

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

There were several key changes in employment by industry between 2007 and 2008. The total number of persons employed rose 3% to 265,000, lead by the goods producing sector which grew by 3.2% overall. Employment growth in the goods producing sector was lead by growth in construction jobs which increased 22.7%.

Service sector employment also grew by 2.3% lead by Professional, scientific and technical services (27.5%), and Transportation and warehousing (17.3%).

Employment by Industry for BC Development Regions (000s) – Thompson Okanagan¹

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total employed, all industries	218.8	229.7	244.0	253.7	256.7	265.0
Goods-producing sector	52.7	59.1	65.0	69.8	67.9	72.0
Agriculture	7.0	7.6	7.0	7.8	7.7	7.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.9	5.5	5.5	8.0	6.7	7.8
Utilities	-	-	-	1.5	-	1.9
Construction	13.6	18.8	24.1	27.3	26.4	32.4
Manufacturing	23.9	26.3	27.1	25.2	25.8	23.0
Services-producing sector	166.1	170.6	179.0	183.9	188.7	193.0
Trade	38.9	37.4	39.7	42.2	44.4	41.6
Transportation and warehousing	12.2	12.0	11.6	10.9	9.8	11.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	10.4	11.3	14.6	15.5	15.1	11.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	10.4	9.0	14.2	13.4	12.6	12.0
Business, building and other support services	8.3	10.9	7.2	9.1	10.3	11.1
Educational services	14.1	13.8	12.1	14.1	15.4	16.6
Health care and social assistance	26.2	26.2	29.4	32.1	30.6	35.1
Information, culture and recreation	9.3	13.2	10.5	10.6	9.5	12.1
Accommodation and food services	19.5	19.5	23.0	19.0	21.3	22.1
Other services	10.1	10.6	8.2	8.4	10.8	10.0
Public administration	6.7	6.7	8.4	8.6	8.9	9.0

¹ Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Annual Averages Prepared by: BC STATS, January 23, 2009, <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/DATA/dd/handout/EMPREGN.pdf>, (Accessed April 15, 2009)

The largest portion of employment by industry in the Central Okanagan is business services (17.4%), retail trade (13.1%), and constructions (11.6%) industries. Combined other services also accounted for a significant portion of the labour force (18.9%). Other services contain a diverse range categories, examples are listed below.

Employment by Industry by Community²

	RDCO	Kelowna	Lake Country	Peachland	West Kelowna ³
Total experienced labour force 15 years and over	85,630	56,800	5,490	2265	14260.0
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	4.4%	4.1%	7.7%	4.2%	3.9%
Construction industries	11.6%	11.0%	12.8%	10.6%	12.7%
Manufacturing industries	8.1%	7.6%	8.7%	7.7%	9.1%
Wholesale trade	3.8%	3.5%	5.1%	3.5%	4.2%
Retail trade	13.1%	13.3%	8.8%	11.5%	13.4%
Finance and real estate	6.4%	6.7%	5.3%	6.4%	6.2%
Health care and social services	10.7%	11.3%	8.7%	9.7%	10.2%
Educational services	5.5%	5.8%	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%
Business services	17.4%	16.9%	20.3%	22.1%	23.1%
Other services (except Public Administration)	18.9%	19.8%	17.5%	19.4%	12.5%

Note: "Other services" include⁴:

- Repair and Maintenance - Automotive
- Electronic and Precision Equipment Repair and Maintenance
- Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment (except Automotive and Electronic) Repair and Personal and Household Goods Repair and Maintenance
- Personal and Laundry Services
- Death Care Services
- Dry Cleaning and Laundry Services
- Other Personal Services
- Religious, Grant Making, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations
- Social Advocacy Organizations
- Civic and Social Organizations
- Business, Professional, Labour, Political, and Similar Organizations
- Private Households

² Statistics Canada. 2007. *Central Okanagan, British Columbia (table). 2006 Community Profiles. 2006 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE. Ottawa. Updated March 10, 2009.*
<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community/Index.cfm?Lang=E> (accessed April 15, 2009)

³ Statistics Canada, Custom Data Run, West Kelowna Geography, 2006 Census Data, April 2009

⁴ NAICS, 2007 NAICS Codes and Titles <http://www.census.gov/naics/2007/NAICOD07.HTM#N81> (Accessed April 15, 2009)