



# 1996 Census Profile of British Columbia's Census Subdivisions (CSD)

## Profile of **Abbotsford, C**

Located in Fraser Valley Regional District

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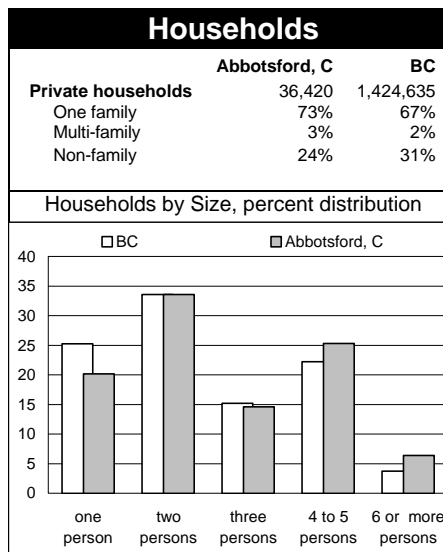
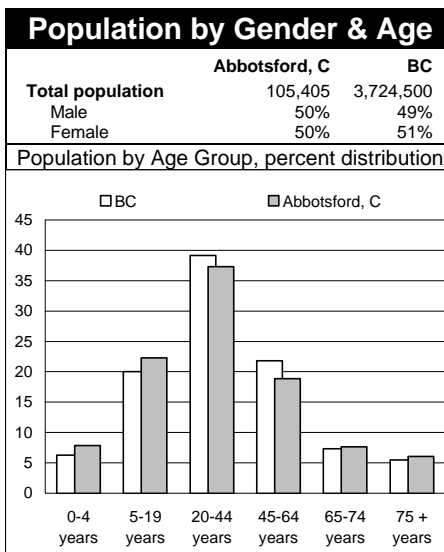
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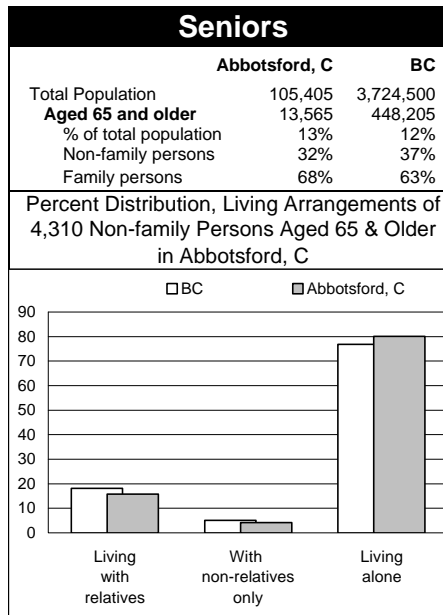
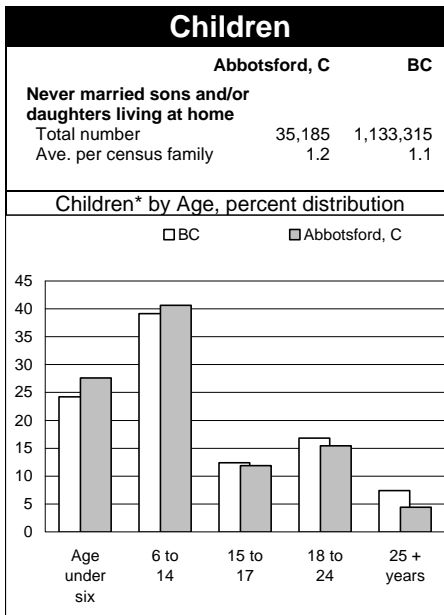
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Summary		
	Abbotsford, C	BC
<b>Total population</b> (as of May 14, 1996)	105,403	3,724,500
Share of Regional District	47.4%	-
<b>1991 Census Population</b> (as of June 4, 1991)	86,928	3,282,061
Percent change 1991-1996	21.3%	13.5%
<b>Land area 1996</b> km <sup>2</sup>	343.85	892,677
Abbotsford, C		
<b>Top 3 industries</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Experienced Labour Force	51,285	100%
Manufacturing	6,515	13%
Retail trade	6,305	12%
Agriculture	4,905	10%
<b>Top 3 occupations</b>		
Experienced Labour Force	51,285	100%
Clerical	5,015	10%
Sales & service n.e.c.	4,575	9%
Unique to agriculture	3,745	7%

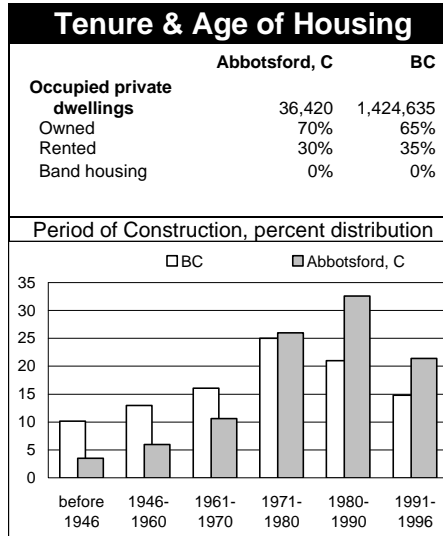
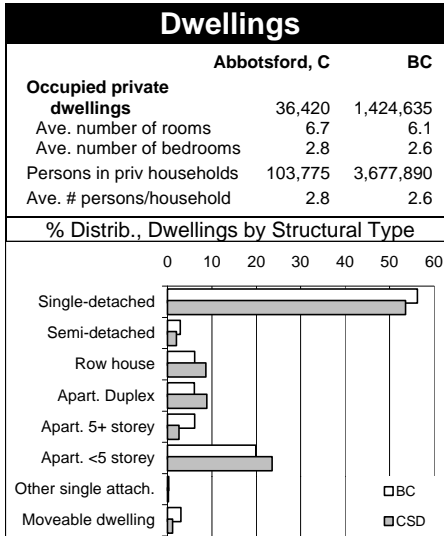


Marital Status & Families		
	Abbotsford, C	BC
<b>Population 15+ years</b>	80,965	2,989,325
Single, never married	25%	31%
Legally married	59%	52%
Separated	3%	3%
Divorced	6%	8%
Widowed	6%	6%
Census Families by Structure		
<b>Number of census families</b>	28,915	1,008,440
<b>Husband-wife families</b>	25,325	869,430
Now-married couples	23,425	765,565
Without child* at home	44%	43%
With children* at home	56%	57%
Common-law couples	1,900	103,865
Without child* at home	61%	62%
With children* at home	39%	38%
<b>Single-parent families</b>	3,585	139,010
Male parent	18%	17%
Female parent	82%	83%

child\*/children\* - defined as never married sons and/or daughters at home



Affordability		
	Abbotsford, C	BC
<b>Average value of occupied private dwellings</b>	\$197,222	\$239,745
<b>Occupied dwellings</b>	36,420	1,424,635
Regular maintenance	77%	69%
Require minor repairs	18%	24%
Require major repairs	5%	8%
<b>Tenant 1-family households, non-farm, non-reserve, without extra persons</b>	5,750	211,925
Average gross rent	\$734	\$772
Gross rent spending 30% or more of hh income on shelter	2,660	89,820
Above as % of tenants	46%	42%
<b>Owner 1-family households, non-farm, non-reserve, without extra persons</b>	17,160	623,225
Average owner's major payments	\$878	\$840
Owners major payments spending 30% or more of hh income on shelter	3,470	111,685
Above as % of owners	20%	18%



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### First Nations

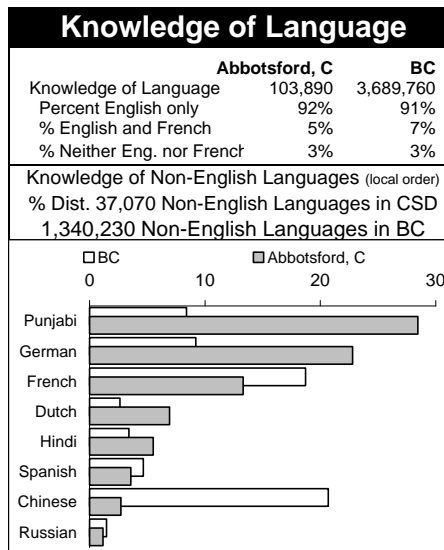
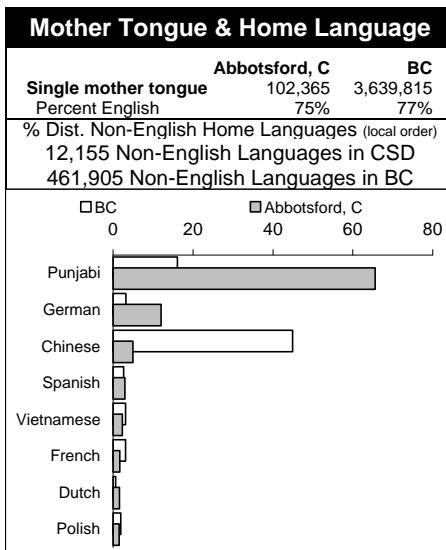
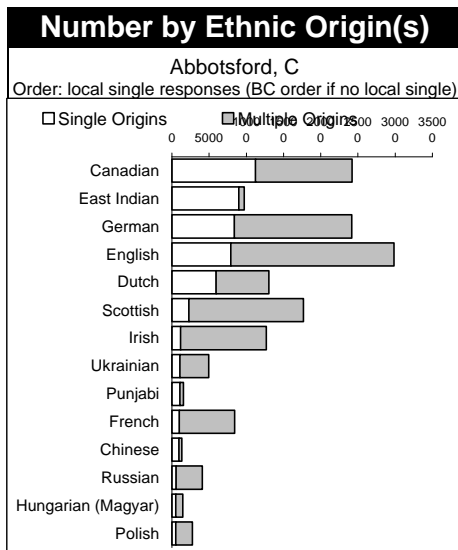
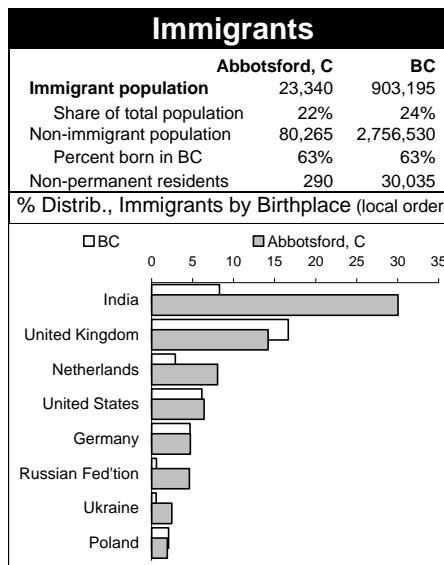
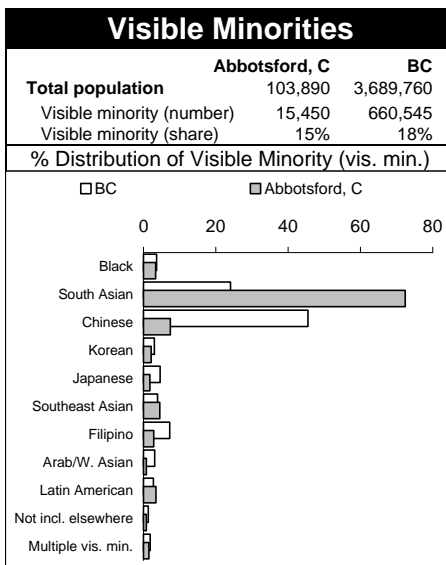
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Total population	103,890	3,689,755
<b>Aboriginal identity</b>	1,640	139,655
Share of total population	2%	4%
North American Indian (*si...	925	107,370
Metis (*single response)	595	25,575
Inuit (*single response)	0	740
Multiple Aboriginal response	30	1,205
Other Aboriginal response	80	4,765

### Aboriginal ethnic origin

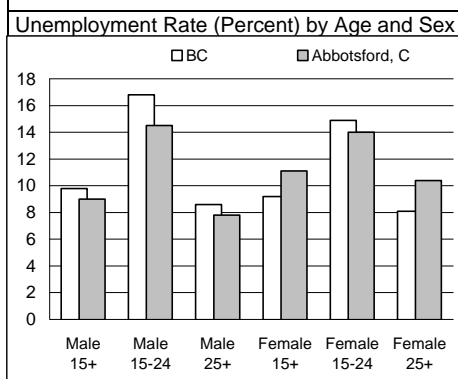
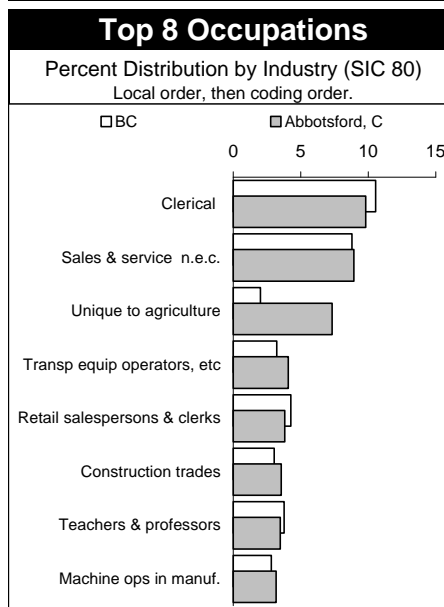
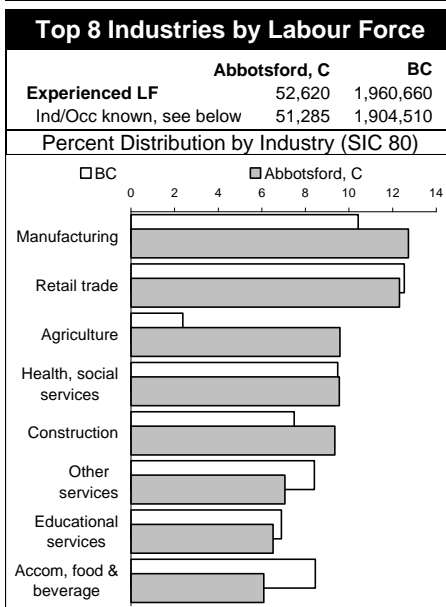
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<b>Single response</b>	325	76,430
North American Indian	80%	94%
Metis	20%	6%
Inuit	0%	0%
<b>Multiple response</b>	2,785	112,665
North American Indian	64%	76%
Metis	34%	22%
Inuit	1%	1%

The 1996 Census had a question on Aboriginal identity. Origin data is more comparable with previous censuses.



### Labour Force Activity

	Abbotsford, C	BC
Pop 15+ in labour force	52,615	1,960,660
Employed	47,390	1,773,285
Unemployed	5,230	187,375
Not in labour force	26,820	994,040
Participation rate	66.2	66.4
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.6



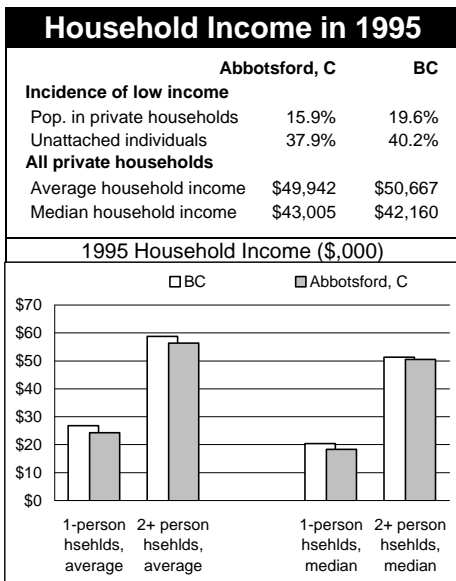
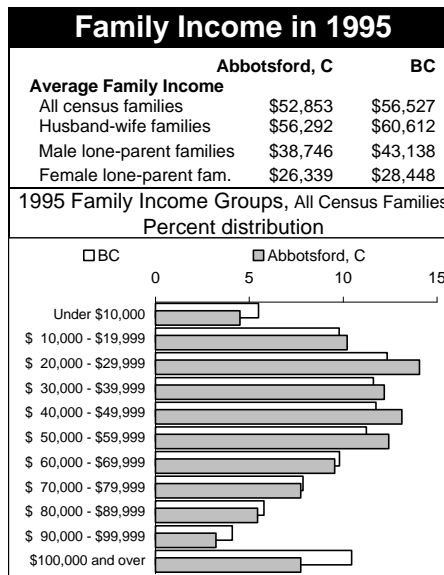
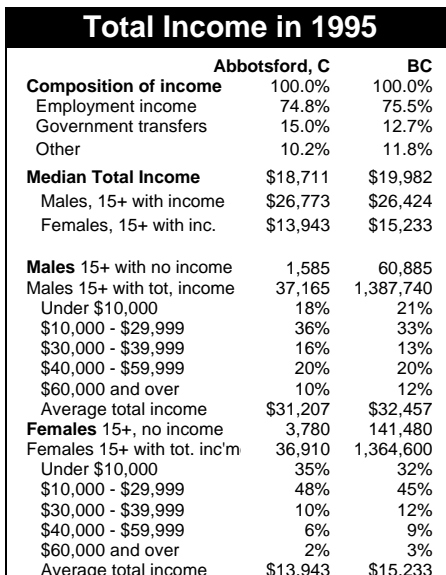
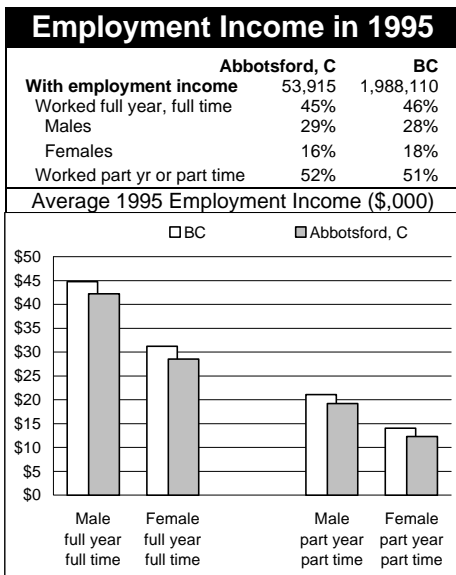
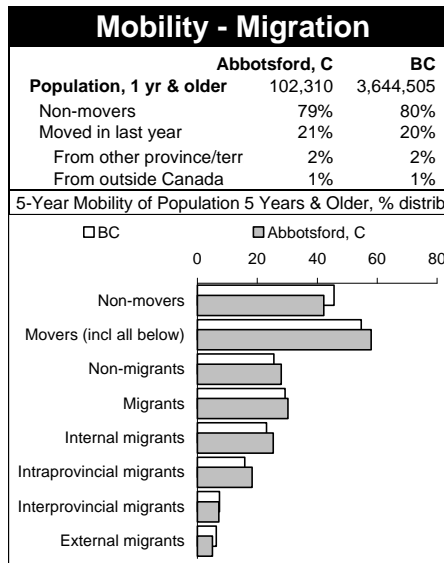
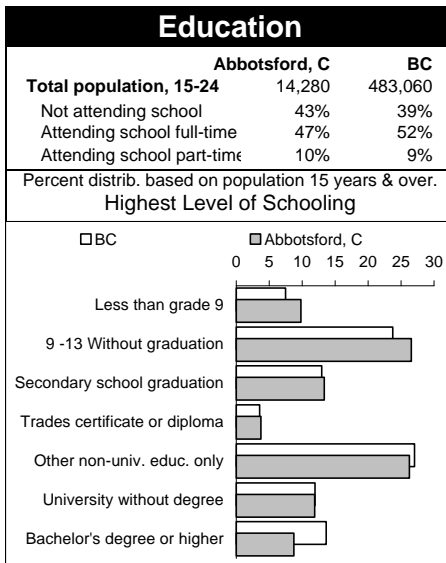
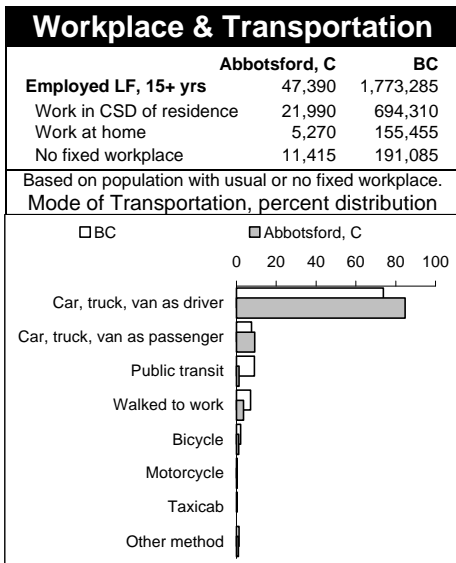
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### Notes

**Population** - effective for 1991 & 1996 Census, non-permanent residents included in total population.

**1991 Census population** - based on 1996 boundaries.

**Family** - refers to two or more persons living in the same dwelling, related to each other by blood, marriage, common-law or adoption.

**Experienced labour force** - includes persons who worked since Jan 1, 1995 and who were employed or unemployed during the reference week.

**Non-movers** - on Census Day were living at the same address as one or five years previous.

**Non-migrant movers** - lived at a different address but in the same census subdivision (CSD).

**Average** - or arithmetic mean is calculated by dividing the sum of included categories by the number of included categories.

**Median** - an alternate measure of 'averageness'. Median income of a specific group is that amount which divides their income size distribution into two halves (below and above the median).

**Incidence of low income** - the percentage of a specific group below Statistics Canada's low income cut-offs (LICO).

### More Information

Our own website contains sections devoted to census and regional statistics.  
[www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.htm](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.htm)  
[www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/regions.htm](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/regions.htm)

Statistics Canada offers community profiles.  
<http://CEPS.statcan.ca/english/profil/PlaceSearchForm1.cfm>

The British Columbia Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration offers extensive profiles.  
[www.gov.bc.ca/mi/rpts/profiles.htm](http://www.gov.bc.ca/mi/rpts/profiles.htm)

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has a growing statistics site.  
[www.inac.gc.ca/pr/sts/index\\_e.html](http://www.inac.gc.ca/pr/sts/index_e.html)

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<b>Ethnic Origins</b>		
Total population by ethnic origin (single and multiple responses) 103,895		
	<b>Single</b>	<b>Multiple</b>
Total population	57,950	45,940
Canadian	11,225	12,965
East Indian	8,985	735
German	8,375	15,805
English	7,910	21,930
Dutch	5,955	7,075
Scottish	2,285	15,405
Irish	1,145	11,545
Ukrainian	1,095	3,845
Punjabi	1,095	470
French	970	7,440
Chinese	940	380
Russian	540	3,545
Hungarian (Magyar)	515	935
Polish	505	2,255

<b>Labour Force Activity</b>		
Unemployment rates		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Age 15+	9.0	11.1
Age 15-24	14.5	14.0
Age 25+	7.8	10.4

<b>Employment Income in 1995</b>		
All persons with employment income by work activity 53,915		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
With emp. income by work activity	28,905	25,010
Ave. emp. income \$	31,684	17,858
Standard error of Ave. emp. income \$	367	253
Worked full year, full time	15,750	8,580
Ave. emp. income \$	42,211	28,497
Std. error of Ave. emp. income \$	545	538
Worked part year or part time	12,430	15,430
Ave. emp. income \$	19,164	12,272
Std. error of Ave. emp. income \$	364	220

<b>Total Income in 1995</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Population 15+ by income	38,745	40,690
Without income	1,585	3,780
With income	37,165	36,910
Under \$1,000	1,365	1,930
\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,999	1,185	2,215
\$ 3,000 - \$ 4,999	975	1,920
\$ 5,000 - \$ 6,999	1,430	2,535
\$ 7,000 - \$ 9,999	1,905	4,180
\$10,000 - \$11,999	1,810	3,115
\$12,000 - \$14,999	2,365	3,730
\$15,000 - \$19,999	3,275	4,580
\$20,000 - \$24,999	3,195	3,520
\$25,000 - \$29,999	2,855	2,645
\$30,000 - \$34,999	2,960	2,100
\$35,000 - \$39,999	2,930	1,460
\$40,000 - \$44,999	2,460	925
\$45,000 - \$49,999	1,770	640
\$50,000 - \$59,999	3,040	760
\$60,000 and over	3,640	660
Average income \$	31,207	17,905
Median income \$	26,773	13,943
Std. error of ave. income \$	330	194

<b>Household Income in 1995</b>		
	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
One person households \$	24,320	18,295
Std. error of ave. income \$	458	
Two or more person households \$	56,405	50,467
Std. error of ave. income \$	554	

<b>Workplace and Transportation</b>		
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by place of work status 47,390		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Total employed labour force	26,160	21,225
Usual place of work	18,940	16,905
In CSD of residence	10,175	11,815
In different CSD	8,760	5,090
In same CD	1,500	1,090
At home	2,265	3,005
Outside Canada	180	80
No fixed workplace	4,780	1,240
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by mode of transportation 41,865		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Total employed labour force	23,720	18,140
Car, truck, van as driver	20,475	14,930
Car, truck, van as passenger	1,880	1,870
Public transit	155	285
Walked to work	615	815
Bicycle	330.0	85.0
Motorcycle	45.0	-
Taxicab	-	15
Other method	220	140

<b>Mobility &amp; Migration</b>		
	<b>1-year</b>	<b>5-year</b>
Total by mobility status over period	102,310	95,655
Non-movers	80,555	40,265
Movers	21,755	55,390
Non-migrants	13,330	26,625
Migrants	8,425	28,770
Internal migrants	7,195	24,100
Intraprovincial migrants	5,535	17,360
Interprovincial migrants	1,665	6,745
External migrants	1,230	4,665

<b>Experienced Labour Force by Industry</b>	
Total labour force 15 years and over by industry divisions	52,620
Industry - Not applicable	1,330
All industries	51,285
Division A - Agricultural and related service industries	4,905
Division B - Fishing and trapping industries	40
Division C - Logging and forestry industries	270
Division D - Mining (+ milling), quarrying & oil well ind.	120
Division E - Manufacturing industries	6,515
Division F - Construction industries	4,790
Division G - Transportation and storage industries	2,325
Division H - Communication and other utility industries	1,170
Division I - Wholesale trade industries	2,560
Division J - Retail trade industries	6,305
Division K - Finance and insurance industries	1,360
Division L - Real estate operator & insurance agent ind.	1,010
Division M - Business service industries	2,375
Division N - Government service industries	2,570
Division O - Educational service industries	3,335
Division P - Health and social service industries	4,895
Division Q - Accommodation, food & beverage service	3,115
Division R - Other service industries	3,610

<b>Top 10 Occupations</b>	
Clerical	5,015
Sales & service n.e.c.	4,575
Unique to agriculture	3,745
Transp equip operators, etc	2,080
Retail salespersons & clerks	1,940
Construction trades	1,810
Teachers & professors	1,780
Machine ops in manuf.	1,620
Childcare & home support	1,595
Other managers n.e.c.	1,590