

# Kootenay Labour Market Profile for 2021

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Population	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Population	151,403	161,557	6.7%	4,648,055	5,000,879	7.6%
Total private dwellings	83,244	86,517	3.9%	2,063,417	2,211,694	7.2%
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents	67,218	71,460	6.3%	1,881,969	2,041,834	8.5%
Population density per square kilometre	2.6	2.8	7.7%	5.0	5.4	8.0%
Land area in square kilometres	57,721.30	57,672.96	-0.1%	922,503	920686.55	-0.2%
0 to 14 years	22,345	23,175	3.7%	691,390	716,900	3.7%
0 to 4 years	6,875	6,505	-5.4%	220,625	216,825	-1.7%
5 to 9 years	7,850	8,060	2.7%	236,900	244,290	3.1%
10 to 14 years	7,625	8,610	12.9%	233,860	255,790	9.4%
15 to 64 years	95,215	98,045	3.0%	3,107,680	3,267,620	5.1%
15 to 19 years	7,625	7,570	-0.7%	258,980	253,690	-2.0%
20 to 24 years	6,530	6,590	0.9%	287,560	294,650	2.5%
25 to 29 years	7,065	8,120	14.9%	303,000	337,090	11.3%
30 to 34 years	8,535	9,550	11.9%	313,750	358,585	14.3%
35 to 39 years	8,810	10,510	19.3%	293,590	353,350	20.4%
40 to 44 years	9,000	9,930	10.3%	295,045	319,740	8.4%
45 to 49 years	9,495	9,715	2.3%	322,365	310,035	-3.8%
50 to 54 years	11,340	9,920	-12.5%	354,375	329,005	-7.2%
55 to 59 years	13,335	11,995	-10.0%	354,925	356,345	0.4%
60 to 64 years	13,490	14,145	4.9%	324,095	355,130	9.6%
65 years and over	33,840	40,340	19.2%	848,985	1,016,365	19.7%

One-Parent Family Composition	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Total one-parent families	5,950	6,385	7.3%	197,940	208,475	5.3%
in which the parent is a woman	4,385	4,620	5.4%	155,670	161,820	4.0%
in which the parent is a man	1,570	1,765	12.4%	42,265	46,655	10.4%

Official Language Usage	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
English	147125	156805	6.6%	4373330	4461290	2.0%
French	2290	2600	13.5%	55325	56495	2.1%
English and French	180	165	-8.3%	18000	18145	0.8%
Neither English nor French	190	190	0.0%	151760	161720	6.6%

Other Language Primarily Spoken at Home	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Punjabi (Panjabi)	200	505	152.5%	139,080	240,865	73.2%
Mandarin	70	100	42.9%	146,435	205,205	40.1%
Yue (Cantonese)	140	120	-14.3%	137,075	192,140	40.2%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	150	220	46.7%	35,375	82,835	134.2%
Spanish	145	170	17.2%	22,310	60,465	171.0%
Korean	125	160	28.0%	38,605	59,935	55.3%
German	365	255	-30.1%	10,085	50,695	402.7%
Iranian Persian	10	15	50.0%	28,420	46,395	63.2%
Vietnamese	10	15	50.0%	17,055	32,560	90.9%
Hindi	35	85	142.9%	12,310	32,390	163.1%
Russian	210	145	-31.0%	13,310	28,660	115.3%
Portuguese	75	70	-6.7%	6,725	24,320	261.6%
Japanese	50	50	0.0%	9,860	22,030	123.4%
Italian	170	110	-35.3%	5,200	19,805	280.9%
Dutch	60	70	16.7%	1,895	17,345	815.3%
Sign languages	40	45	12.5%	1,535	1,400	-8.8%

Indigenous Population	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
First Nations	1,200	1,675	39.6%	172,520	180,085	4.4%
Métis single ancestry	665	1,020	53.4%	89,405	97,860	9.5%
Inuit single ancestry	5	20	300.0%	1,610	1,720	6.8%

Visible Minorities	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
South Asian	905	1975	118.2%	365,705	473,965	29.6%
Chinese	790	990	25.3%	508,480	550,590	8.3%
Black	705	805	14.2%	43,500	61,760	42.0%
Filipino	870	1220	40.2%	145,025	174,280	20.2%
Latin American	385	30	-92.2%	44,115	28,010	-36.5%
Arab	45	550	1122.2%	19,840	65,970	232.5%
Southeast Asian	300	375	25.0%	54,920	71,785	30.7%
West Asian	25	65	160.0%	48,695	69,270	42.3%
Korean	175	275	57.1%	60,495	72,815	20.4%
Japanese	660	675	2.3%	41,230	44,120	7.0%
Visible minority; n.i.e.	145	175	20.7%	8,760	18,080	106.4%
Multiple visible minorities	200	245	22.5%	40,465	58,840	45.4%
Not a visible minority	143,035	150,620	5.3%	3,179,005	3,226,450	1.5%

Immigration	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Non-immigrants	131,555	139,985	6.4%	3,167,155	3,319,230	4.8%
Immigrants	15,445	15,950	3.3%	1,292,675	1,425,710	10.3%
Before 1980	8,810	7,065	-19.8%	356,155	280,160	-21.3%
1980 to 1990	1,360	1,690	24.3%	152,220	164,445	8.0%
1991 to 2000	1,545	1,550	0.3%	287,505	299,115	4.0%
2001 to 2010	2,220	2,255	1.6%	321,240	316,915	-1.3%
2011 to 2021	n/a	3,390	n/a	n/a	365,075	n/a
2011 to 2015	n/a	1,385	n/a	n/a	167,650	n/a
Immigration over the past five years	1,510	2,000	32.5%	175,555	197,425	12.5%
Non-permanent residents	1,250	2,065	65.2%	100,405	171,000	70.3%

Recent Immigrants (Country of Origin)	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
China	60	30	-50.0%	38105	31,450	-17.5%
India	75	190	153.3%	27460	39,390	43.4%
Philippines	220	265	20.5%	26680	21,220	-20.5%
Iran	10	0	-100.0%	8645	5,850	-32.3%
Korea, South	15	0	-100.0%	8025	7,220	-10.0%
United Kingdom	200	305	52.5%	6540	7,675	17.4%
United States of America	170	330	94.1%	6485	8,760	35.1%
Other places of birth in Europe	65	135	107.7%	5455	7,090	30.0%
Other places of birth in Asia	75	35	-53.3%	4545	6,215	36.7%
Mexico	15	45	200.0%	2885	3,045	5.5%
Other places of birth in Americas	20	30	50.0%	2380	3,265	37.2%
Japan	10	0	-100.0%	2285	2,090	-8.5%
Syria	15	0	-100.0%	2185	4,955	126.8%
Pakistan	10	0	-100.0%	1965	2,390	21.6%
Australia	105	245	133.3%	1920	3,280	70.8%
Iraq	5	5	0.0%	1910	1,545	-19.1%
Hong Kong	5	5	0.0%	1800	2,515	39.7%
Viet Nam	5	5	0.0%	1780	2,845	59.8%
Other places of birth	45	20	-55.6%	1745	1,160	-33.5%
Russian Federation	10	15	50.0%	1735	2,075	19.6%

Highest Level of Education	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
No certificate; diploma or degree	21,055	19,460	-7.6%	244,000	216,660	-11.2%
Secondary (high) school diploma or equiv.	35,890	41,015	14.3%	671,010	694,785	3.5%
College; CEGEP / non-university cert. or dipl.	28,415	29,660	4.4%	528,805	507,405	-4.0%
University cert. or dipl. below bachelor level	3,840	3,660	-4.7%	99,695	113,915	14.3%
University degree at bachelor level or above	19,360	24,600	27.1%	758,015	941,735	24.2%
Bachelor's degree	12,885	16,430	27.5%	497,845	610,735	22.7%
University diploma above bachelor level	1,245	1,570	26.1%	52,955	63,310	19.6%
Degree, medicine; dentistry; vet'nary, optom.	775	835	7.7%	22,440	24,675	10.0%
Master's degree	3,920	5,150	31.4%	159,740	212,745	33.2%
Earned doctorate	540	610	13.0%	25,030	30,275	21.0%

Field of Study	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Education	3,360	3,350	-0.3%	96,005	99,640	3.8%
13. Education	3,360	3,350	-0.3%	96,010	99,640	3.8%
Visual and performing arts, and communications	1,745	1,810	3.7%	77,655	85,350	9.9%
10. Communications technologies/technicians	290	185	-36.2%	12,710	9,815	-22.8%
50. Visual and performing arts	1,455	1,620	11.3%	64,940	75,530	16.3%
Humanities	1,610	1,900	18.0%	93,605	103,360	10.4%
16. Indigenous and foreign languages, literatures	95	120	26.3%	11,710	12,735	8.8%
23. English language and literature/letters	445	495	11.2%	25,665	25,770	0.4%
24. Liberal arts and sciences, general studies	480	590	22.9%	28,260	35,310	24.9%
30A Interdisciplinary humanities	5	50	900.0%	425	1,895	345.9%
38. Philosophy and religious studies	90	195	116.7%	4,970	5,780	16.3%
39. Theology and religious vocations	235	225	-4.3%	8,330	7,845	-5.8%
54. History	230	215	-6.5%	11,805	11,615	-1.6%
55. French language and literature/lettersCAN	30	15	-50.0%	2,445	2,410	-1.4%
Social and behavioural sciences and law	3,930	4,445	13.1%	196,450	226,805	15.5%
05. Area, ethnic, cultural, gender, and group studies	30	90	200.0%	3,460	4,220	22.0%
09. Communication, journalism and related programs	370	400	8.1%	19,685	26,730	35.8%
19. Family and consumer sciences/human sciences	1,115	1,120	0.4%	29,855	29,960	0.4%
22. Legal professions and studies	535	600	12.1%	31,190	34,935	12.0%

30B Interdisciplinary social and behavioural sciences	85	120	41.2%	3,540	5,150	45.5%
42. Psychology	605	680	12.4%	33,055	39,250	18.7%
45. Social sciences	1,195	1,430	19.7%	75,665	86,555	14.4%
Business, management and public administration	8,250	8,970	8.7%	335,220	379,485	13.2%
30.16 Accounting and computer science	15	-	-100.0%	540	445	-17.6%
44. Public administration and social service	890	1,050	18.0%	20,695	22,625	9.3%
52. Business, management, marketing and related	7,340	7,910	7.8%	313,985	356,415	13.5%
Physical and life sciences and technologies	1,400	1,735	23.9%	63,705	77,340	21.4%
26. Biological and biomedical sciences	620	650	4.8%	28,505	33,945	19.1%
30.01 Biological and physical sciences	240	405	68.8%	13,825	18,520	34.0%
30C Other interdisciplinary physical and life sciences	10	35	250.0%	645	1,545	139.5%
40. Physical sciences	425	545	28.2%	18,525	21,390	15.5%
41. Science technologies/technicians	105	100	-4.8%	2,210	1,935	-12.4%
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	990	1,070	8.1%	68,660	87,185	27.0%
11. Computer and information sciences and support	805	830	3.1%	56,390	72,700	28.9%
25. Library science	100	70	-30.0%	3,830	3,600	-6.0%
27. Mathematics and statistics	80	120	50.0%	7,760	8,865	14.2%
30D Interdisciplinary mathematics, computer and info	10	40	300.0%	680	2,010	195.6%
Architecture, engineering, and related trades	13,165	13,290	0.9%	310,855	327,735	5.4%
04. Architecture and related services	220	350	59.1%	12,110	14,690	21.3%
14. Engineering	1,320	1,560	18.2%	76,935	93,760	21.9%
15. Engineering/engineering-related technologies	1,945	2,460	26.5%	48,690	57,590	18.3%
30.12 Historic preservation and conservation	10	10	0.0%	65	100	53.8%
46. Construction trades	3,590	3,755	4.6%	72,800	74,045	1.7%
47. Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians	4,155	3,460	-16.7%	69,025	57,950	-16.0%
48. Precision production	1,925	1,705	-11.4%	31,225	29,605	-5.2%
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	2,425	2,730	12.6%	39,360	45,705	16.1%
01. Agricultural and veterinary sciences/services	690	990	43.5%	18,965	23,700	25.0%
03. Natural resources and conservation	1,730	1,740	0.6%	20,395	22,005	7.9%
Health and related fields	8,760	8,770	0.1%	244,975	258,665	5.6%
30.37 Design for human health		-	n/a	-	-	n/a
31. Parks, recreation, leisure, fitness, and kinesiology	875	1,010	15.4%	18,900	20,980	11.0%
51. Health professions and related programs	7,750	7,545	-2.6%	219,800	229,855	4.6%
60. Health professions residency/fellowship	135	25	-81.5%	6,285	580	-90.8%

61. Medical residency/fellowship programs	3,825	190	n/a	-	7,245	n/a
Personal, protective and transportation services	250	3,445	1278.0%	91,185	88,615	-2.8%
12. Culinary, entertainment, and personal services	2,495	2,165	-13.2%	58,820	56,165	-4.5%
28. Military science, leadership and operational art	5	5	0.0%	195	305	56.4%
29. Military technologies and applied sciences	30	10	-66.7%	570	450	-21.1%
43. Security and protective services	445	480	7.9%	11,175	12,270	9.8%
49. Transportation and materials moving	855	785	-8.2%	20,430	19,425	-4.9%

NOC Occupation Groups	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
0 Legislative and senior management occupat	8,095	630	-92.2%	275,000	32,255	-88.3%
1 Business, finance and administration occupa	8,670	9,890	14.1%	368,940	446,160	20.9%
2 Natural and applied sciences and related occ	3,980	4,830	21.4%	161,520	209,185	29.5%
3 Health occupations	5,485	6,210	13.2%	162,865	199,185	22.3%
4 Occupations in education, law and social, co	7,200	8,080	12.2%	269,255	309,360	14.9%
5 Occupations in art, culture, recreation and s	2,205	2,360	7.0%	93,100	110,585	18.8%
6 Sales and service occupations	16,940	19,605	15.7%	595,225	666,705	12.0%
7 Trades, transport and equipment operators	15,305	18,125	18.4%	360,970	469,450	30.1%
8 Natural resources, agriculture and related pi	3,800	4,820	26.8%	64,235	72,075	12.2%
9 Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	3,165	3,705	17.1%	76,745	88,155	14.9%

Industry Groups	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	3,530	3,695	4.7%	65,205	60,320	-7.5%
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	4,050	4,510	11.4%	25,920	24,955	-3.7%
22 Utilities	700	720	2.9%	12,445	14,820	19.1%
23 Construction	6,880	7,710	12.1%	199,985	234,345	17.2%
31-33 Manufacturing	6,125	5,895	-3.8%	157,560	152,790	-3.0%
41 Wholesale trade	1,570	1,260	-19.7%	82,105	80,165	-2.4%
44-45 Retail trade	9,335	9,705	4.0%	283,135	301,060	6.3%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	2,755	2,740	-0.5%	128,400	142,230	10.8%
51 Information and cultural industries	935	770	-17.6%	67,225	71,295	6.1%
52 Finance and insurance	1,670	1,455	-12.9%	93,805	95,560	1.9%
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	1,090	1,250	14.7%	54,995	59,155	7.6%

54 Professional, scientific and technical services	3,750	4,420	17.9%	196,670	238,650	21.3%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	65	300	361.5%	4,320	5,785	33.9%
56 Administrative and support, waste management	2,835	3,145	10.9%	109,095	110,215	1.0%
61 Educational services	4,795	5,190	8.2%	173,820	192,855	11.0%
62 Health care and social assistance	8,950	10,060	12.4%	270,855	319,525	18.0%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,440	2,490	2.0%	57,940	60,775	4.9%
72 Accommodation and food services	6,560	5,895	-10.1%	207,045	182,105	-12.0%
81 Other services (except public administration)	3,580	3,605	0.7%	112,335	113,780	1.3%
91 Public administration	3,220	3,460	7.5%	125,000	142,730	14.2%

Labour Force Characteristics	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
In the labour force	75,935	79,670	5%	2,471,665	2,657,275	7.5%
Employed	69,785	72,725	4%	2,305,690	2,433,600	5.5%
Unemployed	6,150	6,945	13%	165,975	223,675	34.8%
Not in the labour force	50,020	55,230	10%	1,398,710	1,543,145	10.3%
Participation rate	60.3%	59.1%	-2.0%	63.9%	63.3%	-0.9%
Employment rate	55.4%	53.9%	-2.7%	59.6%	57.9%	-2.9%
Unemployment rate	8.1%	8.7%	7.4%	6.7%	8.4%	25.4%

Commute to Work	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Car, truck or van - as a driver	49,910	48,445	-2.9%	1,475,585	1,376,410	-6.7%
Car, truck or van - as a passenger	3,770	3,945	4.6%	114,580	121,350	5.9%
Public transit	1,350	1,080	-20.0%	274,205	174,045	-36.5%
Walked	5,475	5,275	-3.7%	142,310	121,550	-14.6%
Bicycle	1,310	1,075	-17.9%	51,350	36,790	-28.4%
Other method	1,155	1,455	26.0%	35,115	43,535	24.0%



Place of Work	Kootenay Region			British Columbia		
	2016	2021	Change	2016	2021	Change
Worked at home	6,635	11,225	69.2%	196,510	549,845	179.8%
Worked outside Canada	190	210	10.5%	16,040	10,065	-37.3%
No fixed workplace address	10,140	12,055	18.9%	326,180	373,475	14.5%
Usual place of work	52,820	49,230	-6.8%	1,766,965	1,500,215	-15.1%