

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

RETAIL SALES

Retail Sales					
	Comox Valley		Van Isle	BC	Canada
	\$Millions	%	%	%	%
Supermarkets	97.4	17%	20%	18%	17%
Foods	13.6	2%	1%	2%	2%
Beer, Wine, Liquor	18.4	3%	4%	5%	4%
Furniture	11.5	2%	2%	2%	2%
Home Furnishings	10.6	2%	2%	2%	1%
Computer & Software	3.6	1%	0%	1%	0%
Electronics & Appliances	20.2	4%	3%	4%	3%
Home, Hardware, Etc.	46.4	8%	6%	6%	6%
Gas Stations	59.7	10%	10%	9%	9%
New/Used Cars, RV's, Parts	150.5	26%	23%	24%	26%
Pharmacies, Personal Care	42.3	7%	6%	6%	7%
Clothing	17.8	3%	3%	4%	4%
Shoes, Clothing, Accessories	6.6	1%	1%	1%	1%
General Merchandise	29.5	5%	10%	11%	12%
Sporting, Hobby & Books	22.5	4%	3%	4%	3%
Miscellaneous	23.2	4%	4%	3%	3%
Total Retail Sales (Millions)	573.8	**	9,501.20	55,446.40	404,301.80

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Retail Sales Estimate (\$000)			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Retail Sales Estimate	573,920	55,506,500	404,301,570
Per Household	24,900	31,400	30,800
Per Capita	10,900	12,700	12,300
# of Establishments	474	32,434	231,513

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

BUSINESS STARTUPS AND FAILURES

<i>Business Incorporations</i>						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Comox	25	27	39	32	45	46
Courtenay	91	137	132	140	159	198
Cumberland	2	4	1	0	2	5
Comox Valley	129	194	181	187	224	267
Comox-Strathcona	261	302	308	304	365	440
Vancouver Island	2,401	2,512	2,605	3,062	3,715	3,863
British Columbia	19,474	20,987	22,531	24,703	30,937	33,273

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

<i>Business Bankruptcy Rates (Per 1000)</i>						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Comox Valley	2.67	2.9	2.82	3.78	2.73	2.16
British Columbia	3.3	3.6	3.51	3.14	2.71	2.35
Canada	5.07	4.92	4.44	4.12	3.6	3.34

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

<i>Business Bankruptcies</i>						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Comox Valley	11	11	13	10	8	3
British Columbia	1,100	1,105	1,002	921	786	587

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

<i>Number of Businesses</i>						
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Comox Strathcona	3,834	3,876	3,876	3,947	3,888	4,019
Vancouver Island	24,325	25,600	25,830	26,059	26,024	26,644
British Columbia	149,315	157,421	157,652	158,470	158,421	162,732

Source: BC Stats 2007—Businesses, number of (PDF)

TAXATION

Local Property Taxes			
	Courtenay	Comox	Cumberland
Residential	11.6479	10.087	13.2117
Major Industry	42.225	35.9815	43.3666
Business	31.3471	28.1541	24.9527

*Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office 2006, *Per \$1000 assessed value*

Corporate Income Tax/Franchise Tax			
	Small Business	Manufacturing	Non-Manufacturing
Federal Rate	13.12%	22.12%	22.12%
Provincial Rate	4.50%	13.50%	13.50%
Total	17.62%	35.62%	35.62%

Source: Government of British Columbia & Canada Revenue Agency 2006

Personal Income Tax		
	Federal	Provincial
Capital Gains	8.00% - 14.50%	3.03% - 7.35%
Earned Income	15.50% - 29.00%	4.00% - 17.95%
Unearned Income	3.33% - 19.58%	1.19% - 12.00%

Source: Canada Revenue Agency 2007 - Income Tax Rates

EMPLOYMENT

<i>Major Employers</i>	
CFB 19 Wing Comox	1430
School District 71	900
Mt. Washington Ski Resort	850
St. Joseph's Hospital	840
Superstore	300
Wal-Mart	218
Home Depot	200
Crown Isle Golf Course	150
North Island College	138
RCMP	125
Kingfisher Resort and Spa	120
City Of Courtenay	110
Zellers	103
Canadian Tire	95
Coast Westerly Hotel	90
Future Shop	45

Source: CVEDS 2007

Business Growth in 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
Bartle and Gibson Plumbing	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
Walk In Doctors Clinic	2004
Winners	2004
Payless Shoes	2004
Shoreline Dental	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

Business Growth in Comox	
Comox Airport	2006
Berwick Retirement	2006
Quay 1 and 2	2006
Comox Pharmacy	2006
Bosley's Pet Food Store	2005
Co-op Gas Station	2005
Comox Harbor Authority	2005
Downtown Comox Revitalization	2005
Movie Gallery	2005
Comox Airport	2005
Pharmasave	2005
Little Caesars Pizza	2005
Extra Foods	2004
Comox Airport	2004
Gone Hollywood Video	2003
CFB 19 Wing Comox	2003
Chevron and Sud City	2002
Quality Foods	2001
M&M Meats	2001
Tim Horton's	2001
McDonalds	2001
CFB Comox	2001

Source: CVEDS 2007

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

Source: CVEDS 2007