35 to 39 years	44,960	54,855	22.0%	293,590	353,350	20.4%
40 to 44 years	44,865	51,360	14.5%	295,045	319,740	8.4%
45 to 49 years	49,560	49,210	-0.7%	322,365	310,035	-3.8%
50 to 54 years	59,140	53,135	-10.2%	354,375	329,005	-7.2%
55 to 59 years	65,605	63,215	-3.6%	354,925	356,345	0.4%
60 to 64 years	66,945	69,825	4.3%	324,095	355,130	9.6%
65 years and over	186,635	226,520	21.4%	848,985	1,016,365	19.7%

One-Parent Family Composition	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Total one-parent families	34,010	36085	6.1%	197,940	208,475	5.3%
in which the parent is a woman	26,090	27215	4.3%	155,670	161,820	4.0%
in which the parent is a man	7,920	8870	12.0%	42,265	46,655	10.4%

Official Language Usage	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
English	771,075	777,715	0.9%	4373330	4461290	2.0%
French	12,250	270	-97.8%	55325	56495	2.1%
English and French	1,475	72,445	4811.5%	18000	18145	0.8%
Neither English nor French	4,205	4,870	15.8%	151760	161720	6.6%

Other Language Primarily Spoken at Home	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Punjabi (Panjabi)	3,220	6,655	106.7%	139,080	240,865	73.2%
Mandarin	5,205	8,860	70.2%	146,435	205,205	40.1%
Yue (Cantonese)	3,365	5,845	73.7%	137,075	192,140	40.2%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	1,885	6,060	221.5%	35,375	82,835	134.2%
Spanish	1,620	5,725	253.4%	22,310	60,465	171.0%
Korean	1,705	3,060	79.5%	38,605	59,935	55.3%
German	1,175	8,850	653.2%	10,085	50,695	402.7%
Iranian Persian	550	1,375	150.0%	28,420	46,395	63.2%
Vietnamese	1,120	2,330	108.0%	17,055	32,560	90.9%
Hindi	280	1,575	462.5%	12,310	32,390	163.1%
Russian	680	1,985	191.9%	13,310	28,660	115.3%
Portuguese	520	2,240	330.8%	6,725	24,320	261.6%
Japanese	795	2,375	198.7%	9,860	22,030	123.4%
Italian	335	2,200	556.7%	5,200	19,805	280.9%
Dutch	395	4,160	953.2%	1,895	17,345	815.3%
Sign languages	260	165	-36.5%	1,535	1,000	-34.9%

Indigenous Population	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
First Nations	41,170	44,310	7.6%	172,520	180,085	4.4%
Métis single ancestry	17,660	21,365	21.0%	89,405	97,860	9.5%
Inuit single ancestry	405	400	-1.2%	1,610	1,720	6.8%

Visible Minorities	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
South Asian	15130	20,540	35.8%	365,705	473,965	29.6%
Chinese	21315	23,135	8.5%	508,480	550,590	8.3%
Black	5540	8,165	47.4%	43,500	61,760	42.0%
Filipino	9095	12,915	42.0%	145,025	174,280	20.2%
Latin American	3790	2,645	-30.2%	44,115	28,010	-36.5%
Arab	1925	5,875	205.2%	19,840	65,970	232.5%
Southeast Asian	4420	6,365	44.0%	54,920	71,785	30.7%
West Asian	1400	2,045	46.1%	48,695	69,270	42.3%
Korean	3070	4,000	30.3%	60,495	72,815	20.4%
Japanese	4210	5,405	28.4%	41,230	44,120	7.0%
Visible minority; n.i.e.	890	1,465	64.6%	8,760	18,080	106.4%
Multiple visible minorities	2230	3,535	58.5%	40,465	58,840	45.4%
Not a visible minority	706585	749,890	6.1%	3,179,005	3,226,450	1.5%

Immigration	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Non-immigrants	647,265	698,720	7.9%	3,167,155	3,319,230	4.8%
Immigrants	122,590	134,730	9.9%	1,292,675	1,425,710	10.3%
Before 1980	65,425	55,455	-15.2%	356,155	280,160	-21.3%
1980 to 1990	12,685	15,420	21.6%	152,220	164,445	8.0%
1991 to 2000	13,805	15,565	12.7%	287,505	299,115	4.0%
2001 to 2010	18,905	20,670	9.3%	321,240	316,915	-1.3%
2011 to 2021	n/a	27,620	n/a	n/a	365,075	n/a
2011 to 2015	n/a	11,975	n/a	n/a	167,650	n/a
Immigration over the past five years	11,770	15,645	32.9%	175,555	197,425	12.5%
Non-permanent residents	9,740	12,535	28.7%	100,405	171,000	70.3%

Recent Immigrants (Country of Origin)	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
China	1,390	1,730	24.5%	38105	31,450	-17.5%
India	775	1,770	128.4%	27460	39,390	43.4%
Philippines	2,595	2,475	-4.6%	26680	21,220	-20.5%
Iran	190	110	-42.1%	8645	5,850	-32.3%
Korea, South	635	495	-22.0%	8025	7,220	-10.0%
United Kingdom	1,010	1,020	1.0%	6540	7,675	17.4%
United States of America	1,055	1,445	37.0%	6485	8,760	35.1%
Other places of birth in Europe	440	660	50.0%	5455	7,090	30.0%
Other places of birth in Asia	325	405	24.6%	4545	6,215	36.7%
Mexico	230	200	-13.0%	2885	3,045	5.5%
Other places of birth in Americas	220	320	45.5%	2380	3,265	37.2%
Japan	165	280	69.7%	2285	2,090	-8.5%
Syria	200	750	275.0%	2185	4,955	126.8%
Pakistan	105	110	4.8%	1965	2,390	21.6%
Australia	150	250	66.7%	1920	3,280	70.8%
Iraq	30	75	150.0%	1910	1,545	-19.1%
Hong Kong	75	60	-20.0%	1800	2,515	39.7%
Viet Nam	105	275	161.9%	1780	2,845	59.8%
Other places of birth	210	145	-31.0%	1745	1,160	-33.5%
Russian Federation	135	80	-40.7%	1735	2,075	19.6%

Highest Level of Education	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
No certificate; diploma or degree	40,055	36,135	-9.8%	244,000	216,660	-11.2%
Secondary (high) school diploma or equiv.	111,465	116,775	4.8%	671,010	694,785	3.5%
College; CEGEP / non-university cert. or dipl.	95,905	91,725	-4.4%	528,805	507,405	-4.0%
University cert. or dipl. below bachelor level	14,645	16,655	13.7%	99,695	113,915	14.3%
University degree at bachelor level or above	107,815	133,285	23.6%	758,015	941,735	24.2%
Bachelor's degree	68,860	84,240	22.3%	497,845	610,735	22.7%
University diploma above bachelor level	7,315	8,575	17.2%	52,955	63,310	19.6%
Degree, medicine; dentistry; vet'nary, optom.	3,410	3,750	10.0%	22,440	24,675	10.0%
Master's degree	24,025	31,695	31.9%	159,740	212,745	33.2%
Earned doctorate	4,200	5,030	19.8%	25,030	30,275	21.0%

Field of Study	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Education	17,665	17,385	-1.6%	96,005	99,640	3.8%
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Visual and performing arts, and communications	10,955	12,015	9.7%	77,655	85,350	9.9%
10. Communications technologies/technicians	1,270	865	-31.9%	12,710	9,815	-22.8%
50. Visual and performing arts	9,690	11,150	15.1%	64,940	75,530	16.3%
Humanities	13,010	14,705	13.0%	93,605	103,360	10.4%
16. Indigenous and foreign languages, literatures	1,545	1,610	4.2%	11,710	12,735	8.8%
23. English language and literature/letters	4,115	4,320	5.0%	25,665	25,770	0.4%
24. Liberal arts and sciences, general studies	2,810	3,595	27.9%	28,260	35,310	24.9%
30A Interdisciplinary humanities	100	465	365.0%	425	1,895	345.9%
38. Philosophy and religious studies	785	1,090	38.9%	4,970	5,780	16.3%
39. Theology and religious vocations	1,040	975	-6.3%	8,330	7,845	-5.8%
54. History	2,210	2,225	0.7%	11,805	11,615	-1.6%
55. French language and literature/lettersCAN	390	425	9.0%	2,445	2,410	-1.4%
Social and behavioural sciences and law	32,505	38,110	17.2%	196,450	226,805	15.5%
05. Area, ethnic, cultural, gender, and group studies	700	1,005	43.6%	3,460	4,220	22.0%
09. Communication, journalism and related programs	2,740	3,895	42.2%	19,685	26,730	35.8%
19. Family and consumer sciences/human sciences	5,765	6,000	4.1%	29,855	29,960	0.4%
22. Legal professions and studies	4,780	5,070	6.1%	31,190	34,935	12.0%

30B Interdisciplinary social and behavioural sciences	780	1,125	44.2%	3,540	5,150	45.5%
42. Psychology	5,535	6,665	20.4%	33,055	39,250	18.7%
45. Social sciences	12,210	14,350	17.5%	75,665	86,555	14.4%
Business, management and public administration	46,190	51,390	11.3%	335,220	379,485	13.2%
30.16 Accounting and computer science	70	60	-14.3%	540	445	-17.6%
44. Public administration and social service	4,750	5,445	14.6%	20,695	22,625	9.3%
52. Business, management, marketing and related	41,365	45,885	10.9%	313,985	356,415	13.5%
Physical and life sciences and technologies	10,020	12,140	21.2%	63,705	77,340	21.4%
26. Biological and biomedical sciences	5,295	5,950	12.4%	28,505	33,945	19.1%
30.01 Biological and physical sciences	1,530	2,205	44.1%	13,825	18,520	34.0%
30C Other interdisciplinary physical and life sciences	80	320	300.0%	645	1,545	139.5%
40. Physical sciences	2,755	3,320	20.5%	18,525	21,390	15.5%
41. Science technologies/technicians	365	340	-6.8%	2,210	1,935	-12.4%
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	8,710	10,495	20.5%	68,660	87,185	27.0%
11. Computer and information sciences and support	7,190	8,735	21.5%	56,390	72,700	28.9%
25. Library science	635	580	-8.7%	3,830	3,600	-6.0%
27. Mathematics and statistics	775	995	28.4%	7,760	8,865	14.2%
30D Interdisciplinary mathematics, computer and info	115	180	56.5%	680	2,010	195.6%
Architecture, engineering, and related trades	49,580	50,515	1.9%	310,855	327,735	5.4%
04. Architecture and related services	1,410	1,675	18.8%	12,110	14,690	21.3%
14. Engineering	6,980	8,905	27.6%	76,935	93,760	21.9%
15. Engineering/engineering-related technologies	8,780	9,700	10.5%	48,690	57,590	18.3%
30.12 Historic preservation and conservation	15	35	133.3%	65	100	53.8%
46. Construction trades	14,870	14,780	-0.6%	72,800	74,045	1.7%
47. Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians	11,620	9,920	-14.6%	69,025	57,950	-16.0%
48. Precision production	5,900	5,495	-6.9%	31,225	29,605	-5.2%
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	8,775	9,870	12.5%	39,360	45,705	16.1%
01. Agricultural and veterinary sciences/services	3,815	4,920	29.0%	18,965	23,700	25.0%
03. Natural resources and conservation	4,970	4,950	-0.4%	20,395	22,005	7.9%
Health and related fields	47,195	48,180	2.1%	244,975	258,665	5.6%
30.37 Design for human health	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a
31. Parks, recreation, leisure, fitness, and kinesiology	3,180	3,505	10.2%	18,900	20,980	11.0%
51. Health professions and related programs	43,015	43,385	0.9%	219,800	229,855	4.6%
60. Health professions residency/fellowship	1,000	110	-89.0%	6,285	580	-90.8%

61. Medical residency/fellowship programs	-	1,180	n/a	-	7,245	n/a
Personal, protective and transportation services	18,675	18,640	-0.2%	91,185	88,615	-2.8%
12. Culinary, entertainment, and personal services	11,380	11,210	-1.5%	58,820	56,165	-4.5%
28. Military science, leadership and operational art	135	210	55.6%	195	305	56.4%
29. Military technologies and applied sciences	275	235	-14.5%	570	450	-21.1%
43. Security and protective services	2,195	2,730	24.4%	11,175	12,270	9.8%
49. Transportation and materials moving	4,685	4,255	-9.2%	20,430	19,425	-4.9%

NOC Occupation Groups	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
0 Legislative and senior management occupat	42,755	5,180	-87.9%	275,000	32,255	-88.3%
1 Business, finance and administration occupa	56,085	66,015	17.7%	368,940	446,160	20.9%
2 Natural and applied sciences and related occ	26,380	31,710	20.2%	161,520	209,185	29.5%
3 Health occupations	31,235	38,310	22.7%	162,865	199,185	22.3%
4 Occupations in education, law and social, co	49,995	58,460	16.9%	269,255	309,360	14.9%
5 Occupations in art, culture, recreation and s	13,885	16,225	16.9%	93,100	110,585	18.8%
6 Sales and service occupations	98,310	110,060	12.0%	595,225	666,705	12.0%
7 Trades, transport and equipment operators	55,960	74,125	32.5%	360,970	469,450	30.1%
8 Natural resources, agriculture and related pi	13,105	14,375	9.7%	64,235	72,075	12.2%
9 Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	8,340	9,995	19.8%	76,745	88,155	14.9%

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	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	13,640	12,800	-6.2%	65,205	60,320	-7.5%
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	2,925	2,500	-14.5%	25,920	24,955	-3.7%
22 Utilities	1,295	1,655	27.8%	12,445	14,820	19.1%
23 Construction	32,090	39,160	22.0%	199,985	234,345	17.2%
31-33 Manufacturing	17,945	17,080	-4.8%	157,560	152,790	-3.0%
41 Wholesale trade	7,810	6,995	-10.4%	82,105	80,165	-2.4%
44-45 Retail trade	49,290	51,585	4.7%	283,135	301,060	6.3%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	16,480	16,725	1.5%	128,400	142,230	10.8%
51 Information and cultural industries	7,385	6,855	-7.2%	67,225	71,295	6.1%
52 Finance and insurance	11,255	11,005	-2.2%	93,805	95,560	1.9%
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	7,605	8,105	6.6%	54,995	59,155	7.6%

54 Professional, scientific and technical services	27,650	34,325	24.1%	196,670	238,650	21.3%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	345	525	52.2%	4,320	5,785	33.9%
56 Administrative and support, waste management	18,365	19,620	6.8%	109,095	110,215	1.0%
61 Educational services	29,470	31,930	8.3%	173,820	192,855	11.0%
62 Health care and social assistance	53,455	62,310	16.6%	270,855	319,525	18.0%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	10,130	10,540	4.0%	57,940	60,775	4.9%
72 Accommodation and food services	34,980	30,965	-11.5%	207,045	182,105	-12.0%
81 Other services (except public administration)	17,770	18,400	3.5%	112,335	113,780	1.3%
91 Public administration	36,155	41,385	14.5%	125,000	142,730	14.2%

Labour Force Characteristics	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
In the labour force	403,195	431,830	7%	2,471,665	2,657,275	7.5%
Employed	375,600	399,145	6%	2,305,690	2,433,600	5.5%
Unemployed	27,590	32,690	18%	165,975	223,675	34.8%
Not in the labour force	268,690	301,065	12%	1,398,710	1,543,145	10.3%
Participation rate	60.0%	58.9%	-1.8%	63.9%	63.3%	-0.9%
Employment rate	55.9%	54.5%	-2.5%	59.6%	57.9%	-2.9%
Unemployment rate	6.8%	7.6%	11.8%	6.7%	8.4%	25.4%

Commute to Work	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Car, truck or van - as a driver	245,735	232,770	-5.3%	1,475,585	1,376,410	-6.7%
Car, truck or van - as a passenger	18,435	18,100	-1.8%	114,580	121,350	5.9%
Public transit	23,040	14,850	-35.5%	274,205	174,045	-36.5%
Walked	28,700	24,645	-14.1%	142,310	121,550	-14.6%
Bicycle	14,255	10,525	-26.2%	51,350	36,790	-28.4%
Other method	9,420	9,365	-0.6%	35,115	43,535	24.0%



Place of Work	Vancouver Island			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Worked at home	34,590	88125	154.8%	196,510	549,845	179.8%
Worked outside Canada	1,425	755	-47.0%	16,040	10,065	-37.3%
No fixed workplace address	54,325	62465	15.0%	326,180	373,475	14.5%
Usual place of work	285,265	247795	-13.1%	1,766,965	1,500,215	-15.1%