



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

Profile of

Dawson Creek, C

Located in Peace River Regional District

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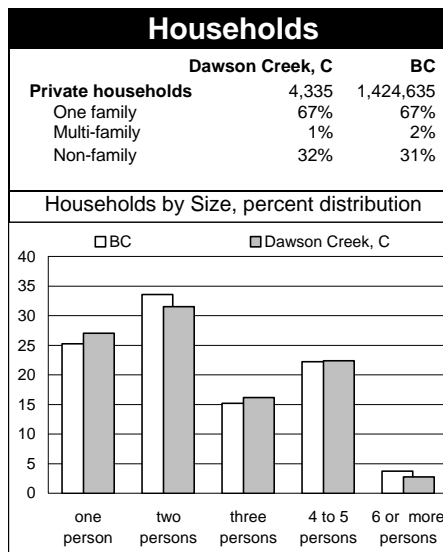
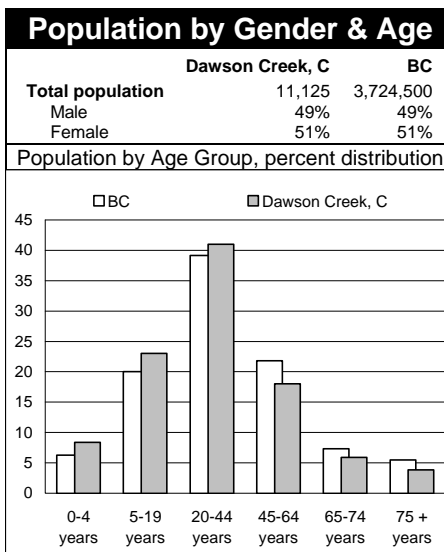
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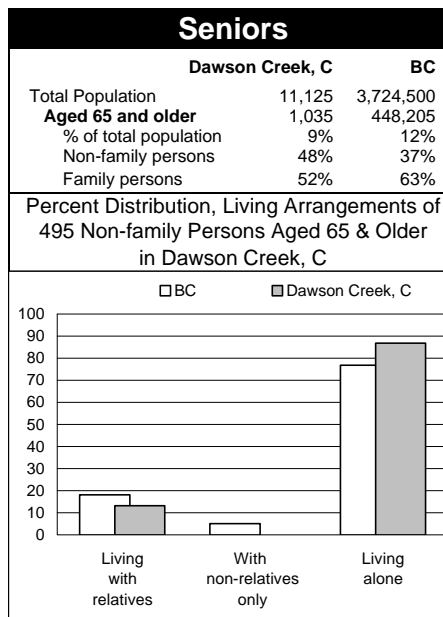
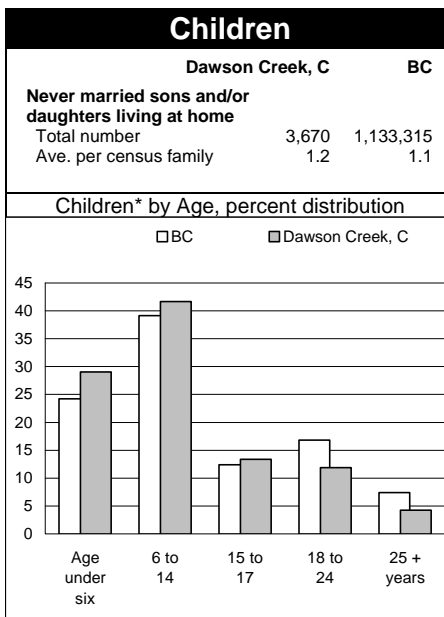
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Summary		
	Dawson Creek, C	BC
Total population (as of May 14, 1996)	11,125	3,724,500
Share of Regional District	19.7%	-
1991 Census Population (as of June 4, 1991)	10,981	3,282,061
Percent change 1991-1996	1.3%	13.5%
Land area 1996 km ²	20.30	892,677
Dawson Creek, C		
Top 3 industries	Number	Percent
Experienced Labour Force	5,830	100%
Retail trade	990	17%
Health, social services	670	11%
Accom, food & beverage	525	9%
Top 3 occupations		
Experienced Labour Force	5,830	100%
Sales & service n.e.c.	835	14%
Clerical	520	9%
Transp equip operators, etc	300	5%

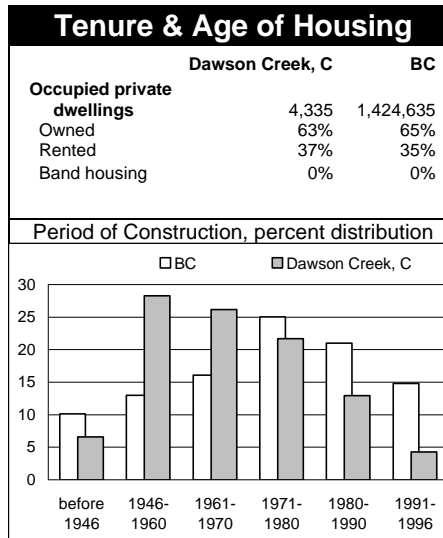
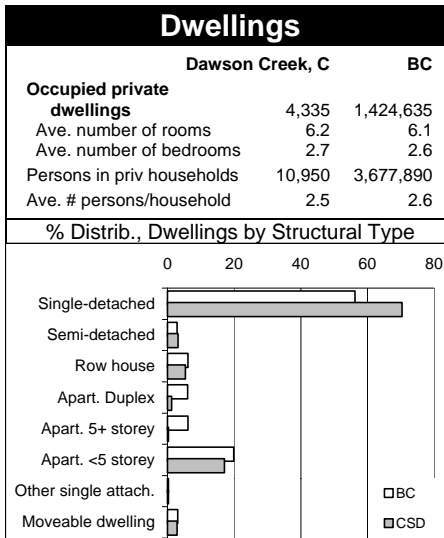


Marital Status & Families		
	Dawson Creek, C	BC
Population 15+ years	8,420	2,989,325
Single, never married	33%	31%
Legally married	47%	52%
Separated	4%	3%
Divorced	9%	8%
Widowed	6%	6%
Census Families by Structure		
Number of census families	2,995	1,008,440
Husband-wife families	2,390	869,430
Now-married couples	1,945	765,565
Without child* at home	41%	43%
With children* at home	59%	57%
Common-law couples	445	103,865
Without child* at home	54%	62%
With children* at home	47%	38%
Single-parent families	610	139,010
Male parent	12%	17%
Female parent	88%	83%

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



Affordability		
	Dawson Creek, C	BC
Average value of occupied private dwellings	\$82,183	\$239,745
Occupied dwellings	4,335	1,424,635
Regular maintenance	53%	69%
Require minor repairs	35%	24%
Require major repairs	12%	8%
Tenant 1-family households, non-farm, non-reserve, without extra persons	730	211,925
Average gross rent	\$580	\$772
Gross rent spending 30% or more of hh income on shelter	245	89,820
Above as % of tenants	34%	42%
Owner 1-family households, non-farm, non-reserve, without extra persons	1,930	623,225
Average owner's major payments	\$653	\$840
Owners major payments spending 30% or more of hh income on shelter	170	111,685
Above as % of owners	9%	18%



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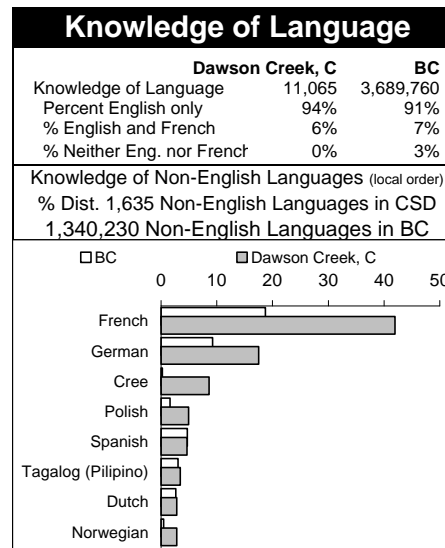
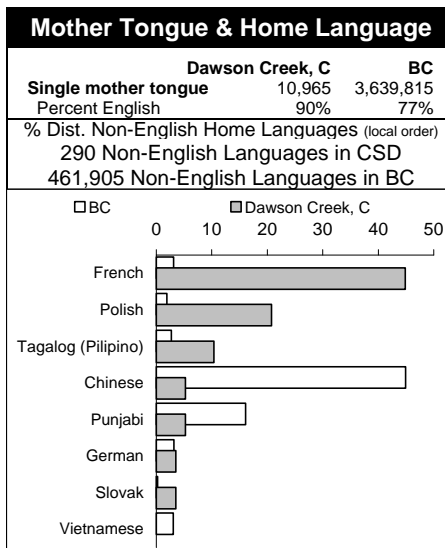
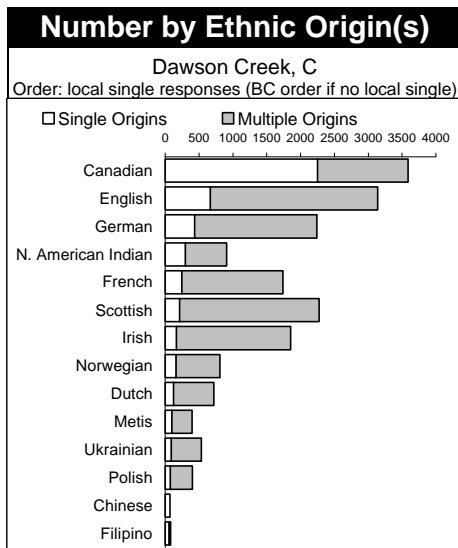
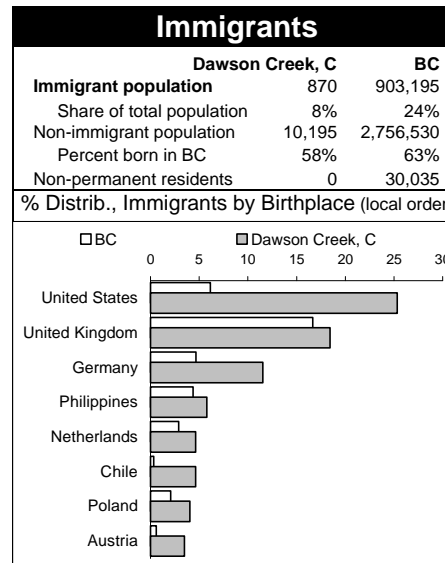
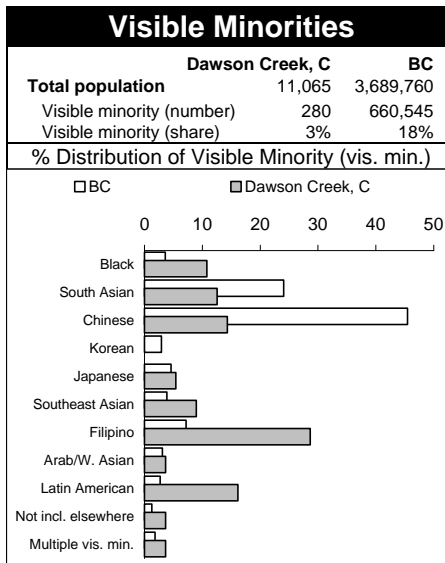
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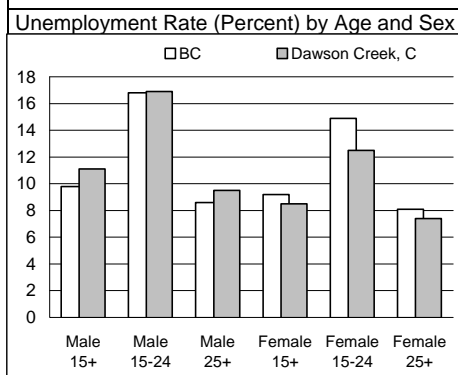
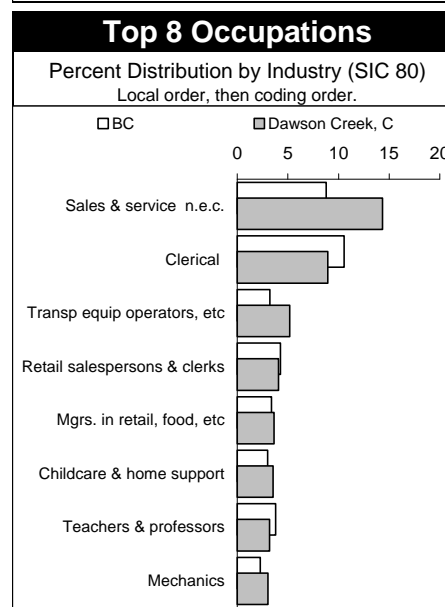
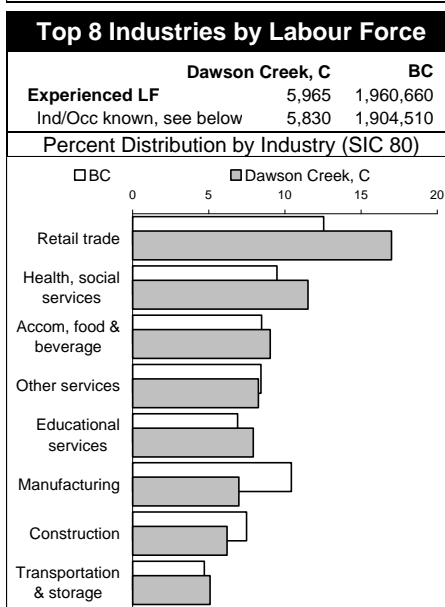
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First Nations		
	Dawson Creek, C	BC
Total population	11,060	3,689,755
Aboriginal identity	1,040	139,655
Share of total population	9%	4%
North American Indian (*si...	385	107,370
Metis (*single response)	585	25,575
Inuit (*single response)	15	740
Multiple Aboriginal response	15	1,205
Other Aboriginal response	40	4,765
Aboriginal ethnic origin		
Single response	400	76,430
North American Indian	75%	94%
Metis	25%	6%
Inuit	0%	0%
Multiple response	905	112,665
North American Indian	67%	76%
Metis	33%	22%
Inuit	0%	1%

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



Labour Force Activity		
	Dawson Creek, C	BC
Pop 15+ in labour force	5,965	1,960,660
Employed	5,380	1,773,285
Unemployed	590	187,375
Not in labour force	2,395	994,040
Participation rate	71.3	66.4
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.6



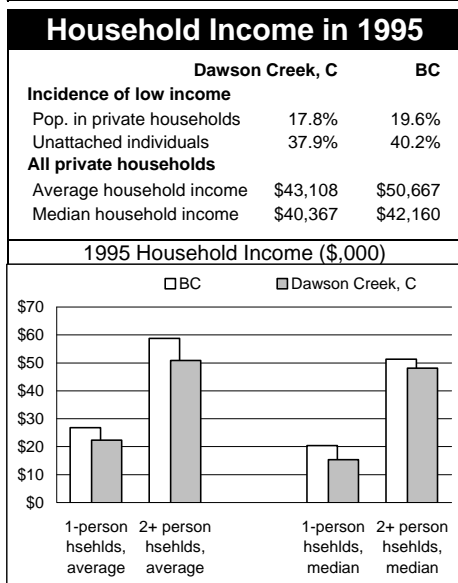
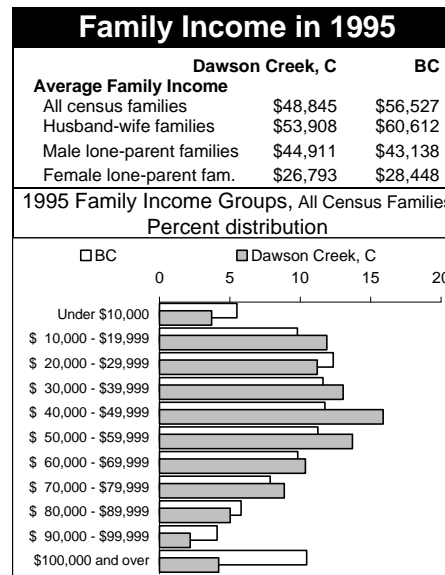
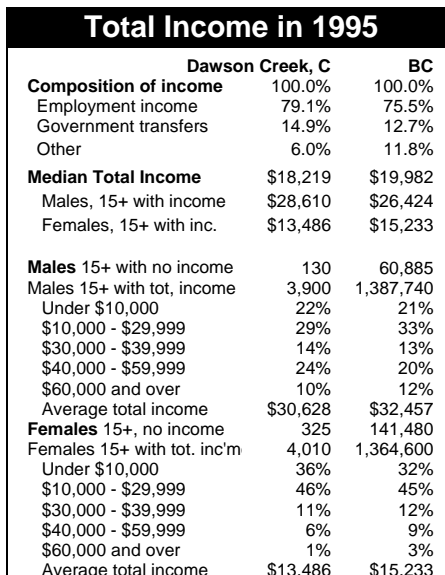
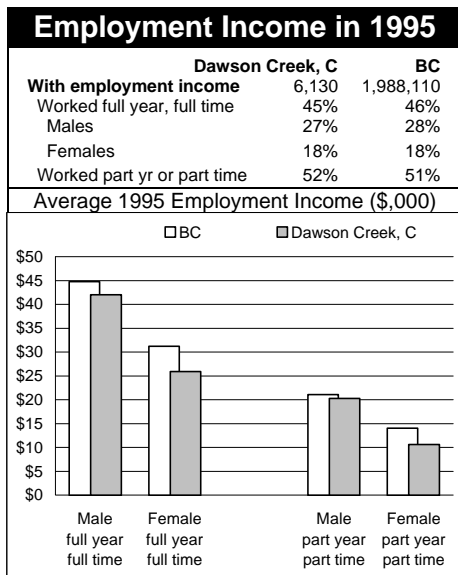
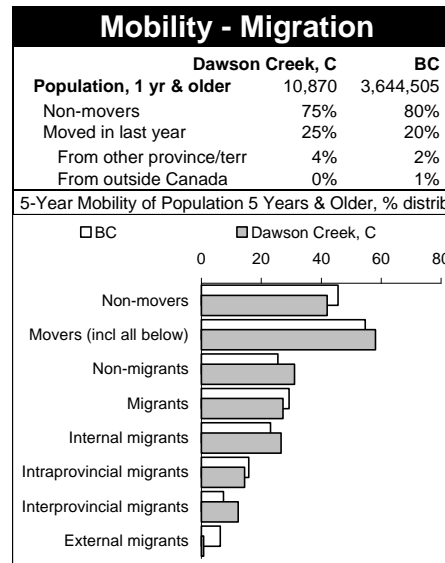
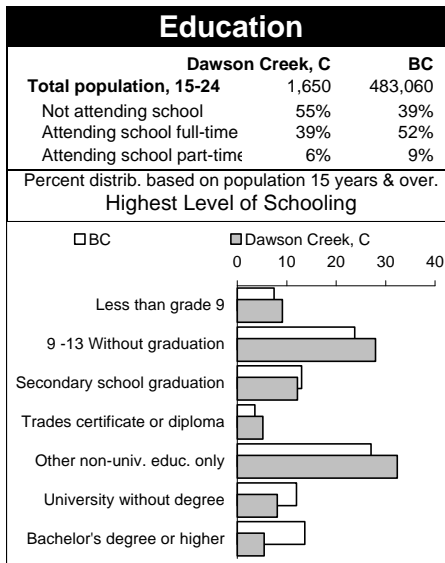
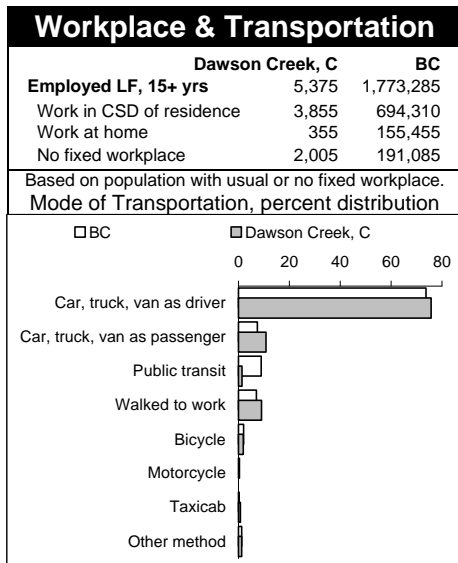
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Notes

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
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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Ethnic Origins		
Total population by ethnic origin (single and multiple responses)		
		11,065
	Single	Multiple
Total population	5,305	5,760
Canadian	2,250	1,340
English	665	2,475
German	435	1,805
N. American Indian	300	610
French	245	1,495
Scottish	215	2,060
Irish	165	1,690
Norwegian	160	650
Dutch	125	595
Metis	100	295
Ukrainian	90	445
Polish	75	325
Chinese	65	-
Filipino	55	25

Labour Force Activity		
Unemployment rates		
	Male	Female
Age 15+	11.1	8.5
Age 15-24	16.9	12.5
Age 25+	9.5	7.4

Employment Income in 1995		
All persons with employment income by work activity		
		6,130
	Male	Female
With emp. income by work activity	3,200	2,930
Ave. emp. income \$	31,379	16,514
Standard error of Ave. emp. income \$	856	523
Worked full year, full time	1,650	1,100
Ave. emp. income \$	41,982	25,924
Std. error of Ave. emp. income \$	1,090	840
Worked part year or part time	1,500	1,695
Ave. emp. income \$	20,282	10,621
Std. error of Ave. emp. income \$	1,063	503

Total Income in 1995		
	Male	Female
Population 15+ by income	4,035	4,330
Without income	130	325
With income	3,900	4,010
Under \$1,000	105	190
\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,999	180	365
\$ 3,000 - \$ 4,999	115	230
\$ 5,000 - \$ 6,999	190	285
\$ 7,000 - \$ 9,999	285	365
\$10,000 - \$11,999	130	295
\$12,000 - \$14,999	275	485
\$15,000 - \$19,999	210	505
\$20,000 - \$24,999	280	290
\$25,000 - \$29,999	245	280
\$30,000 - \$34,999	280	270
\$35,000 - \$39,999	265	170
\$40,000 - \$44,999	310	110
\$45,000 - \$49,999	205	50
\$50,000 - \$59,999	405	65
\$60,000 and over	400	60
Average income \$	30,628	17,110
Median income \$	28,610	13,486
Std. error of ave. income \$	742	457

Household Income in 1995		
	Average	Median
One person households \$	22,317	15,393
Std. error of ave. income \$	1,075	
Two or more person households \$	50,831	48,142
Std. error of ave. income \$	1,025	

Workplace and Transportation		
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by place of work status		
		5,375
	Male	Female
Total employed labour force	2,800	2,580
Usual place of work	2,230	2,185
In CSD of residence	1,855	2,000
In different CSD	380	185
In same CD	290	120
At home	115	240
Outside Canada	-	-
No fixed workplace	450	150
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by mode of transportation		
		5,025
	Male	Female
Total employed labour force	2,685	2,340
Car, truck, van as driver	2,115	1,685
Car, truck, van as passenger	245	290
Public transit	10	55
Walked to work	210	240
Bicycle	70.0	20.0
Motorcycle	-	-
Taxicab	10	20
Other method	25	30

Mobility & Migration		
	1-year	5-year
Total by mobility status over period	10,870	10,130
Non-movers	8,195	4,245
Movers	2,675	5,880
Non-migrants	1,620	3,135
Migrants	1,060	2,745
Internal migrants	1,050	2,680
Intraprovincial migrants	605	1,450
Interprovincial migrants	445	1,235
External migrants	10	65

Experienced Labour Force by Industry	
Total labour force 15 years and over by industry divisions	5,965
Industry - Not applicable	135
All industries	5,830
Division A - Agricultural and related service industries	140
Division B - Fishing and trapping industries	-
Division C - Logging and forestry industries	175
Division D - Mining (+ milling), quarrying & oil well ind.	165
Division E - Manufacturing industries	405
Division F - Construction industries	360
Division G - Transportation and storage industries	295
Division H - Communication and other utility industries	130
Division I - Wholesale trade industries	220
Division J - Retail trade industries	990
Division K - Finance and insurance industries	195
Division L - Real estate operator & insurance agent ind.	125
Division M - Business service industries	220
Division N - Government service industries	270
Division O - Educational service industries	460
Division P - Health and social service industries	670
Division Q - Accommodation, food & beverage service	525
Division R - Other service industries	480

Top 10 Occupations	
Sales & service n.e.c.	835
Clerical	520
Transp equip operators, etc	300
Retail salespersons & clerks	235
Mgrs. in retail, food, etc	210
Childcare & home support	205
Teachers & professors	185
Mechanics	175
Construction trades	165
Judges, lawyers, psych, etc.	155