



Establishment Counts by Employee Size, 1996 - 2005

Source: Business Register, Statistics
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This report details the number of business establishments by employee size. A business establishment refers to a production entity which reports singular or combined location accounting data within the province of BC.

Information is presented for BC, Development Regions and Regional Districts. For information at the municipal level, or for more detailed industry breakdowns, please contact Statistics Canada.

Note: effective in 1998, business establishments with an undetermined number of employees (self-employed, etc) were included.

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Total Business Establishments - All Industries with Employees

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
British Columbia	149,315	153,289	154,027	154,944	157,371	157,421	157,652	158,470	158,421	162,732
(includes "Unknown Location")										
Development Regions										
Vancouver Island/Coast	24,325	24,957	25,144	25,375	25,666	25,600	25,830	26,059	26,024	26,644
Mainland/Southwest	84,365	86,672	87,507	88,264	90,061	90,525	90,998	91,644	92,025	95,269
Thompson/Okanagan	19,669	20,341	20,239	20,138	20,260	20,186	20,163	19,901	19,817	20,240
Kootenay	6,098	6,246	6,229	6,245	6,425	6,249	6,177	6,629	6,507	6,517
Cariboo	7,069	7,204	7,125	7,067	6,990	6,939	6,730	6,528	6,389	6,358
North Coast	2,554	2,533	2,483	2,466	2,476	2,416	2,299	2,203	2,095	2,056
Nechako	2,162	2,200	2,110	2,128	2,188	2,135	2,072	2,054	1,928	1,900
Northeast	2,913	2,980	3,031	3,123	3,168	3,217	3,208	3,273	3,274	3,394
Regional Districts										
East Kootenay	2,465	2,516	2,496	2,537	2,651	2,577	2,553	2,580	2,544	2,573
Central Kootenay	2,413	2,492	2,490	2,484	2,527	2,467	2,440	2,409	2,361	2,353
Kootenay Boundary	1,220	1,238	1,243	1,224	1,247	1,205	1,184	1,640	1,602	1,591
Okanagan-Similkameen	3,450	3,519	3,520	3,511	3,516	3,493	3,470	2,995	2,902	2,942
Fraser Valley	7,306	7,616	7,652	7,740	8,041	8,076	8,127	8,240	8,380	8,892
Greater Vancouver	74,645	76,559	77,394	78,075	79,472	79,882	80,290	80,779	80,929	83,587
Capital	11,168	11,466	11,623	11,803	12,013	12,144	12,336	12,376	12,515	12,740
Cowichan Valley	2,467	2,491	2,493	2,527	2,572	2,501	2,521	2,508	2,477	2,530
Nanaimo	4,280	4,400	4,375	4,445	4,473	4,468	4,518	4,670	4,633	4,830
Alberni-Clayoquot	1,119	1,128	1,185	1,181	1,185	1,156	1,147	1,170	1,119	1,147
Comox-Strathcona	3,834	3,986	3,987	3,917	3,925	3,876	3,876	3,947	3,888	4,019
Powell River	719	744	745	761	755	720	711	686	701	705
Sunshine Coast	1,002	1,018	975	1,002	1,001	987	989	1,021	1,066	1,123
Squamish-Lillooet	1,412	1,479	1,486	1,447	1,547	1,580	1,592	1,604	1,650	1,667
Thompson-Nicola	4,845	5,005	4,979	4,946	4,892	4,885	4,808	4,819	4,748	4,827
Central Okanagan	5,969	6,204	6,244	6,316	6,443	6,427	6,549	6,745	6,845	7,009
North Okanagan	3,173	3,352	3,261	3,180	3,198	3,215	3,198	3,179	3,187	3,271
Columbia-Shuswap	2,232	2,261	2,235	2,185	2,211	2,166	2,138	2,163	2,135	2,191
Cariboo	3,013	3,094	3,037	3,025	3,007	2,952	2,869	2,789	2,725	2,684
Mount Waddington	612	620	626	630	635	630	617	604	591	576
Central Coast	126	122	110	111	108	105	104	98	100	97
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	902	895	908	893	879	855	840	804	774	764
Kitimat-Stikine	1,652	1,638	1,575	1,573	1,597	1,561	1,459	1,399	1,321	1,292
Bulkley-Nechako	2,104	2,148	2,061	2,072	2,124	2,068	2,018	2,002	1,878	1,851
Fraser-Ft George	4,056	4,110	4,088	4,042	3,983	3,987	3,861	3,739	3,664	3,674
Peace River	2,591	2,656	2,707	2,814	2,838	2,881	2,857	2,914	2,912	3,016
Stikine	58	52	49	56	64	67	54	52	50	49
Northern Rockies	322	324	324	309	330	336	351	359	362	378
British Columbia x NAICS										
Total, All Industries	149,315	153,289	154,027	154,944	157,371	157,421	157,652	158,470	158,421	162,732
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	n/a	n/a	n/a	9,128	9,259	9,047	8,790	8,490	8,295	8,235
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	n/a	n/a	n/a	850	787	778	744	726	774	868
Utilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	166	165	154	148	159	168	196
Construction	n/a	n/a	n/a	17,079	17,071	16,879	16,751	17,206	17,387	18,609
Manufacturing (31-33)	n/a	n/a	n/a	9,118	9,045	8,797	8,539	8,318	8,192	8,261
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	n/a	10,431	10,356	10,253	10,301	10,291	9,866	9,950
Retail Trade (44-45)	n/a	n/a	n/a	17,736	17,866	17,808	18,101	18,280	18,538	18,961
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,098	7,339	7,319	7,224	7,342	7,315	7,526
Information & Cultural Indust.	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,103	2,360	2,484	2,390	2,388	2,380	2,448
Finance & Insurance	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,238	5,245	5,304	5,242	5,241	5,233	6,248
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,973	7,083	7,019	7,123	7,230	7,569	8,014
Profes'n'l, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	n/a	n/a	n/a	16,311	17,257	17,711	17,864	18,089	18,254	19,046
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,363	3,301	3,267	3,264	3,189	3,212	2,358
Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,245	7,379	7,564	7,667	7,814	7,820	8,057
Educational Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,734	1,739	1,820	1,934	2,007	2,004	2,147
Health Care & Social Assistance	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,237	13,405	13,571	13,661	13,760	13,724	13,898
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,674	2,748	2,808	2,858	2,864	2,872	2,888
Accom. & Food Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	11,445	11,647	11,558	11,562	11,668	11,601	11,630
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,165	12,504	12,476	12,603	12,530	12,425	12,593
Public Administration	n/a	n/a	n/a	850	815	804	886	878	792	799

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Business Establishments with 1 to 19 Employees - All Industries

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
British Columbia	133,354	134,860	137,097	137,013	137,215	138,119	137,684	139,103	138,104	141,891
(includes "Unknown Location")										
Development Regions										
Vancouver Island/Coast	21,927	22,169	22,639	22,753	22,764	22,856	22,890	23,165	23,002	23,597
Mainland/Southwest	74,503	75,275	76,945	76,950	77,254	78,141	78,295	79,366	79,226	82,173
Thompson/Okanagan	17,871	18,276	18,348	18,141	18,071	18,124	17,994	17,796	17,544	17,876
Kootenay	5,647	5,721	5,722	5,723	5,810	5,707	5,615	6,066	5,918	5,890
Cariboo	6,363	6,415	6,438	6,364	6,213	6,192	5,975	5,818	5,636	5,601
North Coast	2,290	2,228	2,217	2,197	2,186	2,173	2,061	1,965	1,856	1,824
Nechako	1,974	1,994	1,932	1,952	1,977	1,945	1,873	1,862	1,729	1,694
Northeast	2,624	2,635	2,704	2,805	2,809	2,834	2,815	2,894	2,849	2,896
Regional Districts										
East Kootenay	2,254	2,277	2,268	2,303	2,372	2,341	2,296	2,336	2,298	2,301
Central Kootenay	2,264	2,312	2,314	2,301	2,303	2,268	2,243	2,229	2,185	2,151
Kootenay Boundary	1,129	1,132	1,140	1,119	1,135	1,098	1,076	1,501	1,435	1,438
Okanagan-Similkameen	3,177	3,229	3,242	3,216	3,225	3,223	3,159	2,729	2,623	2,650
Fraser Valley	6,532	6,740	6,818	6,869	7,046	7,147	7,147	7,308	7,373	7,863
Greater Vancouver	65,811	66,332	67,938	67,911	67,956	68,748	68,899	69,752	69,479	71,863
Capital	9,929	10,022	10,314	10,417	10,491	10,679	10,725	10,775	10,808	11,000
Cowichan Valley	2,263	2,270	2,281	2,318	2,330	2,274	2,285	2,276	2,245	2,303
Nanaimo	3,921	3,950	3,976	4,032	4,012	4,033	4,065	4,210	4,184	4,370
Alberni-Clayoquot	996	994	1,072	1,064	1,060	1,035	1,020	1,050	984	1,009
Comox-Strathcona	3,488	3,606	3,654	3,567	3,530	3,526	3,504	3,603	3,516	3,660
Powell River	663	668	681	692	679	654	650	623	637	645
Sunshine Coast	932	938	905	933	928	903	900	930	967	1,029
Squamish-Lillooet	1,228	1,265	1,284	1,237	1,324	1,343	1,349	1,376	1,407	1,418
Thompson-Nicola	4,381	4,461	4,489	4,433	4,348	4,360	4,257	4,267	4,166	4,250
Central Okanagan	5,352	5,488	5,580	5,610	5,626	5,653	5,761	5,956	5,958	6,102
North Okanagan	2,891	3,040	2,968	2,874	2,876	2,917	2,883	2,874	2,871	2,921
Columbia-Shuswap	2,070	2,058	2,069	2,008	1,996	1,971	1,934	1,970	1,926	1,953
Cariboo	2,786	2,824	2,814	2,795	2,740	2,703	2,621	2,554	2,462	2,429
Mount Waddington	554	553	565	571	574	574	559	551	546	531
Central Coast	113	106	96	92	88	81	82	77	82	79
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	813	797	816	799	783	768	755	726	693	690
Kitimat-Stikine	1,477	1,431	1,401	1,398	1,403	1,405	1,306	1,239	1,163	1,134
Bulkley-Nechako	1,922	1,947	1,887	1,902	1,920	1,887	1,825	1,814	1,683	1,650
Fraser-Ft George	3,577	3,591	3,624	3,569	3,473	3,489	3,354	3,264	3,174	3,172
Peace River	2,338	2,351	2,413	2,527	2,524	2,547	2,522	2,592	2,563	2,601
Stikine	52	47	45	50	57	58	48	48	46	44
Northern Rockies	286	284	291	278	285	287	293	302	286	295
British Columbia x NAICS										
Total, All Industries	133,354	134,860	137,097	137,013	137,215	138,119	137,684	139,103	138,104	141,891
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,411	8,507	8,346	8,054	7,687	7,510	7,489
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	n/a	n/a	n/a	735	679	683	639	614	659	726
Utilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	125	125	121	116	120	128	152
Construction	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,691	15,560	15,358	15,155	15,665	15,789	16,831
Manufacturing (31-33)	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,146	6,884	6,725	6,510	6,396	6,225	6,313
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	n/a	9,403	8,970	8,940	8,961	8,970	8,540	8,636
Retail Trade (44-45)	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,795	15,434	15,531	15,650	15,879	15,990	16,392
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,426	6,622	6,608	6,520	6,627	6,559	6,716
Information & Cultural Indust.	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,730	1,910	2,039	1,976	1,981	1,974	2,029
Finance & Insurance	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,478	4,449	4,501	4,426	4,421	4,380	5,232
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,362	6,364	6,324	6,428	6,492	6,704	7,106
Profes'n'l, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,132	15,980	16,459	16,575	16,782	16,913	17,623
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,897	2,865	2,853	2,810	2,821	2,793	1,991
Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,494	6,570	6,791	6,859	7,024	6,979	7,157
Educational Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,399	1,376	1,486	1,580	1,650	1,629	1,744
Health Care & Social Assistance	n/a	n/a	n/a	11,966	11,937	12,119	12,158	12,217	12,106	12,378
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,282	2,327	2,402	2,437	2,475	2,386	2,409
Accom. & Food Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,378	8,354	8,473	8,370	8,904	8,713	8,709
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	n/a	n/a	n/a	11,620	11,787	11,824	11,921	11,851	11,692	11,833
Public Administration	n/a	n/a	n/a	543	515	536	539	527	435	425

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Business Establishments with 20 to 49 Employees - All Industries

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
British Columbia	10,847	12,733	11,465	12,154	12,884	12,153	12,604	12,270	12,962	13,076
(includes "Unknown Location")										
Development Regions										
Vancouver Island/Coast	1,681	1,967	1,723	1,802	1,892	1,785	1,876	1,859	1,984	1,964
Mainland/Southwest	6,594	7,735	7,063	7,563	7,954	7,606	7,845	7,628	7,957	7,981
Thompson/Okanagan	1,280	1,506	1,339	1,445	1,520	1,390	1,478	1,453	1,573	1,617
Kootenay	297	350	327	343	409	344	355	344	369	402
Cariboo	478	552	462	470	523	481	493	453	493	485
North Coast	177	218	184	178	185	148	147	144	147	150
Nechako	130	151	123	115	146	128	138	134	142	143
Northeast	206	246	238	230	250	265	266	249	284	323
Regional Districts										
East Kootenay	142	161	150	157	193	151	170	155	159	173
Central Kootenay	99	123	115	123	152	130	123	110	104	135
Kootenay Boundary	56	66	62	63	64	63	62	79	106	94
Okanagan-Similkameen	192	212	196	212	200	175	214	180	186	183
Fraser Valley	569	644	605	629	668	609	665	623	662	656
Greater Vancouver	5,847	6,879	6,263	6,738	7,102	6,790	6,972	6,796	7,068	7,084
Capital	853	989	884	941	944	921	981	1,006	1,086	1,071
Cowichan Valley	144	152	153	147	161	149	159	150	162	156
Nanaimo	256	337	281	287	322	297	303	305	299	312
Alberni-Clayoquot	89	90	74	76	78	80	76	74	93	83
Comox-Strathcona	260	290	238	251	283	239	264	229	256	251
Powell River	34	51	41	46	47	38	36	39	44	43
Sunshine Coast	48	55	48	48	46	53	60	61	68	69
Squamish-Lillooet	130	157	147	148	138	154	148	148	159	172
Thompson-Nicola	320	391	334	360	372	353	374	396	414	418
Central Okanagan	446	517	478	523	568	529	536	549	623	616
North Okanagan	214	237	216	227	228	209	217	199	203	227
Columbia-Shuswap	108	149	115	123	152	124	137	129	147	173
Cariboo	159	196	157	166	190	165	164	155	178	166
Mount Waddington	38	47	43	39	44	42	42	39	29	32
Central Coast	7	11	9	15	13	19	15	17	15	16
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	56	64	62	60	62	52	52	45	48	45
Kitimat-Stikine	121	154	122	118	123	96	95	99	99	105
Bulkley-Nechako	125	148	121	111	141	121	134	131	139	140
Fraser-Ft George	319	356	305	304	333	316	329	298	315	319
Peace River	182	219	217	210	219	231	224	216	233	268
Stikine	5	3	2	4	5	7	4	3	3	3
Northern Rockies	24	27	21	20	31	34	42	33	51	55
British Columbia x NAICS										
Total, All Industries	10,847	12,733	11,465	12,154	12,884	12,153	12,604	12,270	12,962	13,076
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	n/a	n/a	n/a	502	520	481	510	540	543	510
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	n/a	n/a	n/a	67	60	54	57	62	68	87
Utilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	18	16	15	14	19	20	19
Construction	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,061	1,047	1,039	1,113	1,086	1,094	1,177
Manufacturing (31-33)	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,245	1,193	1,081	1,039	998	1,022	1,007
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	n/a	795	982	917	927	917	930	914
Retail Trade (44-45)	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,296	1,565	1,413	1,555	1,517	1,621	1,574
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	n/a	n/a	n/a	427	416	412	407	421	475	501
Information & Cultural Indust.	n/a	n/a	n/a	232	272	251	244	245	242	238
Finance & Insurance	n/a	n/a	n/a	503	525	539	550	560	588	668
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	n/a	n/a	n/a	447	485	460	444	496	559	563
Profes'n'l, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	n/a	n/a	n/a	868	881	846	895	931	963	953
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	n/a	n/a	n/a	314	286	266	281	224	241	218
Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	n/a	n/a	n/a	517	534	502	532	514	549	580
Educational Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	170	174	156	173	173	195	216
Health Care & Social Assistance	n/a	n/a	n/a	746	881	875	899	944	1,021	941
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	n/a	n/a	n/a	224	243	242	250	219	293	279
Accom. & Food Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,184	2,162	2,020	2,087	1,791	1,879	1,931
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	n/a	n/a	n/a	414	527	480	503	500	534	562
Public Administration	n/a	n/a	n/a	124	115	104	124	113	125	138

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Business Establishments with No Employees

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
British Columbia	107,461	133,534	132,461	158,317	157,625	173,948	187,895	182,495	
(includes "Unknown Location")									
Development Regions									
Vancouver Island/Coast	16,310	20,402	20,289	24,572	24,571	26,980	29,376	28,623	Note: effective in 1998, business establishments without employees on the payroll, but who may employ part-time employees, contract workers, family members, or owner/operators (self-employed) were included. This group is classified as "establishments with No Employees" in this report.
Mainland/Southwest	67,511	83,364	83,152	98,714	98,644	109,671	118,443	114,972	
Thompson/Okanagan	11,659	14,681	14,568	17,623	17,296	18,731	20,306	20,020	
Kootenay	2,853	3,769	3,617	4,581	4,570	5,274	5,693	5,538	
Cariboo	4,272	5,280	5,123	6,007	5,809	6,126	6,378	6,006	
North Coast	1,262	1,489	1,432	1,715	1,650	1,746	1,814	1,669	
Nechako	1,321	1,632	1,536	1,809	1,769	1,861	1,966	1,866	
Northeast	2,197	2,797	2,626	3,123	3,149	3,344	3,557	3,446	
Regional Districts									
East Kootenay	1,096	1,448	1,391	1,815	1,845	2,032	2,196	2,117	
Central Kootenay	1,205	1,623	1,535	1,910	1,893	2,081	2,217	2,161	
Kootenay Boundary	552	698	691	856	832	1,161	1,280	1,260	
Okanagan-Similkameen	1,709	2,140	2,139	2,562	2,502	2,488	2,626	2,583	
Fraser Valley	5,401	6,727	6,560	7,830	7,799	8,696	9,410	9,595	
Greater Vancouver	60,287	74,249	74,228	87,983	87,824	97,570	105,252	101,605	
Capital	8,091	10,016	10,025	11,947	12,050	13,331	14,555	14,021	
Cowichan Valley	1,669	2,117	2,034	2,453	2,431	2,661	2,854	2,845	
Nanaimo	3,107	3,884	3,933	4,830	4,768	5,258	5,752	5,705	
Alberni-Clayoquot	473	614	619	780	776	826	913	881	
Comox-Strathcona	2,262	2,900	2,825	3,482	3,474	3,754	4,088	3,975	
Powell River	350	440	435	566	542	595	620	624	
Sunshine Coast	952	1,192	1,149	1,325	1,349	1,448	1,570	1,558	
Squamish-Lillooet	871	1,196	1,215	1,576	1,672	1,957	2,211	2,214	
Thompson-Nicola	2,566	3,311	3,300	3,947	3,854	4,203	4,444	4,339	
Central Okanagan	4,114	5,064	5,040	6,182	6,126	6,788	7,576	7,553	
North Okanagan	1,906	2,449	2,405	2,866	2,805	3,054	3,317	3,254	
Columbia-Shuswap	1,364	1,717	1,684	2,066	2,009	2,198	2,343	2,291	
Cariboo	1,764	2,204	2,149	2,603	2,537	2,618	2,738	2,624	
Mount Waddington	299	360	346	426	444	469	505	484	
Central Coast	59	71	72	88	86	86	89	88	
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	584	663	649	757	720	755	786	702	
Kitimat-Stikine	678	826	783	958	930	991	1,028	967	
Bulkley-Nechako	1,282	1,583	1,490	1,752	1,710	1,805	1,908	1,807	
Fraser-Ft George	2,508	3,076	2,974	3,404	3,272	3,508	3,640	3,382	
Peace River	2,018	2,563	2,418	2,870	2,888	3,053	3,241	3,147	
Stikine	39	49	46	57	59	56	58	59	
Northern Rockies	179	234	208	253	261	291	316	299	
British Columbia x NAICS									
Total, All Industries	107,461	133,534	132,461	158,317	157,625	173,948	187,895	182,495	
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	n/a	7,532	7,473	8,904	8,842	9,414	9,824	9,590	
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	n/a	896	858	972	925	987	919	834	
Utilities	n/a	111	106	126	125	127	136	129	
Construction	n/a	22,713	21,504	25,477	24,616	26,640	28,752	28,453	
Manufacturing (31-33)	n/a	4,613	4,322	5,449	5,318	5,736	5,978	5,625	
Wholesale Trade	n/a	6,828	6,550	7,862	7,505	8,076	8,847	8,456	
Retail Trade (44-45)	n/a	9,726	8,810	11,250	10,399	11,156	12,331	11,944	
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	n/a	6,864	6,692	8,071	7,932	8,528	9,026	8,971	
Information & Cultural Indust.	n/a	1,707	1,744	2,355	2,515	3,033	3,318	3,295	
Finance & Insurance	n/a	8,957	8,847	9,244	9,240	10,024	10,128	10,539	
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	n/a	19,355	20,074	21,399	21,436	23,103	24,794	25,528	
Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	n/a	17,001	17,354	22,151	23,590	27,137	29,809	29,585	
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	n/a	5,989	7,681	8,749	8,846	10,387	11,434	7,945	
Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	n/a	5,804	5,574	7,151	7,286	8,118	8,899	8,691	
Educational Services	n/a	787	844	1,184	1,269	1,557	1,814	1,926	
Health Care & Social Assistance	n/a	1,099	1,146	1,412	1,467	1,910	2,182	2,141	
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	n/a	2,178	2,153	2,751	2,959	3,358	3,716	3,775	
Accom. & Food Services	n/a	4,087	3,673	5,114	4,654	5,298	5,899	5,312	
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	n/a	7,278	7,050	8,690	8,694	9,352	10,086	9,751	
Public Administration	n/a	9	6	6	7	7	3	5	

Establishment Counts by Employee Size, 1996 - 2005 (December)

Total Business Establishments - All Sizes (Includes No Employees)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
British Columbia	261,488	288,478	289,832	315,738	315,277	332,418	346,316	345,227	
(includes "Unknown Location")									
Development Regions									
Vancouver Island/Coast	41,454	45,777	45,955	50,172	50,401	53,039	55,400	55,267	Note: effective in 1998, business establishments without employees on the payroll, but who may employ part-time employees, contract workers, family members, or owner/operators (self-employed) were included.
Mainland/Southwest	155,018	171,628	173,213	189,239	189,642	201,315	210,468	210,241	
Thompson/Okanagan	31,898	34,819	34,828	37,809	37,459	38,632	40,123	40,260	
Kootenay	9,082	10,014	10,042	10,830	10,747	11,903	12,200	12,055	
Cariboo	11,397	12,347	12,113	12,946	12,539	12,654	12,767	12,364	
North Coast	3,745	3,955	3,908	4,131	3,949	3,949	3,909	3,725	
Nechako	3,431	3,760	3,724	3,944	3,841	3,915	3,894	3,766	
Northeast	5,228	5,920	5,794	6,340	6,357	6,617	6,831	6,840	
Regional Districts									
East Kootenay	3,592	3,985	4,042	4,392	4,398	4,612	4,740	4,690	This group is classified as "establishments with No Employees" in this report.
Central Kootenay	3,695	4,107	4,062	4,377	4,333	4,490	4,578	4,514	
Kootenay Boundary	1,795	1,922	1,938	2,061	2,016	2,801	2,882	2,851	
Okanagan-Similkameen	5,229	5,651	5,655	6,055	5,972	5,483	5,528	5,525	
Fraser Valley	13,053	14,467	14,601	15,906	15,926	16,936	17,790	18,487	
Greater Vancouver	137,681	152,324	153,700	167,865	168,114	178,349	186,181	185,192	
Capital	19,714	21,819	22,038	24,091	24,386	25,707	27,070	26,761	
Cowichan Valley	4,162	4,644	4,606	4,954	4,952	5,169	5,331	5,375	
Nanaimo	7,482	8,329	8,406	9,298	9,286	9,928	10,385	10,535	
Alberni-Clayoquot	1,658	1,795	1,804	1,936	1,923	1,996	2,032	2,028	
Comox-Strathcona	6,249	6,817	6,750	7,358	7,350	7,701	7,976	7,994	
Powel River	1,095	1,201	1,190	1,268	1,253	1,281	1,321	1,329	
Sunshine Coast	1,927	2,194	2,150	2,312	2,338	2,469	2,636	2,681	
Squamish-Lillooet	2,357	2,643	2,762	3,156	3,264	3,561	3,861	3,881	
Thompson-Nicola	7,545	8,257	8,192	8,832	8,662	9,022	9,192	9,166	
Central Okanagan	10,358	11,380	11,483	12,609	12,675	13,533	14,421	14,562	
North Okanagan	5,167	5,629	5,603	6,081	6,003	6,233	6,504	6,525	
Columbia-Shuswap	3,599	3,902	3,895	4,232	4,147	4,361	4,478	4,482	
Cariboo	4,801	5,229	5,156	5,555	5,406	5,407	5,463	5,308	
Mount Waddington	925	990	981	1,056	1,061	1,073	1,096	1,060	
Central Coast	169	182	180	193	190	184	189	185	
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	1,492	1,556	1,528	1,612	1,560	1,559	1,560	1,466	
Kitimat-Stikine	2,253	2,399	2,380	2,519	2,389	2,390	2,349	2,259	
Bulkley-Nechako	3,343	3,655	3,614	3,820	3,728	3,807	3,786	3,658	
Fraser-Ft George	6,596	7,118	6,957	7,391	7,133	7,247	7,304	7,056	
Peace River	4,725	5,377	5,256	5,751	5,745	5,967	6,153	6,163	
Stikine	88	105	110	124	113	108	108	108	
Northern Rockies	503	543	538	589	612	650	678	677	

British Columbia x NAICS

Total, All Industries	261,488	288,478	289,832	315,738	315,277	332,418	346,316	345,227
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	n/a	16,660	16,732	17,951	17,632	17,904	18,119	17,825
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	n/a	1,746	1,645	1,750	1,669	1,713	1,693	1,702
Utilities	n/a	277	271	280	273	286	304	325
Construction	n/a	39,792	38,575	42,356	41,367	43,846	46,139	47,062
Manufacturing (31-33)	n/a	13,731	13,367	14,246	13,857	14,054	14,170	13,886
Wholesale Trade	n/a	17,259	16,906	18,115	17,806	18,367	18,713	18,406
Retail Trade (44-45)	n/a	27,462	26,676	29,058	28,500	29,436	30,869	30,905
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	n/a	13,962	14,031	15,390	15,156	15,870	16,341	16,497
Information & Cultural Indust.	n/a	3,810	4,104	4,839	4,905	5,421	5,698	5,743
Finance & Insurance	n/a	14,195	14,092	14,548	14,482	15,265	15,361	16,787
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	n/a	26,328	27,157	28,418	28,559	30,333	32,363	33,542
Profes'n'l, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	n/a	33,312	34,611	39,862	41,454	45,226	48,063	48,631
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	n/a	9,352	10,982	12,016	12,110	13,576	14,646	10,303
Admin. & Sup'r't, Waste Mgmt.	n/a	13,049	12,953	14,715	14,953	15,932	16,719	16,748
Educational Services	n/a	2,521	2,583	3,004	3,203	3,564	3,818	4,073
Health Care & Social Assistance	n/a	14,336	14,551	14,983	15,128	15,670	15,906	16,039
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	n/a	4,852	4,901	5,559	5,817	6,222	6,588	6,663
Accom. & Food Services	n/a	15,532	15,320	16,672	16,216	16,966	17,500	16,942
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	n/a	19,443	19,554	21,166	21,297	21,882	22,511	22,344
Public Administration	n/a	859	821	810	893	885	795	804