

Community Profile –Comox Valley, British Columbia

Population Data

Local Community:	60,048
30 minute Commute Population:	141,961
Average annual growth rate (last 5 yrs):	0.67%
<i>Source: BC Stats</i>	

Unemployment Rate

Average unemployment:	9.3%
<i>Source: CVEDES, BC Stats November 2004</i>	

Workforce

Local Community Labour Force:	27,530
30 min. Commute Labour Force:	55,015
<i>Source: 2001 Census</i>	

Largest Employment Sectors

Retail Trade:	13.5%
Health Care and Social Services:	11.8%
Construction:	10.3%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting:	9.3%
Accommodations, Food & Beverage:	8.6%
Public Administration:	8.4%
Education Services:	7.7%

Major Employers

19 Wing CFB Comox	1430
School District 71	900
Saint Josephs Hospital	840
Mt. Washington Alpine Resort	650
Real Canadian Superstore	300
Walmart	218
Home Depot	200
Crown Isle Resort & Golf Community	150
Overwaitea Foods	145
North Island College	138
RCMP	125

Contact Center Employers

Local Community	0
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Contact Center Saturation

% of 30-minute workforce employed in contact centers	0%
Available workforce	
- to 2% labour market saturation	1,100
- to 3% labour market saturation	1,650

Educational Attainment

(Total Population 20 years and over)		
% of pop.	Bachelor degree or higher	12.0%
% of pop.	College cert. or diploma	18.8%
% of pop.	Trades certificate or diploma	15.7%
% of pop.	High school graduate only	13.3%
% of pop.	Without high school grad.	20.5%
<i>Source: 2001 Census</i>		

Educational Institutions (Enrolment)

19 Elementary Schools	4,539
5 Middle Schools	1,972
3 Secondary Schools	2,473

Public Post Secondary

North Island College	1,853
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Private Post Secondary

Sprott Shaw Community College	241
Excel Career College	

Language Skills (mother tongue)

English	91.0%
French	2.1%
Non-official languages	6.2%
Non-English languages (incl. French)	
French	25.3%
German	25.2%
Chinese (all)	8.9%
Dutch	8.2%
Vietnamese	4.2%
Spanish	3.2%
Polish	2.8%
Ukrainian	2.6%
Danish	2.4%
Other	17.2%

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Average Incomes

Average Employment Income: \$27,154 CAD
Average Family Income: \$55,633 CAD
Source: 2001 Census

Housing Values

Median Single Family Home Cost: \$192,000 CAD
Average 2 Bedroom Rental/Month: \$ 559 CAD
Source: VIREB, CMHC Rental Market Report (2003)

Community Recreation

Parks: 93
Museums: 3
Live Theatres: 1
Indoor Ice Rinks: 3
Golf Courses: 7
Public Pools: 3
Sports: Alpine & Nordic Skiing,
Hockey, Baseball, Football,
Rugby, Basketball, Golf,
Curling, Fresh & Saltwater
Fishing, Sailing, Kayaking,
Swimming, Biking and Hiking

Climate

Mean high temperature: 13.4C/56.1F
Mean low temperature: 5.5C/41.9F
Mean daily temperature: 9.5C/49.1F
Avg. Annual Precipitation: 200.1cm/78.8inches
Avg. Annual Snowfall: 91cm/35.8inches
Avg. Hours of Sunshine: 1,930
Source CFB Comox Weather Services Unit, 50 year averages

Accessibility

Airport Type: YQQ (Comox Airport)
Flight time to Vancouver: 30 minutes
Flight time to Calgary: 50 minutes
Driving time to Vancouver: 3 hours (includes ferry)

Telecommunications

www.telus.com

Power

Local Power Supplier: BC Hydro
Basic Charge (35kW+/month): \$4.45/month
Demand Charge: First 35kW for Nil, next
115kW@\$3.56/Kw,
additional [kW@\\$6.83/kW](#)
Energy Charge: 1st 14,800kW@\$0.0696/kW
additional [kW@\\$0.335/kW](#)
- Some discounts may apply
<http://www.bchydro.com/>

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