



Victoria Resident Incomes

This information profiles the income of the residents of Victoria. 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.

According to Stats Canada, income refers to the total money income received from the following sources during calendar year 2005 by persons 15 years of age and over:

- Wages and salaries (total)
- Net farm income
- Net non-farm income from unincorporated business and/or professional practice
- Child benefits
- Old Age Security pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Benefits from Canada or Quebec Pension Plan
- Benefits from Employment Insurance
- Other income from government sources
- Dividends, interest on bonds, deposits and savings certificates, and other investment income
- Retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities, including those from RRSP's and RRIF's
- Other money income

For the purposes of this fact sheet, income is broken down into two main categories: census family and private household income. Each is defined below.

Census family refers to a married couple (with or without children of either or both spouses), a couple living common-law (with or without children of either or both partners) or a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one child living in the same dwelling. A couple may be of opposite or same sex. Children in a census family also include grandchildren living with their grandparent(s) but with no parents present.

Private household income refers to the total income of a household, is the sum of the total incomes of all members of that household.

Note that for the 2006 census, it is the income from 2005 that is reported.

Overall there was an increase of 23% in family income for Victoria residents between 2000 and 2005. Private household income has also increased during the same time period. Overall there are more households earning more money as evidenced by the decrease in numbers of households in the income quintiles \$0 — \$19,999.

City of Victoria Family and Household Income

	Family			Private Household		
	Size	Average	Median	Size	Average	Median
2000	17,080	\$56,179.00	\$48,514.00	39,595	\$42,323.00	\$34,334.00
2005	18,590	\$69,215.00	\$55,591.00	41,705	\$50,523.00	\$38,885.00
% change	1,510	23%	15%	2,110	19%	13%

Median Family Income in 2005 of Total Families in Victoria by Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood	Total Number Census Families	Median 2000 Family Income	Total Number of Census Families	Median 2005 Family Income
Burnside Gorge	1,065	\$48,374	1,170	\$49,596
Downtown	140	\$50,391	200	\$35,571
Fairfield	2,540	\$62,554	2,645	\$66,301
Fernwood	2,095	\$49,798	2,350	\$48,067
Gonzales	1,000	\$76,437	1,095	\$76,735
Harris Green	250	\$65,133	280	\$61,887
Hillside Quadra	1,760	\$48,826	1,910	\$49,522
James Bay	2,400	\$50,834	2,705	\$52,553
North Jubilee	685	\$52,897	750	\$52,818
North Park	565	\$42,018	685	\$38,600
Oaklands	1,605	\$51,694	1,665	\$55,547
Rockland	990	\$74,399	955	\$85,213
South Jubilee	480	\$52,842	540	\$54,054
Victoria West	1,515	\$67,585	1,640	\$60,463
TOTAL City of Victoria	17,090	\$56,179	18,590	\$55,591

Six neighbourhoods saw a decrease in median family income, and six saw increases. Gonzales remained the same over the five year period. Rockland experienced the largest increase in family income, surpassing Gonzales which ranked as the highest family income earning neighbourhood in 2000.

Median Household Income in 2005 of Private Households in Victoria by Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood	Total Number Private Households	Median 2000 Household Income	Total Number Private Households	Median 2005 Household Income
Burnside Gorge	2,550	\$34,124	2,785	\$36,434
Downtown	820	\$20,297	905	\$29,165
Fairfield	6,480	\$36,184	6,625	\$39,626
Fernwood	4,755	\$31,700	5,045	\$37,794
Gonzales	1,610	\$53,950	1,710	\$60,542
Harris Green	1,035	\$29,106	1,185	\$27,595
Hillside Quadra	3,465	\$32,992	3,670	\$37,612
James Bay	6,575	\$32,392	6,695	\$37,374
North Jubilee	1,605	\$34,988	1,620	\$37,635
North Park	1,890	\$21,162	2,065	\$25,176
Oaklands	2,850	\$36,538	2,995	\$43,570
Rockland	1,920	\$41,397	1,910	\$52,432
South Jubilee	1,275	\$27,918	1,330	\$36,514
Victoria West	2,755	\$39,710	3,160	\$47,845
TOTAL City of Victoria	39,585	\$34,334	41,700	\$38,885

NOTE: BASED ON 20% 2001 AND 2006 CENSUS DATA

All neighbourhoods experienced an increase in median household income between census periods.

Median income of families is the amount which divides their income size distribution into two halves. That is, the incomes of the first half of the families are below the median, while those of the second half are above the median.

The median income of a specified group of households is that amount which divides their income size distribution into two halves. That is, the incomes of the first half of households are below the median, while those of the second half are above the median.

Economic Families in Victoria – by Family Type and Source of Income 2005

Total economic families	18,590
Prevalence of low income before tax in 2005 %	14.3
Prevalence of low income after tax in 2005 %	10.4
Couple economic families	14,310
Prevalence of low income before tax in 2005 %	9.8
Prevalence of low income after tax in 2005 %	6.8
Male lone-parent economic families	640
Prevalence of low income before tax in 2005 %	14.8
Prevalence of low income after tax in 2005 %	11.7
Female lone-parent economic families	3,025
Prevalence of low income before tax in 2005 %	33.4
Prevalence of low income after tax in 2005 %	26.6
Composition of family income in 2005 for all economic families %	100
Employment income %	72.8
Government transfer payments %	10.2
Other %	17
Composition of family income in 2005 for all couple economic families %	100
Employment income	73.5%
Government transfer payments	8.8%
Other	17.7%
Composition of family income in 2005 for all male lone-parent economic families %	
Employment income	70.2%
Government transfer payments	14.7%
Other	14.3%
Composition of family income in 2005 for all female lone-parent economic families	
Employment income	70%
Government transfer payments	20%
Other	10%

Regardless of family structure, Victorians primarily earn income through employment (between 70 to 73.5%).

How does Victoria Compare?

Victoria has the lowest median household income in the CRD and is lower than the provincial median. These results are similar to the 2001 census.

