
Establishment Counts by Employee Size, 1997 – 2006

Source: Business Register (BR),
Statistics Canada (STC)

This report details the number of business establishments by employee size. A statistical establishment is the production entity or the smallest grouping of production entities which:

- (a) Produces a homogeneous set of goods or services;
- (b) Does not cross provincial boundaries; and
- (c) Provides data on the value of output together with the cost of principal intermediate inputs and labor resources used to produce the output.

For example, a plant in the manufacturing industry which provides accounting information regarding the value of shipments (sales), direct costs and labor costs is considered a single establishment. However, two stores in the retail industry may be considered one establishment if the information described in item (c) is not available separately, but is combined at a higher level.

Included in the BR are all Canadian businesses which meet at least one of the three following criteria:

- (1) Have an employee workforce for which they submit payroll remittances to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA); or

- (2) Have a minimum of \$30,000 in annual sales revenue; or
- (3) Are incorporated under a federal or provincial act and have filed a federal corporate income tax form within the past three years.

For most establishments, the employment estimates are derived using the amount of payroll deduction (PD) remittances. These are model-based estimates and should not be used to compile industry employment estimates. A measure of “10 employees” could represent “10 full-time employees”, “20 part-time employees” or any other workforce combination. Some businesses do not have a PD account with CRA, but may still have a workforce of contracted workers, family members or business owners. These establishments are labeled in this report as “No Employees”.

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Total Business Establishments - All Industries with Employees

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
British Columbia	153,289	154,027	154,944	157,371	157,421	157,652	158,470	158,421	162,732	167,845
(includes "Unknown Location")										
Development Regions										
Vancouver Island/Coast	24,957	25,144	25,375	25,666	25,600	25,830	26,059	26,024	26,644	27,530
Mainland/Southwest	86,672	87,507	88,264	90,061	90,525	90,998	91,644	92,025	95,269	98,108
Thompson/Okanagan	20,341	20,239	20,138	20,260	20,186	20,163	19,901	19,817	20,240	21,061
Kootenay	6,246	6,229	6,245	6,425	6,249	6,177	6,629	6,507	6,517	6,623
Cariboo	7,204	7,125	7,067	6,990	6,939	6,730	6,528	6,389	6,358	6,461
North Coast	2,533	2,483	2,466	2,476	2,416	2,299	2,203	2,095	2,056	2,080
Nechako	2,200	2,110	2,128	2,188	2,135	2,072	2,054	1,928	1,900	1,919
Northeast	2,980	3,031	3,123	3,168	3,217	3,208	3,273	3,274	3,394	3,731
Regional Districts										
East Kootenay	2,516	2,496	2,537	2,651	2,577	2,553	2,580	2,544	2,573	2,644
Central Kootenay	2,492	2,490	2,484	2,527	2,467	2,440	2,409	2,361	2,353	2,373
Kootenay Boundary	1,238	1,243	1,224	1,247	1,205	1,184	1,640	1,602	1,591	1,606
Okanagan-Similkameen	3,519	3,520	3,511	3,516	3,493	3,470	2,995	2,902	2,942	3,056
Fraser Valley	7,616	7,652	7,740	8,041	8,076	8,127	8,240	8,380	8,892	8,965
Greater Vancouver	76,559	77,394	78,075	79,472	79,882	80,290	80,779	80,929	83,587	86,251
Capital	11,466	11,623	11,803	12,013	12,144	12,336	12,376	12,515	12,740	13,234
Cowichan Valley	2,491	2,493	2,527	2,572	2,501	2,521	2,508	2,477	2,530	2,590
Nanaimo	4,400	4,375	4,445	4,473	4,468	4,518	4,670	4,633	4,830	5,036
Alberni-Clayoquot	1,128	1,185	1,181	1,185	1,156	1,147	1,170	1,119	1,147	1,153
Comox-Strathcona	3,986	3,987	3,917	3,925	3,876	3,876	3,947	3,888	4,019	4,138
Powell River	744	745	761	755	720	711	686	701	705	730
Sunshine Coast	1,018	975	1,002	1,001	987	989	1,021	1,066	1,123	1,160
Squamish-Lillooet	1,479	1,486	1,447	1,547	1,580	1,592	1,604	1,650	1,667	1,732
Thompson-Nicola	5,005	4,979	4,946	4,892	4,885	4,808	4,819	4,748	4,827	4,990
Central Okanagan	6,204	6,244	6,316	6,443	6,427	6,549	6,745	6,845	7,009	7,383
North Okanagan	3,352	3,261	3,180	3,198	3,215	3,198	3,179	3,187	3,271	3,402
Columbia-Shuswap	2,261	2,235	2,185	2,211	2,166	2,138	2,163	2,135	2,191	2,230
Cariboo	3,094	3,037	3,025	3,007	2,952	2,869	2,789	2,725	2,684	2,748
Mount Waddington	620	626	630	635	630	617	604	591	576	553
Central Coast	122	110	111	108	105	104	98	100	97	96
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	895	908	893	879	855	840	804	774	764	780
Kitimat-Stikine	1,638	1,575	1,573	1,597	1,561	1,459	1,399	1,321	1,292	1,300
Bulkley-Nechako	2,148	2,061	2,072	2,124	2,068	2,018	2,002	1,878	1,851	1,862
Fraser-Ft George	4,110	4,088	4,042	3,983	3,987	3,861	3,739	3,664	3,674	3,713
Peace River	2,656	2,707	2,814	2,838	2,881	2,857	2,914	2,912	3,016	3,317
Stikine	52	49	56	64	67	54	52	50	49	57
Northern Rockies	324	324	309	330	336	351	359	362	378	414
British Columbia x NAICS										
Total, All Industries	153,289	154,027	154,944	157,371	157,421	157,652	158,470	158,421	162,732	167,845
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	n/a	n/a	9,128	9,259	9,047	8,790	8,490	8,295	8,235	8,083
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	n/a	n/a	850	787	778	744	726	774	868	988
Utilities	n/a	n/a	166	165	154	148	159	168	196	221
Construction	n/a	n/a	17,079	17,071	16,879	16,751	17,206	17,387	18,609	20,109
Manufacturing (31-33)	n/a	n/a	9,118	9,045	8,797	8,539	8,318	8,192	8,261	8,322
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	10,431	10,356	10,253	10,301	10,291	9,866	9,950	10,184
Retail Trade (44-45)	n/a	n/a	17,736	17,866	17,808	18,101	18,280	18,538	18,961	19,184
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	n/a	n/a	7,098	7,339	7,319	7,224	7,342	7,315	7,526	7,757
Information & Cultural Indust.	n/a	n/a	2,103	2,360	2,484	2,390	2,388	2,380	2,448	2,556
Finance & Insurance	n/a	n/a	5,238	5,245	5,304	5,242	5,241	5,233	6,248	6,346
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	n/a	n/a	6,973	7,083	7,019	7,123	7,230	7,569	8,014	8,532
Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	n/a	n/a	16,311	17,257	17,711	17,864	18,089	18,254	19,046	19,865
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	n/a	n/a	3,363	3,301	3,267	3,264	3,189	3,212	2,358	2,613
Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	n/a	n/a	7,245	7,379	7,564	7,667	7,814	7,820	8,057	8,433
Educational Services	n/a	n/a	1,734	1,739	1,820	1,934	2,007	2,004	2,147	2,284
Health Care & Social Assistance	n/a	n/a	13,237	13,405	13,571	13,661	13,760	13,724	13,898	14,356
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	n/a	n/a	2,674	2,748	2,808	2,858	2,864	2,872	2,888	2,997
Accom. & Food Services	n/a	n/a	11,445	11,647	11,558	11,562	11,668	11,601	11,630	11,539
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	n/a	n/a	12,165	12,504	12,476	12,603	12,530	12,425	12,593	12,674
Public Administration	n/a	n/a	850	815	804	886	878	792	799	802

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Business Establishments with 1 to 19 Employees - All Industries

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
British Columbia (includes "Unknown Location")	134,860	137,097	137,013	137,215	138,119	137,684	139,103	138,104	141,891	146,097
Development Regions										
Vancouver Island/Coast	22,169	22,639	22,753	22,764	22,856	22,890	23,165	23,002	23,597	24,395
Mainland/Southwest	75,275	76,945	76,950	77,254	78,141	78,295	79,366	79,226	82,173	84,530
Thompson/Okanagan	18,276	18,348	18,141	18,071	18,124	17,994	17,796	17,544	17,876	18,519
Kootenay	5,721	5,722	5,723	5,810	5,707	5,615	6,066	5,918	5,890	5,961
Cariboo	6,415	6,438	6,364	6,213	6,192	5,975	5,818	5,636	5,601	5,649
North Coast	2,228	2,217	2,197	2,186	2,173	2,061	1,965	1,856	1,824	1,856
Nechako	1,994	1,932	1,952	1,977	1,945	1,873	1,862	1,729	1,694	1,709
Northeast	2,635	2,704	2,805	2,809	2,834	2,815	2,894	2,849	2,896	3,160
Regional Districts										
East Kootenay	2,277	2,268	2,303	2,372	2,341	2,296	2,336	2,298	2,301	2,347
Central Kootenay	2,312	2,314	2,301	2,303	2,268	2,243	2,229	2,185	2,151	2,162
Kootenay Boundary	1,132	1,140	1,119	1,135	1,098	1,076	1,501	1,435	1,438	1,452
Okanagan-Similkameen	3,229	3,242	3,216	3,225	3,223	3,159	2,729	2,623	2,650	2,763
Fraser Valley	6,740	6,818	6,869	7,046	7,147	7,147	7,308	7,373	7,863	7,885
Greater Vancouver	66,332	67,938	67,911	67,956	68,748	68,899	69,752	69,479	71,863	74,120
Capital	10,022	10,314	10,417	10,491	10,679	10,725	10,775	10,808	11,000	11,453
Cowichan Valley	2,270	2,281	2,318	2,330	2,274	2,285	2,276	2,245	2,303	2,349
Nanaimo	3,950	3,976	4,032	4,012	4,033	4,065	4,210	4,184	4,370	4,544
Alberni-Clayoquot	994	1,072	1,064	1,060	1,035	1,020	1,050	984	1,009	1,028
Comox-Strathcona	3,606	3,654	3,567	3,530	3,526	3,504	3,603	3,516	3,660	3,764
Powel River	668	681	692	679	654	650	623	637	645	670
Sunshine Coast	938	905	933	928	903	900	930	967	1,029	1,052
Squamish-Lillooet	1,265	1,284	1,237	1,324	1,343	1,349	1,376	1,407	1,418	1,473
Thompson-Nicola	4,461	4,489	4,433	4,348	4,360	4,257	4,267	4,166	4,250	4,360
Central Okanagan	5,488	5,580	5,610	5,626	5,653	5,761	5,956	5,958	6,102	6,380
North Okanagan	3,040	2,968	2,874	2,876	2,917	2,883	2,874	2,871	2,921	3,035
Columbia-Shuswap	2,058	2,069	2,008	1,996	1,971	1,934	1,970	1,926	1,953	1,981
Cariboo	2,824	2,814	2,795	2,740	2,703	2,621	2,554	2,462	2,429	2,471
Mount Waddington	553	565	571	574	574	559	551	546	531	510
Central Coast	106	96	92	88	81	82	77	82	79	77
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	797	816	799	783	768	755	726	693	690	708
Kitimat-Stikine	1,431	1,401	1,398	1,403	1,405	1,306	1,239	1,163	1,134	1,148
Bulkley-Nechako	1,947	1,887	1,902	1,920	1,887	1,825	1,814	1,683	1,650	1,658
Fraser-Ft George	3,591	3,624	3,569	3,473	3,489	3,354	3,264	3,174	3,172	3,178
Peace River	2,351	2,413	2,527	2,524	2,547	2,522	2,592	2,563	2,601	2,831
Stikine	47	45	50	57	58	48	48	46	44	51
Northern Rockies	284	291	278	285	287	293	302	286	295	329
British Columbia x NAICS										
Total, All Industries	134,860	137,097	137,013	137,215	138,119	137,684	139,103	138,104	141,891	146,097
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	n/a	n/a	8,411	8,507	8,346	8,054	7,687	7,510	7,489	7,370
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	n/a	n/a	735	679	683	639	614	659	726	822
Utilities	n/a	n/a	125	125	121	116	120	128	152	179
Construction	n/a	n/a	15,691	15,560	15,358	15,155	15,665	15,789	16,831	18,014
Manufacturing (31-33)	n/a	n/a	7,146	6,884	6,725	6,510	6,396	6,225	6,313	6,362
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	9,403	8,970	8,940	8,961	8,970	8,540	8,636	8,826
Retail Trade (44-45)	n/a	n/a	15,795	15,434	15,531	15,650	15,879	15,990	16,392	16,503
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	n/a	n/a	6,426	6,622	6,608	6,520	6,627	6,559	6,716	6,883
Information & Cultural Indust.	n/a	n/a	1,730	1,910	2,039	1,976	1,981	1,974	2,029	2,127
Finance & Insurance	n/a	n/a	4,478	4,449	4,501	4,426	4,421	4,380	5,232	5,346
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	n/a	n/a	6,362	6,364	6,324	6,428	6,492	6,704	7,106	7,505
Profes'n'l, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	n/a	n/a	15,132	15,980	16,459	16,575	16,782	16,913	17,623	18,273
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	n/a	n/a	2,897	2,865	2,853	2,810	2,821	2,793	1,991	2,236
Admin. & Sup'r't, Waste Mgmt.	n/a	n/a	6,494	6,570	6,791	6,859	7,024	6,979	7,157	7,435
Educational Services	n/a	n/a	1,399	1,376	1,486	1,580	1,650	1,629	1,744	1,880
Health Care & Social Assistance	n/a	n/a	11,966	11,937	12,119	12,158	12,217	12,106	12,378	12,891
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	n/a	n/a	2,282	2,327	2,402	2,437	2,475	2,386	2,409	2,513
Accom. & Food Services	n/a	n/a	8,378	8,354	8,473	8,370	8,904	8,713	8,709	8,627
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	n/a	n/a	11,620	11,787	11,824	11,921	11,851	11,692	11,833	11,870
Public Administration	n/a	n/a	543	515	536	539	527	435	425	435

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Business Establishments with 20 to 49 Employees - All Industries

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
British Columbia (includes "Unknown Location")	12,733	11,465	12,154	12,884	12,153	12,604	12,270	12,962	13,076	13,670
Development Regions										
Vancouver Island/Coast	1,967	1,723	1,802	1,892	1,785	1,876	1,859	1,984	1,964	2,032
Mainland/Southwest	7,735	7,063	7,563	7,954	7,606	7,845	7,628	7,957	7,981	8,290
Thompson/Okanagan	1,506	1,339	1,445	1,520	1,390	1,478	1,453	1,573	1,617	1,735
Kootenay	350	327	343	409	344	355	344	369	402	420
Cariboo	552	462	470	523	481	493	453	493	485	524
North Coast	218	184	178	185	148	147	144	147	150	145
Nechako	151	123	115	146	128	138	134	142	143	144
Northeast	246	238	230	250	265	266	249	284	323	367
Regional Districts										
East Kootenay	161	150	157	193	151	170	155	159	173	194
Central Kootenay	123	115	123	152	130	123	110	104	135	136
Kootenay Boundary	66	62	63	64	63	62	79	106	94	90
Okanagan-Similkameen	212	196	212	200	175	214	180	186	183	189
Fraser Valley	644	605	629	668	609	665	623	662	656	702
Greater Vancouver	6,879	6,263	6,738	7,102	6,790	6,972	6,796	7,068	7,084	7,332
Capital	989	884	941	944	921	981	1,006	1,086	1,071	1,105
Cowichan Valley	152	153	147	161	149	159	150	162	156	168
Nanaimo	337	281	287	322	297	303	305	299	312	324
Alberni-Clayoquot	90	74	76	78	80	76	74	93	83	79
Comox-Strathcona	290	238	251	283	239	264	229	256	251	266
Powel River	51	41	46	47	38	36	39	44	43	42
Sunshine Coast	55	48	48	46	53	60	61	68	69	79
Squamish-Lillooet	157	147	148	138	154	148	148	159	172	177
Thompson-Nicola	391	334	360	372	353	374	396	414	418	443
Central Okanagan	517	478	523	568	529	536	549	623	616	692
North Okanagan	237	216	227	228	209	217	199	203	227	242
Columbia-Shuswap	149	115	123	152	124	137	129	147	173	169
Cariboo	196	157	166	190	165	164	155	178	166	187
Mount Waddington	47	43	39	44	42	42	39	29	32	30
Central Coast	11	9	15	13	19	15	17	15	16	18
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	64	62	60	62	52	52	45	48	45	42
Kitimat-Stikine	154	122	118	123	96	95	99	99	105	103
Bulkley-Nechako	148	121	111	141	121	134	131	139	140	139
Fraser-Ft George	356	305	304	333	316	329	298	315	319	337
Peace River	219	217	210	219	231	224	216	233	268	311
Stikine	3	2	4	5	7	4	3	3	3	5
Northern Rockies	27	21	20	31	34	42	33	51	55	56
British Columbia x NAICS										
Total, All Industries	12,733	11,465	12,154	12,884	12,153	12,604	12,270	12,962	13,076	13,670
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	n/a	n/a	502	520	481	510	540	543	510	490
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	n/a	n/a	67	60	54	57	62	68	87	103
Utilities	n/a	n/a	18	16	15	14	19	20	19	19
Construction	n/a	n/a	1,061	1,047	1,039	1,113	1,086	1,094	1,177	1,397
Manufacturing (31-33)	n/a	n/a	1,245	1,193	1,081	1,039	998	1,022	1,007	1,037
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	795	982	917	927	917	930	914	924
Retail Trade (44-45)	n/a	n/a	1,296	1,565	1,413	1,555	1,517	1,621	1,574	1,647
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	n/a	n/a	427	416	412	407	421	475	501	548
Information & Cultural Indust.	n/a	n/a	232	272	251	244	245	242	238	250
Finance & Insurance	n/a	n/a	503	525	539	550	560	588	668	665
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	n/a	n/a	447	485	460	444	496	559	563	641
Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	n/a	n/a	868	881	846	895	931	963	953	1,088
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	n/a	n/a	314	286	266	281	224	241	218	204
Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	n/a	n/a	517	534	502	532	514	549	580	635
Educational Services	n/a	n/a	170	174	156	173	173	195	216	210
Health Care & Social Assistance	n/a	n/a	746	881	875	899	944	1,021	941	906
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	n/a	n/a	224	243	242	250	219	293	279	277
Accom. & Food Services	n/a	n/a	2,184	2,162	2,020	2,087	1,791	1,879	1,931	1,913
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	n/a	n/a	414	527	480	503	500	534	562	589
Public Administration	n/a	n/a	124	115	104	124	113	125	138	127

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	Business Establishments with No Employees							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
British Columbia (includes "Unknown Location")	133,534	132,461	158,317	157,625	173,948	187,895	182,495	182,599
Development Regions								
Vancouver Island/Coast	20,402	20,289	24,572	24,571	26,980	29,376	28,623	29,317
Mainland/Southwest	83,364	83,152	98,714	98,644	109,671	118,443	114,972	114,362
Thompson/Okanagan	14,681	14,568	17,623	17,296	18,731	20,306	20,020	20,545
Kootenay	3,769	3,617	4,581	4,570	5,274	5,693	5,538	5,698
Cariboo	5,280	5,123	6,007	5,809	6,126	6,378	6,006	5,710
North Coast	1,489	1,432	1,715	1,650	1,746	1,814	1,669	1,547
Nechako	1,632	1,536	1,809	1,769	1,861	1,966	1,866	1,793
Northeast	2,797	2,626	3,123	3,149	3,344	3,557	3,446	3,272
Regional Districts								
East Kootenay	1,448	1,391	1,815	1,845	2,032	2,196	2,117	2,163
Central Kootenay	1,623	1,535	1,910	1,893	2,081	2,217	2,161	2,217
Kootenay Boundary	698	691	856	832	1,161	1,280	1,260	1,318
Okanagan-Similkameen	2,140	2,139	2,562	2,502	2,488	2,626	2,583	2,621
Fraser Valley	6,727	6,560	7,830	7,799	8,696	9,410	9,595	9,793
Greater Vancouver	74,249	74,228	87,983	87,824	97,570	105,252	101,605	100,694
Capital	10,016	10,025	11,947	12,050	13,331	14,555	14,021	14,253
Cowichan Valley	2,117	2,034	2,453	2,431	2,661	2,854	2,845	2,914
Nanaimo	3,884	3,933	4,830	4,768	5,258	5,752	5,705	5,899
Alberni-Clayoquot	614	619	780	776	826	913	881	937
Comox-Strathcona	2,900	2,825	3,482	3,474	3,754	4,088	3,975	4,110
Powel River	440	435	566	542	595	620	624	639
Sunshine Coast	1,192	1,149	1,325	1,349	1,448	1,570	1,558	1,627
Squamish-Lillooet	1,196	1,215	1,576	1,672	1,957	2,211	2,214	2,248
Thompson-Nicola	3,311	3,300	3,947	3,854	4,203	4,444	4,339	4,378
Central Okanagan	5,064	5,040	6,182	6,126	6,788	7,576	7,553	7,876
North Okanagan	2,449	2,405	2,866	2,805	3,054	3,317	3,254	3,367
Columbia-Shuswap	1,717	1,684	2,066	2,009	2,198	2,343	2,291	2,303
Cariboo	2,204	2,149	2,603	2,537	2,618	2,738	2,624	2,536
Mount Waddington	360	346	426	444	469	505	484	482
Central Coast	71	72	88	86	86	89	88	83
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	663	649	757	720	755	786	702	693
Kitimat-Stikine	826	783	958	930	991	1,028	967	854
Bulkley-Nechako	1,583	1,490	1,752	1,710	1,805	1,908	1,807	1,735
Fraser-Ft George	3,076	2,974	3,404	3,272	3,508	3,640	3,382	3,174
Peace River	2,563	2,418	2,870	2,888	3,053	3,241	3,147	3,002
Stikine	49	46	57	59	56	58	59	58
Northern Rockies	234	208	253	261	291	316	299	270
British Columbia x NAICS								
Total, All Industries	133,534	132,461	158,317	157,625	173,948	187,895	182,495	182,599
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	7,532	7,473	8,904	8,842	9,414	9,824	9,590	9,901
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	896	858	972	925	987	919	834	876
Utilities	111	106	126	125	127	136	129	149
Construction	22,713	21,504	25,477	24,616	26,640	28,752	28,453	27,940
Manufacturing (31-33)	4,613	4,322	5,449	5,318	5,736	5,978	5,625	5,265
Wholesale Trade	6,828	6,550	7,862	7,505	8,076	8,847	8,456	8,193
Retail Trade (44-45)	9,726	8,810	11,250	10,399	11,156	12,331	11,944	11,085
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	6,864	6,692	8,071	7,932	8,528	9,026	8,971	10,978
Information & Cultural Indust.	1,707	1,744	2,355	2,515	3,033	3,318	3,295	3,251
Finance & Insurance	8,957	8,847	9,244	9,240	10,024	10,128	10,539	10,048
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	19,355	20,074	21,399	21,436	23,103	24,794	25,528	27,744
Profes'n'l, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	17,001	17,354	22,151	23,590	27,137	29,809	29,585	28,629
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5,989	7,681	8,749	8,846	10,387	11,434	7,945	8,120
Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	5,804	5,574	7,151	7,286	8,118	8,899	8,691	8,443
Educational Services	787	844	1,184	1,269	1,557	1,814	1,926	2,015
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,099	1,146	1,412	1,467	1,910	2,182	2,141	2,253
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,178	2,153	2,751	2,959	3,358	3,716	3,775	3,730
Accom. & Food Services	4,087	3,673	5,114	4,654	5,298	5,899	5,312	4,595
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	7,278	7,050	8,690	8,694	9,352	10,086	9,751	9,376
Public Administration	9	6	6	7	7	3	5	8

Establishment Counts by Employee Size, 1997 - 2006 (December)

Total Business Establishments - All Sizes (Includes No Employees)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
British Columbia (includes "Unknown Location")	288,478	289,832	315,738	315,277	332,418	346,316	345,227	350,444
Development Regions								
Vancouver Island/Coast	45,777	45,955	50,172	50,401	53,039	55,400	55,267	56,847
Mainland/Southwest	171,628	173,213	189,239	189,642	201,315	210,468	210,241	212,470
Thompson/Okanagan	34,819	34,828	37,809	37,459	38,632	40,123	40,260	41,606
Kootenay	10,014	10,042	10,830	10,747	11,903	12,200	12,055	12,321
Cariboo	12,347	12,113	12,946	12,539	12,654	12,767	12,364	12,171
North Coast	3,955	3,908	4,131	3,949	3,949	3,909	3,725	3,627
Nechako	3,760	3,724	3,944	3,841	3,915	3,894	3,766	3,712
Northeast	5,920	5,794	6,340	6,357	6,617	6,831	6,840	7,003
Regional Districts								
East Kootenay	3,985	4,042	4,392	4,398	4,612	4,740	4,690	4,807
Central Kootenay	4,107	4,062	4,377	4,333	4,490	4,578	4,514	4,590
Kootenay Boundary	1,922	1,938	2,061	2,016	2,801	2,882	2,851	2,924
Okanagan-Similkameen	5,651	5,655	6,055	5,972	5,483	5,528	5,525	5,677
Fraser Valley	14,467	14,601	15,906	15,926	16,936	17,790	18,487	18,758
Greater Vancouver	152,324	153,700	167,865	168,114	178,349	186,181	185,192	186,945
Capital	21,819	22,038	24,091	24,386	25,707	27,070	26,761	27,487
Cowichan Valley	4,644	4,606	4,954	4,952	5,169	5,331	5,375	5,504
Nanaimo	8,329	8,406	9,298	9,286	9,928	10,385	10,535	10,935
Alberni-Clayoquot	1,795	1,804	1,936	1,923	1,996	2,032	2,028	2,090
Comox-Strathcona	6,817	6,750	7,358	7,350	7,701	7,976	7,994	8,248
Powel River	1,201	1,190	1,268	1,253	1,281	1,321	1,329	1,369
Sunshine Coast	2,194	2,150	2,312	2,338	2,469	2,636	2,681	2,787
Squamish-Lillooet	2,643	2,762	3,156	3,264	3,561	3,861	3,881	3,980
Thompson-Nicola	8,257	8,192	8,832	8,662	9,022	9,192	9,166	9,368
Central Okanagan	11,380	11,483	12,609	12,675	13,533	14,421	14,562	15,259
North Okanagan	5,629	5,603	6,081	6,003	6,233	6,504	6,525	6,769
Columbia-Shuswap	3,902	3,895	4,232	4,147	4,361	4,478	4,482	4,533
Cariboo	5,229	5,156	5,555	5,406	5,407	5,463	5,308	5,284
Mount Waddington	990	981	1,056	1,061	1,073	1,096	1,060	1,035
Central Coast	182	180	193	190	184	189	185	179
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	1,556	1,528	1,612	1,560	1,559	1,560	1,466	1,473
Kitimat-Stikine	2,399	2,380	2,519	2,389	2,390	2,349	2,259	2,154
Bulkley-Nechako	3,655	3,614	3,820	3,728	3,807	3,786	3,658	3,597
Fraser-Ft George	7,118	6,957	7,391	7,133	7,247	7,304	7,056	6,887
Peace River	5,377	5,256	5,751	5,745	5,967	6,153	6,163	6,319
Stikine	105	110	124	113	108	108	108	115
Northern Rockies	543	538	589	612	650	678	677	684
British Columbia x NAICS								
Total, All Industries	288,478	289,832	315,738	315,277	332,418	346,316	345,227	350,444
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	16,660	16,732	17,951	17,632	17,904	18,119	17,825	17,984
Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1,746	1,645	1,750	1,669	1,713	1,693	1,702	1,864
Utilities	277	271	280	273	286	304	325	370
Construction	39,792	38,575	42,356	41,367	43,846	46,139	47,062	48,049
Manufacturing (31-33)	13,731	13,367	14,246	13,857	14,054	14,170	13,886	13,587
Wholesale Trade	17,259	16,906	18,115	17,806	18,367	18,713	18,406	18,377
Retail Trade (44-45)	27,462	26,676	29,058	28,500	29,436	30,869	30,905	30,269
Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	13,962	14,031	15,390	15,156	15,870	16,341	16,497	18,735
Information & Cultural Indust.	3,810	4,104	4,839	4,905	5,421	5,698	5,743	5,807
Finance & Insurance	14,195	14,092	14,548	14,482	15,265	15,361	16,787	16,394
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	26,328	27,157	28,418	28,559	30,333	32,363	33,542	36,276
Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	33,312	34,611	39,862	41,454	45,226	48,063	48,631	48,494
Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	9,352	10,982	12,016	12,110	13,576	14,646	10,303	10,733
Admin. & Sup'r't, Waste Mgmt.	13,049	12,953	14,715	14,953	15,932	16,719	16,748	16,876
Educational Services	2,521	2,583	3,004	3,203	3,564	3,818	4,073	4,299
Health Care & Social Assistance	14,336	14,551	14,983	15,128	15,670	15,906	16,039	16,609
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	4,852	4,901	5,559	5,817	6,222	6,588	6,663	6,727
Accom. & Food Services	15,532	15,320	16,672	16,216	16,966	17,500	16,942	16,134
Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	19,443	19,554	21,166	21,297	21,882	22,511	22,344	22,050
Public Administration	859	821	810	893	885	795	804	810