




# Labour Market Insights Into British Columbia's Transportation Sector




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### By the Numbers

*Based on the April 2025 Labour Force Survey*

- **Current Employment:** 169,000
- **Full-Time:** 144,300
- **Part-Time:** 24,700 (14.6%)
- **Unemployment:** 6,500
- **Unemployment Rate:** 3.7% (BC: 6.1%)
- **Projected 10-Year Growth:** +1.2%
- **10-Year Job Openings:** 56,890

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## By the Numbers

### Employment by Age Group

Age Group	Industry Average (2023)	B.C. Average (2023)
15 - 24 years	7.6%	13.3%
25 - 54 years	65.6%	64.8%
55+ years	26.8%	21.9%

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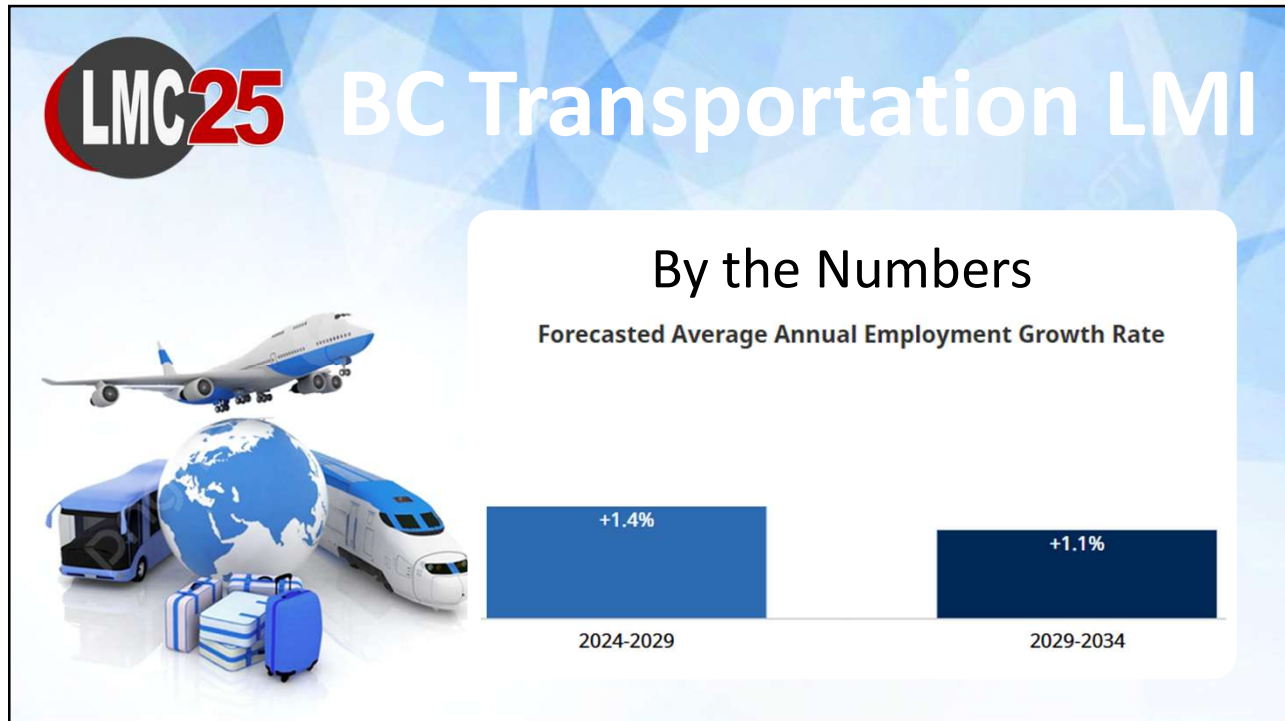


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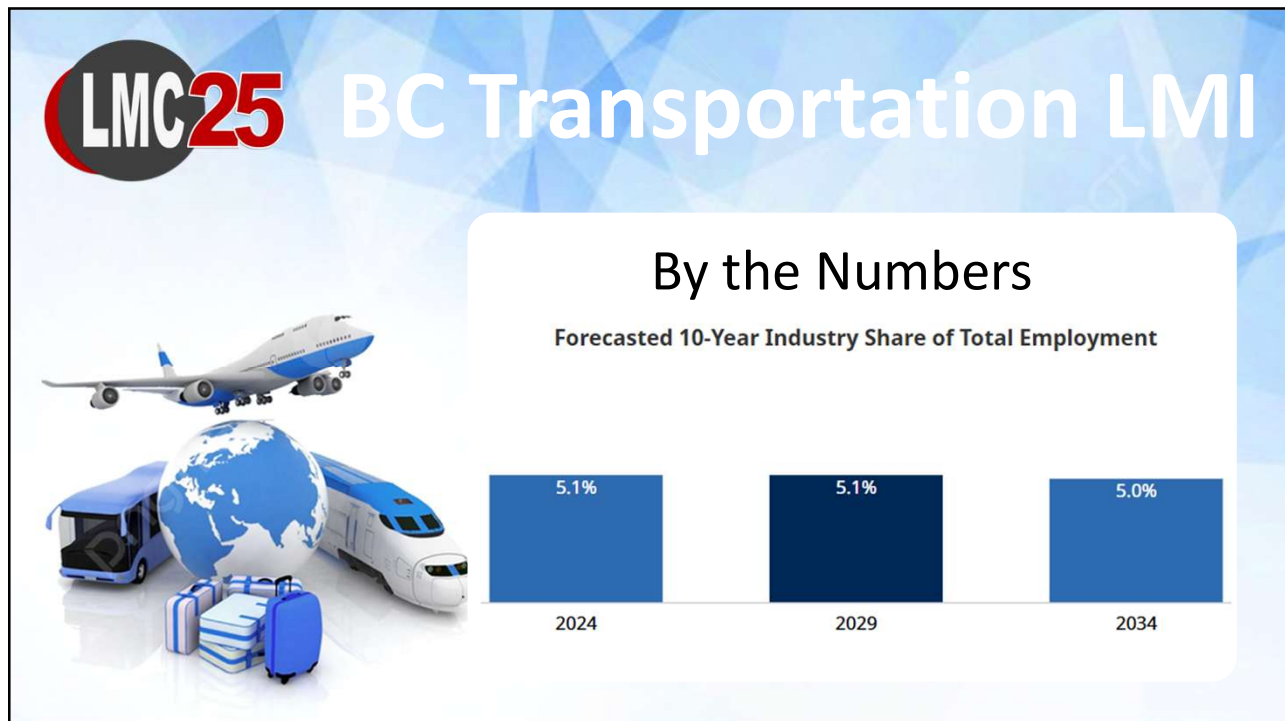
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Region	% Employment this Industry (2023)	% Employment All Industries (2023)
Cariboo	3.3%	3.0%
Kootenay	1.6%	2.9%
Mainland/Southwest	72.0%	64.5%
North Coast and Nechako	3.5%	1.6%
Northeast	2.0%	1.3%
Thompson-Okanagan	7.0%	10.9%
Vancouver Island/Coast	10.6%	15.8%

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**LMC25 BC Transportation LMI Occupations**

**TOP 10**

**Transport truck drivers**  
(NOC 73300)



 <p>Annual Earnings <b>\$62,568</b></p>	 <p>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities <b>College Diploma or Apprenticeship, less than 2 years</b></p>	 <p>Job Openings (2024-2034) <b>15,160</b></p>
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**TOP 10**

**Bus drivers, subway operators and other transit operators**  
(NOC 73301)




 <p>Annual Earnings <b>\$63,715</b></p>	 <p>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities <b>College Diploma or Apprenticeship, less than 2 years</b></p>	 <p>Job Openings (2024-2034) <b>5,020</b></p>
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**TOP 10**



**Taxi and limousine drivers and chauffeurs**  
(NOC 75200)




 <b>Annual Earnings</b> <b>\$45,633</b>	 <b>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities</b> <b>No Formal Education</b>	 <b>Job Openings (2024-2034)</b> <b>3,500</b>
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**TOP 10**



**Material handlers**  
(NOC 75101)



 <b>Annual Earnings</b> <b>\$41,712</b>	 <b>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities</b> <b>No Formal Education</b>	 <b>Job Openings (2024-2034)</b> <b>11,230</b>
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**Occupations**  
**TOP 10**

**Delivery service drivers and door-to-door distributors**  
(NOC 75201)

<p>Annual Earnings <b>\$42,442</b></p>	<p>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities <b>No Formal Education</b></p>	<p>Job Openings (2024-2034) <b>5,420</b></p>
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**Occupations**  
**TOP 10**

**Letter carriers**  
(NOC 74101)  
★ High opportunity occupation

<p>Annual Earnings <b>\$57,938</b></p>	<p>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities <b>High School Diploma</b></p>	<p>Job Openings (2024-2034) <b>1,960</b></p>
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## Longshore workers


(NOC 75100)

 <b>Annual Earnings</b> <b>\$100,588</b>	 <b>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities</b> <b>No Formal Education</b>	 <b>Job Openings</b> (2024-2034) <b>1,950</b>
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## Managers in transportation

(NOC 70020) ★ High opportunity occupation

 <b>Annual Earnings</b> <b>\$119,797</b>	 <b>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities</b> <b>Management</b>	 <b>Job Openings</b> (2024-2034) <b>2,970</b>
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**Air pilots, flight engineers and flying instructors**  
(NOC 72600)

<p>Annual Earnings <b>\$120,318</b></p>	<p>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities <b>College Diploma or Apprenticeship, 2 or more years</b></p>	<p>Job Openings (2024-2034) <b>1,800</b></p>
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**TOP 10**

**Couriers and messengers**  
(NOC 74102)

<p>Annual Earnings <b>\$43,798</b></p>	<p>Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities <b>High School Diploma</b></p>	<p>Job Openings (2024-2034) <b>1,820</b></p>
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INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT 2024	ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATE (%)			JOB OPENINGS 2024-2034		
		2024-29	2029-34	2024-34	EXPANSION	REPLACEMENT	TOTAL
<b>Transportation and warehousing</b>	<b>144,400</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>37,700</b>	<b>56,900</b>
Air transportation and support activities	22,600	1.2	1.1	1.1	2,800	6,200	9,000
Rail transportation and support activities	5,600	-0.3	1.0	0.3	200	1,600	1,800
Water transportation	6,700	1.7	1.2	1.5	1,100	1,600	2,700
Ports and freight transportation arrangement	13,200	3.0	1.4	2.2	3,400	3,600	7,000
Truck transportation and support activities	36,200	0.3	0.6	0.4	1,600	9,300	10,800
Transit, sightseeing and pipeline transportation	26,500	1.9	1.5	1.7	5,000	7,200	12,300
Postal service, couriers and messengers	24,300	2.0	0.9	1.5	3,900	6,100	10,000
Warehousing and storage	9,400	1.3	1.1	1.2	1,200	2,100	3,300

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## Highlights

- B.C. is home to Canada’s largest port, the Port of Vancouver, and can handle the most diversified range of cargo in North America, while the Port of Prince Rupert is the deepest natural harbour in North America and is ice-free year-round.
- Nearly 26,000 trucking companies are operating in B.C., providing efficient and flexible door-to-door transportation throughout the province.




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## Highlights

- There are 36 certified airports in B.C., providing domestic and international air service to businesses buying goods from B.C. as well as for delivering materials and merchandise to buyers in B.C.
- 94% of households in B.C. have access to at least 50 Mbps internet speeds, and the provincial government is investing heavily to provide high-speed internet access for the growing telecommuting workforce and rural communities of B.C.

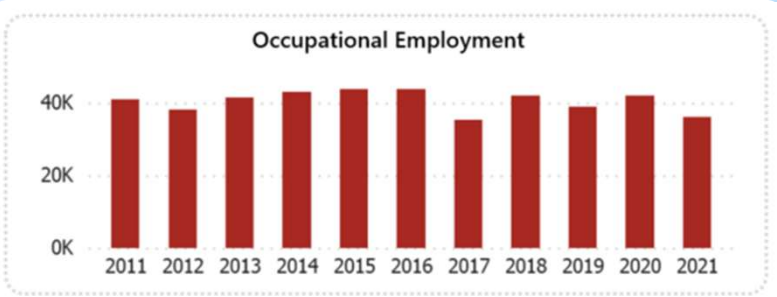


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## Occupational Employment




Year	Occupational Employment (K)
2011	38
2012	35
2013	38
2014	39
2015	40
2016	41
2017	35
2018	39
2019	38
2020	40
2021	36

Of those employed in 2021:

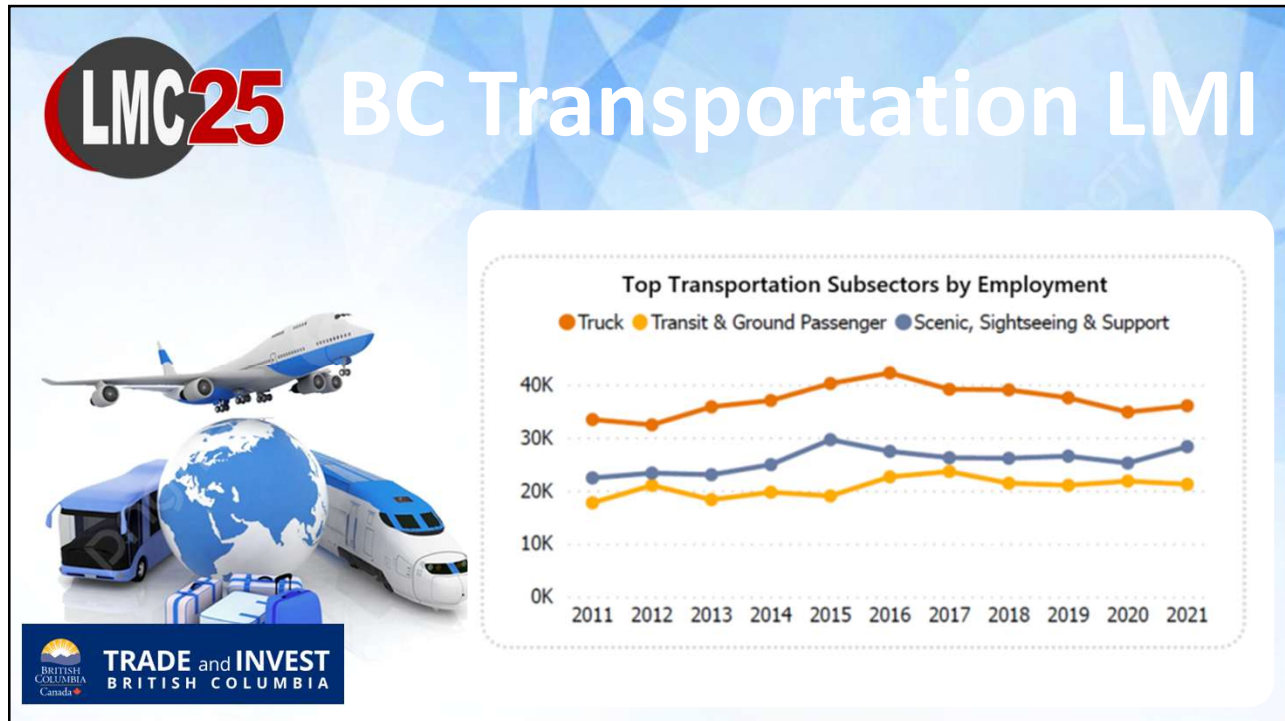
- 19% were self-employed
- 22% were female
- 78% were male

Employment distribution by age:

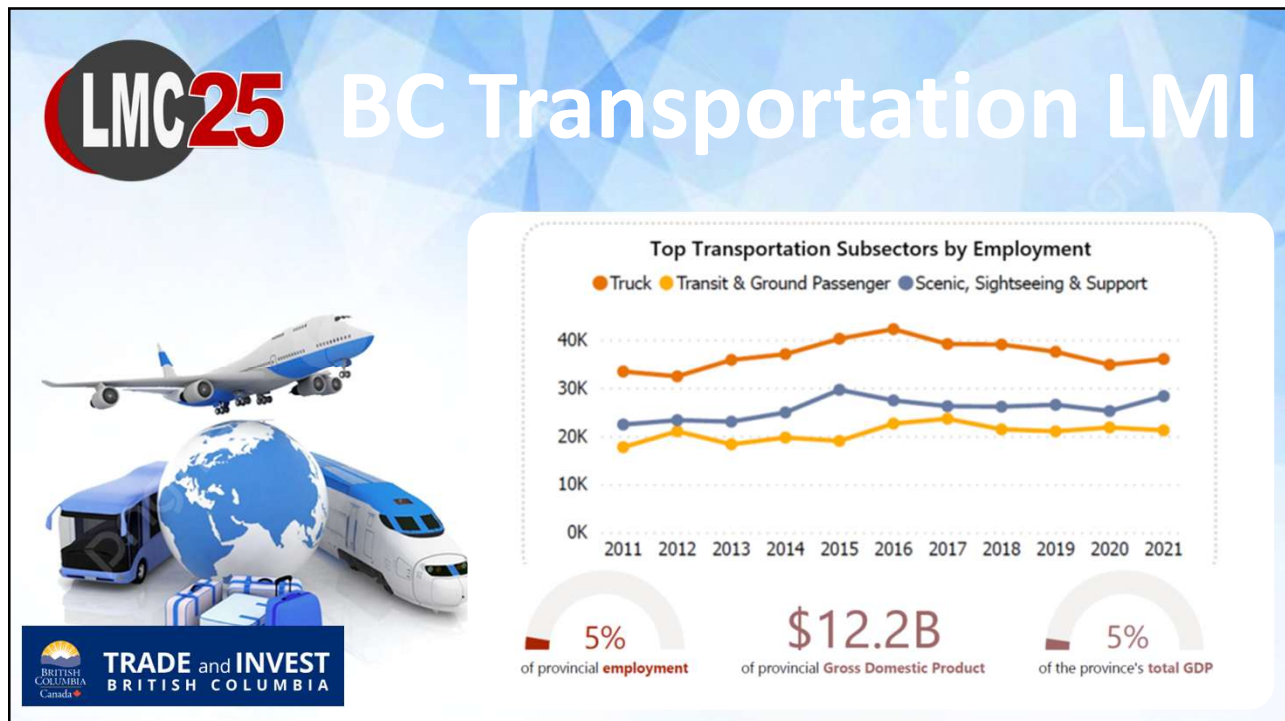
- 15-24 years: 8%
- 25-54 years: 65%
- 55+ years: 27%



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### Highlights

**3 days**  
B.C. is 3 days (500 nautical miles) closer to Asia than other North American ports

**36**  
B.C. has 36 certified airports, including 4 major international airports

**4 days**  
Shipping time of only 4 days via rail for goods travelling from B.C. ports to Toronto or Chicago

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### Global Analysis

Figure 1. Global employment distribution across the transport sector by mode

Mode	Percentage
Land	82%
Road	75%
Support	14%
Rail	7%
Air	2%
Sea	2%

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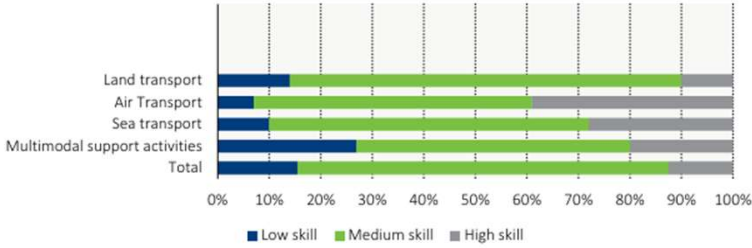
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## Global Analysis

Figure 2. Distribution of workers by skills and modes




Mode	Low skill (%)	Medium skill (%)	High skill (%)
Land transport	~15	~75	~10
Air Transport	~10	~85	~5
Sea transport	~10	~65	~25
Multimodal support activities	~25	~65	~10
Total	~15	~75	~10

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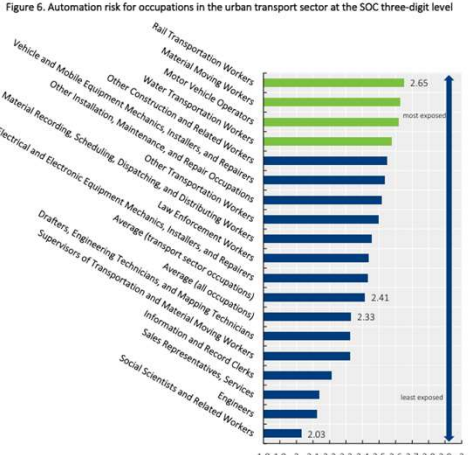
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## Risk of Automation

Figure 6. Automation risk for occupations in the urban transport sector at the SOC three-digit level



Occupation	Risk Score
Rail Transportation Workers	2.65
Motor Vehicle Workers	2.65
Water Transportation Operators	2.65
Other Construction and Related Workers	2.65
Other Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers	2.65
Material Recording, Scheduling, Dispatching, and Repair Occupations	2.65
Other Transportation Workers	2.65
Law Enforcement Workers	2.65
Average (transport sector occupations)	2.41
Drafters, Engineering Technicians, and Mapping Technicians	2.33
Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers	2.33
Information and Record Clerks	2.33
Sales Representatives, Services Engineers	2.33
Social Scientists and Related Workers	2.03

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### Risk of Automation

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Occupation	Relative Risk
Rail Transportation Workers	2.65
Material Moving Workers	~2.4
Motor Vehicle Operators	~2.2
Water Transportation Workers	~2.1
Other Construction and Related Workers	~1.9

most exposed

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### Risk of Automation

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Occupation	Relative Risk
Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers	2.03
Information and Record Clerks	~2.1
Sales Representatives, Services	~2.2
Engineers	~2.3
Social Scientists and Related Workers	~2.4

least exposed

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**Moving Forward in Transportation**

- The transportation sector is home to a wide variety of subsectors such as warehousing, marine, air, road, rail and pipeline transportation
- Given the size of BC, the combination of large and small rural centres, as well as its position in the Pacific, the transportation sector is vital to economic growth

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**Moving Forward in Transportation**

- While automation may not replace Uber drivers, taxi operators, bus drivers and truck drivers in the short-term, we will see an increasing portion of these jobs automated in the years to come
- While basic vehicle operation may not provide sustainable wages, the sector is home to many highly skilled occupations

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