



Aboriginal Peoples Labour Force Survey 2007 - Revised February 1, 2008

BC Aboriginal Population Living Off Reserve

**Gap Between
Non-Aboriginal
Peoples and
Aboriginal
Peoples**
*(Value for Non-
Aboriginal Peoples
minus value for
Aboriginal Peoples¹)*

Who Has a Job?

% of the Population With a Job

Among the 15-64 Population (number)

55,600 35,100 91,300 2,901,500

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| | 58.7 | 66.5 | 61.7 | 74.5 | 12.8 |
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By Age

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| Age 15-24 | 48.1 | 54.1 | 50.3 | 63.2 | 12.9 |
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| Age 25-64 | 62.6 | 71.4 | 66.1 | 77.2 | 11.1 |
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By Gender

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|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Male | 63.8 | 70.1 | 66.3 | 79.6 | 13.3 |
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|--------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Female | 54.1 | 62.7 | 57.4 | 69.5 | 12.1 |
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By Region [\(view map\)](#)

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| Large Metropolitan Areas | 63.7 | 68.1 | 65.6 | 74.7 | 9.1 |
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| Northern Region | 54.8 | 62.3 | 57.4 | 77.1 | 19.7 |
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| South Outside the Metropolitan Areas | 55.2 | 66.4 | 59.2 | 73.3 | 14.1 |
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By Highest Level of Education

Among Non-students, age 25-64

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| With No Completed Credentials | 42.1 | 45.3 | 43.3 | 63.5 | 20.2 |
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|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| With High School Diploma | 67.7 | 66.8 | 67.5 | 76.0 | 8.5 |
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|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| With Post Secondary Credential | 73.2 | 85.2 | 78.6 | 82.0 | 3.4 |
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| - With High School | 74.6 | 85.1 | 79.4 | 82.5 | 3.1 |
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| - Without High School | * | * | 75.4 | 73.2 | -2.2 |
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Who Is Unemployed?

[\(similar info from 2001 Census\)](#)

% of the Labour Force who are Unemployed

Among the 15+ Labour Force

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|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Total | 11.4 | 7.2 | 9.7 | 4.1 | -5.6 |
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By Age

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| Age 15-24 | 16.4 | 9.2 | 13.7 | 7.3 | -6.4 |
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| Age 25-64 | 9.9 | 6.1 | 8.3 | 3.5 | -4.8 |
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By Gender

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|------|------|---|-----|-----|-------------|
| Male | 11.3 | * | 9.9 | 3.9 | -6.0 |
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|--------|------|---|-----|-----|-------------|
| Female | 11.5 | * | 9.5 | 4.3 | -5.2 |
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By Region [\(view map\)](#)

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|--------------------------|-----|---|-----|-----|-------------|
| Large Metropolitan Areas | 7.1 | * | 6.8 | 3.9 | -2.9 |
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| Northern Region | 16.3 | * | 14.6 | 4.3 | -10.3 |
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| South Outside the Metropolitan Areas | 13.5 | * | 10.6 | 4.5 | -6.1 |
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| | North American Indian | Metis | All Aboriginal Peoples | Non- Aboriginal Peoples | Gap Between Non-Aboriginal Peoples and Aboriginal Peoples <small>(Value for Non- Aboriginal Peoples minus value for Aboriginal Peoples¹)</small> |
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Type of Jobs

[\(similar info from 2001 Census\)](#)

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|--|--------|--------|--------|-----------|------|
| Among the Population Who Have a Job (Number) | 33,000 | 23,400 | 56,800 | 2,210,100 | |
| <i>Occupation</i> | | | | | |
| % in Management and Professional Occupations | * | * | 20.4 | 26.2 | 5.7 |
| % in Semi Professional/Technical occupation | 28.5 | 32.1 | 29.9 | 33.0 | 3.1 |
| % in Intermediate and lesser skilled occupations | 52.7 | 44.9 | 49.6 | 40.8 | -8.8 |
| <i>Industrial Sector</i> | | | | | |
| % In Goods Producing | 26.1 | 27.8 | 26.8 | 21.7 | -5.0 |
| % in Forest Industry (logging, wood and pulp & paper manufacturing) | * | * | 6.7 | 3.7 | -3.0 |
| % In Service Sector | 73.9 | 72.2 | 73.2 | 78.3 | 5.0 |
| % in Education, Health & Social Services | * | * | 16.9 | 17.5 | 0.6 |
| <i>Industrial Sector by Region</i> (view map) | | | | | |
| % In Service Sector | | | | | |
| Large Metropolitan Areas | 81.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 81.2 | 5.1 |
| Northern Region | * | * | 71.4 | 64.6 | -6.8 |
| South Outside the Metropolitan Areas | 65.4 | 77.1 | 70.5 | 73.2 | 2.8 |
| <i>Other Attributes of the Job</i> | | | | | |
| % Self Employed | 15.8 | 10.7 | 13.7 | 18.9 | 5.2 |
| % Paid Worker | 84.2 | 89.3 | 86.3 | 81.1 | -5.2 |
| <i>Among Paid Workers</i> | | | | | |
| % in the Private Sector | 79.5 | 75.6 | 78.0 | 78.2 | 0.2 |
| % Covered by a Collective Agreement | 31.3 | 34.0 | 32.4 | 32.1 | -0.4 |
| Average Hourly Wage Rate (\$) | 17.4 | 19.5 | 18.3 | 20.6 | 2.3 |
| <i>By Gender</i> | | | | | |
| - Male | 17.77 | 21.34 | 19.32 | 22.34 | 3.0 |
| - Female | 16.89 | 17.46 | 17.10 | 18.69 | 1.6 |
| - Male-Female Wage Gap(\$) | 0.88 | 3.88 | 2.22 | 3.65 | |
| <i>By Highest Level of Education</i> | | | | | |
| -With completed High School | 16.75 | 17.62 | 17.07 | 17.83 | 0.8 |
| -With completed High School and a Post Secondary Credential | 21.04 | 23.01 | 21.90 | 23.57 | 1.7 |
| <i>By Region</i> (view map) | | | | | |
| Large Metropolitan Areas | 17.15 | 19.85 | 18.39 | 20.69 | 2.3 |
| Northern Region | 16.53 | * | 17.09 | 21.42 | 4.3 |
| South Outside the Metropolitan Areas | 18.29 | 19.98 | 18.91 | 19.81 | 0.9 |
| <i>Other Characteristics of the Workforce</i> | | | | | |
| % who work part time | 22.7 | 20.1 | 21.7 | 20.2 | -1.5 |
| % who work > 40 Hours | * | * | 14.6 | 17.3 | 2.7 |
| Average Weekly Hours Worked | 35.9 | 37.0 | 36.5 | 36.9 | 0.4 |



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Labour Supply

[\(similar info from 2001 Census\)](#)

Highest Level of Education

Among the Population Age 25-64

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|--|------|------|------|------|-------|
| % With No Completed Credentials | 27.7 | 17.9 | 24.1 | 10.5 | -13.6 |
| % with High School Credential | 34.2 | 32.3 | 33.5 | 30.6 | -2.9 |
| % with Post Secondary Credential | 38.1 | 49.8 | 42.6 | 59.0 | 16.4 |
| - % with a Credential, either High School or Post Secondary | 72.3 | 82.1 | 76.1 | 89.5 | 13.5 |
| <i>By Gender</i> | | | | | |
| Men | 69.6 | 78.7 | 73.4 | 88.6 | 15.2 |
| Women | 74.6 | 84.8 | 78.3 | 90.4 | 12.1 |
| <i>By Region (view map)</i> | | | | | |
| Large Metropolitan Areas | 77.3 | 83.2 | 79.5 | 90.7 | 11.3 |
| Northern Region | 64.1 | 73.9 | 68.0 | 84.0 | 16.0 |
| South Outside the Metropolitan Areas | 72.8 | 84.0 | 76.6 | 87.5 | 10.9 |
| - % with both a High School Credential and a Post Secondary Credential | 31.2 | 35.9 | 32.7 | 55.9 | 23.1 |
| <i>By Gender</i> | | | | | |
| Men | 26.2 | 29.1 | 27.0 | 55.1 | 28.2 |
| Women | 35.2 | 42.4 | 38.1 | 56.6 | 18.5 |
| <i>By Region (view map)</i> | | | | | |
| Large Metropolitan Areas | 30.7 | 37.6 | 33.8 | 59.6 | 25.9 |
| Northern Region | * | * | 22.0 | 43.4 | 21.4 |
| South Outside the Metropolitan Areas | * | * | 37.3 | 48.1 | 10.8 |
| <i>By Level of Post Secondary Credential</i> | | | | | |
| - % With a University Degree | * | 7.6 | 8.2 | 26.0 | 17.9 |

Who's at School?

[\(similar info from 2001 Census\)](#)

Among the Population Age 15-54

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|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| % Attending School | 16.0 | 15.1 | 15.5 | 15.6 | 0.1 |
| <i>By Age</i> | | | | | |
| 15-24 | * | * | 40.7 | 48.4 | 7.7 |
| 25-54 | * | * | 4.0 | 5.5 | 1.5 |
| <i>By Gender</i> | | | | | |
| Men | * | * | 14.1 | 14.6 | 0.5 |
| Women | * | * | 17.2 | 16.6 | -0.5 |
| <i>By Region (view map)</i> | | | | | |
| Large Metropolitan Areas | * | * | 16.4 | 17.0 | 0.5 |
| Northern Region | * | * | 13.9 | 11.6 | -2.3 |
| South Outside the Metropolitan Areas | * | * | 15.5 | 12.3 | -3.2 |

* Estimate too unreliable to release.

1. A positive gap means that Aboriginal peoples have a higher value for that variable than non-Aboriginal peoples and a negative gap means the opposite. For variables where higher values mean better outcomes (for example, the "% of the population with a job"), a positive gap means Aboriginal performance is not as good as non-Aboriginal performance. For variables where higher values mean worse outcomes (for example, the "% of the labour force who are unemployed"), a positive gap means Aboriginal performance is better than non-Aboriginal performance. The greater the number, the greater the inequality between the two groups. For variables that measure a societal good, such as education achievements or a societal bad such as unemployment rates, the goal is to minimize the gap between the two groups.

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