

Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Labour Market Profile for 2021

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Population	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Population	2,832,000	3,049,496	7.7%	4,648,055	5,000,879	7.6%
Total private dwellings	1,185,037	1,273,832	7.5%	2,063,417	2,211,694	7.2%
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents	1,099,698	1,196,483	8.8%	1,881,969	2,041,834	8.5%
Population density per square kilometre	78	84.1	7.8%	5.0	5.4	8.0%
Land area in square kilometres	36303.31	36262.05	-0.1%	922,503	920686.55	-0.2%
0 to 14 years	426,565	440,745	3.3%	691,390	716,900	3.7%
0 to 4 years	137,035	135,845	-0.9%	220,625	216,825	-1.7%
5 to 9 years	145,140	148,680	2.4%	236,900	244,290	3.1%
10 to 14 years	144,395	156,225	8.2%	233,860	255,790	9.4%
15 to 64 years	1,951,420	2,068,250	6.0%	3,107,680	3,267,620	5.1%
15 to 19 years	163,615	159,780	-2.3%	258,980	253,690	-2.0%
20 to 24 years	188,560	196,480	4.2%	287,560	294,650	2.5%
25 to 29 years	201,755	226,125	12.1%	303,000	337,090	11.3%
30 to 34 years	206,890	237,980	15.0%	313,750	358,585	14.3%
35 to 39 years	191,215	228,715	19.6%	293,590	353,350	20.4%
40 to 44 years	191,610	204,540	6.7%	295,045	319,740	8.4%
45 to 49 years	208,560	197,980	-5.1%	322,365	310,035	-3.8%
50 to 54 years	217,900	208,550	-4.3%	354,375	329,005	-7.2%
55 to 59 years	203,870	212,040	4.0%	354,925	356,345	0.4%
60 to 64 years	177,430	196,065	10.5%	324,095	355,130	9.6%
65 years and over	454,020	540,500	19.0%	848,985	1,016,365	19.7%

One-Parent Family Composition	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Total one-parent families	120,190	126,245	5.0%	197,940	208,475	5.3%
in which the parent is a woman	96,730	100,360	3.8%	155,670	161,820	4.0%
in which the parent is a man	23,460	25,880	10.3%	42,265	46,655	10.4%

Official Language Usage	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
English	2,614,385	2,826,240	8.1%	4373330	4461290	2.0%
French	29,945	30,500	1.9%	55325	56495	2.1%
English and French	15,285	15,190	-0.6%	18000	18145	0.8%
Neither English nor French	143,885	149,825	4.1%	151760	161720	6.6%

Other Language Primarily Spoken at Home	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Punjabi (Panjabi)	129,170	169,525	31.2%	139,080	240,865	73.2%
Mandarin	139,860	154,200	10.3%	146,435	205,205	40.1%
Yue (Cantonese)	132,670	132,310	-0.3%	137,075	192,140	40.2%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	31,570	39,305	24.5%	35,375	82,835	134.2%
Spanish	19,490	26,690	36.9%	22,310	60,465	171.0%
Korean	35,705	41,785	17.0%	38,605	59,935	55.3%
German	4,105	2,975	-27.5%	10,085	50,695	402.7%
Iranian Persian	27,585	31,260	13.3%	28,420	46,395	63.2%
Vietnamese	15,240	18,575	21.9%	17,055	32,560	90.9%
Hindi	11,650	16,065	37.9%	12,310	32,390	163.1%
Russian	11,215	13,395	19.4%	13,310	28,660	115.3%
Portuguese	5,225	10,830	107.3%	6,725	24,320	261.6%
Japanese	8,645	8,925	3.2%	9,860	22,030	123.4%
Italian	4,020	3,410	-15.2%	5,200	19,805	280.9%
Dutch	1,015	735	-27.6%	1,895	17,345	815.3%
Sign languages	940	1,070	13.8%	1,535	1,400	-8.8%

Indigenous Population	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
First Nations	55,070	45,970	-16.5%	172,520	180,085	4.4%
Métis single ancestry	32,515	22,025	-32.3%	89,405	97,860	9.5%
Inuit single ancestry	500	455	-9.0%	1,610	1,720	6.8%

Visible Minorities	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
South Asian	332,655	425,035	27.8%	365,705	473,965	29.6%
Chinese	479,145	517,915	8.1%	508,480	550,590	8.3%
Black	32,680	45,275	38.5%	43,500	61,760	42.0%
Filipino	127,275	148,510	16.7%	145,025	174,280	20.2%
Latin American	37,210	23,670	-36.4%	44,115	28,010	-36.5%
Arab	16,995	55,205	224.8%	19,840	65,970	232.5%
Southeast Asian	47,510	61,135	28.7%	54,920	71,785	30.7%
West Asian	46,420	65,795	41.7%	48,695	69,270	42.3%
Korean	55,375	66,025	19.2%	60,495	72,815	20.4%
Japanese	31,925	33,280	4.2%	41,230	44,120	7.0%
Visible minority; n.i.e.	6,960	15,435	121.8%	8,760	18,080	106.4%
Multiple visible minorities	36,555	52,750	44.3%	40,465	58,840	45.4%
Not a visible minority	1,535,255	1,495,770	-2.6%	3,179,005	3,226,450	1.5%

Immigration	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Non-immigrants	1,642,775	1,690,485	2.9%	3,167,155	3,319,230	4.8%
Immigrants	1,060,950	1,172,750	10.5%	1,292,675	1,425,710	10.3%
Before 1980	234,190	177,990	-24.0%	356,155	280,160	-21.3%
1980 to 1990	128,370	135,930	5.9%	152,220	164,445	8.0%
1991 to 2000	261,075	269,780	3.3%	287,505	299,115	4.0%
2001 to 2010	285,550	278,340	-2.5%	321,240	316,915	-1.3%
2011 to 2021	n/a	310,715	n/a	n/a	365,075	n/a
2011 to 2015	n/a	144,370	n/a	n/a	167,650	n/a
Immigration over the past five years	151,770	166,345	9.6%	175,555	197,425	12.5%
Non-permanent residents	82,225	142,570	73.4%	100,405	171,000	70.3%

Recent Immigrants (Country of Origin)	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
China	36,160	29,240	-19.1%	38105	31,450	-17.5%
India	25,310	34,980	38.2%	27460	39,390	43.4%
Philippines	21,280	15,865	-25.4%	26680	21,220	-20.5%
Iran	8,330	5,665	-32.0%	8645	5,850	-32.3%
Korea, South	7,010	6,340	-9.6%	8025	7,220	-10.0%
United Kingdom	4,570	5,565	21.8%	6540	7,675	17.4%
United States of America	4,555	6,050	32.8%	6485	8,760	35.1%
Other places of birth in Europe	4,285	5,685	32.7%	5455	7,090	30.0%
Other places of birth in Asia	3,935	5,470	39.0%	4545	6,215	36.7%
Mexico	2,410	2,580	7.1%	2885	3,045	5.5%
Other places of birth in Americas	1,970	2,700	37.1%	2380	3,265	37.2%
Japan	1,940	1,685	-13.1%	2285	2,090	-8.5%
Syria	1,900	3,715	95.5%	2185	4,955	126.8%
Pakistan	1,735	2,025	16.7%	1965	2,390	21.6%
Australia	1,390	2,345	68.7%	1920	3,280	70.8%
Iraq	1,865	1,465	-21.4%	1910	1,545	-19.1%
Hong Kong	1,695	2,410	42.2%	1800	2,515	39.7%
Viet Nam	1,580	2,420	53.2%	1780	2,845	59.8%
Other places of birth	1,030	885	-14.1%	1745	1,160	-33.5%
Russian Federation	1,455	1,825	25.4%	1735	2,075	19.6%

Highest Level of Education	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
No certificate; diploma or degree	136,335	121,805	-10.7%	244,000	216,660	-11.2%
Secondary (high) school diploma or equiv.	399,705	407,295	1.9%	671,010	694,785	3.5%
College; CEGEP / non-university cert. or dipl.	306,545	290,815	-5.1%	528,805	507,405	-4.0%
University cert. or dipl. below bachelor level	67,405	78,375	16.3%	99,695	113,915	14.3%
University degree at bachelor level or above	558,470	691,285	23.8%	758,015	941,735	24.2%
Bachelor's degree	366,625	447,290	22.0%	497,845	610,735	22.7%
University diploma above bachelor level	39,245	46,790	19.2%	52,955	63,310	19.6%
Degree, medicine; dentistry; vet'nary, optom.	15,685	17,225	9.8%	22,440	24,675	10.0%
Master's degree	118,405	157,770	33.2%	159,740	212,745	33.2%
Earned doctorate	18,520	22,215	20.0%	25,030	30,275	21.0%

Field of Study	Lower Mainland / Southwest BC Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Education	56,990	59,895	5.1%	96,005	99,640	3.8%
13. Education	56,985	59,895	5.1%	96,010	99,640	3.8%
Visual and performing arts, and communications	58,315	63,995	9.7%	77,655	85,350	9.9%
10. Communications technologies/technicians	9,795	7,905	-19.3%	12,710	9,815	-22.8%
50. Visual and performing arts	48,515	56,085	15.6%	64,940	75,530	16.3%
Humanities	69,615	76,195	9.5%	93,605	103,360	10.4%
16. Indigenous and foreign languages, literatures	9,420	10,165	7.9%	11,710	12,735	8.8%
23. English language and literature/letters	18,870	18,540	-1.7%	25,665	25,770	0.4%
24. Liberal arts and sciences, general studies	22,325	27,935	25.1%	28,260	35,310	24.9%
30A Interdisciplinary humanities	280	1,165	316.1%	425	1,895	345.9%
38. Philosophy and religious studies	3,495	3,750	7.3%	4,970	5,780	16.3%
39. Theology and religious vocations	5,270	5,050	-4.2%	8,330	7,845	-5.8%
54. History	8,105	7,900	-2.5%	11,805	11,615	-1.6%
55. French language and literature/lettersCAN	1,845	1,700	-7.9%	2,445	2,410	-1.4%
Social and behavioural sciences and law	138,545	159,605	15.2%	196,450	226,805	15.5%
05. Area, ethnic, cultural, gender, and group studies	2,410	2,690	11.6%	3,460	4,220	22.0%
09. Communication, journalism and related programs	15,000	20,105	34.0%	19,685	26,730	35.8%
19. Family and consumer sciences/human sciences	17,730	17,595	-0.8%	29,855	29,960	0.4%
22. Legal professions and studies	21,915	25,155	14.8%	31,190	34,935	12.0%

30B Interdisciplinary social and behavioural sciences	2,370	3,390	43.0%	3,540	5,150	45.5%
42. Psychology	23,285	27,290	17.2%	33,055	39,250	18.7%
45. Social sciences	55,835	63,380	13.5%	75,665	86,555	14.4%
Business, management and public administration	232,260	265,960	14.5%	335,220	379,485	13.2%
30.16 Accounting and computer science	350	290	-17.1%	540	445	-17.6%
44. Public administration and social service	9,770	10,320	5.6%	20,695	22,625	9.3%
52. Business, management, marketing and related	222,140	255,355	15.0%	313,985	356,415	13.5%
Physical and life sciences and technologies	45,260	54,140	19.6%	63,705	77,340	21.4%
26. Biological and biomedical sciences	19,250	23,010	19.5%	28,505	33,945	19.1%
30.01 Biological and physical sciences	10,485	13,640	30.1%	13,825	18,520	34.0%
30C Other interdisciplinary physical and life sciences	520	1,075	106.7%	645	1,545	139.5%
40. Physical sciences	13,695	15,255	11.4%	18,525	21,390	15.5%
41. Science technologies/technicians	1,310	1,170	-10.7%	2,210	1,935	-12.4%
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	52,935	68,740	29.9%	68,660	87,185	27.0%
11. Computer and information sciences and support	43,400	57,450	32.4%	56,390	72,700	28.9%
25. Library science	2,630	2,505	-4.8%	3,830	3,600	-6.0%
27. Mathematics and statistics	6,380	7,125	11.7%	7,760	8,865	14.2%
30D Interdisciplinary mathematics, computer and info	510	1,660	225.5%	680	2,010	195.6%
Architecture, engineering, and related trades	184,345	197,600	7.2%	310,855	327,735	5.4%
04. Architecture and related services	9,635	11,600	20.4%	12,110	14,690	21.3%
14. Engineering	63,065	76,135	20.7%	76,935	93,760	21.9%
15. Engineering/engineering-related technologies	28,185	32,570	15.6%	48,690	57,590	18.3%
30.12 Historic preservation and conservation	30	45	50.0%	65	100	53.8%
46. Construction trades	35,680	36,380	2.0%	72,800	74,045	1.7%
47. Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians	32,815	26,990	-17.8%	69,025	57,950	-16.0%
48. Precision production	14,935	13,880	-7.1%	31,225	29,605	-5.2%
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	16,810	20,645	22.8%	39,360	45,705	16.1%
01. Agricultural and veterinary sciences/services	10,225	12,940	26.6%	18,965	23,700	25.0%
03. Natural resources and conservation	6,580	7,700	17.0%	20,395	22,005	7.9%
Health and related fields	143,705	153,565	6.9%	244,975	258,665	5.6%
30.37 Design for human health		-	n/a	-	-	n/a
31. Parks, recreation, leisure, fitness, and kinesiology	11,655	13,150	12.8%	18,900	20,980	11.0%
51. Health professions and related programs	127,575	135,230	6.0%	219,800	229,855	4.6%
60. Health professions residency/fellowship	4,475	345	-92.3%	6,285	580	-90.8%

61. Medical residency/fellowship programs		4,845	n/a	-	7,245	n/a
Personal, protective and transportation services	48,325	47,540	-1.6%	91,185	88,615	-2.8%
12. Culinary, entertainment, and personal services	32,480	31,220	-3.9%	58,820	56,165	-4.5%
28. Military science, leadership and operational art	60	70	16.7%	195	305	56.4%
29. Military technologies and applied sciences	145	165	13.8%	570	450	-21.1%
43. Security and protective services	6,160	6,735	9.3%	11,175	12,270	9.8%
49. Transportation and materials moving	9,485	9,345	-1.5%	20,430	19,425	-4.9%

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NOC Occupation Groups	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
0 Legislative and senior management occupat	177,290	22,250	-87.4%	275,000	32,255	-88.3%
1 Business, finance and administration occupa	246,295	303,970	23.4%	368,940	446,160	20.9%
2 Natural and applied sciences and related occ	109,145	146,970	34.7%	161,520	209,185	29.5%
3 Health occupations	95,820	117,515	22.6%	162,865	199,185	22.3%
4 Occupations in education, law and social, co	168,285	191,995	14.1%	269,255	309,360	14.9%
5 Occupations in art, culture, recreation and s	67,390	80,900	20.0%	93,100	110,585	18.8%
6 Sales and service occupations	375,090	419,350	11.8%	595,225	666,705	12.0%
7 Trades, transport and equipment operators	204,040	275,105	34.8%	360,970	469,450	30.1%
8 Natural resources, agriculture and related pi	26,665	29,110	9.2%	64,235	72,075	12.2%
9 Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	46,860	54,715	16.8%	76,745	88,155	14.9%

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Industry Groups	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	24,005	22,670	-5.6%	65,205	60,320	-7.5%
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	5,625	5,015	-10.8%	25,920	24,955	-3.7%
22 Utilities	7,550	8,935	18.3%	12,445	14,820	19.1%
23 Construction	118,280	139,020	17.5%	199,985	234,345	17.2%
31-33 Manufacturing	99,620	99,205	-0.4%	157,560	152,790	-3.0%
41 Wholesale trade	61,385	60,360	-1.7%	82,105	80,165	-2.4%
44-45 Retail trade	170,715	183,675	7.6%	283,135	301,060	6.3%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	86,605	99,340	14.7%	128,400	142,230	10.8%
51 Information and cultural industries	52,940	58,010	9.6%	67,225	71,295	6.1%
52 Finance and insurance	69,985	72,195	3.2%	93,805	95,560	1.9%
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	38,655	41,950	8.5%	54,995	59,155	7.6%

54 Professional, scientific and technical services	142,645	172,820	21.2%	196,670	238,650	21.3%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	3,425	4,365	27.4%	4,320	5,785	33.9%
56 Administrative and support, waste management	70,150	69,265	-1.3%	109,095	110,215	1.0%
61 Educational services	111,720	124,495	11.4%	173,820	192,855	11.0%
62 Health care and social assistance	156,670	186,305	18.9%	270,855	319,525	18.0%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	35,330	37,205	5.3%	57,940	60,775	4.9%
72 Accommodation and food services	127,995	112,440	-12.2%	207,045	182,105	-12.0%
81 Other services (except public administration)	70,130	70,935	1.1%	112,335	113,780	1.3%
91 Public administration	63,450	73,670	16.1%	125,000	142,730	14.2%

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Labour Force Characteristics	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
In the labour force	1,545,000	1,678,410	9%	2,471,665	2,657,275	7.5%
Employed	1,453,780	1,535,260	6%	2,305,690	2,433,600	5.5%
Unemployed	91,220	143,150	57%	165,975	223,675	34.8%
Not in the labour force	815,010	887,185	9%	1,398,710	1,543,145	10.3%
Participation rate	65.5%	65.4%	-0.2%	63.9%	63.3%	-0.9%
Employment rate	61.6%	59.8%	-2.9%	59.6%	57.9%	-2.9%
Unemployment rate	5.9%	8.5%	44.1%	6.7%	8.4%	25.4%

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Commute to Work	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Car, truck or van - as a driver	876,870	799,425	-8.8%	1,475,585	1,376,410	-6.7%
Car, truck or van - as a passenger	69,560	76,530	10.0%	114,580	121,350	5.9%
Public transit	240,765	149,985	-37.7%	274,205	174,045	-36.5%
Walked	85,505	69,920	-18.2%	142,310	121,550	-14.6%
Bicycle	29,675	20,260	-31.7%	51,350	36,790	-28.4%
Other method	16,710	24,130	44.4%	35,115	43,535	24.0%

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Place of Work	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Worked at home	121,140	386,570	219.1%	196,510	549,845	179.8%
Worked outside Canada	13,560	8,435	-37.8%	16,040	10,065	-37.3%
No fixed workplace address	200,490	227,505	13.5%	326,180	373,475	14.5%
Usual place of work	1,118,595	912,750	-18.4%	1,766,965	1,500,215	-15.1%