

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

Profile of
Courtenay, C

Located in Comox-Strathcona Regional District

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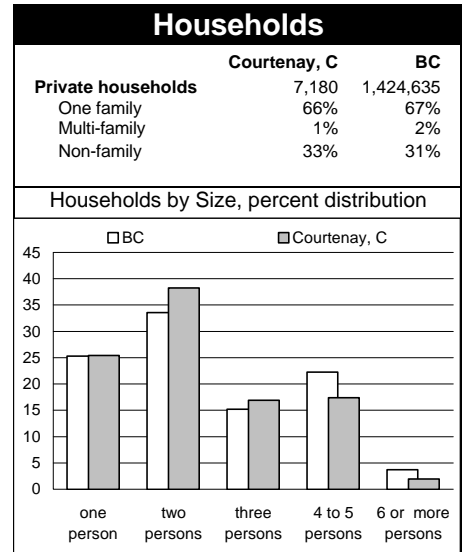
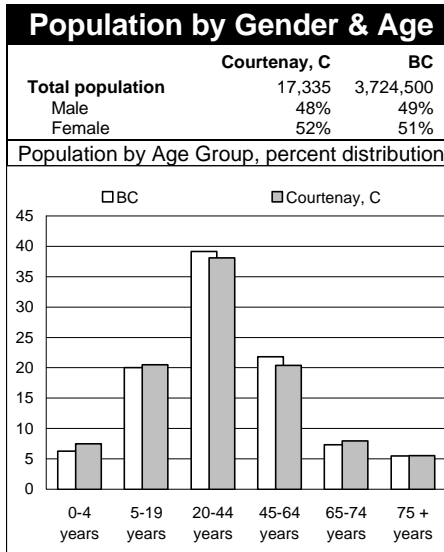
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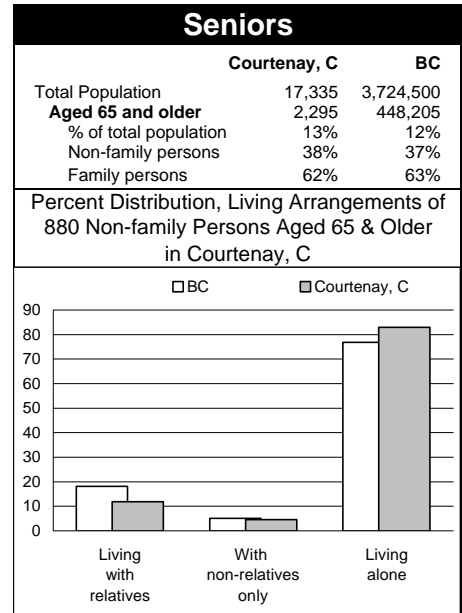
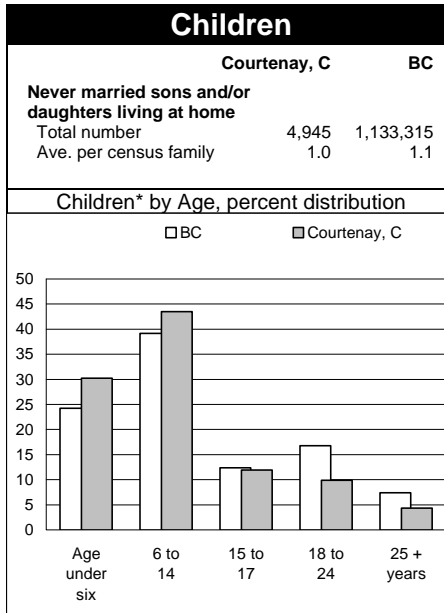
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Summary		
	Courtenay, C	BC
Total population (as of May 14, 1996)	17,335	3,724,500
Share of Regional District	17.7%	-
1991 Census Population (as of June 4, 1991)	11,698	3,282,061
Percent change 1991-1996	48.2%	13.5%
Land area 1996 km ²	15.49	892,677
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Top 3 industries	Number	Percent
Experienced Labour Force	7,920	100%
Retail trade	1,450	18%
Accom, food & beverage	830	10%
Government services	770	10%
Top 3 occupations		
Experienced Labour Force	7,915	100%
Sales & service n.e.c.	820	10%
Retail salespersons & clerks	510	6%
Clerical	500	6%

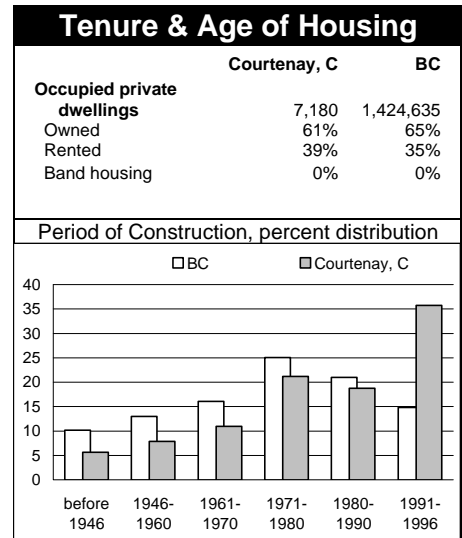
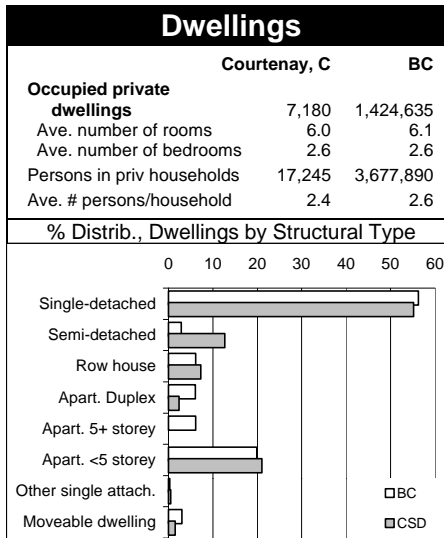


Marital Status & Families		
	Courtenay, C	BC
Population 15+ years	13,615	2,989,325
Single, never married	29%	31%
Legally married	49%	52%
Separated	5%	3%
Divorced	10%	8%
Widowed	6%	6%
Census Families by Structure		
Number of census families	4,830	1,008,440
Husband-wife families	3,940	869,430
Now-married couples	3,330	765,565
Without child* at home	52%	43%
With children* at home	47%	57%
Common-law couples	610	103,865
Without child* at home	57%	62%
With children* at home	43%	38%
Single-parent families	890	139,010
Male parent	11%	17%
Female parent	89%	83%

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



Affordability		
	Courtenay, C	BC
Average value of occupied private dwellings	\$151,791	\$239,745
Occupied dwellings	7,180	1,424,635
Regular maintenance	74%	69%
Require minor repairs	20%	24%
Require major repairs	6%	8%
Tenant 1-family households, non-farm, non-reserve, without extra persons	1,375	211,925
Average gross rent	\$712	\$772
Gross rent spending 30% or more of hh income on shelter	710	89,820
Above as % of tenants	52%	42%
Owner 1-family households, non-farm, non-reserve, without extra persons	3,000	623,225
Average owner's major payments	\$694	\$840
Owners major payments spending 30% or more of hh income on shelter	530	111,685
Above as % of owners	18%	18%



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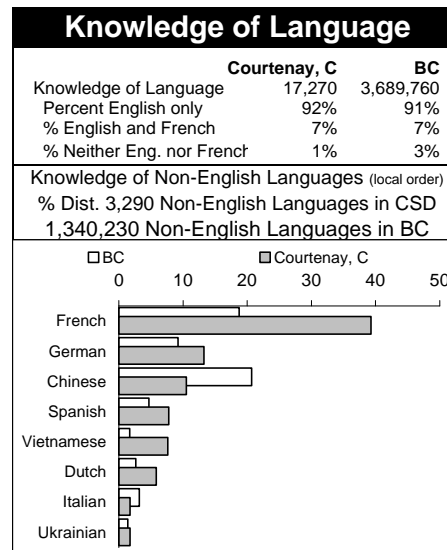
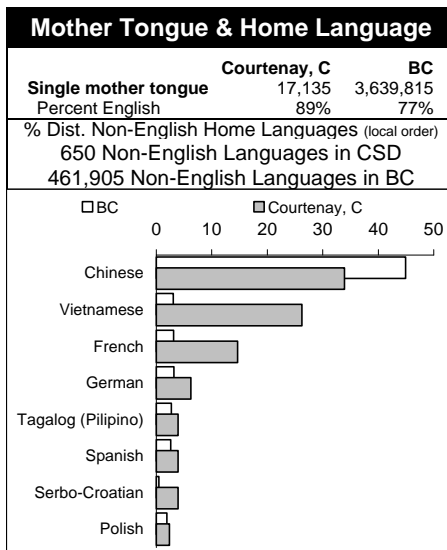
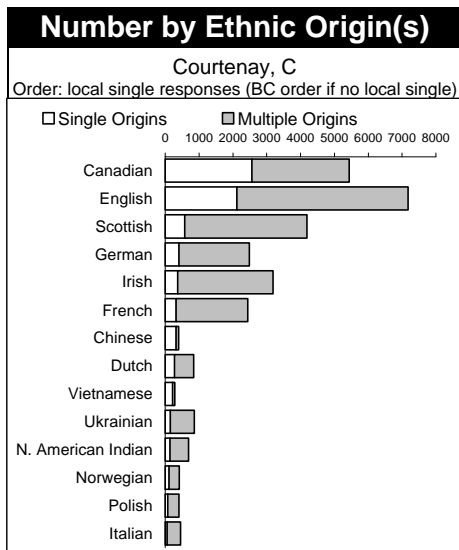
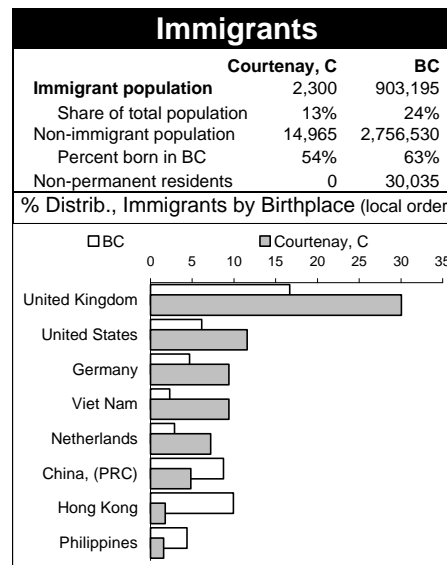
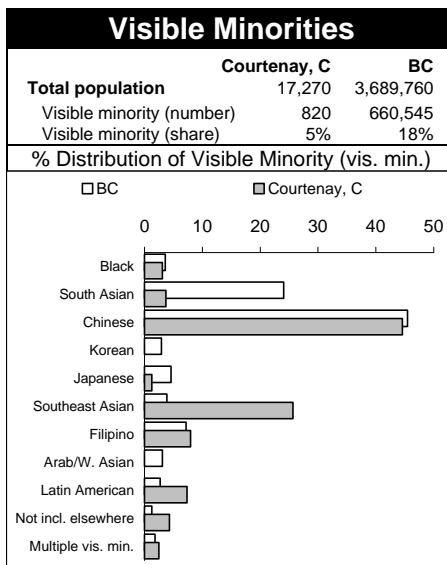
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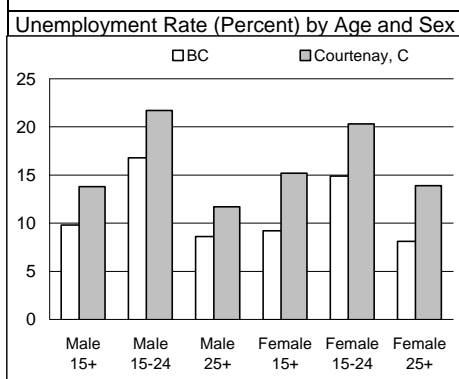
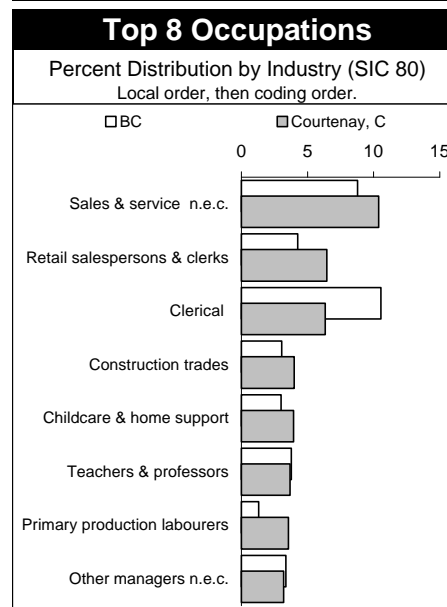
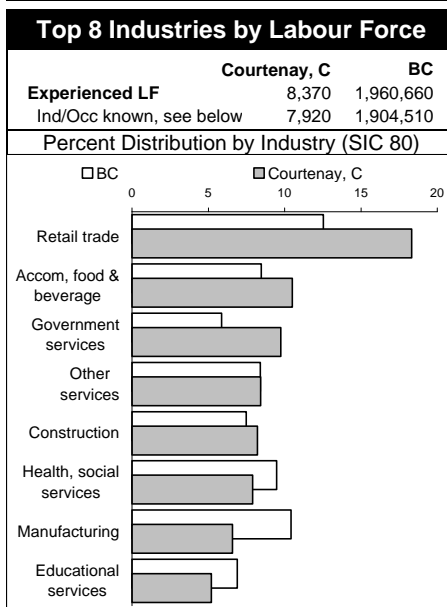
First Nations		
	Courtenay, C	BC
Total population	17,270	3,689,755
Aboriginal identity	525	139,655
Share of total population	3%	4%
North American Indian (*si...	415	107,370
Metis (*single response)	100	25,575
Inuit (*single response)	0	740
Multiple Aboriginal response	10	1,205
Other Aboriginal response	0	4,765
Aboriginal ethnic origin		
Single response	145	76,430
North American Indian	100%	94%
Metis	0%	6%
Inuit	0%	0%
Multiple response	655	112,665
North American Indian	83%	76%
Metis	14%	22%
Inuit	3%	1%

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



Labour Force Activity

	Courtenay, C	BC
Pop 15+ in labour force	8,370	1,960,660
Employed	7,165	1,773,285
Unemployed	1,210	187,375
Not in labour force	5,190	994,040
Participation rate	61.7	66.4
Unemployment rate	14.5	9.6



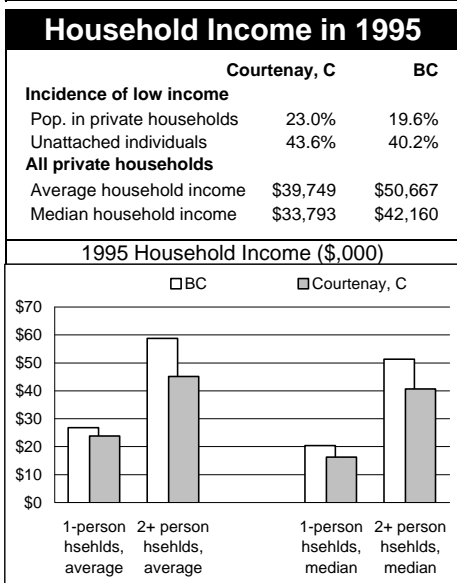
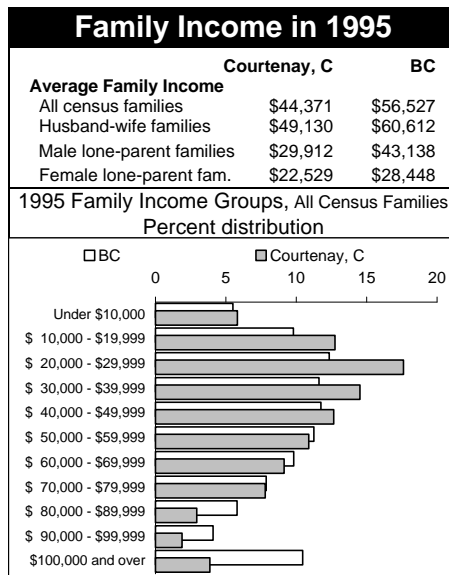
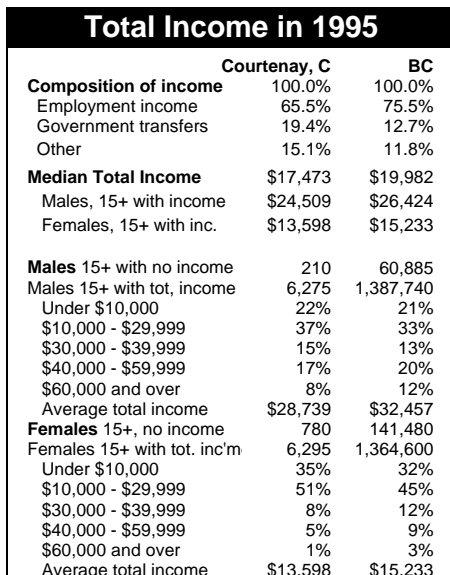
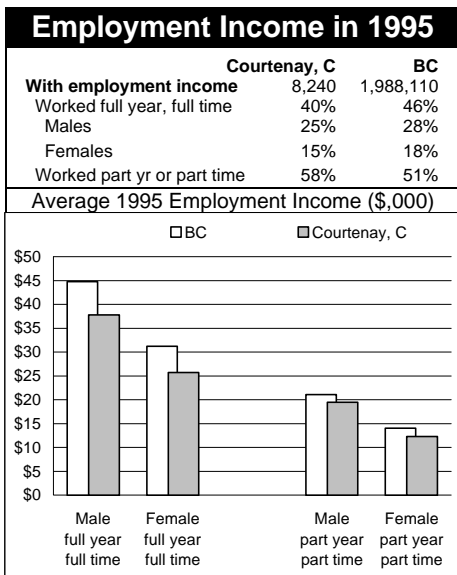
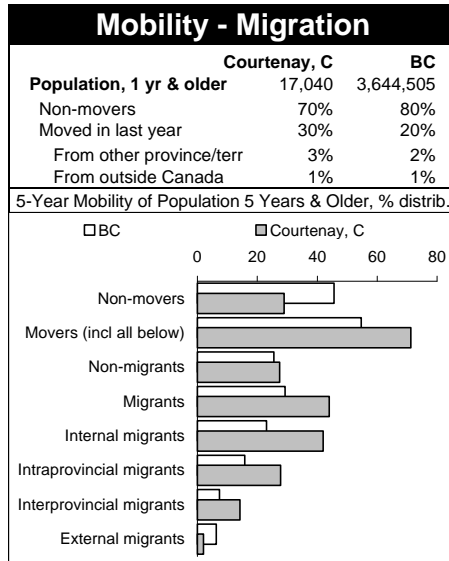
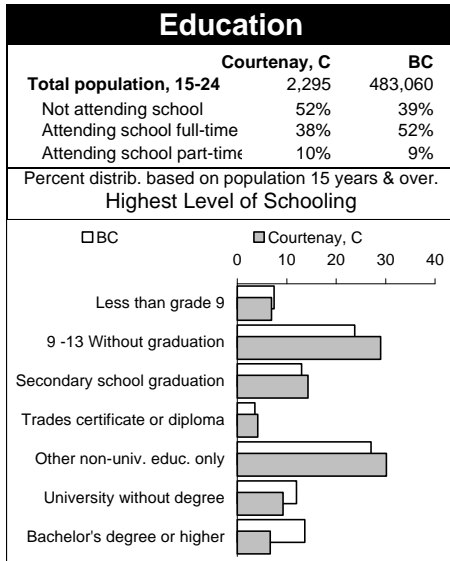
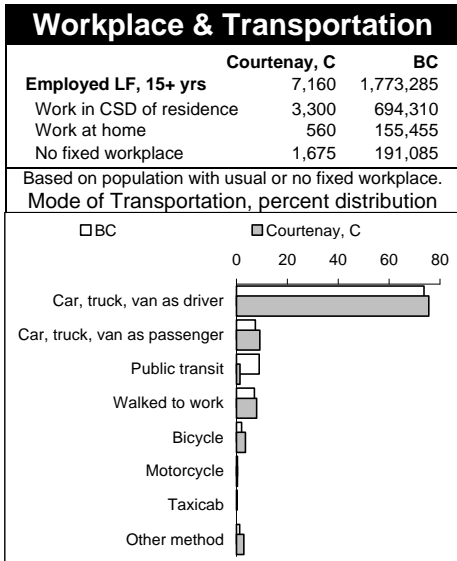
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Notes

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
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

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has a growing statistics site.
www.inac.gc.ca/pr/sts/index_e.html

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Source data for tables and charts

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Ethnic Origins		
Total population by ethnic origin (single and multiple responses) 17,270		
	Single	Multiple
Total population	8,315	8,950
Canadian	2,565	2,875
English	2,120	5,055
Scottish	575	3,610
German	410	2,080
Irish	365	2,825
French	325	2,115
Chinese	320	75
Dutch	270	570
Vietnamese	220	60
Ukrainian	150	710
N. American Indian	145	545
Norwegian	110	310
Polish	75	330
Italian	60	395

Labour Force Activity		
Unemployment rates		
	Male	Female
Age 15+	13.8	15.2
Age 15-24	21.7	20.3
Age 25+	11.7	13.9

Employment Income in 1995		
All persons with employment income by work activity 8,240		
	Male	Female
With emp. income by work activity	4,465	3,780
Ave. emp. income \$	28,016	16,449
Standard error of Ave. emp. income \$	679	462
Worked full year, full time	2,045	1,225
Ave. emp. income \$	37,796	25,703
Std. error of Ave. emp. income \$	892	793
Worked part year or part time	2,290	2,465
Ave. emp. income \$	19,459	12,263
Std. error of Ave. emp. income \$	881	482

Total Income in 1995		
	Male	Female
Population 15+ by income	6,485	7,080
Without income	210	780
With income	6,275	6,295
Under \$1,000	255	345
\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,999	175	335
\$ 3,000 - \$ 4,999	210	335
\$ 5,000 - \$ 6,999	310	480
\$ 7,000 - \$ 9,999	410	685
\$10,000 - \$11,999	240	455
\$12,000 - \$14,999	390	830
\$15,000 - \$19,999	660	875
\$20,000 - \$24,999	565	525
\$25,000 - \$29,999	485	515
\$30,000 - \$34,999	480	260
\$35,000 - \$39,999	490	250
\$40,000 - \$44,999	440	115
\$45,000 - \$49,999	210	100
\$50,000 - \$59,999	430	130
\$60,000 and over	525	45
Average income \$	28,739	16,785
Median income \$	24,509	13,598
Std. error of ave. income \$	594	343

Household Income in 1995		
	Average	Median
One person households \$	23,880	16,277
Std. error of ave. income \$	1,090	
Two or more person households \$	45,161	40,625
Std. error of ave. income \$	781	

Workplace and Transportation		
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by place of work status 7,160		
	Male	Female
Total employed labour force	3,835	3,325
Usual place of work	2,800	2,705
In CSD of residence	1,375	1,925
In different CSD	1,430	780
In same CD	1,185	670
At home	245	315
Outside Canada	20	10
No fixed workplace	770	300
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by mode of transportation 6,580		
	Male	Female
Total employed labour force	3,570	3,010
Car, truck, van as driver	2,655	2,310
Car, truck, van as passenger	360	240
Public transit	10	75
Walked to work	220	290
Bicycle	185.0	35.0
Motorcycle	15.0	-
Taxicab	-	-
Other method	125	55

Mobility & Migration		
	1-year	5-year
Total by mobility status over period	17,040	15,960
Non-movers	11,940	4,605
Movers	5,100	11,360
Non-migrants	2,960	4,360
Migrants	2,140	7,000
Internal migrants	2,050	6,680
Intraprovincial migrants	1,565	4,420
Interprovincial migrants	485	2,255
External migrants	95	315

Experienced Labour Force by Industry	
Total labour force 15 years and over by industry divisions	8,370
Industry - Not applicable	450
All industries	7,920
Division A - Agricultural and related service industries	100
Division B - Fishing and trapping industries	245
Division C - Logging and forestry industries	250
Division D - Mining (+ milling), quarrying & oil well ind.	50
Division E - Manufacturing industries	520
Division F - Construction industries	650
Division G - Transportation and storage industries	260
Division H - Communication and other utility industries	80
Division I - Wholesale trade industries	230
Division J - Retail trade industries	1,450
Division K - Finance and insurance industries	195
Division L - Real estate operator & insurance agent ind.	240
Division M - Business service industries	345
Division N - Government service industries	770
Division O - Educational service industries	410
Division P - Health and social service industries	625
Division Q - Accommodation, food & beverage service	830
Division R - Other service industries	665

Top 10 Occupations	
Sales & service n.e.c.	820
Retail salespersons & clerks	510
Clerical	500
Construction trades	315
Childcare & home support	310
Teachers & professors	290
Primary production labourers	280
Other managers n.e.c.	250
Cashiers	250
Technical, sciences related	245