



# Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation Ministry Cariboo Region – Labour Insights and Provincial Programs

Cariboo Regional District – June 24, 2023

# Territorial Acknowledgement

The background of the slide features a stylized illustration of a natural landscape. In the foreground, there are several dark green evergreen trees. Behind them, a range of rolling hills or mountains is depicted in various shades of teal and blue. The sky is a solid dark blue, matching the header bar.

I wish to acknowledge the indigenous people on whose ancestral lands we are meeting today, including the ʔEsdilagh First Nation, Xatsull First Nation and the Williams Lake First Nation. It is my privilege to be here on this land with you today.

# Presenter



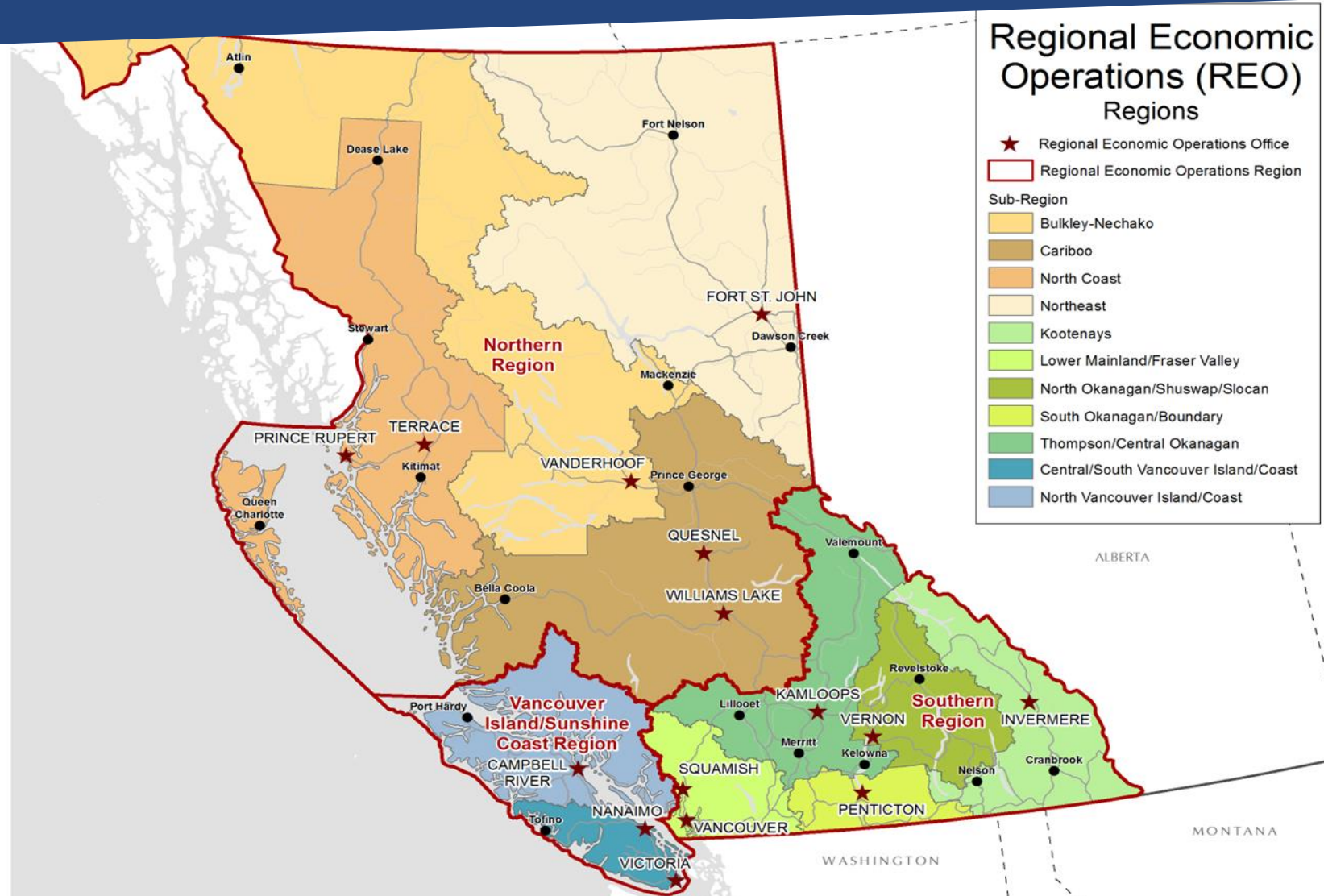
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# Regional Economic Operations (REO)

REO staff are in every region of the province to support:

- ✓ EcDev planning
- ✓ Business retention and expansion
- ✓ Investment readiness
- ✓ Sector development
- ✓ Communities in transition



# Stronger BC Plan

## Inclusive growth



Supporting  
people &  
families



Building  
resilient  
communities



Advancing true, lasting  
and meaningful  
reconciliation with  
Indigenous peoples

## Clean growth



Meeting  
BC's climate  
commitments



Leading on  
environmental &  
social  
responsibility



Fostering  
innovation across  
our economy



# BC's Future Ready Action Plan – Released May 2!

- Government's projections of pressing labour needs:
  - 1 Million new job openings by 2030
  - 20,000 new job openings for Cariboo Economic Region by 2030

## Future Ready Action Plan Includes:

- \$480 Million for implementation over 3 years
- Strong focus on micro-credentialling – “Stronger BC Skills Grant” provides up to \$3500 per person available for short-term post-secondary programs, supporting over 8,500 over the next 3 years
- Rapid response training – to meet pressing labour demands
- Increasing seats for Early Childhood Educators and increasing health care training by \$150 Million

# Community Information Tool



## Community Information Tool

Login →

### Welcome to the Community Information Tool.

The Community Information Tool compiles over 40 data sets offering insights into regions across B.C. with integrated socio-economic, connectivity and community assets data. This interactive tool supports community, regional and province-wide planning, which is essential to building thriving communities.

You can learn more about a specific area of the province, or discover an area with particular characteristics. You can also compare different types of areas such as communities, census subdivisions, regional districts and more.

Please note: Searching by community will display the data from the census subdivision the community belongs to.

Enter some information about yourself using the drop-down options below to get to the data that is relevant to you.

I am a B.C. Government employee ▼

and I'm interested in learning more about the province or... ▼

What kind of area would you like to look at?

I would like to look at regional districts ▼

Which regional district specifically?

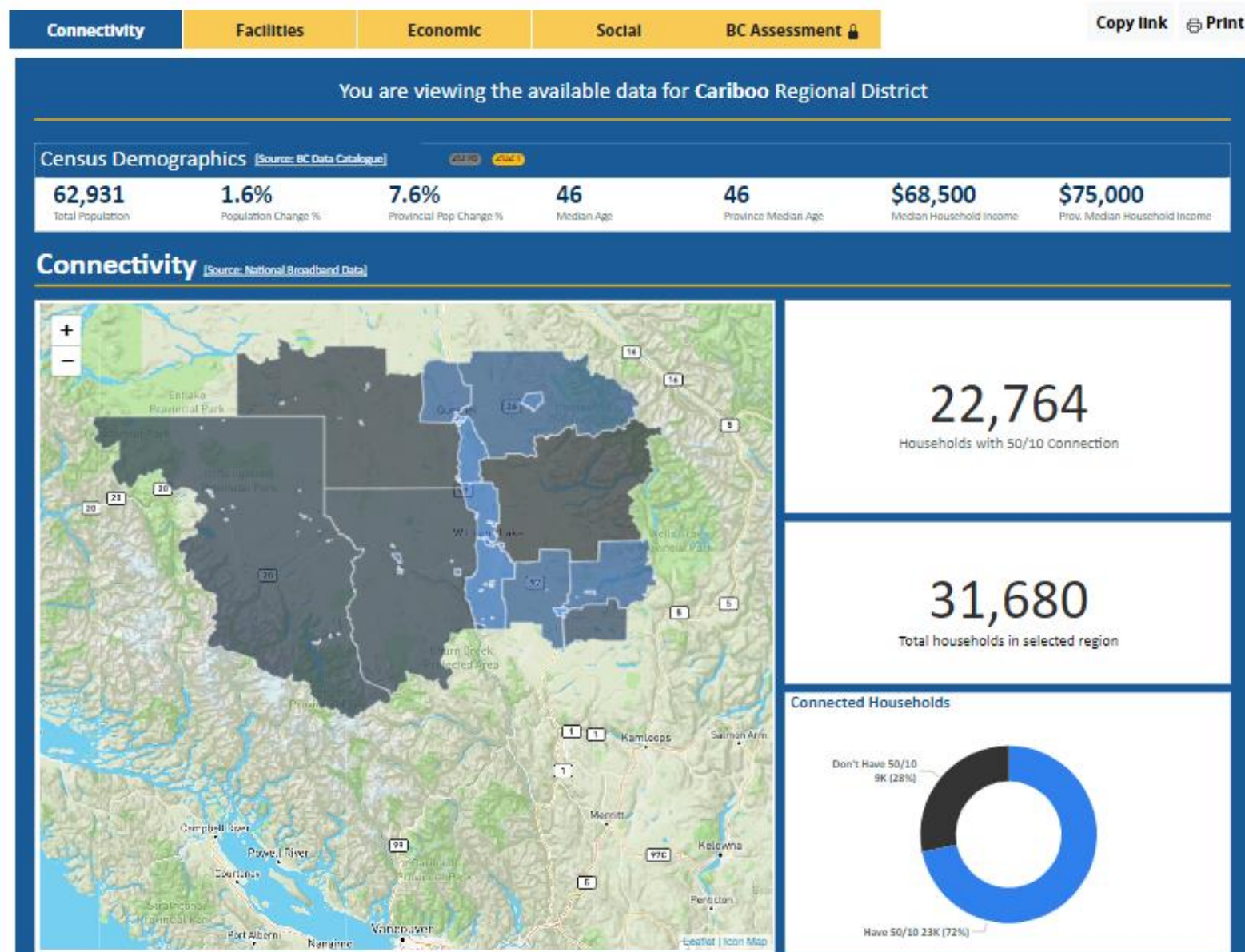
I am specifically interested in Cariboo Regional District ▼

Reset search criteria

Let's go →



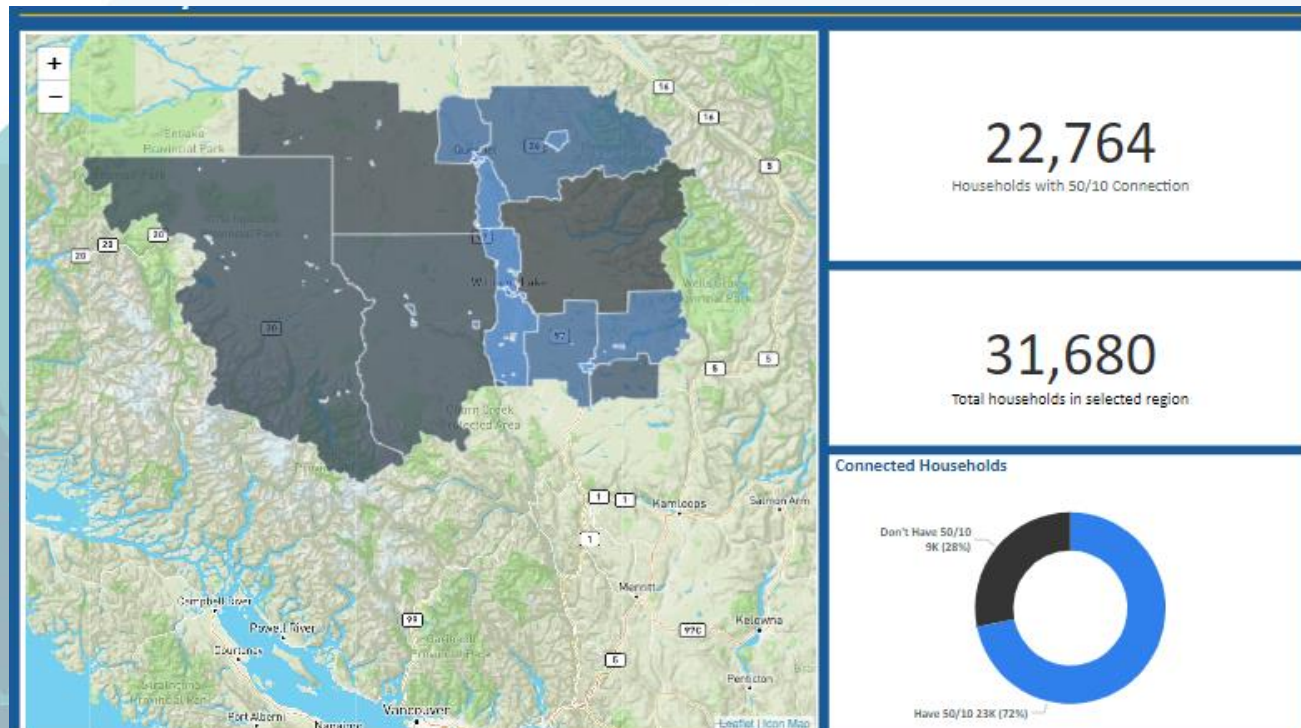
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# Connectivity Information

Source: communityinformationtool.gov.bc.ca



## Connectivity Projects [Source: BC Data Catalogue]

Project Name	Proponent	Project Benefits	Status
<a href="#">100 Mile House</a>	Rogers Communications Canada Inc.	Last-Mile (25 Mbps minimum speeds)	Complete
<a href="#">150 Mile House</a>	Rogers Communications Canada Inc.	Last-Mile (25 Mbps minimum speeds)	Complete
Cariboo 1	Telus Communications Inc.	Last-Mile (50 Mbps minimum speeds)	In-Flight
Cariboo 2	Telus Communications Inc.	Last-Mile (50 Mbps minimum speeds)	In-Flight
Cariboo 3	Telus Communications Inc.	Last-Mile (50 Mbps minimum speeds)	In-Flight
<a href="#">COVID-19 Project</a>	Tatlayoko Think Tank Ltd.	Last-Mile (25 Mbps minimum speeds)	Complete
<a href="#">Deka Lake LTE A</a>	ABC Communications	Last-Mile (50 Mbps minimum speeds)	Complete
<a href="#">Forest Grove</a>	Telus Communications Inc.	Last-Mile (50 Mbps minimum speeds)	Complete
<a href="#">McLeese Lake</a>	Rogers Communications Canada Inc.	Last-Mile (25 Mbps minimum speeds)	Complete
Regional LTE Advanced 2 Deployment	ABC Communications	Last-Mile (50 Mbps minimum speeds)	Complete
<a href="#">Regional LTE Deployment</a>	ABC Communications	Last-Mile (50 Mbps minimum speeds)	Complete
<a href="#">Similkameen Hwy 3</a>	Telus Communications Inc.	Last-Mile (50 Mbps minimum speeds)	In-Flight

# Housing and Building Permits

## Housing

[Source: BC Data Catalogue]

**32,395**

Total Private Dwellings

**27,614**

Occupied by Usual Residents

**2.5**

Average Household Size

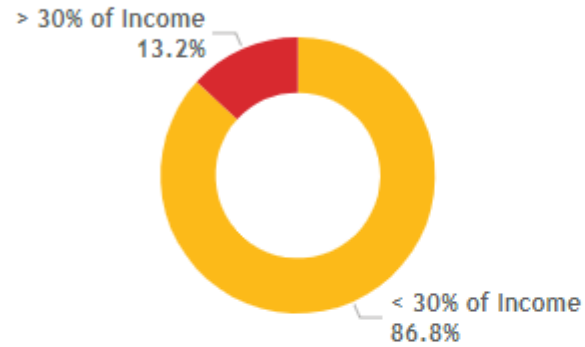
**\$851.5**

Average Monthly Shelter Costs - Owned

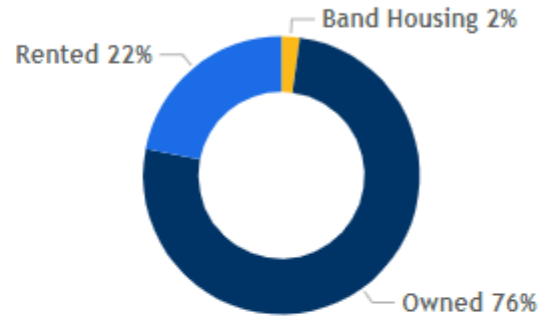
**\$898**

Average Monthly Shelter Costs - Rented

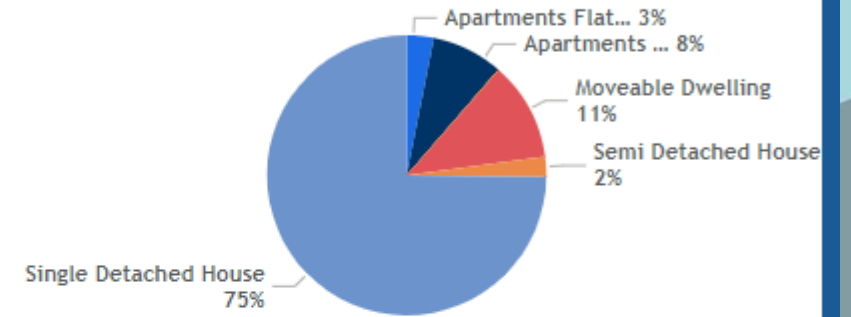
### Housing Costs as a % of Income



### Private Households by Tenure



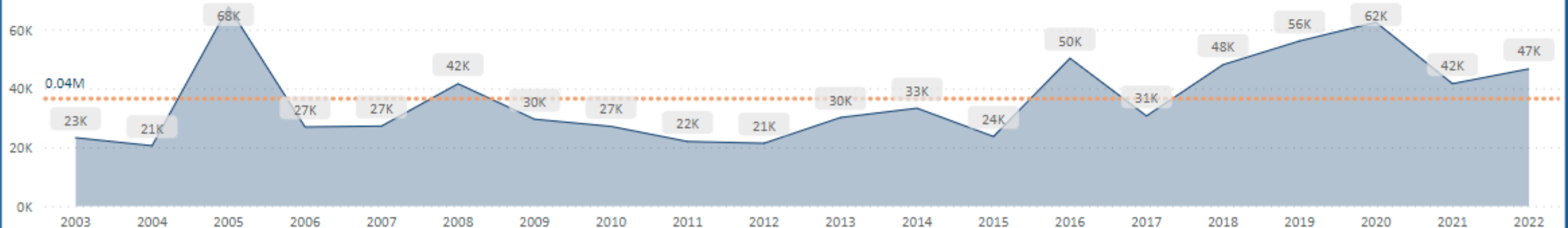
### Occupied Private Dwellings by Structural Type



## Building Permits

[Source: Monthly Building Permits]

### Building Permits by Year



# Our current labour demographics (CRD)

You are viewing the available data for **Cariboo** Regional District

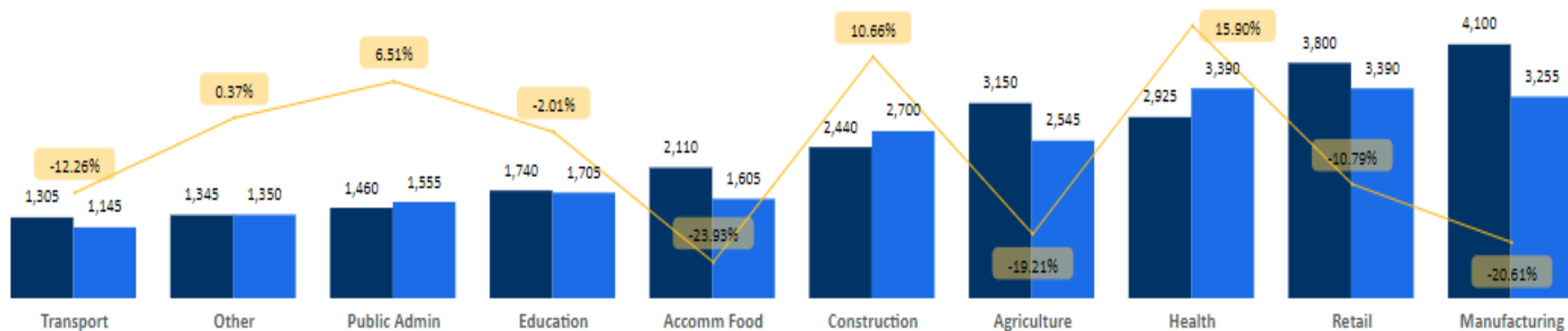


	2016	2021	Variation		2016	2021	Variation
Labour Force	30,820	28,530	-7.43 %	Provincial Labour Force	2,470,480	2,656,315	7.52 %
Labour Force Participation	60.10%	54.38%	-5.72 pts	Prov. Labour Force Participation	63.87%	63.27%	-0.60 pts
Employment Rate	53.76%	48.78%	-4.98 pts	Provincial Employment Rate	59.58%	57.95%	-1.64 pts
Unemployment Rate	10.48%	10.22%	-0.26 pts	Provincial Unemployment Rate	6.71%	8.41%	1.71 pts

# Labour Force by Industry

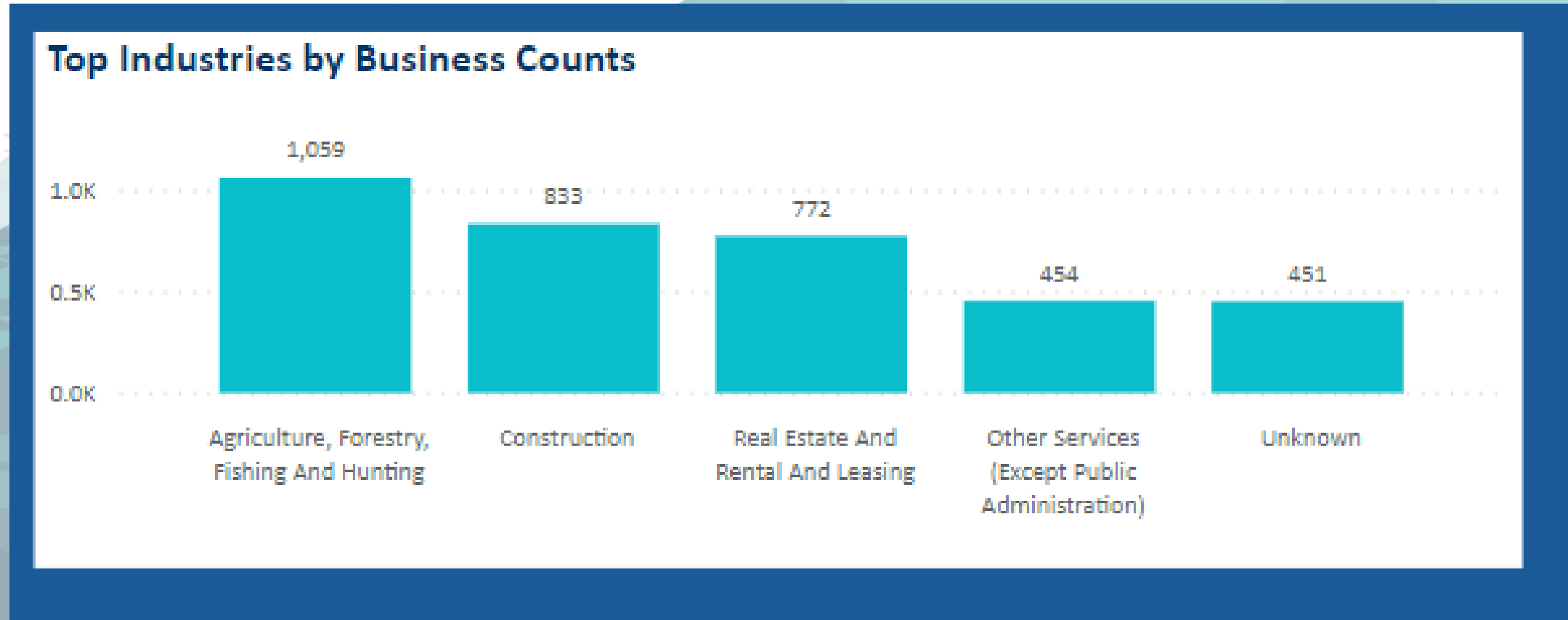
Labour Force by Industry

2016 2021 % Change





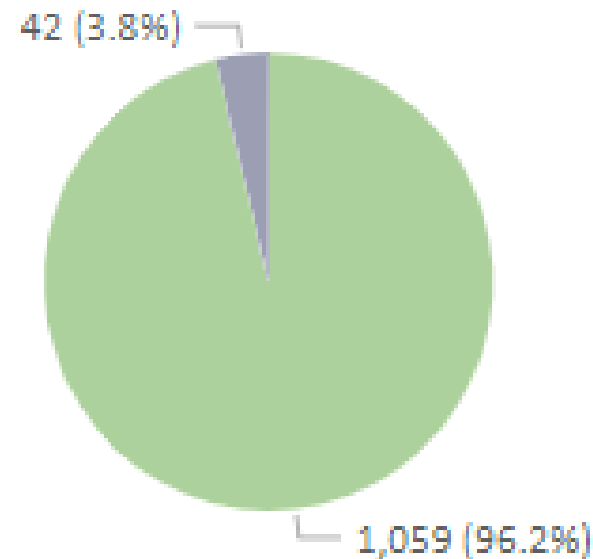
# Industry Type by Business Count



# Businesses in Resource Sectors

## Share of Business in Resource Sectors

● Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting ● Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction



**17.6%**

% of All Business

# Increasing Mine Development

- **Major mines in development/re-start/expansion –**

- **Mount Polley**
- **Blackwater Gold**
- **Cariboo Gold**

= Potentially 1100 new construction jobs/ 1207 new mining jobs over next 2-5 years)

# Forest Sector Disruption

- **Community Transition Coordination Services offered by Regional Economic Operations Branch**
- Tolko lay-offs (Williams Lake)
- Other short-term curtailments this year to-date due to market conditions and fibre supply.
- Trickle-down impacts for small scale manufacturers, those that rely on purchased volume, and secondary fibre users.



# How do we navigate these pressures?

- Helping employers with employee attraction and retention (some notable collaborations in the region!)
- Diversifying our local economies – we have grants for that!
- Long-term economic vision and economic development planning for communities and the region
- Attracting targeted investment that build from our local and regional strengths

# Provincial Tools - Sector and Economic 'Re-tooling' Supports



## Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program

This program supports rural economic development projects that promote economic capacity building, economic diversification, resilience, clean economy opportunities and infrastructure development.

[Learn more](#)



## BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund

This program helps manufacturing companies modernize, innovate, and grow by providing funding for capital projects in all regions in B.C., particularly in communities affected by economic impacts or downturns.

[Learn more](#)

# Provincial Tools - Skills Training/ Retraining



## **Skills Training Grants for Communities, Sectors and Employers**

The Community Workforce Response Grant helps communities and sectors support in-demand skills training for secure and sustainable employment for British Columbians.

[Learn more](#)

The Employer Training Grant helps employers provide employees the skills they need to succeed in the labour market.

[Learn more](#)



# THANK YOU!

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