

## Comox Valley Statistical Profile

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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.

# Strategic Location



## Geography



Vancouver Island, situated off the West Coast of Mainland British Columbia has a population of approximately 702,000, is 450km in length (282 miles), and averages 90km in width (60 miles).

The Comox Valley is located approx. 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

<b>Neighbouring Communities</b>			
Area	Miles	Kilometers	Population
Campbell River	35	58	31,444
Cowichan Valley	98	157	80,295
Nanaimo	65	105	143,791
Alberni-Clayoquot	65	104	33,063
Fraser Valley	175	281	268,972
Greater Vancouver	113	182	2,180,737
Mount Waddington	172	277	13,562
Central Okanagan	359	577	173,026

Source: BC Stats

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

<b>Access to Markets</b>			
Metro Area	Miles	Kilometers	Population
Vancouver	111	178	2,180,737
Victoria	128	206	353,710
Seattle	249	401	572,600
Portland	423	680	1,950,000
Calgary	667	1,074	991,759
Edmonton	804	1,294	712,391

Source: Distance Charts (www.enorthernbc.com) & BC Stats



# Strategic Location

## Climate

*“Did you Know..... The Comox Valley is ranked the 6th overall warmest region in Canada*

<b>Regional Weather Comparisons</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Average Sunshine Hours</b>	<b>Average Rainfall in mm.</b>	<b>Average Snowfall in CM</b>
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°)

<b>Mean Monthly Temperatures °C)</b>													
<b>Temperature</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Annual</b>
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

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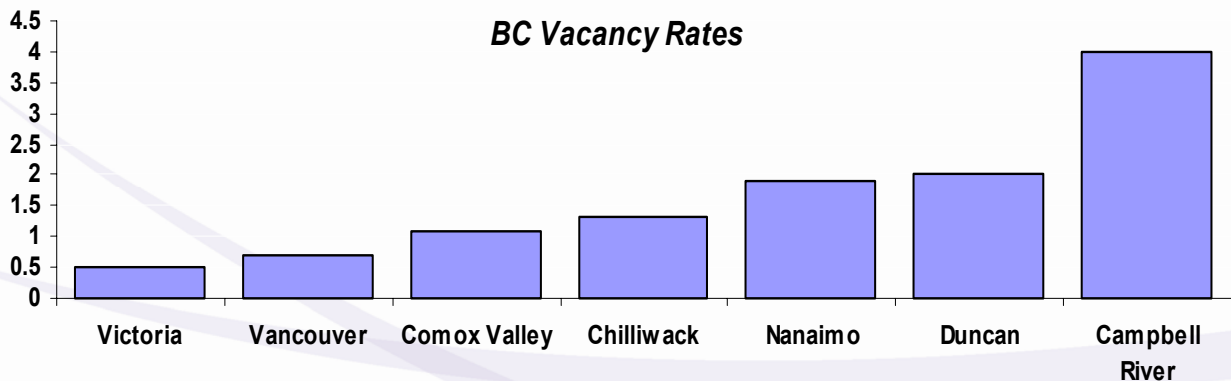
## Cost of Living

<b>Household Expenditures</b>						
	<b>Comox Valley</b>		<b>BC</b>		<b>Canada</b>	
Food	6,895	11%	7,516	11%	7,718	11%
Shelter	12,239	20%	13,425	20%	12,914	19%
Clothing	2,351	4%	2,684	4%	2,877	4%
<b>Total Big Three</b>	<b>21,485</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>23,625</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>23,509</b>	<b>34%</b>
Transportation	8,395	14%	8,916	13%	9,085	13%
Health & Personal Care	2,668	4%	2,816	4%	2,848	4%
Recr'n, Read'g & Education	4,901	8%	5,561	8%	5,587	8%
Taxes & Securities	14,564	24%	17,258	26%	18,439	27%
Other	9,183	15%	9,402	14%	9,557	14%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>61,197</b>		<b>67,579</b>		<b>69,025</b>	

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

<b>Rental Market</b>										
	<b>Bachelor</b>		<b>1 Bedroom</b>		<b>2 Bedroom</b>		<b>3 Bedroom</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Private Apartment Vacancy Rates</b>										
Comox Valley	2.7	0	1.9	1.1	0.8	1.2	11.6	0.9	1.9	1.1
BC	1.5	1.1	1.5	1	2.5	1.5	3.6	1.9	1.9	1.2
<b>Private Apartment Average Rents</b>										
Comox Valley	378	399	503	523	599	617	597	604	560	577
BC	627	650	725	754	844	882	961	1001	758	789
<b>Private Row (Townhouse) Vacancy Rates</b>										
Comox Valley	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.3	1.4	0.7	0	1.1	0.8
BC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.6	1.6	4.7	3	3.8	2.5
<b>Private Row (Townhouse) Average Rents</b>										
Comox Valley	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	574	617	729	754	633	672
BC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	753	831	967	1017	849	909

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation 2007



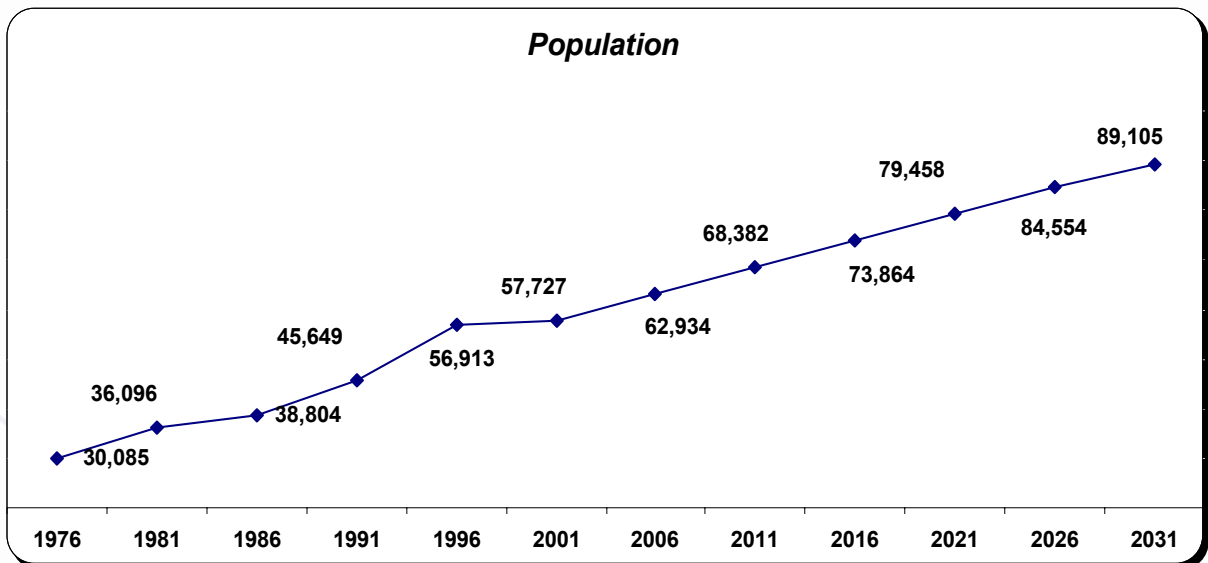
Source: CMHC Rental Market Report 2007

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## Population Projections

<b>Population Projections</b>				
	<b>Population</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>Person/Household</b>	<b>Median Age</b>
1986	38,804	15,094	2.6	33.6
1991	45,649	17,651	2.6	35.9
1996	56,913	22,594	2.5	37.2
2001	57,727	24,170	2.4	40.5
2002	58,280	24,347	2.4	41.0
2003	59,321	25,164	2.4	41.4
2004	60,208	26,047	2.3	41.9
2005	61,668	27,109	2.3	42.2
2006	62,761	28,039	2.2	42.6
2011	68,382	32,093	2.1	43.5
2016	73,864	35,259	2.1	43.5
2021	79,458	37,691	2.1	43.4
2026	84,554	39,761	2.1	44.5
2031	89,105	42,149	2.1	45.9

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 31, May 2006



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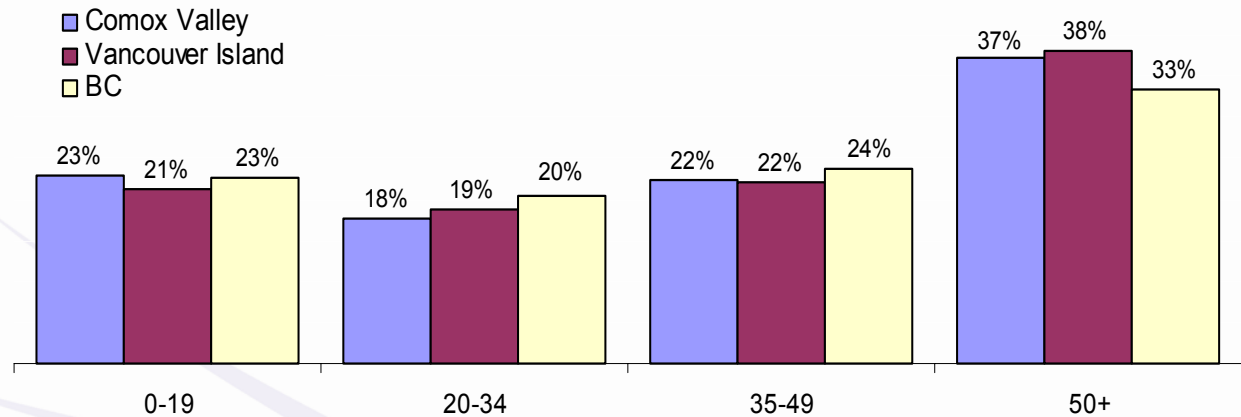
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## Age Distribution

<b>Age Distribution</b>			
	<b>Comox Valley</b>	<b>Vancouver Island</b>	<b>BC</b>
<1	497	6,069	40,871
1-4	2,093	24,392	165,868
5-9	3,165	34,443	224,433
10-14	4,027	42,675	259,065
15-19	4,610	48,247	280,438
20-24	4,656	53,159	307,379
25-29	3,578	44,086	284,925
30-34	2,827	39,855	286,723
35-39	3,521	45,352	317,317
40-44	5,176	56,019	352,310
45-49	5,409	59,895	355,818
50-54	4,968	58,118	327,302
55-59	4,456	53,773	291,771
60-64	3,460	40,549	214,721
65-69	3,051	32,781	167,880
70-74	2,749	28,440	143,374
75-79	2,047	25,062	121,528
80-84	1,482	20,596	90,205
85-89	797	12,223	51,500
90+	365	6,397	27,024
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,934</b>	<b>732,131</b>	<b>4,310,452</b>

Source: BC Stats—Population

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Source: BC Stats—Population

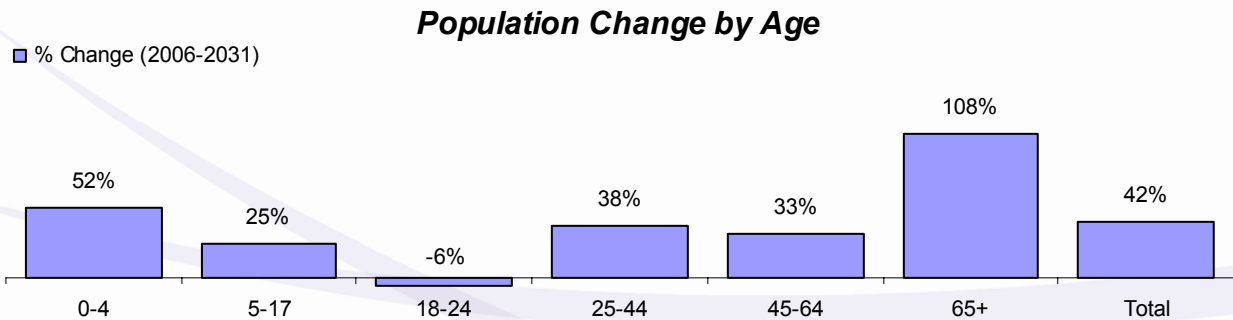
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Year	Gender	>19	20-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
1986	M	5,653	4,588	4,023	3,110	2,073	19,447
1986	F	5,463	4,602	3,838	3,071	2,383	19,357
1986	T	11,116	9,190	7,861	6,181	4,456	38,804
1991	M	6,482	4,662	5,100	3,734	2,796	22,774
1991	F	6,300	4,643	5,127	3,511	3,294	22,875
1991	T	12,782	9,305	10,227	7,245	6,090	45,649
1996	M	8,037	5,212	6,954	4,616	3,477	28,296
1996	F	7,772	5,172	7,228	4,488	3,957	28,617
1996	T	15,809	10,384	14,182	9,104	7,434	56,913
2001	M	7,689	4,220	7,072	5,259	4,260	28,500
2001	F	7,367	4,430	7,423	5,268	4,739	29,227
2001	T	15,056	8,650	14,495	10,527	8,999	57,727
2006	M	7,419	5,466	6,839	6,351	4,958	31,033
2006	F	6,973	5,595	7,267	6,533	5,533	31,901
2006	T	14,392	11,061	14,106	12,884	10,491	62,934

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 31, May 2006

Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total
1986	2,834	7,309	3,747	12,210	8,248	4,456	38,804
1991	3,143	8,591	3,228	14,502	10,095	6,090	45,649
1996	3,519	10,952	4,042	17,551	13,415	7,434	56,913
2001	2,732	10,616	5,075	15,064	15,241	8,999	57,727
2006	2,598	9,892	6,476	15,084	18,346	10,365	62,761
2011	3,184	9,164	6,217	16,909	21,154	11,754	68,382
2016	3,715	9,434	5,618	19,476	21,789	13,832	73,864
2021	3,980	10,600	5,137	21,603	21,820	16,318	79,458
2026	3,997	11,793	5,283	21,870	22,537	19,074	84,554
2031	3,944	12,341	6,077	20,863	24,357	21,523	89,105

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 31, May 2006



Source: BC Stats—Population

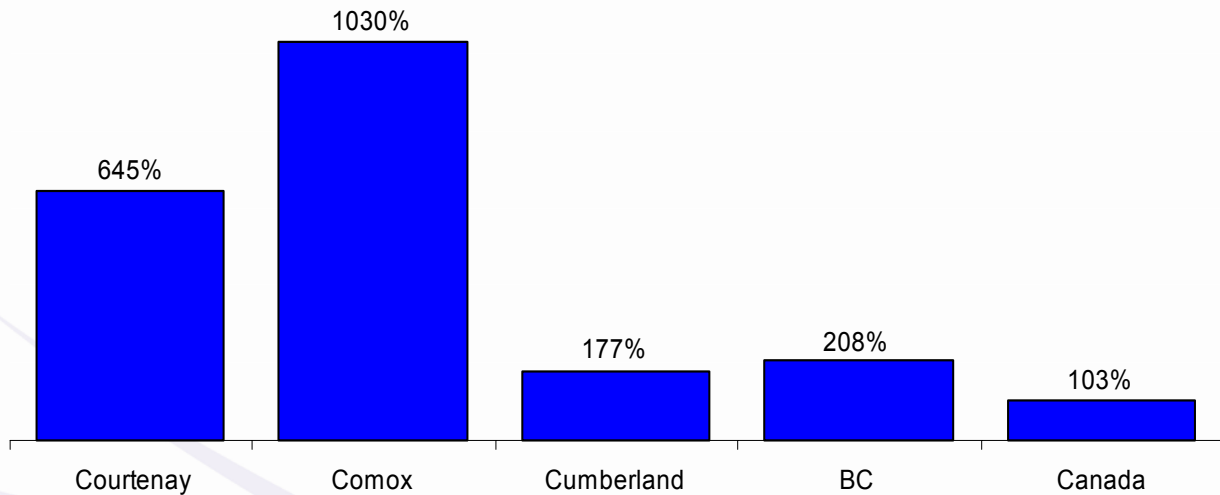
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## Historical Population

<b>Historical Population Change</b>										
	Courtenay		Comox		Cumberland		BC		Canada	
1921	810	N/A	0	N/A	1,179	N/A	-	N/A	8,788,000	N/A
1931	1,219	50%	0	N/A	907	-23%	694,300	N/A	10,377,000	18%
1941	1,737	42%	0	N/A	885	-2%	817,800	18%	11,507,000	11%
1951	2,553	47%	714	N/A	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

# Demographics

## Households

<b>Household Family Estimates</b>			
	<b>Comox Valley</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Canada</b>
Husband-wife families	84%	84%	84%
Single parent families	16%	16%	16%
Average # of persons per family	2.8	2.9	3.0
Aver. # of Sons/Daughters at home	1.0	1.1	1.2

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

<b>Household Projections</b>			
	<b>Comox Valley</b>	<b>Vancouver Island</b>	<b>BC</b>
1986	15,094	224,718	1,157,724
1991	17,651	250,422	1,278,538
1996	22,594	288,384	1,484,937
2001	24,170	302,790	1,594,071
2002	24,347	304,250	1,617,407
2003	25,164	310,490	1,656,646
2004	26,047	318,127	1,702,061
2005	27,109	327,331	1,749,427
2006	28,039	335,784	1,797,475
2007	28,857	342,601	1,835,217
2008	29,689	349,258	1,872,434
2009	30,456	356,050	1,910,275
2010	31,283	363,223	1,948,855
2011	32,093	369,786	1,986,696
2016	35,259	399,452	2,166,461
2021	37,691	421,639	2,311,457
2026	39,761	440,581	2,436,130
2031	42,149	460,119	2,558,163

Source: BC Stats—Household Estimates and Projections

## Population Density

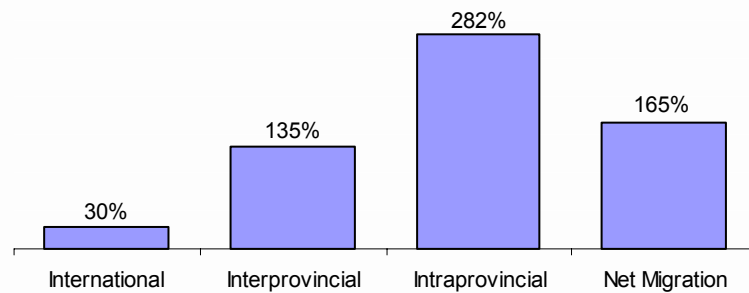
<b>Population Density</b>					
	<b>KM</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Pop.</b>	<b>P/KM</b>	<b>P/M</b>
Comox	14.2	8.8	13,008	916.06	1,478.18
Courtenay	17.02	10.6	22,533	1323.91	2,125.75
Cumberland	7.74	4.8	2,881	372.22	600.21
CSRD Area	1,643.11	1,018.70	24,512	14.92	24.06
Comox Valley	1,682.07	1,042.90	62,934	37.41	60.35
Vancouver Island	33,500.00	12,930.00	756,957	22.60	58.54
BC	944,735	364,764	4,310,452	4.56	11.82
Canada	9,093,507	3,511,000	32,851,793	3.61	9.36

Source: BC Stats 2007—Population & Statistics Canada 2007—Population and demography

# Demographics

## Migration

**Change in Migration (2000-2005)**



Source: BC Stats Migration

**“Did you Know..... That over 40% of total Immigrants come from the United Kingdom**

<b>Immigration Statistics</b>	
<b>Immigrant Status</b>	
Canadian citizenship	97%
Citizenship other than Canadian	3%
Non-immigrant population	89%
Born in province of residence	52%
Born outside province of residence	37%
<b>Period of Immigration</b>	
Before 1961	40%
1961-1970	18%
1971-1980	17%
1981-1990	11%
1991-1995	8%
1996-2001	6%
<b>Immigrants Places of Birth</b>	
United Kingdom	41%
United States	14%
Germany	11%
Viet Nam	4%
Netherlands	4%
China, People's Republic of	2%
Philippines	1%
Russian Federation	1%
Poland	1%
Ireland, Republic of (EIRE)	1%
<b>Generation Status</b>	
1st generation	16%
2nd generation	25%
3rd generation+	58%
<b>Age at Immigration</b>	
0-4 years	12%
5-19 years	27%
20 years and over	61%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001—Ethnic Diversity and immigration

	<b>Comox-Strathcona</b>				<b>Vancouver Island</b>				<b>British Columbia</b>		
	<b>Inter-national</b>	<b>Inter-prov.</b>	<b>Intra-prov.</b>	<b>Net Mig.</b>	<b>Inter-national</b>	<b>Inter-prov.</b>	<b>Intra-prov.</b>	<b>Net Mig.</b>	<b>Inter-national</b>	<b>Inter-prov.</b>	<b>Net Mig.</b>
1996	130	913	913	1,956	2,678	3,648	1,275	7,601	49,567	22,025	71,592
1997	122	201	588	911	455	1,727	1,095	3,277	45,802	9,880	55,682
1998	30	(452)	88	(334)	(128)	(429)	787	230	27,982	(10,029)	17,953
1999	(67)	(796)	(596)	(1,459)	(371)	(976)	68	(1,279)	27,055	(14,484)	12,571
2000	(80)	(513)	(225)	(818)	(5)	(1,023)	675	(353)	27,670	(14,610)	13,060
2001	31	(362)	55	(276)	1,217	955	1,472	3,644	34,184	(8,286)	25,898
2002	(81)	(249)	(75)	(405)	337	369	1,530	2,236	34,287	(8,556)	25,731
2003	(94)	167	417	490	390	1,689	2,336	4,415	28,277	(1,037)	27,240
2004	3	678	635	1,316	614	2,901	2,413	5,928	28,969	7,865	36,834
2005	24	690	635	1,349	959	3,027	2,413	6,399	34,735	7,456	42,191

Source: BC Stats 2007—Migration Components for Regional Districts

# Demographics

## Ethnicity

<b>Aboriginal Origins</b>	
North American Indian single origin	0.51%
North American Indian & non-Aboriginal Origins	3.21%
Métis single origin	0.18%
Métis and non-Aboriginal origins	1.00%
Inuit single origin	0.00%
Inuit and non-Aboriginal origins	0.02%
Other Aboriginal multiple origins	0.19%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001—Aboriginal Peoples

<b>Visible Minority</b>	
Chinese	1.09%
South Asian	0.09%
Black	0.25%
Filipino	0.38%
Latin American	0.22%
Southeast Asian	0.43%
Korean	0.07%
Japanese	0.28%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001

## Marital Status

<b>Family Structure</b>			
	<b>Comox Valley</b>	<b>CSRD</b>	<b>BC</b>
Total couple families	84%	84%	84%
Married couples	85%	84%	87%
Without children at home	54%	51%	44%
With children at home	46%	49%	56%
1 child	35%	35%	35%
2 children	45%	46%	44%
3 or more children	19%	19%	21%
Common-law couples	15%	16%	13%
Without children at home	59%	58%	65%
With children at home	41%	42%	35%
1 child	44%	50%	50%
2 children	36%	35%	34%
3 or more children	17%	15%	16%
Total lone-parent families	16%	16%	16%
Female parent	85%	83%	81%
1 child	56%	54%	59%
2 children	29%	33%	30%
3 or more children	15%	13%	11%
Male parent	15%	18%	19%
1 child	66%	70%	67%
2 children	32%	25%	26%
3 or more children	10%	6%	8%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001—Families, households and housing

<b>Marital Status</b>			
	<b>Comox Valley</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Canada</b>
Single Never Married	26.69%	28.61%	30.20%
Married & Common Law	58.29%	56.31%	60.29%
Separated Legally Married	2.97%	2.97%	2.69%
Widowed	5.67%	5.69%	6.20%
Divorced	6.38%	6.43%	0.61%

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

# Labour Force

## Labour Force Activity

<b>Labour Force Breakdown</b>	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	9%
Mining & oil & gas extraction	1%
Utilities	0%
Construction	6%
Manufacturing	5%
Wholesale trade	1%
Retail trade	13%
Transportation & warehousing	4%
Information & cultural industries	2%
Finance & insurance	3%
Real estate & rental & leasing	2%
Professional, scientific & technical services	4%
Management of companies & enterprises	0%
Administrative & support, waste management & remediation services	5%
Educational services	8%
Health care & social assistance	12%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	3%
Accommodation & food services	9%
Other services (except public administration)	5%
Public administration	9%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001—Labour

<b>Occupation Breakdown</b>									
	<b>Comox Valley</b>			<b>BC</b>			<b>Canada</b>		
	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
Management	10%	8%	9%	13%	8%	11%	13%	8%	11%
Business, Finance, Administration.	6%	23%	14%	9%	28%	18%	9%	28%	18%
Natural & Applied Science	8%	2%	5%	9%	2%	6%	10%	3%	7%
Health	3%	10%	6%	2%	9%	5%	2%	9%	5%
Social Science, Gov. Serv. & Relig'n	2%	6%	4%	3%	6%	4%	2%	6%	4%
Education	3%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%
Arts, Culture, Recreation & Sport	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Sales & Service	25%	36%	30%	20%	32%	26%	19%	29%	24%
Trades, Transportation & Equipment	22%	2%	13%	25%	2%	14%	26%	2%	15%
Primary Industries	12%	3%	8%	6%	2%	4%	6%	2%	4%
Processing, Manufacturing, Utilities	5%	1%	3%	7%	3%	5%	9%	5%	7%

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

# Labour Force

## Income Estimates

<b>Income Estimates</b>			
	<b>Comox Valley</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Canada</b>
Avg. Household Income	59,136	69,968	72,015
Avg. Family Income	68,162	78,470	81,104
Per Capita Income	25,920	28,388	28,782
Avg. Employment Income Male (PT)	40,207	46,218	47,382
Avg. Employment Income Male (FT)	53,595	60,781	60,548
Avg. Employment Income Female (PT)	25,182	29,582	29,858
Avg. Employment Income Female (FT)	37,604	43,174	42,303

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

<b>Sources of Income</b>						
	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Pension</b>	<b>Investment</b>	<b>Self-Employed</b>	<b>Tax-exempt</b>	<b>Other</b>
Courtenay	60%	19%	6%	5%	4%	7%
Comox	57%	24%	7%	4%	2%	6%
Cumberland	65%	15%	3%	3%	7%	8%
BC	66%	12%	9%	5%	3%	5%

Source: Stats Canada 2001—Income, pensions, spending and wealth

<b>Benefit Recipients Percentage</b>								
<b>Age</b>	<b>Basic Income Assistance</b>				<b>Employment Insurance</b>			
	<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>Courtenay</b>	<b>Comox</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>Courtenay</b>	<b>Comox</b>	<b>BC</b>
Under 19	5.2	9.0	2.4	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19-24	7.0	7.6	2.7	2.5	6.3	5.7	5.1	2.7
25-54	4.4	5.0	1.5	2.1	4.0	4.6	4.0	3.6
55-64	2.4	1.9	0.4	1.0	3.2	2.2	2.3	1.6
19-64	4.4	4.8	1.4	2.0	4.1	4.4	3.7	3.1

Source: BC Stats 2006—Basic Income Assistance and EI

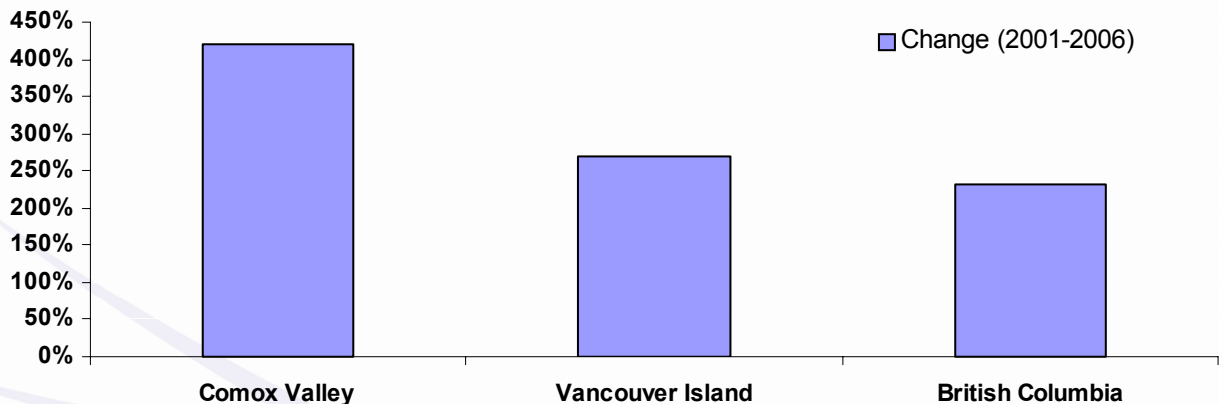
# Building and Development

## Building Permit Values

Building Permits Values (\$000)								
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b>								
Comox Valley	30,764	26,514	35,662	48,267	72,808	86,077	110,300	150,224
Vancouver Island	771,618	581,533	632,039	769,212	993,416	1,098,416	1,459,871	1,705,703
British Columbia	4,695,501	4,491,997	4,954,772	5,659,415	6,394,238	7,938,727	10,191,099	11,541,116
<b>New Residential</b>								
Comox Valley	12,749	10,736	17,153	33,457	46,763	66,035	98,560	135,329
Vancouver Island	357,746	304,971	349,563	504,062	643,673	859,834	1,033,514	1,230,543
British Columbia	2,591,740	2,403,140	2,829,874	3,888,147	4,514,185	5,868,937	6,978,962	7,624,109
<b>Industrial</b>								
Comox Valley	180	1,775	288	30	5,376	2,491	218	1,300
Vancouver Island	32,257	29,713	34,805	16,469	33,629	18,529	20,651	31,442
British Columbia	319,145	295,525	221,353	230,119	244,024	328,050	346,203	358,196
<b>Commercial</b>								
Comox Valley	9,120	2,823	10,977	13,489	17,151	12,054	11,010	11,451
Vancouver Island	179,898	147,561	145,090	155,208	202,547	139,120	257,370	281,931
British Columbia	1,142,105	1,297,270	1,171,233	1,116,741	1,129,623	1,228,027	1,886,405	2,491,401
<b>Institutional/Government</b>								
Comox Valley	8,715	11,180	7,244	1,291	3,518	5,497	512	2,144
Vancouver Island	201,717	99,288	102,581	93,473	113,567	80,933	148,336	161,787
British Columbia	642,511	496,062	732,312	424,408	506,406	513,713	979,529	1,067,410

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing

### Building Permit Value Growth



Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing

# Building and Development

## Property Land Values

<b>Assessed Property Land Values</b>				
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Comox Valley</b>				
Total RES	\$1,562,589,791	\$3,775,379,575	\$3,550,053,181	\$6,842,448,611
Utilities	\$202,013,531	\$222,583,942	\$197,466,800	\$218,258,581
Unmng'd Forest	\$2,983,218	\$151,200	\$2,919,600	\$0
Major Industry	\$1,874,251	\$5,609,500	\$6,365,800	\$0
Light Industry	\$5,544,200	\$13,395,947	\$15,991,247	\$24,024,647
Business/other	\$393,867,585	\$743,183,443	\$816,986,272	\$1,158,693,476
Managed Forest	\$75,860,079	\$123,763,332	\$145,954,040	\$0
Rec/Non-profit	\$28,499,800	\$84,169,300	\$89,161,600	\$136,884,900
Farm	\$22,616,911	\$23,631,590	\$23,012,900	\$23,795,241
Total	\$2,295,849,366	\$4,991,867,829	\$4,847,911,440	\$8,573,426,105
<b>Courtenay</b>				
Total RES	\$335,424,250	\$938,485,300	\$893,462,689	\$1,859,628,836
Utilities	\$7,184,940	\$18,967,400	\$22,663,700	\$27,114,306
Major Industry	\$1,874,251	\$5,065,900	\$5,898,700	\$5,679,700
Light Industry	\$314,100	\$1,796,500	\$1,743,200	\$1,926,600
Business/other	\$136,393,484	\$358,513,852	\$371,670,936	\$584,857,600
Rec/Non-profit	\$6,337,200	\$26,310,800	\$27,048,400	\$34,612,400
Farm	\$80,910	\$14,590	\$95,100	\$662,342
Total	\$487,609,135	\$1,349,154,342	\$1,322,582,725	\$2,514,481,184
<b>Comox</b>				
Total RES	\$292,110,650	\$631,986,300	\$627,882,551	\$1,221,733,330
Utilities	\$2,554,773	\$6,619,400	\$8,421,100	\$9,995,800
Major Industry	\$0	\$49,900	\$40,200	\$35,300
Light Industry	\$102,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Business/other	\$52,204,700	\$226,121,791	\$269,746,430	\$363,664,100
Managed Forest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$225,000
Rec/Non-profit	\$6,818,400	\$18,853,600	\$18,144,900	\$29,366,600
Farm	\$30,594	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,704
Total	\$353,821,117	\$883,632,691	\$924,236,881	\$1,625,021,804
<b>Cumberland</b>				
Total RES	\$45,037,570	\$106,693,300	\$96,712,400	\$187,702,807
Utilities	\$870,220	\$2,142,400	\$2,555,100	\$3,627,175
Light Industry	\$454,200	\$1,224,200	\$4,585,800	\$6,235,400
Business/other	\$10,473,500	\$26,666,900	\$27,654,300	\$41,679,600
Managed Forest	\$245,267	\$274,000	\$362,100	\$3,872,100
Rec/Non-profit	\$410,900	\$983,000	\$1,096,000	\$1,751,000
Farm	\$11,360	\$11,300	\$11,300	\$11,360
Total	\$57,503,017	\$137,995,100	\$132,977,000	\$244,879,442
<b>Comox Strathcona Regional District A,B,C,K</b>				
Total RES	\$890,017,321	\$2,098,214,675	\$1,931,995,541	\$3,573,383,638
Utilities	\$191,403,598	\$194,854,742	\$163,826,900	\$177,521,300
Unmng'd Forest	\$2,983,218	\$151,200	\$2,919,600	\$0
Major Industry	\$0	\$493,700	\$426,900	\$753,000
Light Industry	\$4,673,900	\$10,375,247	\$9,662,247	\$15,863,247
Business/other	\$194,795,901	\$131,880,900	\$147,914,606	\$168,492,176
Managed Forest	\$75,614,812	\$123,489,332	\$145,591,940	\$158,755,579
Rec/Non-profit	\$14,933,300	\$38,021,900	\$42,872,300	\$71,154,900
Farm	\$22,494,047	\$23,604,000	\$22,904,800	\$23,119,835
Total	\$1,396,916,097	\$2,621,085,696	\$2,468,114,834	\$4,189,043,675

Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office—Roll Totals Summary 2007

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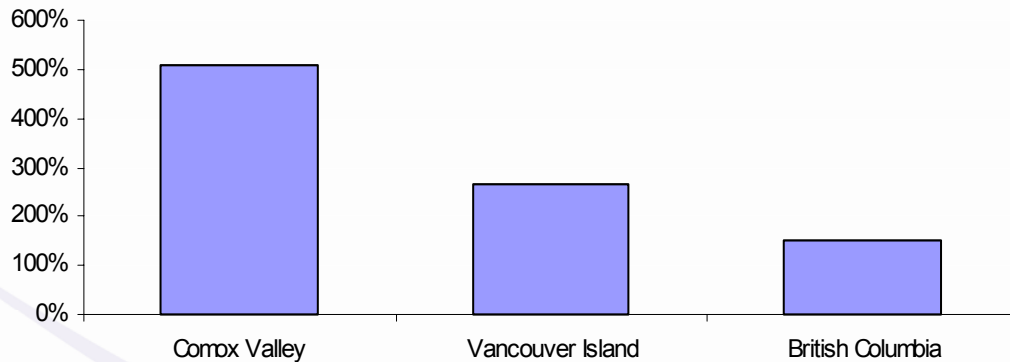
## Housing Starts

<b>Housing Starts</b>											
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Courtenay	282	242	84	78	55	103	241	268	334	472	87
Comox	91	119	107	20	28	47	42	92	159	114	471
Cumberland	31	10	16	3	1	2	5	6	12	33	62
CSRD A,B,C,K	113	117	70	56	29	35	68	86	173	94	65
Comox Valley	517	488	277	157	113	187	356	452	678	713	685
Vancouver Island	3,703	3347	2096	2164	1471	1988	2576	3643	4868	4864	5397
BC	27,641	29,351	19,931	16,309	14,418	17,234	21,625	26,174	32,925	34,667	36,443

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing: Housing Starts

**“Did you Know..... The Comox Valley had over 4,100 housing starts in the past decade**

**Housing Start Change (00-06)**



Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing: Housing Starts



# Building and Development

## Commercial Real Estate

<b>Office Lease Rates</b>				
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
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

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

Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office 2006

<b>Square Foot Rental Rates</b>								
	<b>Central Courtenay</b>		<b>South Courtenay</b>		<b>East Courtenay</b>		<b>Comox</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2005</b>
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
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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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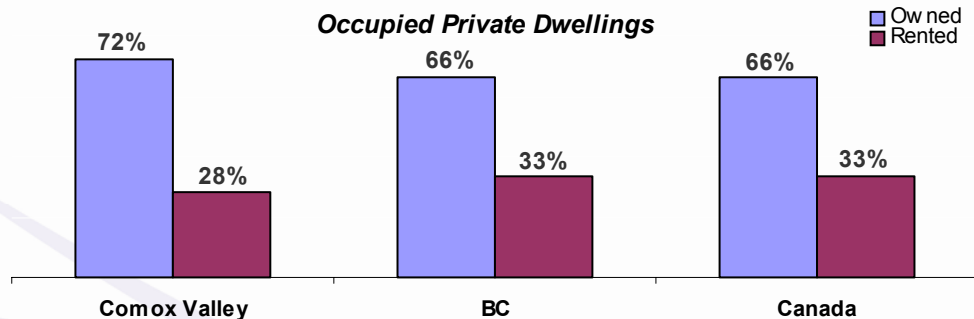
## Residential Real Estate

Real Estate											
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total Unit Sales</b>											
Comox Valley	656	646	437	559	509	694	776	969	983	902	972
Van Island	3,855	3,739	3,026	3,338	3,072	3,842	4,472	5,148	5,535	5,470	5,584
BC	72,182	68,182	52,910	58,084	53,454	68,105	82,725	93,126	96,316	106,290	96,695
<b>Average Days on Market</b>											
Comox Valley	87	102	140	67	144	134	75	76	50	59	70
Van Island	95	219	93	86	121	96	80	61	49	57	77
<b>Average Single Family House Price</b>											
Comox Valley	\$ 153,834	\$ 156,621	\$ 152,350	\$ 148,056	\$ 144,000	\$ 142,903	\$ 156,962	\$ 169,153	\$ 211,308	\$ 236,325	\$ 278,803
Van Island	\$ 154,781	\$ 158,616	\$ 152,366	\$ 149,128	\$ 146,355	\$ 147,383	\$ 159,051	\$ 175,364	\$ 207,437	\$ 235,648	\$ 274,699
BC	\$ 218,687	\$ 220,512	\$ 212,046	\$ 215,283	\$ 216,989	\$ 220,952	\$ 238,758	\$ 259,835	\$ 288,967	\$ 332,137	\$ 390,760

Source: BC Stats 2007 and Vancouver Island Real Estate Board 2007

Occupied Private Dwellings			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Single-detached house	69%	55%	57%
Semi-detached house	9%	3%	5%
Row houses	6%	6%	5%
Apartment 5 storey's or greater	0%	7%	9%
Apartment Fewer than 5 storey's	12%	20%	18%
Apartment, detached duplex	1%	6%	4%
Movable dwellings	3%	3%	1%

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics



Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics



# Building and Development



## Development Cost Charges

The Comox Valley has an average development cost charge of over \$4,543 per unit for single residential units, \$3,663 for multi-family residential units, \$3 per square foot for commercial units and \$55,361 per acre for industrial units. The Town of Comox has the highest cost in the Comox Valley except for commercial units where they are almost 35% less than Courtenay. The Comox Valley on average is about \$9,000 less costly than Nanaimo for single residential units and over \$3,000 less per acre for the industrial developments.

<b>Development Cost Charges (DCC)</b>				
	<b>Residential Single (per unit)</b>	<b>Residential Multi-Family (per unit)</b>	<b>Commercial (Per Sq.Ft.)</b>	<b>Industrial (Per Acre)</b>
Cumberland	5,003	3,626	0	21,987
Courtenay	5,150	3,214	5.01	28,381
Comox	7,018	7,108	2.98	129,808
Comox-Strathcona	1,000	705	5.57	41,266
Nanaimo	13,410.79 (per lot)	n/a	4.95	58,436.61
Victoria	.26 per sq ft	.26 per sq ft	0.26	11,325.60

Source: City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland, CSRD, City of Nanaimo & City of Victoria 2004



# Business Activity



## Major Employers

The top four employers include 19 Wing CFB Comox with over 1430 employees, School District 71 with over 900 employees, St. Josephs Hospital with over 840 employees and Mt. Washington Ski Resort with over 850 employees in the winter months.

The top 6 retail employers include the Real Canadian Superstore with over 300 employees, Wal-Mart with over 218 employees and Home depot with over 200 employees. These top 6 major retail employers account for almost 1,000 jobs for the Comox Valley.

The top four tourism employers include Mt. Washington Alpine Resort with 850 winter staff, Crown Isle, the King Fisher and the Coast Westerly Hotel.

The top six public sector employers include: the CFB Comox with over 1430 employees, School District 71 with over 900 employees, St. Joseph’s Hospital with over 840 employees, 138 employees at North Island College, 125 with the Local RCMP and 110 at the City of Courtenay. These public sector employers account for over 3,500 jobs in the Comox Valley.

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

Source: CVEDS 2007



# Business Activity

## Business Growth

<b>Courtenay</b>	
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
Courtenay Library	2001
Sears	2001
Sound Advice	2001
Fields Sawmill	2001
Sid Williams Theater	2001
Canadian Tire	2000
Canada Post	2000

Source: CVEDS 2007

<b>Comox</b>	
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 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

<b>CSR D A,B,C,K</b>	
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

<b>Cumberland</b>	
Island Timberframe	2005

Source: CVEDS 2007

# Business Activity

## Retail Activity

<b>Retail Sales</b>					
	<b>Comox Valley</b>		<b>Van Isle</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Canada</b>
	<b>(\$millions)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Supermarkets	97.4	17%	20%	18%	17%
Convenience and Specialty 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%
Home Electronics & Appliances	20.2	4%	3%	4%	3%
Home Centres, 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, Jewellery	6.6	1%	1%	1%	1%
Department & other General Merchandise	29.5	5%	10%	11%	12%
Sporting, Hobby, Music & Book	22.5	4%	3%	4%	3%
Miscellaneous	23.2	4%	4%	3%	3%
<b>Total Retail Sales</b>	<b>573.80</b>		<b>9,501.20</b>	<b>55,446.40</b>	<b>404,301.80</b>

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

<b>Retail Sales Estimate</b>			
	<b>Comox Valley</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Canada</b>
Retail Sales Estimate (\$000)	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 Activity

## Business Start Ups and Failures

<b>Business Incorporations</b>								
	1991	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Comox	35	40	25	27	39	32	45	46
Courtenay	92	130	91	137	132	140	159	198
Cumberland	3	0	2	4	1	0	2	5
Other	10	8	11	26	9	15	18	18
Comox Valley	140	178	129	194	181	187	224	267
Comox-Strathcona RD	264	356	261	302	308	304	365	440
Vancouver Island	2,329	2,573	2,401	2,512	2,605	3,062	3,715	3,863
British Columbia	18,528	23,237	19,474	20,987	22,531	24,703	30,937	33,273

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

<b>Business Bankruptcy Rates (Per 1000 Establishments)</b>								
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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
Canada	7.24	5.47	5.07	4.92	4.44	4.12	3.60	3.34

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

**“Did you Know..... The Comox Valley had over 125 Business Bankruptcies in the past decade.**

<b>Business Bankruptcies</b>							
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Comox Valley	16	11	11	13	10	8	3
British Columbia	948	1,100	1,105	1,002	921	786	587

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

<b>Business Inventory</b>						
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Comox-Strathcona	3,834	3,876	3,876	3,947	3,888	4,019
Vancouver Island/Coast	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)

# Business Activity

## Taxation

<b>Local Property Taxes</b> <i>(per \$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value)</i>			
	<b>City of Courtenay</b>	<b>Town of Comox</b>	<b>Village of Cumberland</b>
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

<b>Corporate Income Tax/Franchise Tax</b>			
	<b>Small Business</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>Non-Manufacturing</b>
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

<b>Personal Income Tax</b>		
	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Provincial (State)</b>
Capital Gains	8.00% - 14.50%	3.03% - 7.35%
Earned Income	16.00% - 29.00%	6.05% - 14.70%
Unearned Income	3.33% - 19.58%	1.19% - 12.00%

Source: Government of British Columbia & Canada Revenue Agency 2006

# Infrastructure

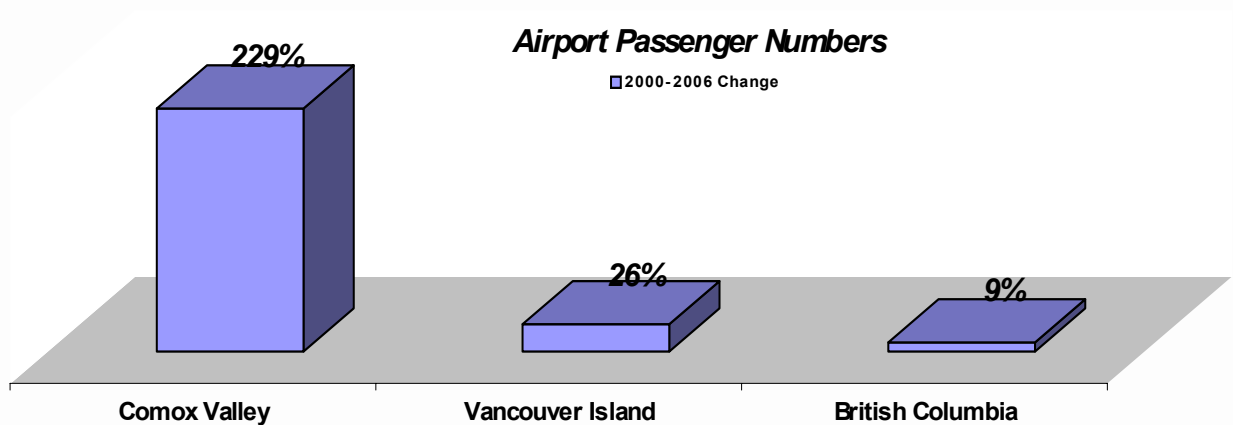
## Transportation

### Air

#### Comox Valley Airport Commission

1250 Knight Road  
Comox  
Ph: (250) 897-3123  
[www.comoxairport.com](http://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](http://www.pacific-coastal.com))
- West Jet ([www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com))
- Canadian Regional Airlines ([www.totalpilot.com](http://www.totalpilot.com))
- Air Canada Jazz ([www.flyjazz.ca](http://www.flyjazz.ca))
- Central Mountain Air - ([www.flycma.com](http://www.flycma.com))
- Transat Holidays - ([www.transatholidays.com](http://www.transatholidays.com))

# Infrastructure

## Transportation

### Air

<b>Comox Valley Air Transportation Change</b>						
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.**

<b>Comox Valley Airport Statistics</b>								
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% Chg	5 year Chg
<b>January</b>	6,133	10,024	10,243	12,286	15,751	16,937	7%	64%
<b>February</b>	5,772	10,241	10,077	12,483	14,428	16,260	11%	65%
<b>March</b>	9,998	11,478	11,893	13,437	17,378	18,180	4%	45%
<b>April</b>	10,553	11,215	12,322	13,774	14,996	17,301	13%	39%
<b>May</b>	10,883	12,537	12,461	13,695	17,074	19,059	10%	43%
<b>June</b>	12,251	12,304	13,263	14,947	16,628	19,104	13%	36%
<b>July</b>	15,508	15,980	18,619	20,199	21,033	23,641	11%	34%
<b>August</b>	15,939	17,707	20,400	20,554	23,742	25,930	8%	39%
<b>September</b>	11,340	12,560	15,200	17,209	18,073	20,714	13%	45%
<b>October</b>	11,376	10,964	14,300	16,166	16,860	20,499	18%	45%
<b>November</b>	9,727	9,626	11,200	12,734	14,544	17,619	17%	45%
<b>December</b>	12,450	12,790	16,400	17,155	19,161	23,454	22%	88%
<b>Totals</b>	131,930	147,426	166,378	184,879	209,668	238,698	14%	81%

Source: Tourism British Columbia 2007

# Infrastructure

## Transportation

### Rail

**Via Rail**  
899 Cumberland Road  
Courtenay  
Ph: (888) 842-7245  
Fax: (514) 871-6104  
[www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)

<b>Via Rail Schedule</b>
Courtenay to Victoria Departs 1:30pm Arrives 6:00pm
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.

<b>Comox Valley Accident Stats</b>		
	<b>Per Year</b>	<b>Per Million</b>
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 Sandwich 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  
 Conventional System Transit Info: (250) 339-5453  
 handyDART System Transit info: (250) 339-5442  
 Office: (250) 339-5426  
 Fax: (250) 339-2797

<b>Comox Valley Fare Information</b>	
<b>Cash Fares</b>	
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
<b>10 Tickets</b>	
Adult/College Student	\$13.50
Senior*	\$11.25
Student to Gr. 12**	\$11.25
<b>Monthly Passes</b>	
Adult	\$45
Senior*	\$36
Student to Gr. 12**	\$22
College Student***	\$36
College Semester Pass	\$115

Source: BC Transit 2007

### Water

#### Buckley Bay Ferry Terminal

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

#### Little River Ferry Terminal

1300 Ellenor Road  
 Comox  
 Ph: (250) 890-7800 or (888) 223-3779  
 Fax: (250) 339-1046  
 www.bcferries.com

<b>BC Ferries Fee Schedule</b>						
	<b>Comox - Powell River</b>			<b>Buckley Bay - Denman Island</b>		
	<b>PEAK</b>	<b>OFF PEAK</b>	<b>Fuel Surcharge</b>	<b>PEAK</b>	<b>OFF PEAK</b>	<b>Fuel Surcharge</b>
Adult	9.05	8.80	1.25	6.05	5.75	0.9
Group Rate	7.70	7.50	1.25	5.15	4.9	0.9
BC Student	4.55	4.40	n/a	Free	Free	n/a
Permanently Disabled-BC Resident	4.55	4.40	n/a	3.05	2.9	n/a
Child (age 5-11)	4.55	4.40	1.25	3.05	2.9	0.9
Under 5	Free	Free	n/a	Free	Free	n/a
Passenger Vehicle & Trailer	30.85	26.80	4.55	14.5	12.6	2.4
Oversize	48.75	44.00	9.50	20.75	18.75	4.9
Motorcycle	15.45	13.40	4.55	7.25	6.3	2.4
Motorcycle with Sidecar/trailer	23.15	20.10	4.55	10.9	9.45	2.4
Stowage (kayaks, canoes, etc.)	3.50	3.50	n/a	1.75	1.75	n/a
Bicycle	2.50	2.50	n/a	Free	Free	n/a
Comercial Vehicles (Per Foot)	2.85 - 5.15		0.49/foot	1.15-2.10		n/a
Bus (Per Foot)	2.2	1.95	0.30/foot	1.15	1.1	0.29/foot

Source: BC Ferries 2007

# Infrastructure

## Police

**Courtenay RCMP**  
 800 Ryan Road  
 Courtenay  
 Ph: (250) 338-1321 or: (800) 222-TIPS  
[www.comoxvalleycrimestoppers.bc.ca](http://www.comoxvalleycrimestoppers.bc.ca)

	Population/Police	Total Cost	Cost per Capita
Courtenay	848	3,203,859	147
Comox	1,234	957,851	75
RCMP	782	369,920,929	159
Ind. Forces	555	307,803,381	257

Source: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General—Municipal Police Forces Cost Report 2005

	Courtenay					Comox					BC				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Crime Rates	202	233	238	208	182	69	85	70	66	56	115	117	125	125	119
Work Load/Officer	155	188	196	176	155	89	112	94	81	69	102	104	113	111	102
Total Offences	3,867	4,500	4,911	4,398	3,977	803	1,008	847	811	713	470,126	480,488	518,657	527,112	508,271
Violent Crimes	341	410	442	394	475	70	63	68	77	69	50,041	49,988	50,399	50,389	51,671
Sexual Offences	25	29	20	27	31	2	5	8	18	3	4,097	3,851	3,742	3,727	3,794
Non-Sexual Assaults	306	352	404	333	423	67	53	58	55	64	41,039	41,233	41,876	41,796	42,941
Property Crimes	1,760	1,914	1,996	1,759	1,762	290	406	298	282	298	264,587	269,147	289,113	283,356	265,246
Break & Enter (B&E)	351	284	335	306	311	39	68	37	58	57	51,965	50,436	53,519	52,884	49,611
Residential B&E	221	165	191	135	147	16	37	21	26	23	27,343	25,865	26,483	25,267	23,400
Misch. & Prop. Dam.	527	745	978	840	592	196	255	232	221	174	60,319	60,803	64,551	62,294	61,727
Motor Vehicle Thefts	59	102	130	93	125	4	21	14	18	17	33,258	35,999	39,491	37,755	34,800

Source: Ministry of Safety and Solicitor General—Appendix D: Jurisdictional Crime Trends 1996-2005

## Fire

### Courtenay Fire Department

650 Cumberland Rd.  
 Courtenay  
 Ph: (250) 334-2513  
 Fax: (250) 897-1361

### Comox Fire Department

1870 Noel Avenue  
 Comox  
 Ph: (250) 339-2432  
 Fax: (250) 339-1988

### 19 Wing Comox Fire Department

CFB Comox  
 Lazo

### Cumberland Fire Department

2679 Dunsmuir  
 Cumberland  
 Ph: (250) 336-2531  
 Fax: (250) 336-2321

### Union Bay Fire Department

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

# Infrastructure

# Tourism

## Tourism Vancouver Island

203-335 Wesley Street  
 Nanaimo  
 Ph: (250) 382-3551  
 Fax: (250) 382-3523  
[www.vancouverisland.travel](http://www.vancouverisland.travel)

## Tourism Comox Valley

201H -2435 Mansfield Drive  
 Courtenay  
 Ph: (250) 334-6199  
 Fax : (250) 334-6194  
[www.discovercomoxvalley.com](http://www.discovercomoxvalley.com)

## Comox Valley Visitor Info Centre

2040 Cliffe Avenue  
 Courtenay  
 Ph: (250) 334-3234  
 Fax: (250) 334-4908  
[www.comoxvalleychamber.com](http://www.comoxvalleychamber.com)

## Cumberland Visitor Information Centre

2755 Dunsmuir Avenue  
 Cumberland  
 Ph: (250) 336-8313  
 Fax: (250) 336-2455  
[www.cumberlandbc.org](http://www.cumberlandbc.org)

<b>Hotel Room Statistics</b>			
	<b>Revenues (\$000)</b>	<b>Properties reporting</b>	<b>Room Count</b>
<b>Comox Valley</b>			
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
<b>Vancouver Island</b>			
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
<b>British Columbia</b>			
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

BC Stats 2007—Tourism Industry

# Infrastructure

## Communications

### Newspapers

#### **Comox Valley Record**

765 McPhee Avenue  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-5811  
www.comoxvalleyrecord.com

#### **Comox Valley Echo**

407D 5th Street  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-4722

#### **Business Vancouver Island**

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

#### **Business Examiner**

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

### Television/Radio Stations

#### **Coast Radio 98.9 Magic FM**

1625A McPhee Avenue  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-2421  
www.coastradio.com

#### **Shaw Cable**

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

#### **The Eagle CKLR 97.3 FM**

801B 29th Street  
Courtenay  
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	No
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	No

Source: Telus, Shaw Cable

# Infrastructure

## Utilities

<b>Water Availability</b>	
<b>Courtenay</b>	
Major Sources: Comox Lake	
Potential Population Increase Served from this Source:	
<b>Comox</b>	
Major Sources: Comox Lake (Puntledge River)	
Potential Population Increase Served from this Source:	
<b>Cumberland</b>	
Major Sources: Perseverance Creek, Cumberland Creek	
Potential Population Increase Served from this Source:	

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*

<b>Water Treatment</b>	
Provider:	Regional District of Comox Strathcona
Rated Capacity (mgd):	15
Average Daily Demand (mgd):	3.2
Peak Demand (mgd):	13
Chemical Breakdown of Water:	Detailed analysis available
Cost per 1000 Gallons (Industrial):	1.68
Cost per 1000 Gallons (Residential):	Annual Fee - \$136 CDN
Water Connection Fee:	\$1,200 CDN 3/4' connection

Source: Regional District of Comox Strathcona

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

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

<b>Sewer Treatment</b>			
	<b>Courtenay</b>	<b>Comox</b>	<b>Cumberland</b>
Provider:	Regional District of Comox Strathcona	Regional District of Comox Strathcona	Village of Cumberland
Type of Service:	Activated Sludge Process	Activated Sludge Process	Secondary
Rated Capacity (mgd):	4.89	4.89	1
Average Daily Demand (mgd):	3.83	3.83	0.58
Peak Demand (mgd):	7.8	7.8	0.95
Cost per 1000 Gallons:	Annual Fee - \$72 CDN	Annual Fee - \$72 CDN	Annual Fee - \$60 CDN
Sewer Connection Fee:	1200	\$1,200 CDN 3/4' connection	700

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

# Infrastructure

# Education

## North Island College

2300 Ryan Road  
 Courtenay  
 Ph: (250) 334-5000  
 Fax: (250) 334 5018  
 www.nic.bc.ca

<b>North Island College Fast Facts</b>	
Students Enrolled in Credit Courses	3,690
Students Enrolled in Short Duration Courses	4,720
Students of Aboriginal Ancestry Enrolled	887
Student Tuition per Course	\$234.00
Number of Credit Programs Offered	70
Number of Individual Courses Offered	730
Number of Employees	400

Source: North Island College 2006

## North Island Distance Education School

#110-1742 Cliffe Avenue  
 Courtenay

Ph: (250)898-8999 or (800) 663-7925  
 Fax: (250) 898-8883

<b>Grade School Head Count</b>	
K	560
GRADE 1	642
GRADE 2	589
GRADE 3	655
GRADE 4	680
GRADE 5	644
GRADE 6	737
GRADE 7	783
GRADE 8	753
GRADE 9	727
GRADE 10	853
GRADE 11	734
GRADE 12	798
Total	9,197

Source: SD71 2007

## Comox Valley School District # 71

607 Cumberland Road  
 Courtenay

Ph: (250) 334-5500  
 Fax: (250) 334-4472  
 www.sd.71.ca

## Excel Career College

#203-1995 Cliffe Avenue  
 Courtenay

Ph: (250) 334-2452  
 www.excelcareercollege.com

## Spott Shaw

#9-468 29th Street  
 Courtenay

Tel: (250) 897-0097  
 Fax: (250) 897-1889  
 www.sprottshaw.com

<b>Level of Schooling 20+</b>						
	<b>Comox Valley</b>		<b>BC</b>		<b>Canada</b>	
Less than Grade 9	1,997	5%	215,842	6%	2,485,651	10%
Grades 9-13 with Certificate	8,370	19%	588,397	18%	4,238,188	17%
Grades 9-13 w/o Certificate	5,426	12%	411,108	12%	3,424,770	14%
Trade Certificate or Diploma	6,384	14%	428,494	13%	2,889,493	12%
Non Univ. w/o Certificate or Diploma	3,267	7%	240,633	7%	1,573,422	6%
Non Univ. with Certificate or Diploma	7,782	18%	560,113	17%	4,025,496	16%
Univ. w/o Degree	3,031	7%	306,460	9%	1,741,547	7%
Univ. with Degree	4,987	11%	588,751	18%	4,192,199	17%

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

# Infrastructure

## Health

### **St. Joseph's General Hospital**

2137 Comox Avenue  
Comox  
Ph: (250) 339-1409  
Fax: (250) 339-1432  
www.sjghcomox.com

### **Glacier View Lodge**

2450 Black Road  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-1451  
Fax: (250) 338-1115

### **Cumberland Health Centre**

2696 Windermere Avenue  
Cumberland  
Ph: (250) 336-8531  
Fax (250) 336-2100

### **Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**

1952 Bay Street  
Victoria  
Ph: (250) 370-8699 or (877) 370-8699  
Fax: (250) 370-8750  
www.viha.ca

### **Comox Valley Nursing Centre**

961 England Avenue  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-1711  
Fax: (250) 338-9985

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

<b>Health Professionals Inventory</b>	
Community Physicians	48
General Practitioners	43
Pediatricians	2
Nurses	500
Emergency Physicians	5
Specialists	45
Psychiatric Nurses	15
Dentists	26
Walk in Clinics	2

Source: Comox Valley Social Planning 2004

# Infrastructure

## Recreation

### Resorts

#### **Crown Isle Golf Resort**

339 Clubhouse  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 703-5050  
www.crownisle.com

#### **Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa**

4330 Island Highway South  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-1323 or (800) 663-7929  
Fax: (250) 338-0058  
www.kingfisherspa.com

#### **Mt. Washington Alpine Resort**

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

### Golfing

#### **Mulligans Golf Centre**

4985 Cotton  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-2440

#### **Glacier Greens Golf Course**

351 Knight Road  
Lazo  
Ph: (250) 339-6515

#### **Longlands Golf Course**

1239 Anderton Road  
Comox  
Ph: (250) 339-6363

#### **Sunnydale Golf Club**

5291 N Island Highway  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-3342

#### **Comox Golf Club**

1718 Balmoral Avenue  
Comox  
Ph: (250) 339-4444

#### **Pacific Playgrounds Golf Course**

2084 Saratoga  
Black Creek  
Ph: (250) 337-8212

### General

#### **Comox Valley Sports Centre**

3001 Vanier Drive  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-9622  
Fax: (250) 334-1042

#### **Lewis Park Complex**

489 Old Island Highway  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-5371

#### **Comox Valley Exhibition Association**

4835 Headquarters Road  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-8177  
Fax: (250) 338-8177

#### **Lerwick Aquatic Centre**

377 Lerwick Drive  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-2527  
Fax: (250) 334-2587

#### **Comox Recreation Commission**

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

#### **Cumberland Recreation Institute**

266 Dunsmuir Avenue  
Cumberland  
Ph: (250) 336-2231  
Fax: (250) 336-2321

## Infrastructure

## Cultural & Social Amenities

### Museums

#### **Courtenay and District Museum**

360 Cliffe Avenue  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-3611  
Fax: (250) 334-4277  
www.courtenaymuseum.ca

#### **Comox Air Force Museum**

19 Wing Comox  
Lazo  
Ph: (250) 339-8162  
www.comoxairforcemuseum.ca

#### **Cumberland Museum and Archives**

2680 Dunsmuir Avenue  
Cumberland  
Ph: (250) 336-2445  
cumberland.museum.bc.ca

#### **Comox Archive and Museum Society**

1729 Comox Avenue  
Comox  
Ph: (250) 339-2885  
www.comoxmuseum.ca

### Libraries

#### **North Island College Library**

2300 Ryan Road  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-5037  
Fax (250) 334-5291  
library.nic.bc.ca

#### **VI Regional Library -Courtenay**

300 6th Street  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-3369

#### **VI Regional Library -Cumberland**

2724 Dunsmuir Avenue  
Cumberland  
Ph: (250) 336-8121

#### **VI Regional Library -Hornby Island**

5527 Island Highway  
Union Bay  
Ph: (250) 335-2433

#### **VI Regional Library -Comox**

1729 Comox Avenue  
Comox  
Ph: (250) 339-2971

#### **VI Regional Library -Union Bay**

1765 Sollans Road  
Hornby Island  
Ph: (250) 335-0044

<b>Registered Book Borrowers</b>				
<b>Courtenay</b>	<b>Comox</b>	<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>Hornby Island</b>	<b>Union Bay</b>
16,833	6,509	1,048	993	296

Source: Comox Valley Social Planning Society 2003

### Theatres

#### **Rialto Movie Theatre**

2665 Cliffe Avenue  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-5550

#### **Sid Williams Theatre Society**

442 Cliffe Avenue  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-2420 or (866) 898-TIXX (8499)  
Fax: (250) 338-7720  
www.sidwilliamstheatre.com

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## Government

### Municipal

#### **City of Courtenay**

830 Cliffe Avenue  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-4441  
Fax: (250) 334-4241  
[www.city.courtenay.bc.ca](http://www.city.courtenay.bc.ca)

#### **Town of Comox**

1809 Beaufort Avenue  
Comox  
Ph: (250) 339-2202  
Fax: (250) 339-7110  
[comox.ca](http://comox.ca)

#### **Regional District of Comox-Strathcona**

600 Comox Road  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-6008  
Fax: (250) 334-4358  
[www.comoxstrathcona.ca](http://www.comoxstrathcona.ca)

#### **Village of Cumberland**

2673 Dunsmuir Avenue  
Cumberland  
Ph: (250) 336-2291  
Fax: (250) 336-2321  
[cumberland.ihostez.com](http://cumberland.ihostez.com)

### Provincial

#### **MLA Stan Hagen**

437 5th Street  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 703-2422

#### **Service BC**

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

### Federal

#### **MP Catherine Bell**

491A 4th Street  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 338-9381  
[catherinebellmp.ca](http://catherinebellmp.ca)

#### **Human Resources Development Canada**

130 19th Street  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-4151  
Fax: (250) 754-3841  
[www.hrsdc.gc.ca](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca)

### Other

#### **Comox Band**

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

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## Business Services

### General

#### **Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce**

2040 Cliffe Avenue  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-1100  
Fax: (250) 334-4908  
[www.comoxvalleychamber.com](http://www.comoxvalleychamber.com)

#### **Cumberland Chamber of Commerce**

2755 Dunsmuir Avenue  
Cumberland  
Ph: (250) 336-8313  
Fax: (250) 336-2455  
[www.island.net/~cumbcham](http://www.island.net/~cumbcham)

#### **Invest Comox Valley Business Information Centre**

#102-2435 Mansfield Drive  
Courtenay  
Ph: (250) 334-2427 or (877) 848-2427  
Fax: (250) 334-2414  
[www.businesscomoxvalley.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.bni.ca)

#### **Rotary Club of Comox**

Meeting: Every Thursday 6:30pm  
Location : D'Esterre House  
1801 Beaufort Avenue, Comox  
[www.comoxrotary.bc.ca](http://www.comoxrotary.bc.ca)

#### **Rotary of Strathcona Sunrise**

Meeting: Every Wednesday 7:00am  
Location : Best Western Hotel  
1590 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay  
[strathconasunrise.bc.ca](http://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](http://www.cvhbba.com)

#### **Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial**

Meeting: Every Tuesday 7:00am  
Location : Miners Café and Bakery  
2699 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland  
[www.cumberlandcentennial.rotary-site.org](http://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](http://www.cvwbn.org)