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Strategic Location

History

The three Municipalities and the portion of the Regional District that comprise the Comox Valley are unique and distinctive from each other. Although the people, businesses and infrastructure are intertwined, each jurisdiction has its own history and cultural make up. The Comox Valley consists of approximately 1700 square km of land.

Courtenay was named after Rear Admiral George William Courtenay who sailed the HM Constance along the Coast of Vancouver Island over 150 years ago. Incorporated on January 1, 1915 the City, covers approximately 17.02 square km of land area.

Komuckway means "plenty" in the local Native tongue and there certainly is plenty of wildlife and natural resources in the Comox Valley. European settlers adapted the name to Komoux, then finally to Comox. Comox has long been a proud Military Town, with roots going back to it's first Navel Training Base in 1876. The Town of Comox was Incorporated on January 14, 1946 and is located directly East of Courtenay, extending out onto the Comox Peninsula that creates the Comox Harbor. The Comox land area is 14.20 square km.

Today Cumberland is considered a Historic Village, and is located approximately 9 km to the South West of Courtenay. It is the oldest of the three larger communities within the Comox Valley and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1998. Cumberland covers about 29.74 Square km in land area. When coal was discovered here in the last century, the area suddenly enjoyed the popularity of a gold-rush town. Coal was a precious commodity needed to fuel the large fleet of British navy ships, which sailed the Pacific. Cumberland was formed and was soon swelling with entrepreneurial miners and get rich quick hopefuls. Chinese labour was hired and a thriving city was quickly established.

British Columbia's only military airbase is located in the Comox Valley next to the Town of Comox. Canadian Forces Base Comox was opened as a Royal Air force Base in 1942 and was officially constituted as a Royal Canadian Air Force aerodrome on May 1, 1943.

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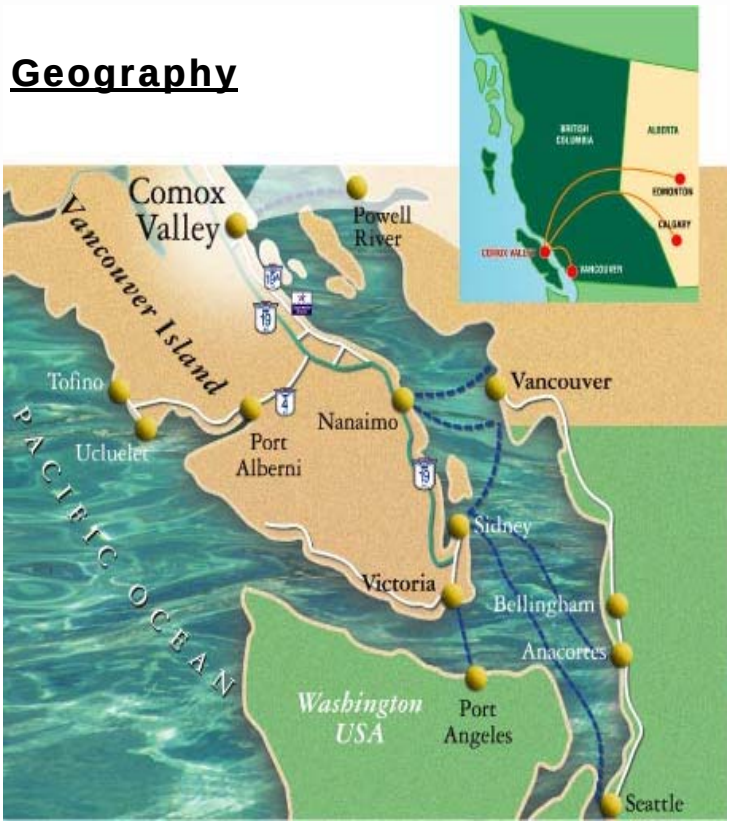
Geography



Vancouver Island, situated off the West Coast of Mainland British Columbia has a population of approximately 749,369, is 450km in length (282 miles), and averages 90km in width (60 miles).

The Comox Valley is located approximately halfway up the East Coast of Vancouver Island, within the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona and the Vancouver Island/Coast Development Region.

The ground points are at sea level with a latitude of 49 deg. 41 min. 00 sec North and a Longitude of 124 deg. 56 min. 00 sec. West. The Comox Valley includes the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox, the Village of Cumberland and the Comox-Strathcona Regional District electoral areas: A, B, C, & K.

Proximity to Markets

Neighbouring Communities			
Area	**Miles**	**Kilometers**	**Population**
Campbell River	35	58	33,430
Cowichan Valley	98	157	81,689
Nanaimo	65	104	147,866
Alberni-Clayoquot	65	104	31,542
Fraser Valley	175	281	280,210
Greater Vancouver	113	182	2,318,526
Mount Waddington	172	277	12,042
Central Okanagan	359	577	184,411

Source: BC Stats Distance and Population Statistics 2009

Access to Markets			
Metro Area	**Miles**	**Kilometers**	**Population**
Vancouver	78	126	2,318,526
Victoria	136	219	351,314
Seattle	199	320	582,454
Portland	423	680	557,706
Calgary	675	1,086	1,296,000
Edmonton	787	1,266	782,439

Source: Distance Charts (www.enorthernbc.com) ,BC Stats & US Census Bureau

"Did you Know….. The Comox Valley has direct links to Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle."

Strategic Location

Climate

"Did you Know….. The Comox Valley is ranked the 6th overall warmest region in Canada!"

Regional Weather Comparisons			
Location	**Average Sunshine In Hours**	**Average Rainfall In mm.**	**Average Snowfall In CM**
Comox Valley	1930.1	1091.4	91.4
Nanaimo	1844.5	1045	92.2
Victoria	2185.1	592.9	28.1
Vancouver	1919.3	1117.2	54.9

Source: Pacific Weather Center Vancouver 30 Year Averages.

Climate Highlights

- ***2.38 Average Snow Days/Year (10 cm or more)***
- ***0.73 Average Freezing Rain Days/Year***
- ***0.01 Average Wind Chill Days/Year (-20 or less)***
- ***6.0 Average Humidex Days/Year (above 30°)***

Mean Monthly Temperatures (°C)													
Temperature	**Jan.**	**Feb.**	**March**	**April**	**May**	**June**	**July**	**Aug.**	**Sept.**	**Oct.**	**Nov.**	**Dec.**	**Annual**
Mean Daily Temp.	2.5	4.0	5.4	6.2	12.3	15.0	17.4	17.1	13.9	9.2	5.4	3.4	9.5
Mean Daily Max.	5.2	7.1	9.1	12.5	15.9	19.7	22.5	22.1	15.6	12.9	6.3	5.2	13.4
Mean Daily Min.	-0.3	0.8	1.5	3.9	7.2	10.4	12.3	12.1	9.1	5.5	2.3	0.9	5.5

Source: CFB Comox Weather Services Unit 2003: 50 year averages

Strategic Location

Cost of Living

Average Household Expenditures						
	Comox Valley		BC		Canada	
Food	$7,171	12%	$7,794	11%	$7,863	11%
Shelter	12,851	21%	13,924	20%	13,192	19%
Clothing	2,315	4%	2,781	4%	2,927	4%
Total Big Three	**22,337**	**36%**	**24,499**	**35%**	**23,982**	**34%**
Transportation	8,540	14%	9,219	13%	9,271	13%
Health & Personal Care	2,873	5%	2,917	4%	2,907	4%
Recreation, Reading & Education	4,847	8%	5,777	8%	5,708	8%
Taxes & Securities	14,025	23%	17,877	26%	18,823	27%
Other	9,629	15%	9,759	14%	9,774	14%
Total Expenditures	**62,251**	**100%**	**70,048**	**100%**	**70,465**	**100%**

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Comox Valley Rental Market																				
	Bachelor				1 Bedroom				2 Bedroom				3 Bedroom				Total			
	06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09
Private Apartment Vacancy Rates (%)																				
Comox Valley	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.8	3.2	1.2	1.5	1.0	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.8	2.6	1.1	0.5	0.9	2.5
BC	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.9	1	0.9	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.6	2.7	2	2.8	1.3	3.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	2.3
Private Apartment Average Rents ($)																				
Comox Valley	399	423	458	490	523	539	571	599	617	648	675	713	604	661	688	696	577	599	629	661
BC	651	672	679	703	756	778	801	862	885	893	921	1,003	1,002	1,154	1,071	1,091	791	808	833	899
Private Row (Townhouse) Vacancy Rates (%)																				
Comox Valley	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.8	3.2	1.2	0.6	1.3	3.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	1.6	1	0.6	1.0	3.0
BC	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.1	1	1	0.9	2.3	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.5	4.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.5
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BC	650	672	679	703	754	777	800	860	882	890	924	1,000	1,011	1,119	1,098	1,106	797	816	842	905

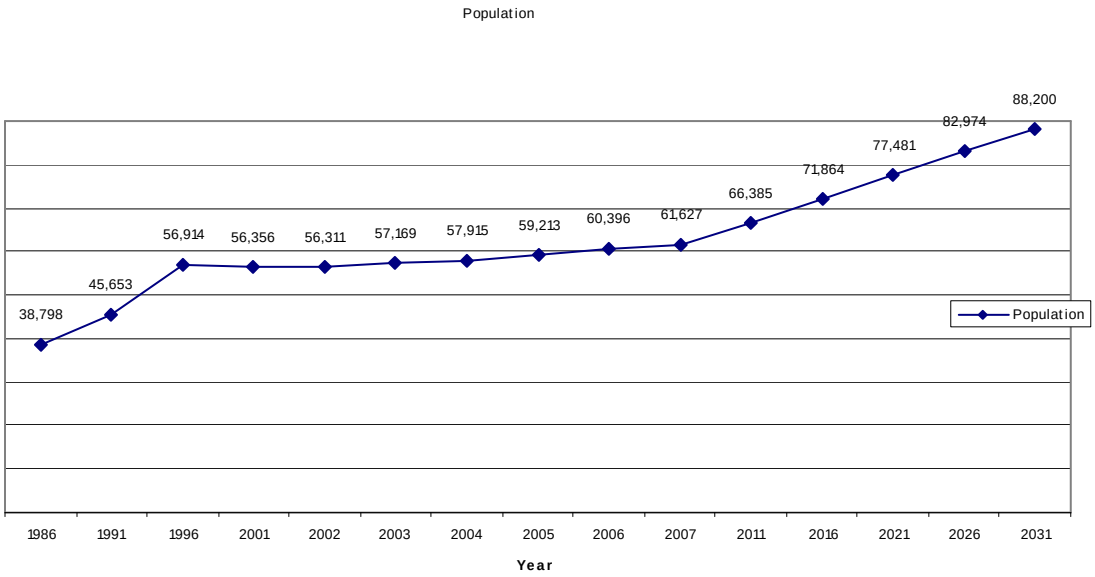
Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation 2009

Demographics

Population Projections

Population Projections				
	Population	Households	Person / Household	Median Age
1986	38,798	15,092	2.57	33.6
1991	45,653	17,652	2.59	35.9
1996	56,914	22,594	2.52	37.2
2001	56,356	23,596	2.39	41.1
2002	56,311	23,891	2.39	41.8
2003	57,169	24,261	2.36	42.6
2004	57,915	24,611	2.31	43.3
2005	59,213	25,169	2.27	44.1
2006	60,396	25,138	2.24	44.8
2007	61,627	25,819	2.31	45.2
2011	66,385	28,565	2.13	46.5
2016	71,864	32,006	2.09	46.9
2021	77,481	34,525	2.11	46.8
2026	82,974	36,677	2.13	46.5
2031	88,200	38,719	2.11	46.1

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 34, July 2009



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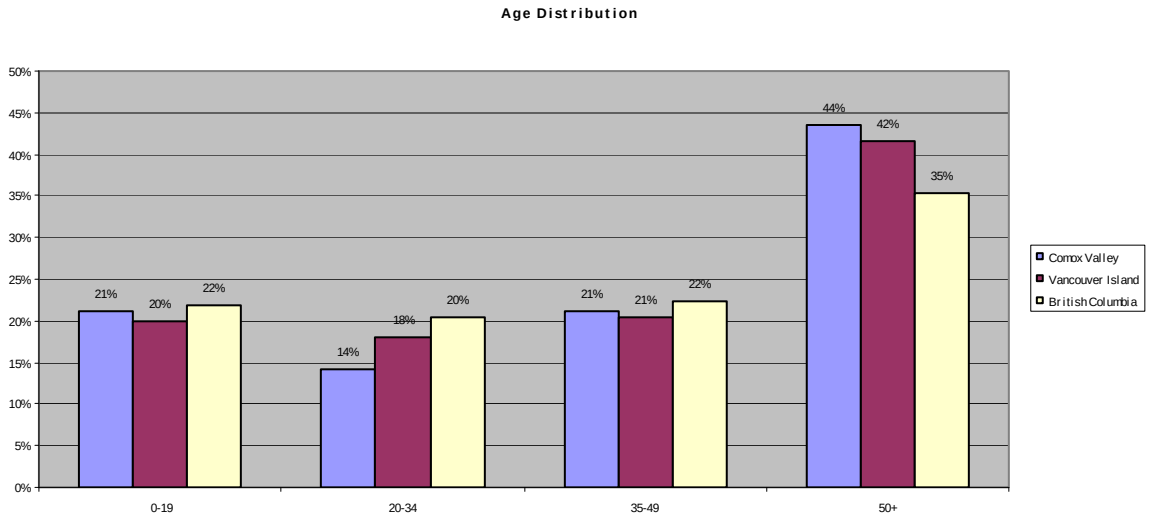
Age Distribution

Age Distribution			
	Comox Valley	Vancouver Island	BC
<1	486	6,295	44,537
1-4	2,185	25,766	174,673
5-9	3,070	33,022	219,836
10-14	3,710	38,072	246,429
15-19	4,104	46,522	286,017
20-24	3,393	48,774	312,638
25-29	2,495	45,556	310,383
30-34	3,160	40,214	286,444
35-39	3,722	44,309	303,611
40-44	4,346	49,124	327,787
45-49	5,505	60,072	367,955
50-54	5,488	61,310	346,786
55-59	5,219	59,958	309,228
60-64	4,963	54,308	262,548
65-69	3,883	39,695	195,909
70-74	2,955	29,580	150,639
75-79	2,335	25,117	125,264
80-84	1,560	20,136	93,984
85-89	1,060	14,179	60,505
90+	445	6,928	30,034
Total	64,084	748,937	4,455,207

Source: BC Stats—Population 2009



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Historical Population by Gender & Age							
Year	**Gender**	**0-19**	**20-34**	**35-49**	**50-64**	**65+**	**Total**
1986	Male	5,652	4,586	4,022	3,109	2,075	19,444
1986	Female	5,463	4,600	3,837	3,071	2,383	19,354
1986	Total	11,115	9,186	7,859	6,180	4,458	38,798
1991	Male	6,471	4,670	5,097	3,734	2,796	22,768
1991	Female	6,293	4,659	5,130	3,511	3,292	22,885
1991	Total	12,764	9,329	10,227	7,245	6,088	45,653
1996	Male	8,037	5,212	6,953	4,616	3,477	28,295
1996	Female	7,774	5,172	7,228	4,488	3,957	28,619
1996	Total	15,811	10,384	14,181	9,104	7,434	56,914
2001	Male	7,377	3,878	6,933	5,349	4,138	27,675
2001	Female	7,162	4,035	7,355	5,401	4,728	28,681
2001	Total	14,539	7,913	14,288	10,750	8,866	56,356
2006	Male	7,002	4,100	6,573	6,771	5,052	29,498
2006	Female	6,691	4,166	7,087	7,248	5,706	30,898
2006	Total	13,693	8,266	13,660	14,019	10,758	60,396
2008	Male	7,038	4,339	6,649	7,350	5,539	30,915
2008	Female	6,745	4,409	7,162	7,797	6,211	32,324
2008	Total	13,783	8,748	13,811	15,147	11,750	63,239

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 34, July 2009

Population Projection by Age							
Year	**0-4**	**5-17**	**18-24**	**25-44**	**45-64**	**65+**	**Total**
2001	2,683	10,376	3,941	15,129	15,361	10,778	56,356
2006	2,581	9,608	4,353	13,860	19,236	13,439	60,396
2008	2,590	9,451	4,842	14,000	20,606	14,671	63,239
2011	2,817	9,081	5,688	14,061	21,696	16,989	66,385
2016	3,299	9,042	5,590	16,178	21,891	19,615	71,864
2021	3,693	9,815	5,187	18,299	22,080	22,686	77,481
2026	3936	10999	5152	19903	22022	26234	82974
2031	4015	11947	5698	21141	22261	29725	88200
2036	4090	12526	6394	21269	24626	31617	93005

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 34, July 2009

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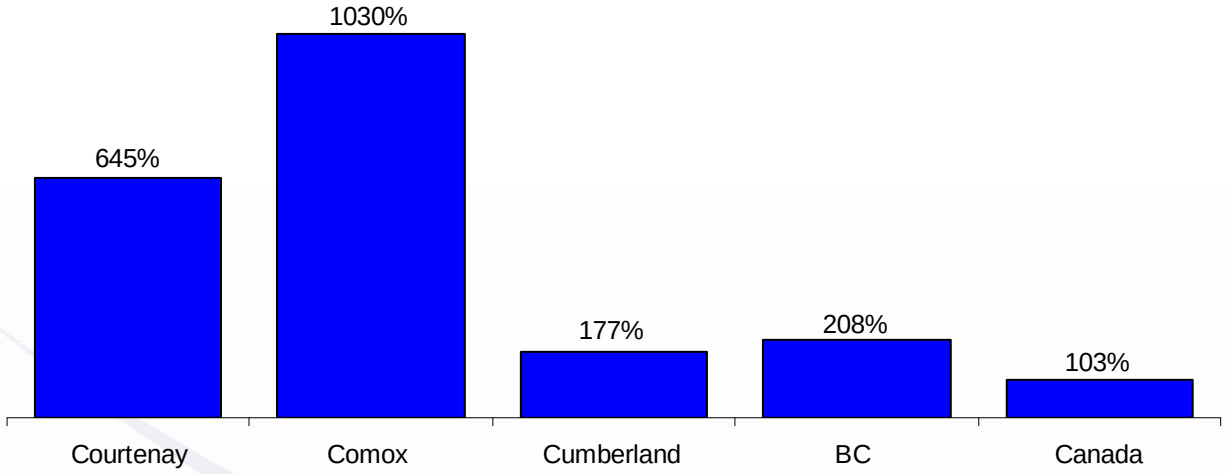
Historical Population

Historical Population Change										
	Courtenay		Comox		Cumberland		BC		Canada	
1921	810	-	-	-	1,179	-	-	-	8,788,000	-
1931	1,219	50%	-	-	907	-23%	694,300	-	10,377,000	18%
1941	1,737	42%	-	-	885	-2%	817,800	18%	11,507,000	11%
1951	2,553	47%	714	-	971	10%	1,165,200	42%	13,648,000	19%
1956	3,025	18%	1,151	61%	1,039	7%	1,398,500	20%	16,080,800	18%
1961	3,485	15%	1,756	53%	1,303	25%	1,629,100	16%	18,238,247	13%
1966	4,913	41%	2,671	52%	1,277	-2%	1,873,700	15%	20,014,880	10%
1971	7,152	46%	3,980	49%	1,718	35%	2,240,472	20%	21,961,999	10%
1976	7,917	11%	5,481	38%	1,735	1%	2,533,791	13%	23,449,791	7%
1981	9,225	17%	6,764	23%	1,992	15%	2,823,933	11%	24,820,393	6%
1986	9,974	8%	7,093	5%	1,912	-4%	3,004,104	6%	26,101,155	5%
1991	11,959	20%	8,452	19%	2,276	19%	3,373,464	12%	28,031,394	7%
1996	18,016	51%	11,460	36%	2,640	16%	3,874,276	15%	29,610,757	6%
2001	19,103	6%	11,660	2%	2,732	3%	4,078,447	5%	31,021,251	5%
2006	22,533	18%	13,008	12%	2,881	5%	4,310,452	6%	32,623,490	5%

Source: Statistics Canada 2007—Population and demography

50 Year Historical Population Change (56 to 06)



Source: BC Stats—Population

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Households

Household Family Estimates						
	Comox Valley		BC		Canada	
Families in Private households	16,043	100%	1,240,522	100%	9,367,336	100%
Husband-Wife families	13,611	85%	1,055,500	85%	7,896,004	84%
Single Parent families	2,432	15%	185,022	15%	1,471,332	16%
Avg. # of persons per family	2.7		2.9		2.9	
Avg. # of Sons/Daughters at home	0.9		1.0		1.1	

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Household Projections			
	Comox Valley	Vancouver Island	BC
1986	15,092	224,628	1,157,544
1991	17,652	250,383	1,278,650
1996	22,594	278,789	1,484,947
2001	23,596	299,701	1,592,676
2002	23,891	302,351	1,607,233
2003	24,261	306,129	1,621,700
2004	24,611	309,952	1,639,535
2005	25,169	314,843	1,657,571
2006	25,138	317,857	1,677,439
2007	25,819	322,261	1,710,090
2008	26,671	328,745	1,744,334
2009	27,316	334,191	1,778,118
2010	27,941	339,280	1,809,549
2011	28,565	344,431	1,841,778
2016	32,006	371,902	2,012,870
2021	34,525	393,863	2,156,080
2026	36,677	414,041	2,286,275
2031	38,719	433,317	2,413,465
2036	40,766	452,006	2,536,336

Source: BC Stats—Household Estimates and Projections July 2009

Population Density

Population Density					
	KM	Miles	Pop.	Pop./km	Pop./mile
Comox	15.16	9.41	13,444	886.81	1,428.69
Courtenay	26.68	16.58	24,216	907.65	1,460.55
Cumberland	29.13	18.10	3,163	108.58	174.75
CSRD Area	20,013,48	1,001.79	108,273	5.41	108.08
Comox Valley	1,740.19	1,045.18	64,084	36.83	61.31
Vancouver Island	33,196.70	19,967.14	749,369	22.57	37.53
BC	924,815.43	574,653.67	4,455,207	4.82	7.75
Canada	9,017,699	5,603,338.33	31,612,897	3.51	5.64

Source: BC Stats 2008

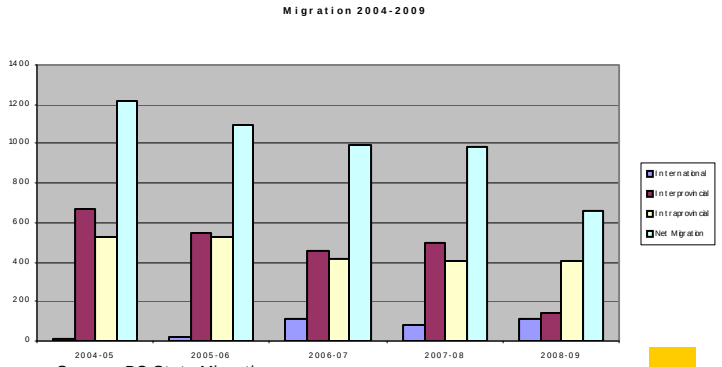
Updated 2010 BC Stats Population Estimates 2009

Demographics

Migration

Immigration Statistics	
Immigrant Status	
Canadian citizenship	47,640
Citizenship other than Canadian	1,235
Non-immigrant population	42,400
Born in province of residence	23,655
Born outside province of residence	18,750
Period of Immigration	
Before 1961	2,000
1961-1970	1,310
1971-1980	1,110
1981-1990	725
1991-2000	870
1991-1995	565
1996-2000	310
2001-2006	380

Source: Statistics Canada 2010- Census 2006



Source: BC Stats Migration

Immigrants Places of Birth		
	Total Immigrants	Very Recent Immigrants
United States	635	55
Central America	70	25
Caribbean and Bermuda	100	0
South America	80	0
Europe	4,345	115
Western Europe	1,060	30
Eastern Europe	225	15
Southern Europe	165	10
Italy	80	0
Other Southern Europe	85	10
Northern Europe	2,900	55
Africa	215	20
Asia and the Middle East	765	120
China, People's Republic of	65	15
Southern Asia	100	15
Generation Status		
1st generation	6,595	16.1%
2nd generation	9,380	22.8%
3rd generation	24,995	61.0%
Age at Immigration		
0-4 years	1,495	11.9%
5-24 years	5,550	44.1%
24 years and over	5,540	44.0%

Source: Statistics Canada 2010- Census 2006

"Did you Know..... That 68% of total Immigrants to the Comox Valley come from Europe.

Migration											
	Comox-Strathcona				Vancouver Island				British Columbia		
	Inter National	Inter-Prov.	Intra-Prov.	Net Mig.	Inter-National	Inter-Prov.	Intra-Prov.	Net Mig.	Inter–National	Inter Pov.	Net Mig.
2000-01	31	(362)	55	(276)	(5)	(1,023)	675	(353)	34,184	(8,286)	25,898
2001-02	(81)	(249)	(75)	(405)	1,217	955	1,472	3,644	34,287	(8,556)	25,731
2002-03	(78)	167	417	506	337	369	1,530	2,236	29,154	(1,037)	28,117
2003-04	14	678	635	1,327	390	1,689	2,336	4,415	29,627	7,865	37,492
2004-05	15	671	529	1,215	614	2,901	2,413	5,928	35,842	8,214	44,056
2005-06	16	551	529	1,096	959	3,027	2,413	6,399	37,942	3,779	41,721
2006-07	116	459	416	991	1,796	4,269	1,994	8,059	39,365	15,005	54,370
2007-08	83	496	401	980	2,621	5,164	2,590	10,375	47,451	14,643	62,094
2008-09	116	144	401	661	3,263	3,439	2,601	9,303	53,349	4,673	58,022

Source: BC Stats 2010—Migration Components for Regional Districts

Demographics

Ethnicity

Aboriginal Origins		
North American Indian single origin	5,065	69.7%
Métis single origin	1,885	25.9%
Inuit single origin	30	0.4%
Inuit and non-Aboriginal origins	40	0.6%
Other Aboriginal multiple origins	240	3.3%

Source: Statistics Canada 2010 -2006 Census, Aboriginal Peoples

Visible Minority	
Chinese	700
South Asian	455
African American	320
Filipino	505
Black	415
Latin American	100
Southeast Asian	275
Korean	65
Japanese	130

Source: Stats Canada 2010-2006 Census, Visible Minority

Marital Status

Family Structure			
	CSRD	BC	Canada
Total census families	30,440	1,161,420	8,896,840
Married Couple families	21,195	844,430	6,105,910
Common-Law families	4,630	141,825	1,376,870
Lone-parent families	4,610	175,160	1,414,065
Female lone-parent	3,570	139,770	1,132,290
Male lone-parent	1,045	35,395	218,775
Average number of persons per:			
Census family	2.8	2.9	2.9
Married-couple families	2.8	3.0	3.1
Common-law families	2.7	2.6	2.8
Lone-parent families	2.6	2.5	2.5
Female lone-parent family	2.6	2.5	2.5
Male lone-parent family	2.4	2.4	2.4

Source: Statistics Canada 2010—Community Profiles Families and Households 2006

Marital Status (Aged 15+)			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Single Never Married	10,960	1,102,395	9,087,030
Married & Common Law	25,355	2,010,355	15,020,035
Separated Legally Married	1,555	110,575	775,425
Widowed	2,920	204,570	1,612,820
Divorced	4,610	285,860	2,087,385

Source: Statistics Canada 2010--Community Profiles Marital Status 2006

Labour Force

Labour Force Activity

Labour Force Breakdown		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	4,770	9.3%
Mining & oil & gas extraction	770	1.5%
Utilities	235	0.5%
Construction	4,180	8.1%
Manufacturing	3,355	6.5%
Wholesale trade	985	1.9%
Retail trade	6,865	13.3%
Transportation & warehousing	2,035	3.9%
Information & cultural industries	775	1.5%
Finance & insurance	1,185	2.3%
Real estate & rental & leasing	1,060	2.0%
Professional, scientific & technical services	2,255	4.4%
Management of companies & enterprises	30	0.1%
Administrative & support	2,140	4.1%
Educational services	3,480	6.7%
Health care & social assistance	5,205	10.1%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	1,075	2.1%
Accommodation & food services	4,625	8.9%
Other services (except public administration)	2,295	4.4%
Public administration	3,435	6.6%

Source: Stats Canada 2010– Census 2006

Occupation Breakdown												
	Comox Valley				BC				Canada			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
Management	1,464	59%	1,026	41%	166,169	65%	91,311	35%	1,245,041	65%	675,324	35%
Business, Finance, Administration.	876	24%	2,844	76%	107,490	26%	307,140	74%	873,813	27%	2,366,725	73%
Natural & Applied Science	1,155	85%	207	15%	116,469	81%	27,013	19%	929,476	79%	253,493	21%
Health	373	23%	1,244	77%	28,357	23%	93,600	77%	194,205	21%	739,427	79%
Social Science, Gov. Serv. & Religion	279	28%	735	72%	33,515	33%	66,638	67%	227,993	32%	490,803	68%
Education	446	44%	575	56%	31,669	36%	55,189	64%	237,497	35%	433,158	65%
Arts, Culture, Recreation & Sport	412	49%	424	51%	37,300	48%	40,117	52%	226,651	46%	268,100	54%
Sales & Service	3,489	44%	4,494	56%	253,304	42%	347,041	58%	1,800,506	43%	2,409,575	57%
Trades, Transportation & Equipment	3,054	93%	223	7%	315,716	94%	20,348	6%	2,454,765	93%	186,686	7%
Primary Industries	1,583	81%	381	19%	72,706	74%	25,019	26%	560,986	76%	175,019	24%
Processing, Manufacturing, Utilities	656	79%	171	21%	82,475	75%	28,140	25%	826,736	67%	410,117	33%

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Labour Force

Income Estimates

Income Estimates			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Avg. Household Income	62,744	72,642	73,392
Avg. Family Income	71,347	81,100	82,566
Per Capita Income	27,554	29,343	29,174
Avg. Employment Income Male (PT)	42,755	47,977	48,410
Avg. Employment Income Male (FT)	56,484	63,078	61,305
Avg. Employment Income Female (PT)	26,541	30,714	30,483
Avg. Employment Income Female (FT)	40,083	44,794	42,937

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Sources of Income						
	Employment	Pension	Investment	Self-Employed	Tax-exempt	Other
Courtenay	54.6%	19.8%	9.3%	5.9%	2.4%	5.8%
Comox	51.4%	23.5%	10.3%	5.4%	1.4%	5.3%
Cumberland	64.4%	13.6%	4.4%	6.3%	3.9%	6.3%
BC	63.5%	11.9%	11.4%	5.7%	1.9%	4.5%

Source: BC Stats 2010- Community Facts 2009

Benefit Recipients Percentage								
	Basic Income Assistance				Employment Insurance			
Age	**Cumberland**	**Courtenay**	**Comox**	**BC**	**Cumberland**	**Courtenay**	**Comox**	**BC**
Under 19	3.9	4.1	0.9	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19-24	3.3	4.9	-	2.1	3.6	3.6	3.5	2.6
25-54	2.6	3.3	0.8	1.9	4.4	3.7	2.7	3.1
55-64	0.8	0.6	-	0.7	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.0
19-64	2.2	2.9	0.7	1.7	3.9	3.4	2.6	2.8

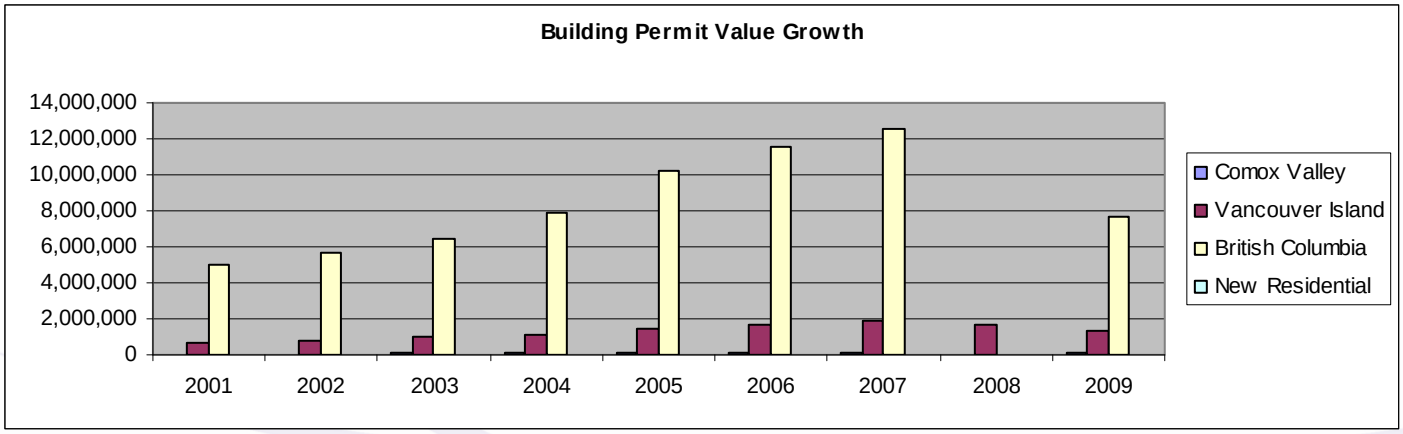
Source: BC Stats 2010—Basic Income Assistance and EI 2009

Building and Development

Building Permit Values

Building Permits Values ($000)									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total									
Comox Valley	35,662	48,267	72,808	86,077	110,300	150,224	143,065	n/a	99,091
Vancouver Island	632,039	769,212	993,416	1,098,416	1,459,871	1,701,684	1,841,152	1,627,720	1,342,347
British Columbia	4,954,772	5,659,415	6,394,238	7,938,727	10,191,099	11,541,532	12,544,691	n/a	7,629,885
New Residential									
Comox Valley	17,153	33,457	46,763	66,035	98,560	135,329	97,585	n/a	76,641
Vancouver Island	349,563	504,062	643,673	859,834	1,033,514	1,227,171	1,316,201	1,161,995	783,878
British Columbia	2,829,874	3,888,147	4,514,185	5,868,937	6,978,962	7,620,696	8,611,723	6,899,289	4,491,075
Industrial									
Comox Valley	288	30	5,376	2,491	218	1,300	2,070	n/a	3,125
Vancouver Island	34,805	16,469	33,629	18,529	20,651	31,411	30,109	50,699	37,217
British Columbia	221,353	230,119	244,024	328,050	346,203	358,843	323,893	292,221	245,157
Commercial									
Comox Valley	10,977	13,489	17,151	12,054	11,010	11,451	19,764	n/a	17,430
Vancouver Island	145,090	155,208	202,547	139,120	257,370	281,755	229,434	295,673	312,167
British Columbia	1,171,233	1,116,741	1,129,623	1,228,027	1,886,405	2,493,684	2,647,905	2,623,509	1,757,192
Institutional/Government									
Comox Valley	7,244	1,291	3,518	5,497	512	2,144	23,646	n/a	1,895
Vancouver Island	102,581	93,473	113,567	80,933	148,336	161,347	265,408	119,353	209,085
British Columbia	732,312	424,408	506,406	513,713	979,529	1,068,309	961,170	762,136	1,1364,661

Source: BC Stats 2010—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing 2009



Source: BC Stats 2010—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing 2009

Building and Development

Property Land Values

Assessed Property Land Values							
	1991	1996	2001	2006	2007	2008	2009
Comox Valley							
Total RES	$1,562,589,791	$3,775,379,575	$3,550,053,181	$6,842,448,611	$8,249,123,419	$9,523,937,112	$9,673,566,332
Utilities	$202,013,531	$222,583,942	$197,466,800	$218,258,581	$227,137,372	$246,778,625	$247,586,325
Major Industry	$1,874,251	$5,609,500	$6,365,800	$6,468,000	$325,500	$39,800	$39,800
Light Industry	$5,544,200	$13,395,947	$15,991,247	$24,024,647	$26,855,997	$32,316,900	$31,312,100
Business/other	$393,867,585	$743,183,443	$816,986,272	$1,158,693,476	$1,273,605,303	$1,408,992,590	$1,425,055,790
Rec/Non-profit	$28,499,800	$84,169,300	$89,161,600	$136,884,900	$175,078,900	$196,715,300	$203,531,200
Farm	$22,616,911	$23,631,590	$23,012,900	$23,795,241	$24,914,076	$25,116,909	$25,375,885
Total	$2,217,006,069	$4,867,953,297	$4,699,037,800	$8,410,573,456	$9,977,040,566	$11,433,897,236	$11,606,467,432
Courtenay							
Total RES	$335,424,250	$938,485,300	$893,462,689	$1,859,628,836	$2,257,259,241	$2,708,494,500	$2,767,133,600
Utilities	$7,184,940	$18,967,400	$22,663,700	$27,114,306	$27,720,206	$30,334,600	$30,451,600
Major Industry	$1,874,251	$5,065,900	$5,898,700	$5,679,700	$0	$0	$0
Light Industry	$314,100	$1,796,500	$1,743,200	$1,926,000	$2,306,000	$4,908,900	$4,874,000
Business/other	$136,393,484	$358,513,852	$371,670,936	$584,857,600	$661,966,900	$747,677,100	$757,862,300
Rec/Non-profit	$6,337,200	$26,310,800	$27,048,400	$34,612,400	$41,986,800	$47,934,700	$48,052,700
Farm	$80,910	$14,590	$95,100	$662,342	$667,213	$788,283	$778,025
Total	$487,609,135	$1,349,154,342	$1,322,582,725	$2,514,481,184	$2,991,906,360	$3,540,138,083	3,609,152,225
Comox							
Total RES	$292,110,650	$631,986,300	$627,882,551	$1,221,733,330	$1,501,295,481	$1,708,908,053	$1,779,996,053
Utilities	$2,554,773	$6,619,400	$8,421,100	$9,995,800	$10,369,200	$10,980,053	$11,400,300
Major Industry	$0	$49,900	$40,200	$35,300	$37,500	$39,800	$39,800
Light Industry	$102,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Business/other	$52,204,700	$226,121,791	$269,746,430	$363,664,100	$400,318,300	$440,445,700	$439,839,100
Rec/Non-profit	$6,818,400	$18,853,600	$18,144,900	$29,366,600	$38,890,700	$40,286,200	$40,922,700
Farm	$30,594	$1,700	$1,700	$1,704	$46,002	$46,002	$46,002
Total	$353,821,117	$883,632,691	$924,236,881	$1,625,021,804	$1,950,957,183	$2,200,706,055	$2,272,243,955
Cumberland							
Total RES	$45,037,570	$106,693,300	$96,712,400	$187,702,807	$239,115,807	$302,906,907	$318,284,207
Utilities	$870,220	$2,142,400	$2,555,100	$3,627,175	$3,664,275	$4,093,875	$4,255,875
Light Industry	$454,200	$1,224,200	$4,585,800	$6,235,400	$7,431,600	$8,886,500	$7,891,900
Business/other	$10,473,500	$26,666,900	$27,654,300	$41,679,600	$48,871,415	$52,417,900	$58,139,900
Rec/Non-profit	$410,900	$983,000	$1,096,000	$1,751,000	$3,328,700	$3,791,700	$4,114,200
Farm	$11,360	$11,300	$11,300	$11,360	$11,360	$11,360	n/a
Total	$57,257,750	$137,721,100	$132,614,900	$241,007,342	$302,423,157	$372,108,242	$392,686,082
Comox Strathcona Regional District A,B,C,K							
Total RES	$890,017,321	$2,098,214,675	$1,931,995,541	$3,573,383,638	$4,251,452,889	$4,803,627,652	$4,808,152,472
Utilities	$191,403,598	$194,854,742	$163,826,900	$177,521,300	$185,383,691	$201,369,850	$201,478,550
Major Industry	$0	$493,700	$426,900	$753,000	$288,000	$0	$0
Light Industry	$4,673,900	$10,375,247	$9,662,247	$15,863,247	$17,118,397	$18,521,500	$18,546,200
Business/other	$194,795,901	$131,880,900	$147,914,606	$168,492,176	$162,448,688	$168,451,890	$169,214,490
Rec/Non-profit	$14,933,300	$38,021,900	$42,872,300	$71,154,900	$90,872,700	$104,702,700	$110,441,600
Farm	$22,494,047	$23,604,000	$22,904,800	$23,119,835	$24,189,501	$24,271,264	$24,551,858
Total	$1,318,318,067	$2,497,445,164	$2,319,603,294	$4,030,288,096	$4,731,753,866	$5,320,944,856	$5,332,385,170

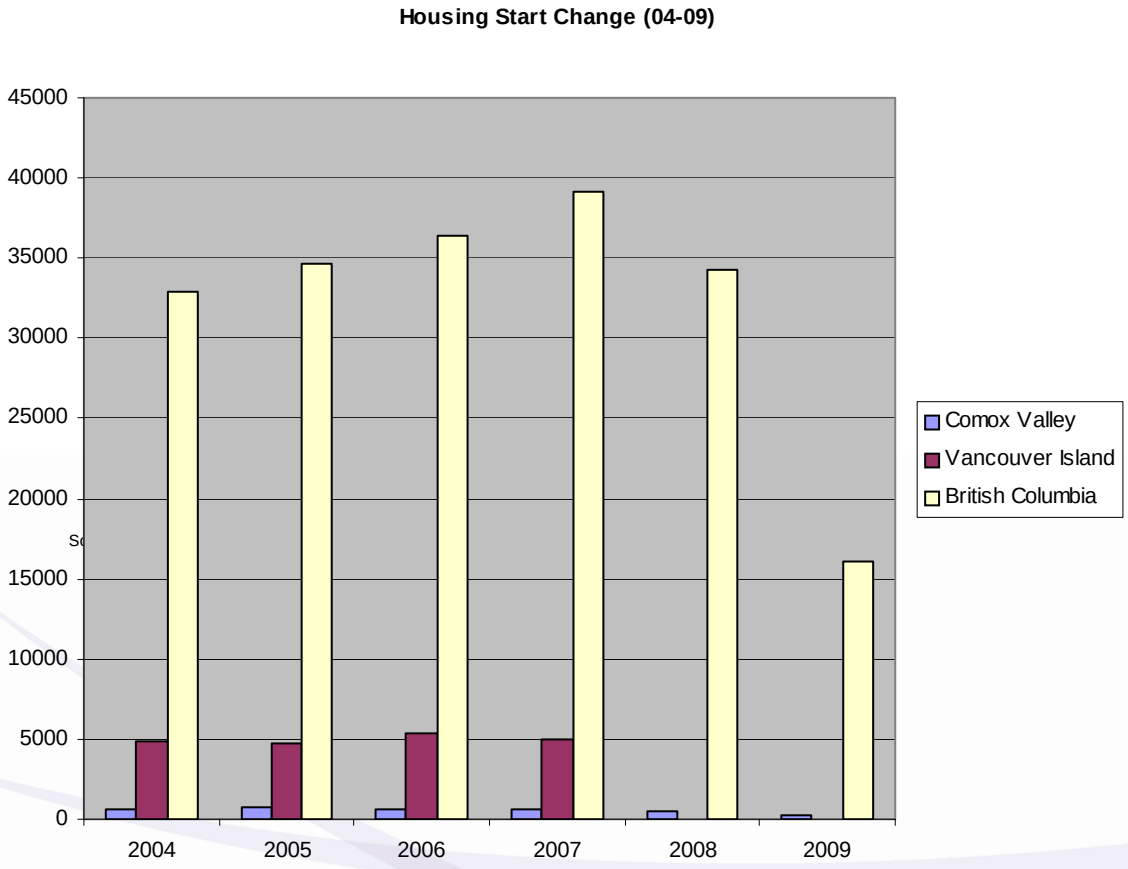
Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office 2010—Roll Totals Summary 2009

Building and Development

Housing Starts

Housing Starts										
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Courtenay	282	103	241	268	334	472	471	324	115	89
Comox	91	47	42	92	159	114	87	210	189	98
Cumberland	31	2	5	6	12	33	62	58	135	25
CSRD A,B,C,K	113	35	68	86	173	94	65	58	78	35
Comox Valley	517	187	356	452	678	713	685	650	517	245
Vancouver Island	3,602	1929	2640	3626	4868	4775	5331	4932	N/A	N/A
British Columbia	27,641	17,234	21,625	26,174	32,925	34,667	36,443	39,195	34,321	16,077

Source: BC Stats 2010—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing: Housing Starts



Building and Development

Commercial Real Estate

Office Lease Rates						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2008	2009
Central Courtenay	$9.32	$9.52	$10.28	$10.49		
East Courtenay	$9.13	$9.13	N/A	$5.00		
North Courtenay	$10.00	$10.00	$8.50	$9.25		
Comox	$12.00	$12.67	$11.67	$15.67		
Cumberland	N/A	N/A	$15.00	N/A		

Source: Vancouver Island Real Estate Board 2006

Office Vacancy Rates			
	2001	2005	2009
Office	4.00%	7.20%	
Retail	7.00%	9.90%	
Warehouse/Light Industrial	11.00%	5.50%	

Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office 2006

Square Foot Rental Rates											
	Central Courtenay			South Courtenay			East Courtenay		Comox		
	2001	2005	2009	2001	2005	2009	2001	2005	2001	2005	2009
Office	4.50-12.00	6.50-12.00		4.50-13.00	6.50-12.50		4.50-12.50	6.50-14.00	5.00-11.75	7.50-13.00	
2nd Floor	3.50-9.00	4.50-9.00		3.50-9.50	5.00-9.50		3.50-8.00	5.00-8.00	4.00-8.50	6.00-8.50	
Restaurant	7.75-14.50	7.50-20.00		5.50-20.00	7.50-20.00		5.50-13.00	7.50-20.00	6.50-14.75	7.50-14.75	
Commercial	4.75-11.00	6.75-14.00		4.75-13.00	6.75-16.00		5.00-9.50	6.00-10.00	5.00-11.75	7.00-13.00	
Warehousing	2.75-6.50	3.25-7.00		2.75-6.50	3.25-7.00		3.75-6.75	4.25-8.00	3.00-7.50	3.50-7.50	
Light Industrial	4.25-7.75	3.25-8.00		3.25-9.50	3.25-8.00		3.75-10.00	3.75-10.00	N/A	N/A	

Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office 2006

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Residential Real Estate

Real Estate	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Unit Sales										
Comox Valley	509	694	776	969	983	902	972	1,054	734	770
Vancouver Island	3,072	3,842	4,472	5,148	5,535	5,470	5,584	9,887	6,817	7,280
British Columbia	53,454	68,105	82,725	93,126	96,316	106,290	96,695	102,805	68,923	85,028
Average Days on Market										
Comox Valley	144	134	75	76	50	59	70	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vancouver Island	121	96	80	61	49	57	77	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Single Family House Price										
Comox Valley	$144,000	$142,903	$156,962	$169,153	$211,308	$236,325	$278,803	329,280	354,307	336,541
Vancouver Island	$146,355	$147,383	$159,051	$175,364	$207,437	$235,648	$274,699	311,472	330,556	316,118
British Columbia	$216,989	$220,952	$238,758	$259,835	$288,967	$332,137	$390,760	439,119	454,599	465,725

Source: BC Stats 2010 and Vancouver Island Real Estate Board 2010

Occupied Private Dwellings	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Single-detached house	15,192	867,409	7,324,404
Semi-detached house	2,262	54,770	633,626
Row houses	1,413	123,991	751,383
Apartment 5 story's or greater	16	129,607	1,200,532
Apartment Fewer than 5 story's	3,110	370,483	2,413,236
Apartment, detached duplex	416	181,070	712,451
Movable dwellings	941	46,007	172,957

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Building and Development

Development Cost Charges

The Comox Valley has an average development cost charge of $9,142 per unit for single residential units, 6,721 for multi-family residential units, 29.35 per square foot for commercial units and 71,469 per acre for industrial units.

Development Cost Charges (DCC) Total ($)				
	Residential Single Per Unit	Residential Multi-Family Per Unit	Commercial Per Square Foot	Industrial Per Acre
Cumberland	7,754	5,225	N/A	49,923
Courtenay	12,907	9,279	7.84	59,319.11
Comox	9,738.97	7,239.11	62.22*	114,912.93
Comox-Strathcona	6,172	5,144	18.00	61,722
Nanaimo	13,410.79	86.75*	53.58*	14.44*
Victoria	5,108.82	35.85*	23.18*	4.91*

Source: City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland, CSRD, City of Nanaimo & City of Victoria 2008 * Per Square Meter of Gross Building Floor Area

Comox-Strathcona Regional District				
	Residential Single	Residential Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial
Sanitary Sewer	2,470	2,058	668.90*	9,993.75**
Water	3,702	3,086	1,003.35*	14,984.36**
Total	6,172	5,144	1672.25*	24,978.11**

Source: Comox-Strathcona Regional District Summary of Development Cost Charges 2008 * Per 1000 sq.ft. ** per acre

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Detailed Development Cost Charges

City Of Courtenay				
	Residential Single	Residential Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial
Highways	3,769	2,313	5,036	17,893
Storm Drainage	1,071	321	448	7,370
Sanitary Sewer	764	605	207	5,793
Water	433	343	117	3,285
Parkland Acquisition	698	553	0	0
Total	6,735	4,135	5,808	34,341

Source: City of Courtenay, Summary of Development Cost Charges 2007

Town of Comox				
	Residential Single	Residential Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial
Highways	1,352.51	828.18	50.74*	18,533.73
Storm Drainage	3,432.35	2,282.51	6.66*	95,041.86
Sanitary Sewer	968.66	807.21	2.91*	807.21
Water	636.15	530.13	1.91*	530.13
Parkland Acquisition	3,349.30	2,791.08	0	0
Total	9,738.97	7,239.11	62.22*	114,912.93

Source: Town of Comox, Summary of Development Cost Charges 2007
* Per Square Meter of Gross Building Area

City Of Cumberland			
	Residential Single	Residential Multi-Family	Industrial
Highways	1,152	691	4,586
Storm Drainage	2,495	1,622	38,630
Sanitary Sewer	1,780	1,424	2,967
Water	2,244	1,424	3,740
Parkland Acquisition	83	64	0
Total	7,754	5,225	49,923

Source: Village of Cumberland, Summary of Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 655

Business Activity

Major Employers

The top four employers include 19 Wing CFB Comox with over 1430 employees, School District 71 with over 1400 employees, St. Josephs Hospital with over 1049 employees and Mt. Washington Ski Resort with over 950 employees in the winter months.

The top three retail employers include the Real Canadian Superstore with over 300 employees, Wal-Mart with 218 employees and Home depot with 120 employees. These top three major retail employers account for almost 650 jobs for the Comox Valley.

The top three tourism employers include Mt. Washington Alpine Resort with 950 winter staff, Crown Isle with 150 staff, and the King Fisher Resort with 209 employees respectively.

The top six public sector employers include: the CFB Comox with over 1430 employees, School District 71 with over 1400 employees, St. Joseph's Hospital with 1049 employees, 466 employees at North Island College, 300 at the City of Courtenay and 90 with the Local RCMP. These public sector employers account for over 4,000 jobs in the Comox Valley.

Major Employers	
CFB Comox	1430
School District 71 **	1400
St. Josephs Hospital **	1049
Mt. Washington Ski Resort*	950
North Island College **	466
City Of Courtenay	300
Superstore	300
Wal-Mart	218
King Fisher Resort and Spa	209
Thrifty Foods	190
Safeway	180
Crown Isle Golf Course	150
Home Depot	120
RCMP **	90
Canadian Tire	80

Source: CVEDS 2007
* During peak operating season
** Includes professionals and support staff

Business Activity

Business Growth

Courtenay	
Taco DelMar	2006
Tomato Tomato	2006
Old House Village Suite & Hotel	2006
Hot Chocolates	2006
Best Western Hotel	2006
Industrial Plastics and Paint	2005
Fluid Bar & Grill	2005
Filis (Italian Restaurant)	2005
Island Ink Jet	2005
Boston Pizza	2005
Atlas Café	2005
Anco Motel	2005
Coast Westerly Hotel	2005
Courtenay Art Gallery	2005
London Drugs	2004
Howard Jonhson	2004
Winners	2004
Payless Shoes	2004
Home Depot	2003
Shoppers Drug Mart	2003
Staples	2003
Sports Mart	2003
Star Bucks	2003
Thrifty Foods	2003
Whitespot	2003
Safeway	2003
Marks Work Warehouse	2003
Rogers Video	2003
Future Shop	2002
Island ink Jet	2001
Wal-Mart	2001

Source: CVEDS 2007

Comox	
Comox Airport	2006
Berwick Retirement	2006
Quay 1 and 2	2006
Comox Pharmarcy	2006
Bosley's Pet Food Store	2005
Co-op Gas Station	2005
Comox Harbour Authority	2005
Downtown Comox Re-Vitalization	2005
Movie Gallery	2005
Comox Airport	2005
Pharmasave	2005
Little Ceasars Pizza	2005
Extra Foods	2004
Comox Airport	2004
Gone Hollywood Video	2003
CFB Comox	2003
Cheveron and Sud City	2002
Quality Foods	2001
M&M Meats	2001
Tim Hortons	2001
McDonalds	2001
CFB Comox	2001

Source: CVEDS 2007

CSRD A,B,C,K	
Coastal Trek	2006
TF Specialty Saw Mill	2005
Mount Washington Alpine Resort	2004
Mount Washington Alpine Resort	2002
Natural Glacier Waters	1999

Source: CVEDS 2007

Cumberland	
Island Timberframe	2005

Source: CVEDS 2007

Business Activity

Retail Activity

Retail Sales				
	Comox Valley		BC	Canada
	($ Millions)	%	%	%
Supermarkets	85.1	13.5%	16.6%	15.5%
Convenience and Specialty Foods	13.8	2.2%	1.7%	2.2%
Beer, Wine, Liquor	22	3.5%	4.8%	3.7%
Furniture	11.6	1.8%	2.3%	2.5%
Home Furnishings	16.3	2.6%	1.8%	1.4%
Computer & Software	3.2	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Home Electronics & Appliances	16.8	2.7%	3.7%	3.0%
Home Centres, Hardware, Etc.	40	6.4%	6.5%	6.4%
Gas Stations	73.9	11.8%	10.6%	10.1%
New/Used Cars, RV's, Parts	165.2	26.3%	22.7%	24.9%
Pharmacies, Personal Care	51.8	8.2%	5.9%	7.0%
Clothing	21.3	3.4%	4.2%	4.3%
Shoes, Clothing Accessories, Jewelry	6.9	1.1%	1.3%	1.4%
General Merchandise	48.7	7.8%	10.8%	11.7%
Sporting, Hobby, Music & Book	23.7	3.8%	4.2%	2.8%
Miscellaneous	28	4.5%	2.9%	2.6%
Total Retail Sales ($ Millions)	628.3	100%	57263.7	423179.4

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Retail Sales Estimate			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Retail Sales Estimate ($000)	628,000	57,263,700	423,179,400
Per Household	26,900	32,200	31,900
Per Capita	11,800	13,000	12,700

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Business Activity

Business Start Ups and Fail-

Business Incorporations										
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Comox	40	25	27	39	32	45	46	35	35	53
Courtenay	130	91	137	132	140	159	198	201	210	136
Cumberland	0	2	4	1	0	2	5	6	7	4
Other	8	11	26	9	15	18	18	28	17	24
Comox Valley	178	129	194	181	187	224	267	270	269	217
Comox-Strathcona RD	356	261	302	308	304	365	440	452	445	331
Vancouver Island	2,573	2,401	2,512	2,605	3,062	3,715	3,863	3,983	3,645	3,159
British Columbia	23,237	19,474	20,987	22,531	24,703	30,937	33,273	34,036	30,085	26,431

Source: BC Stats 2010—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

Business Bankruptcy Rates (Per 1000 Establishments)											
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Comox Valley	9.45	5.93	2.67	2.90	2.82	3.78	2.73	2.16			
British Columbia	4.62	4.05	3.30	3.60	3.51	3.14	2.71	2.35	1.7	1.3	1.2
Canada	7.24	5.47	5.07	4.92	4.44	4.12	3.60	3.34	2.9	2.6	

Source: BC Stats 2009—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

"Did you Know….. The Comox Valley had 52 Business Bankruptcies in the past decade."

Business Bankruptcies									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Comox Valley	9	9	8	8	6	5	2	2	3
British Columbia	1,100	1,106	1,002	922	786	586	470	453	378

Source: BC Stats March 2010—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

Business Inventory										
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Comox-Strathcona	3,834	3,876	3,876	3,947	3,888	4,019	4,138	4,121	4,413	4,612
Vancouver Island/Coast	24,325	25,600	25,830	26,059	26,024	26,644	27,530	26,984	30,144	30,652
British Columbia	149,315	157,421	157,652	158,470	158,421	162,732	167,845	168,473	185,879	186,541

Source: BC Stats 2010—Businesses, number of (PDF)

Business Activity

Taxation

Local Property Taxes (per $1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value)			
	Residential	Industry	Business
City of Courtenay	$7.4481	$23.0673	$21.9466
Town of Comox	$6.7455	$23.9508	$25.7747
Village of Cumberland	$5.2241	$9.8490	$10.4108

Source: Municipal Bylaws for Courtenay, Comox and Cumberland 2009

Corporate Income Tax/Franchise Tax			
	Small Business	Manufacturing	Non-Manufacturing
Federal	11.00%	18.00%	18.00%
Provincial	2.50%	10.50%	10.50%
Total	13.50%	28.50%	28.50%

Source: Government of British Columbia & Canada Revenue Agency 2010

Personal Income Tax		
	Federal	Provincial (State)
Capital Gains	7.50% - 14.50%	2.53% - 7.35%
Earned Income	15.00% - 29.00%	5.06% - 14.70%
Unearned Income	0.00% - 14.55%	0.00% - 3.92%

Source: Government of British Columbia & Canada Revenue Agency 2010

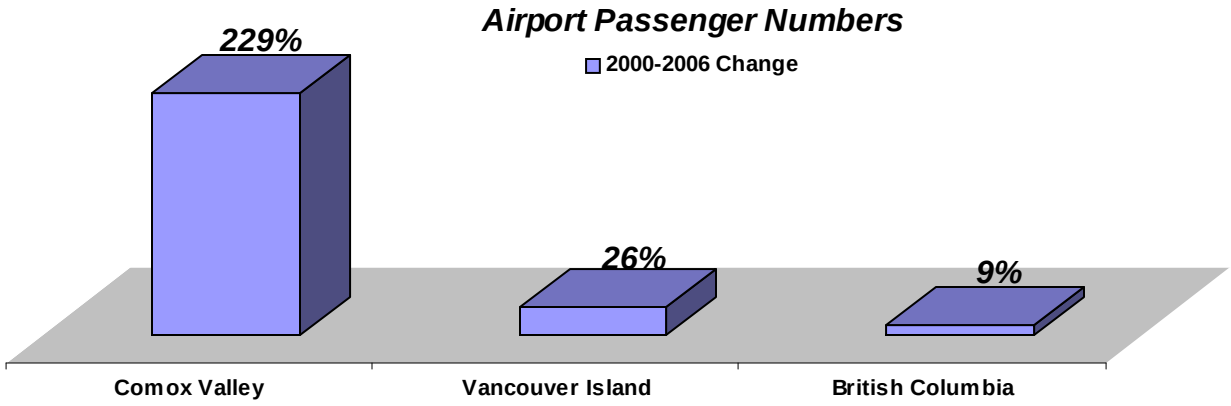
Infrastructure

Transportation

Air

Comox Valley Airport Commission
1250 Knight Road, Comox BC
Phone: (250) 897-3123
www.comoxairport.com

"Did you Know….. Comox Airport has more yearly passengers than both Campbell River and Nanaimo Airports combined."



YQQ Comox Airlines

- **Pacific Coastal Airlines** (www.pacific-coastal.com)
- **West Jet** (www.westjet.com)
- **Canadian Regional Airlines** (www.totalpilot.com**)**
- **Air Canada Jazz** (www.flyjazz.ca)
- **Central Mountain Air -** (www.flycma.com)
- **Transat Holidays -** (www.transatholidays.com)

Infrastructure

Transportation

Air Transport

Comox Valley Air Transportation Change						
86-91	91-96	96-01	01-06	86-96	96-06	86-06
46%	20%	136%	81%	75%	327%	650%

Source: Transport Canada & Tourism BC 2007

"Did you Know….. That the Comox Airport's runway is 10,000ft in length which makes it the second longest runway in BC after the Vancouver International Airport."

Comox Valley Airport Statistics										
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Chg	5 year
January	6,133	10,024	10,243	12,286	15,751	16,937	19,484	23,694	18%	57%
February	5,772	10,241	10,077	12,483	14,428	16,260	20,649	24,306	15%	59%
March	9,998	11,478	11,893	13,437	17,378	18,180	22,857	27,132	16%	56%
April	10,553	11,215	12,322	13,774	14,996	17,301	25,103	25,786	3%	52%
May	10,883	12,537	12,461	13,695	17,074	19,059	25,672	27,646	7%	55%
June	12,251	12,304	13,263	14,947	16,628	19,104	24,712	26,336	6%	50%
July	15,508	15,980	18,619	20,199	21,033	23,641	30,120	28,933	(4%)	36%
August	15,939	17,707	20,400	20,554	23,742	25,930	36,734	30,361	(21%)	33%
Septem-ber	11,340	12,560	15,200	17,209	18,073	20,714	29,025	24,661	(18%)	38%
October	11,376	10,964	14,300	16,166	16,860	20,499	27,332	23,220	(18%)	38%
Novem-ber	9,727	9,626	11,200	12,734	14,544	17,619	21,906	18,397	(19%)	39%
Decem-ber	12,450	12,790	16,400	17,155	19,161	23,454	26,581	23,597	(13%)	30%
Totals	131,930	147,426	166,378	184,879	209,668	238,698	310,175	304,069	(2%)	45%

Source: Tourism British Columbia 2009

Infrastructure

Transportation

Rail

Via Rail
899 Cumberland Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (888) 842-7245
Fax: (514) 871-6104
www.viarail.ca

Via Rail Schedule
Courtenay to Victoria Departs 1:00pm Arrives 5:30pm
Victoria to Courtenay Departs 8:15am Arrives 12:50pm

Highway

"Did you Know….. That the 17th Street & 5th Street Bridge have traffic counts of over 3,100 & 1,900 vehicles per hour."

Comox Valley Accident Stats		
	Per Year	**Per Million**
17th Street Cliffe Ave	15.8	1.45
Ryan Road Highway 19A	7.8	0.61
Ryan Rd Lerwick Rd	7.6	0.98
Ryan Rd Back Rd	6.4	0.63
Ryan Rd Old Island Highway	6.0	1.06
29th Street Cliffe Ave	5.2	0.83
Highway 19A Headquarters Rd	5.0	0.98
Ryan Rd Sandwick Rd	4.2	0.37
17th Street Comox Rd	3.6	0.38
17th Street Fitzgerald Ave	3.4	0.63

Source: RCMP 2007

Infrastructure

Transportation

Transit

Comox Valley Transit & Handy Dart Services
1635 Knight Road, Comox BC.
Office: (250) 339-5426
Fax: (250) 339-2797

Conventional System Transit Info: (250) 339-5453
HandyDART System Transit Info: (250) 339-5442

Comox Valley Fare Information	
Cash Fares	
Adult/College Student	$1.50
Senior*	$1.25
Student to Gr. 12**	$1.25
Child age 5-11	$1.25
Child under 5 years	no charge
10 Tickets	
Adult/College Student	$13.50
Senior*	$11.25
Student to Gr. 12**	$11.25
Monthly Passes	
Adult	$45
Senior*	$36
Student to Gr. 12**	$25
College Student***	$36
College Semester Pass	$115

Source: BC Transit 2008

Water

Buckley Bay Ferry Terminal
6866 Island Highway. Fanny Bay BC
Ph: (250) 335-0323 or (888) 223-3779
Fax: (250) 335-0028
www.bcferries.com

Little River Ferry Terminal
1300 Ellenor Road, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 890-7800 or (888) 223-3779
Fax: (250) 339-1046
www.bcferries.com

BC Ferries Fee Schedule		
	Comox—Powell River	**Buckley Bay—Denman Island**
Adult	12.50	8.35
Group Rate	9.50	6.45
BC Student	6.25	Free
Permanently Disabled-BC Resident	6.25	4.20
Child (age 5-11)	6.25	4.20
Under 5	Free	Free
Passenger Vehicle & Trailer	39.65	19.55
Oversize	63.00	27.75
Motorcycle	19.85	9.80
Motorcycle with Sidecar/trailer	28.75	13.75
Stowage (kayaks, canoes, etc.)	2.00	2.00
Bicycle	2.00	2.00
Commercial Vehicles (Per Foot)	4.10	1.85
Bus (Per Foot)	2.85	1.85

Source: BC Ferries 2010

Infrastructure

Police

Courtenay RCMP
800 Ryan Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-1321 or: (800) 222-TIPS
www.comoxvalleycrimestoppers.bc.ca

Police Forces Cost Report 2006			
	Population / Police	Total Cost	Cost per Capita
Courtenay	867	3,472,750	$154
Comox	1,301	1,133,965	$87
RCMP	775	395,273,916	$167
Ind. Forces	546	329,754,915	$273

Source: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Crime Statistics																					
	Courtenay							Comox							BC						
	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	07	08
Crime Rates	233	238	208	184	152	158	136	85	70	66	56	44	64	60	122	131	131	124	118	105	96
Work Load/ Officer	188	196	176	154	132	142	114	112	94	81	72	57	74	68	104	113	111	103	96	n/a	n/a
Total Offences	4,500	4,911	4,398	4,004	3,421	3,687	3,237	1,008	847	811	715	566	810	794	480,488	518,657	527,112	508,511	474,359	450,929	419,764
Violent Crimes	410	442	394	475	342	331	315	63	68	77	69	48	50	65	49,988	50,399	50,389	51,671	53.078	51,944	49,813
Sexual Offences	29	20	27	31	14	22	19	5	8	18	3	2	2	4	3,851	3,742	3,727	3,794	3,627	3,370	3,141
Non-Sexual Assaults	352	404	333	423	312	283	284	53	58	55	64	46	48	60	41,233	41,876	41,796	42,941	43,850	42,781	40,997
Property Crimes	1,914	1,996	1,759	1,762	1,534	1,490	1,281	406	298	282	298	215	333	317	269,147	289,113	283,356	265,246	245,128	226,164	197,589
Break & Enter (B&E)	284	335	306	311	221	284	220	68	37	58	57	40	67	70	50,436	53,519	52,884	49,611	46,904	43,582	38,715
Residential B&E	165	191	135	147	106	158	129	37	21	26	23	19	47	39	25,865	26,483	25,267	23,400	22,197	22,490	20,244
Vandalism	745	978	840	592	467	707	692	255	232	221	173	132	216	236	60,803	64,551	62,294	61,727	61,936	63,692	67,087
Motor Vehicle Thefts	102	130	93	125	109	122	88	21	14	18	17	20	14	27	35,999	39,491	37,755	34,800	29,388	26,981	22,829

Source: Ministry of Safety and Solicitor General—Appendix D: Jurisdictional Crime Trends 1999-2008
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Fire

19 Wing Comox Fire Department
CFB Comox
Lazo

Union Bay Fire Department
5471 Island Highway South, Union Bay BC
Ph: (250) 335-2511
Fax : (250) 335-1178

Courtenay Fire Department
650 Cumberland Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2513
Fax : (250) 897-1361

Comox Fire Department
1870 Noel Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2432
Fax : (250) 339-1988

Cumberland Fire Department
2679 Dunsmuir Road, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-2531
Fax : (250) 336-2321

Infrastructure

Tourism

Tourism Vancouver Island
203-335 Wesley Street, Nanaimo BC
Ph: (250) 382-3551
Fax: (250) 382-3523
www.vancouverisland.travel

Tourism Comox Valley
102 -2435 Mansfield Drive, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2427 ext. 228
Fax : (250) 334-2414
www.discovercomoxvalley.com

Comox Valley Visitor Info Centre
2040 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-3234
Fax: (250) 334-4908
www.comoxvalleychamber.com

Cumberland Visitor Information Centre
2755 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-8313
Fax: (250) 336-2455
www.cumberlandbc.org

Hotel Room Statistics

	Revenues ($000)	Properties reporting	Room Count
Comox Valley			
2000	6,202	13	585
2001	6,717	12	566
2002	5,934	12	528
2003	4,954	12	515
2004	7,133	13	525
2005	8,847	14	540
2006	10,518	16	609
2007	12,129	14	497
2008	15,218	24	756
2009	14,457	25	853
Vancouver Island			
2000	245,309	597	18,153
2001	258,235	598	18,151
2002	268,454	599	17,770
2003	272,990	604	18,005
2004	295,245	626	18,570
2005	310,117	624	18,603
2006	324,624	633	18,460
2007	351,473	609	18,460
2008	340,528	615	18,744
2009	308,650	609	19,133
British Columbia			
2000	1,442,085	2,422	93,726
2001	1,473,983	2,473	97,013
2002	1,506,188	2,493	97,337
2003	1,486,681	2,499	96,919
2004	1,592,176	2,555	100,362
2005	1,690,093	2,565	101,914
2006	1,815,312	2,542	102,556
2007	1,966,282	2.495	100.624
2008	1,977,531	2,477	100,456
2009	1,743,056	2,462	100,872

BC Stats July 2010—Tourism Industry

Infrastructure

Communications

Newspapers

Comox Valley Record
765 McPhee Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-5811
www.comoxvalleyrecord.com

Comox Valley Echo
407D 5th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-4722

Business Vancouver Island
2345-B Delinea Place, Nanaimo BC
Tel: (250) 758-2684 or (866) 758-2684
Fax: (250) 758-2668
businessvi.ca

Business Examiner
818 Broughton Street, Victoria BC
Phone (250) 381-3926
Fax (250) 381-5606
www.businessexaminer.net

Television / Radio Stations

Coast Radio 98.9 Magic FM
1625A McPhee Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2421
www.coastradio.com

Shaw Cable
1591 McPhee Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-0888
Fax: (250) 334-3640
www.shaw.ca

The Eagle CKLR 97.3 FM
801B 29th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 703-2200

Telecommunications	
Number of Internet Providers:	9
Number of Local Service Providers:	3
Number of Long Distance Service Providers:	4
Provider:	Telus
Service Characteristics of the Office	
Switch Technology	Digital
Fiber Service Provided	Yes
100 Mbps LAN Service Available	Yes
Monitoring	Remotely
ISDN Available	Yes
ADSL Available	Yes
ADSL Available from this Switch	Yes
Central Office on Self-Healing Fiber Ring	No
Dual Feed from Two Separate Switching Offices	No
Multiple Route Diversity	Yes

Source: Telus, Shaw Cable

Infrastructure

Utilities

Water Availability
Courtenay
Major Sources: Comox Lake
Comox
Major Sources: Comox Lake (Puntledge River)
Cumberland
Major Sources: Allens Lake,1st,2nd,3rd & 4th Dam

Source: City of Courtenay, Town of Comox,& Village of Cumberland

"Did you Know….. The Comox Valley has over 21 Licensed Hazardous Waste Haulers Serving the Area."

Water Treatment	
Provider	Regional District of Comox Strathcona
Rated Capacity	Approx 9,092,180 m^3 annually
Average Daily Demand	Approx 22,465 m^3 per day
Peak Demand	Approx 54,000 m^3 per day
Chemical Breakdown of Water	Detailed analysis available
Cost per 1000 Gallons (Industrial)	Annual Fee
Cost per 1000 Gallons (Residential)	Annual Fee
Water Connection Fee	Minimum $1,000, depends on connection size.

Source: Regional District of Comox Strathcona

Landfill Location's		
Location	**Capacity Left at Current Site**	**Plans for New Capacity**
Campbell River	Approx. 2014 Volume left: 825,249 cubic meters	Yes
Nanaimo	Approx. 2006 Volume left: 437,500 cubic meters	No
Pigeon Lake (Cumberland)	Approx. 2019 Volume left: 1,245,990 cubic meters	Yes

Source: Campbell River Regional Landfill, Nanaimo Regional Landfill, Pigeon Lake Regional Landfill

Sewer Treatment			
	Courtenay	**Comox**	**Cumberland**
Provider	Regional District	Regional District	Village of Cumberland
Type of Service	Activated Sludge Process	Activated Sludge Process	Secondary
Rated Capacity	N/A	Depends on location	8,000 m^3 per day
Average Daily Demand	N/A	4,238 m^3 per day	2,300 m^3 per day
Peak Demand	N/A	5,810 m^3 per day	8,082 m^3 per quarter
Cost per 1000 Gallons	N/A	Annual Fee Minimum $207	N/A
Sewer Connection Fee	Minimum $2,000	180 mm connection $1,000(plus addition costs)	$1,300 minimum charge

Source: City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland

Infrastructure

Education

North Island College Fast Facts 2007/2008	
Students Enrolled in Credit Courses	1,473
Students Enrolled in Short Duration Courses	1,672
Students of Aboriginal Ancestry Enrolled	877*
Student Tuition per Course	$238.50
Number of Credit Programs Offered	70
Number of Individual Courses Offered	800+
Number of Employees	120

Source: North Island College 2010
* Self disclosing

North Island College
2300 Ryan Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-5000
Fax: (250) 334 5018
www.nic.bc.ca

North Island Distance Education School
#110-1742 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250)898-8999 or (800) 663-7925
Fax: (250) 898-8883

Grade School Head Count	
K	517
GRADE 1	513
GRADE 2	537
GRADE 3	557
GRADE 4	557
GRADE 5	608
GRADE 6	604
GRADE 7	624
GRADE 8	750
GRADE 9	699
GRADE 10	885
GRADE 11	1123
GRADE 12	1332
Total	9,306

Source: BC Ministry Of Education, Feb 2010

Comox Valley School District # 71
607 Cumberland Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-5500
Fax: (250) 334-4472
www.sd.71.ca

Excel Career College
#203-1995 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2452
www.excelcareercollege.com

Sprott Shaw
#9-468 29th Street, Courtenay BC
Tel: (250) 897–0097
Fax: (250) 897–1889
www.sprottshaw.com

Level of Schooling 20+						
	Comox Valley		BC		Canada	
Less than Grade 9	2,063	5%	219,814	7%	2,515,481	10%
Grades 9-13 with Certificate	5,524	13%	413,374	12%	3,480,108	14%
Grades 9-13 w/o Certificate	8,580	21%	597,373	18%	4,297,654	17%
Trade Certificate or Diploma	6,468	16%	432,123	13%	2,952,451	12%
Non Univ. w/o Certificate or Diploma	3,295	8%	243,907	7%	1,605,421	6%
Non Univ. with Certificate or Diploma	7,772	19%	566,373	17%	4,120,774	16%
Univ. w/o Degree	2,949	7%	309,501	9%	1,778,696	7%
Univ. with Degree	4,691	11%	597,634	18%	4,301,120	17%

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Infrastructure

Health

St. Joseph's General Hospital
2137 Comox Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (2500 339-1409
Fax: (250) 339-1432
www.sjghcomox.com

Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)
1952 Bay Street, Victoria BC
Ph: (250) 370-8699 or (877) 370-8699
Fax: (250) 370-8750
www.viha.ca

Glacier View Lodge
2450 Black Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-1451
Fax: (250) 338-1115

Comox Valley Nursing Centre
961 England Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-1711
Fax: (250) 338-9985

Cumberland Health Centre
2696 Windermere Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-8531
Fax (250) 336-2100

"Did you Know….. That North Island College offers a Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Nursing."

Health Professionals Inventory	
Community Physicians	78
General Practitioners	45
Pediatricians	2
Nurses	413
Emergency Physicians	8
Specialists	23
Psychiatric Nurses	30
Dentists	17
Walk in Clinics	2

Source: Comox Valley Social Planning 2009

Infrastructure

Recreation

Resorts

Crown Isle Golf Resort
339 Clubhouse, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 703-5050
www.crownisle.com

Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa
4330 Island Highway South, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-1323 or (800) 663-7929
Fax: (250) 338-0058
www.kingfisherspa.com

Mt. Washington Alpine Resort
1 Strathcona Parkway, Mount Washington BC
Ph: (250) 338-1386 or (888) 231-1499
www.mountwashington.ca

Golfing

Mulligans Golf Centre
4985 Cotton, Courtneay BC
Ph: (250) 338-2440

Glacier Greens Golf Course
351 Knight Road, Lazo BC
Ph: (250) 339-6515

Longlands Golf Course
1239 Anderton Road, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-6363

Sunnydale Golf Club
5291 N Island Highway, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-3342

Comox Golf Club
1718 Balmoral Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-4444

Pacific Playgrounds Golf Course
2084 Saratoga, Black Creek BC
Ph: (250) 337-8212

General

Comox Valley Sports Centre
3001 Vanier Drive, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-9622
Fax: (250) 334-1042

Lewis Park Complex
489 Old Island Highway, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-5371

Comox Valley Exhibition Association
4835 Headquarters Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-8177
Fax: (250) 338-8177

Lerwick Aquatic Centre
377 Lerwick Drive, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2527
Fax: (250) 334-2587

Comox Recreation Commission
1855 Noel Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2255
www.comoxrecreation.com

Cumberland Recreation Institute
266 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-2231
Fax: (250) 336-2321

Infrastructure

Cultural & Social Amenities

Museums

Courtenay and District Museum
360 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-3611
Fax: (250) 334-4277
www.courtenaymuseum.ca

Comox Air Force Museum
19 Wing Comox, Lazo BC
Ph: (250) 339-8162
www.comoxairforcemuseum.ca

Cumberland Museum and Archives
2680 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-2445
www.cumberland.museum.bc.ca

Comox Archive and Museum Society
1729 Comox Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2885
www.comoxmuseum.ca

Libraries

North Island College Library
2300 Ryan Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-5037
Fax (250) 334-5291
library.nic.bc.ca

VI Regional Library -Courtenay
300 6th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-3369

VI Regional Library -Cumberland
2724 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-8121

VI Regional Library -Hornby Island
5527 Island Highway, Union Bay BC
Ph: (250) 335-2433

VI Regional Library -Comox
1729 Comox Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2971

VI Regional Library -Union Bay
1765 Sollans Road, Hornby Island BC
Ph: (250) 335-0044

Theatres

Rialto Movie Theatre
2665 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-5550

Sid Williams Theatre Society
442 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-2420 or (866) 898-TIXX (8499)
Fax: (250) 338-7720
www.sidwilliamstheatre.com

Infrastructure

Government

Municipal

City of Courtenay
830 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-4441
Fax: (250) 334-4241
www.city.courtenay.bc.ca

Town of Comox
1809 Beaufort Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2202
Fax: (250) 339-7110
comox.ca

Regional District of Comox-Strathcona
600 Comox Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-6008
Fax: (250) 334-4358
www.comoxvalleyrd.ca

Village of Cumberland
2673 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-2291
Fax: (250) 336-2321
www.cumberlandbc.net

Provincial

MLA Don McRae
437 5th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 703-2422

Service BC
2500 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 897-7500

www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca

Federal

MP Catherine Bell
491A 4th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-9381
catherinebellmp.ca

Human Resources Development Canada
130 19th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-4151
Fax: (250) 754-3841
www.hrsdc.gc.ca

Other

Comox Band
3320 Comox Road, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-4545
Fax: (250) 339-7053

www.comoxband.ca

Infrastructure

Business Services

General

Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce
2040 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-1100
Fax: (250) 334-4908
www.comoxvalleychamber.com

Cumberland Chamber of Commerce
2755 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-8313
Fax: (250) 336-2455
www.island.net/~cumbcham

Invest Comox Valley Business Information Centre
#102-2435 Mansfield Drive, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2427 or (877) 848-2427
Fax: (250) 334-2414
www.businesscomoxvalley.com

Networking

Business Network International Olympic Gold
Meeting: Every Thursday 6:30am– 8:30am
Location: Best Western Hotel
1590 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay
www.bni.ca

Business Network International Sea to Sky
Meeting: Every Wednesday 6:30am– 8:30am
Location : Plates Eatery
2601 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay
www.bni.ca

Rotary Club of Comox
Meeting: Every Thursday 6:30pm
Location : D'Esterre House
1801 Beaufort Avenue, Comox
www.comoxrotary.bc.ca

Rotary of Strathcona Sunrise
Meeting: Every Wednesday 7:00am
Location : Best Western Hotel
1590 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay
www.strathconasunrise.bc.ca

Home Based Business Association (HBBA)
Meeting: 1st Thursday of each month 6:00pm– 9:00pm
Location: Crown Isle Golf Resort
399 Clubhouse Drive, Courtenay
www.cvhbba.com

Rotary Club of Cumberland Centenial
Meeting: Every Tuesday 7:00am
Location : Miners Café and Bakery
2699 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland
www.cumberlandcentennial.rotary-site.org

Comox Valley Women's Business Network
Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month 6:00pm
Location: Best Western Hotel
1590 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay
www.cvwbn.org