

Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation Ministry Cariboo Region – Labour Development



Quesnel – Future of Forestry Think Tank – May 2, 2023



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Territorial Acknowledgement

The background features a stylized landscape with rolling mountains in shades of teal and blue. In the foreground, there are several evergreen trees of varying sizes, some appearing as silhouettes and others with more detail. A river or stream flows through the lower part of the scene, reflecting the surrounding environment.

I wish to acknowledge the Southern Dakeh people and the territory of the Lhtako Dene Nation, on whose lands I have the privilege of meeting with you all of you on today.

Community Information Tool



Community Information Tool

Login →

Welcome to the Community Information Tool.

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

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

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

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

I am a member of the public ▼

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

What kind of area would you like to look at?

I would like to look at communities ▼

Which community specifically?

I am specifically interested in Quesnel ▼

Reset search criteria

Let's go →



Community Information Tool

Connectivity

Facilities

Economic

Social

Quesnel

You are viewing data for the Quesnel Census Subdivision

Census Demographics [Source: BC Data Catalogue]

2016 2021

9,889

Total Population

0.1%

Population Change %

7.6%

Provincial Pop Change %

46

Median Age

46

Province Median Age

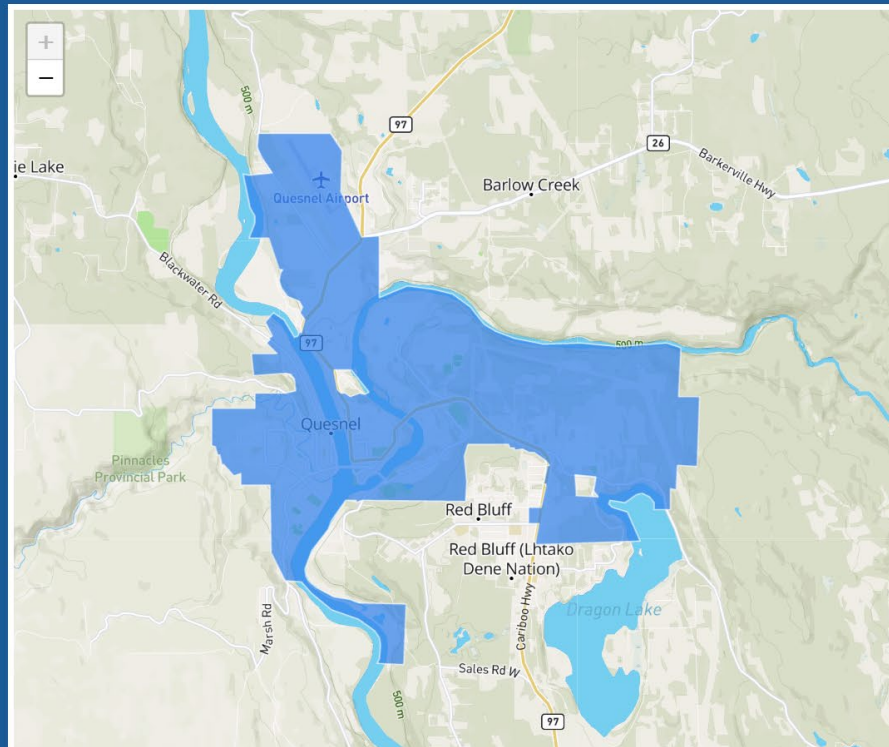
\$67,000

Median Household Income

\$75,000

Prov. Median Household Income

Connectivity [Source: National Broadband Data]



4,693

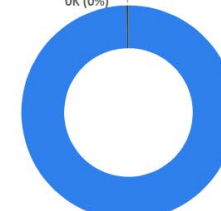
Households with 50/10 Connection

4,706

Total households in selected region

Connected Households

Don't Have 50/10
OK (0%)



Labour demographics (Quesnel, 2021)

Labour Force [Source: BC Data Catalogue]

4,440

Labour Force

2,641,415

Province Labour Force

49%

Employment Rate

58%

Province Employment Rate

10%

Unemployment Rate

8%

Province Avg Unemployment Rate

54%

Labour Force Participation

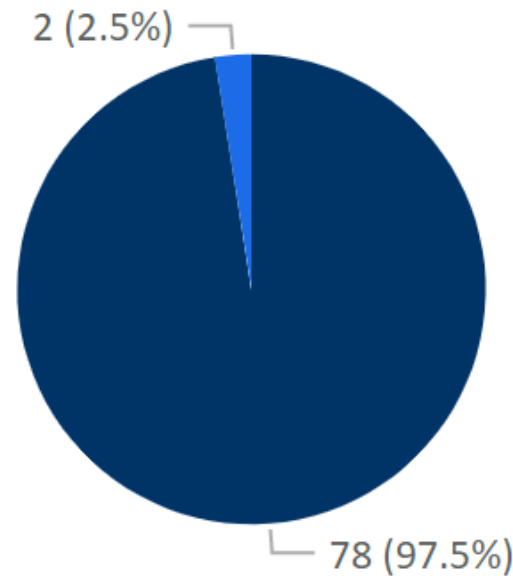
63%

Province Labour Force Participation

Businesses in Resource Sectors (Quesnel, 2021)

Share of Business in Resource Sectors

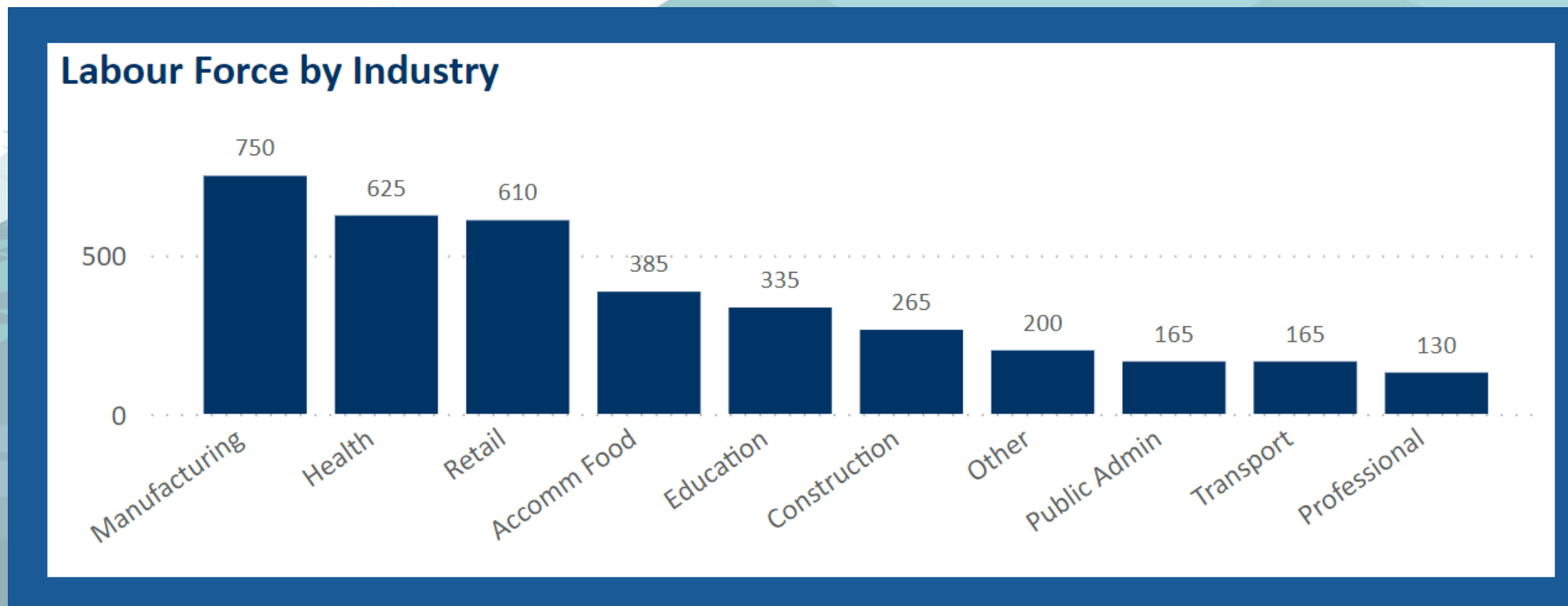
● Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting ● Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction



8.1%

% of All Business

Labour Force by Industry (Quesnel)



Increasing competition regionally for labour

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

- **Mount Polley restart**
- **Blackwater Gold – construction**
- **Cariboo Gold – waiting on permits and EAO approval**
- **Gibraltar Mine – 24+ active postings on website**

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

Stronger BC Plan

Inclusive growth



Supporting
people &
families



Building resilient
communities



Advancing true, lasting and
meaningful reconciliation
with Indigenous peoples

Clean growth



Meeting
BC's climate
commitments



Leading on
environmental &
social
responsibility



Fostering innovation
across our economy

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

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

Future Ready Action Plan Includes:

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

How do we navigate these pressures?

- Be an 'employer of choice' – how does our workplace culture and policies support or discourage new and existing staff?
- Increasing business efficiencies, technology and innovations that take pressures off of the workforce
- Consider looking at labour immigration programs: the Provincial Nominee Program's Skills Immigration Programs can support
 - International graduates with Canadian degrees or diplomas
 - Skilled Worker Stream – prioritizes experienced managers, professionals and skilled tradespeople

Provincial Tools - Skills Training/ Retraining



Skills Training Grants for Communities, Sectors and Employers

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

[Learn more](#)

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

[Learn more](#)

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



Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program

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

[Learn more](#)



BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund

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

[Learn more](#)



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