



Victoria's Labour Force

This information examines labour force, place of work and mode of transportation data for City of Victoria residents. Specifically it includes information regarding the size of Victoria's labour force, participation and unemployment rates, occupation, and commuting patterns of our residents. It also shows the number of residents who work in the city as well as where others are coming from to work in the city.

From the 2006 Census information, Statistics Canada provides us with valuable information to better understand our community. Objective statistical information provides a solid foundation for informed decisions by elected representatives, businesses, unions and non-profit organizations, as well as individual residents.

Occupation of Victoria Residents

The 2006 census indicates that the number of Victoria residents that work is 44,750 compared to 38,235 in 2001 which is an increase of 6,516 people (17%). There are slightly more males in the labour force in 2006 than 2001. Our labour force participation rate (66.9%) is up slightly (2%) since 2001.

Total Labour Force	Total	Male	Female
2001	38,235	18,515 (48%)	19,720 (52%)
2006	44,750	22,060 (49%)	22,690 (51%)

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006

Total population 15 years and over by labour force activity	2001	2006
Total population 15 years and over	64,205	67,705
In the labour force	41,815	45,270
Employed	38,235	42,960
Unemployed	3,580	2,315
Not in the labour force	22,395	22,430
Participation rate	65.1%	66.9%

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA
CENSUS, 2006

Between 2001 and 2006, the total population 15 years old and over grew by 3,500 people (5.5%). Of this group, 3,455 (99%) are in the labour force. The City's participation rate in the labour force increased by 1.8% in the same time frame. The labour force is almost evenly divided between men and women.

2006 Occupations of Victoria Residents by Gender

Total labour force 15 years and over by industry – North American Industry Classification System 2002	Total	%	Male	% by category	Female	% by category
All industries	44,750		22,060	49%	22,690	51%
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	285	1%	210	74%	80	28%
21 Mining and oil and gas extraction	50	0%	45	90%	10	20%
22 Utilities	85	0%	70	82%	10	12%
23 Construction	2,170	5%	2,055	95%	115	5%
31–33 Manufacturing	1,470	3%	1,085	74%	380	26%
41 Wholesale trade	920	2%	580	63%	340	37%
44–45 Retail trade	5,095	11%	2,345	46%	2,750	54%
48–49 Transportation and warehousing	1,560	3%	1,210	78%	350	22%
51 Information and cultural industries	1,295	3%	595	46%	700	54%
52 Finance and insurance	1,435	3%	640	45%	795	55%
53 Real estate, and rental and leasing	1,210	3%	675	56%	540	45%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	4,150	9%	2,270	55%	1,880	45%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	60	0%	45	75%	15	25%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	2,145	5%	1,300	61%	845	39%
61 Educational services	3,400	8%	1,205	35%	2,190	64%
62 Health care and social assistance	5,575	12%	1,350	24%	4,225	76%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,290	3%	655	51%	635	49%
72 Accommodation and food services	5,070	11%	2,225	44%	2,845	56%
81 Other services (except public administration)	2,345	5%	950	41%	1,400	60%
91 Public administration	5,135	11%	2,550	50%	2,585	50%

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006

Retail, health care, public administration and accommodation and food services make up the largest percentage of jobs for our residents. Professional, scientific and technical service jobs were on the rise, up from 3,340 jobs (24% increase) in 2001. Construction jobs have increased (50%) as well as an increase in health care positions (10%) compared to the previous census. Losses were seen in agriculture (-22%) and public administration (-8%).

There were no significant shifts in the percentage of jobs being held by men or women.

How do we compare?

Mode of Transportation by Labour Force 2006

2006	Victoria	CRD
Private Vehicle	47%	65%
Car Pool	5%	7%
Public Transit	13%	10%
Walked	23%	10%
Bicycle	10%	6%
Motorcycle	0%	1%
Taxicab	0%	0%
Other	1%	1%

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA
CENSUS, 2006

	Victoria	%	CRD	%
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by place of work status	42,960		182,585	
Usual place of work	34,695	81%	142,660	78%
In census subdivision of residence	21,640	62%	49,275	27%
In different census subdivision	13,050	38%	93,385	65%
In same census division	12,290	35%	89,845	63%
At home	3,635	8%	17,665	10%
Outside Canada	175	0%	960	1%
No fixed workplace address	4,455	10%	21,300	12%

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006

Commuting to Work

Mode of Transportation by Labour Force 2006

Neighbourhood	Total Labour Force	Driver (vehicle)	Carpool	Public Transit	Walked	Bicycle	Motorcycle	Taxicab	Other
Burnside Gorge	2,875	1,505	165	500	435	195	10	0	65
Downtown	795	230	15	120	390	25	0	0	15
Fairfield	5,505	2,285	285	540	1,635	605	10	20	120
Fernwood	5,505	2,380	300	705	1,445	560	30	25	65
Gonzales	1,830	1,005	100	150	265	255	20	10	25
Harris Green	840	280	10	125	340	50	0	20	15
Hillside Quadra	4,060	1,995	345	590	735	320	15	10	50
James Bay	4,945	2,260	155	520	1,430	490	15	30	40
North Jubilee	1,615	810	75	305	235	145	10	10	30
North Park	1,655	680	45	170	590	150	10	0	15
Oaklands	3,295	1,770	185	415	490	365	15	0	45
Rockland	1,885	900	105	205	445	200	10	0	20
South Jubilee	1,150	520	45	245	210	100	10	0	20
Victoria West	3,175	1,795	200	355	510	265	30	0	30
TOTAL City of Victoria	39,150	18,420	2,030	4,945	9,160	3,720	180	135	555

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006

Mode of Transportation by Census year

Census Year	Total Labour Force	Driver (vehicle)	Carpool	Public Transit	Walked	Bicycle	Motorcycle	Taxicab	Other
2006	100	47%	5%	13%	23%	10%	0%	0%	1%
2001	100	49%	4%	12%	25%	8%	0%	0%	1%
1996	100	49%	6%	12%	23%	9%	1%	1%	1%

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006

Forty six percent of Victoria residents either walk, ride their bike or take the bus to work, as opposed to 26% in the region; 47% of Victorians drive their car to work compared to 65% in the region.

Within the City of Victoria, between 1996 and 2006, there was a 2% increase in use of alternative transportation methods

to travel to work and a corresponding decrease in use of a private vehicle (as driver). Cycling continues to be a popular method of transport, with a slight increase (1%) since 1996; over 3,700 residents ride their bikes to work. Almost twice as many residents walk to work than take the bus.

Where do Victorians work?

Place of Residence — Victoria/Municipality of Work	Total – Sex	Male	Female
North Saanich	355	250	110
Sidney	385	240	150
Central Saanich	1,080	700	380
Saanich	5,380	2,605	2,770
Capital F RDA	30	10	20
Capital G RDA	30	10	20
Oak Bay	1,805	665	1,140
Esquimalt	1,450	1,055	395
Colwood	350	130	215
Langford	705	385	320
View Royal	560	220	340
Sooke	45	15	30
Total Victorians working in other municipalities	12,215	6,315	5,900
Total Victorians working in Victoria	21,685	9,390	12,295

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006

Almost two thirds of Victorians live and work in the city. Only 27% of residents in the CRD work and live in the same municipality.

Municipality of Residence/Place of Work Victoria	Total – Sex	Male	Female
Sidney	705	270	430
Central Saanich	1,730	810	920
Saanich	20,925	9,410	11,520
Capital F	35	10	30
Capital G	70	30	35
Oak Bay	3,760	1,640	2,120
Esquimalt	3,500	1,470	2,030
Colwood	2,155	765	1,390
Metchosin	590	295	295
Langford	3,560	1,580	1,980
View Royal	1,565	715	850
Highlands	210	80	125
Sooke	910	405	505
Capital H	495	250	245
East Saanich	90	35	55
Total Workers commuting into Victoria	40,300	17,765	22,530

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006

People who commute from the core municipalities (Saanich, Oak Bay, View Royal and Esquimalt) represent 74% of total commuters into Victoria. Saanich has the largest number of commuters totaling 20,925 or 52% of total commuters. Sixteen percent of workers commute from the West Shore and 6% come in from the Saanich Peninsula. Thirty-six percent of Victorians in the labour force commute outside the city boundaries for work.

According to the 2006 CRD Employer Survey, Victoria has 42% of the total jobs in the region, of which 29% are located on Douglas Street between the Town and Country Mall and the Legislative Precinct.

CRD Total Employment	177,769
City of Victoria Total Employment	74,121
Number of jobs on Douglas Street Corridor	51,553

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006