

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

The majority (more than 80%) of companies in the Central Okanagan have fewer than 20 employees. The major employers in the region are listed below. Many of these companies also employ workers outside of the Central Okanagan. In previous years only total employees were reported. 2009 is reported as full time equivalent.

Information based on number of employees on staff as of April 1, 2009.

Major Employers List for the Central Okanagan as of April 1, 2009¹

Company	2009 FTE	2008 Total Emp.	2007 Total Emp.	2006 Total Emp.
Interior Health Authority	2,425	3,420	3,779	4,589
SD #23	2,090	2,400	2,500	2,285
City of Kelowna	722	720	793	789
Okanagan College	N/A	659	644	659
UBC Okanagan	633	485-1,111	585-1,160	398
Wal-Mart (Kelowna & Westbank)	573	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kelowna Flightcraft Air Charter	525	575	575	550
Overwaitea Food Group (Save-On Foods, Coopers)	476	703	657	673
Big White Ski Resort	399	860	765	765
Shaw Cablesystems G.P.	375	369	347	280
Sun-Rype Products Ltd.	368	371	374	430
Disney Online Studios Canada (Club Penguin)	292	200	N/A	N/A
Tolko Industries Ltd	258	314	330	451
Costco Wholesale Corporation	248	298	252	223
The Grand Okanagan Resort	246	284	324	294
Canada Safeway (Dilworth and Bernard locations)	218	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fortis	194	194	N/A	N/A
HBC Group of Companies	192	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Home Depot (Kelowna & Westbank)	190	295	168	200
Sysco HRI	171	172	184	175
Lake City Casino	144	147	202	195
Coast Capri Hotel	134	153	175	152
SRI Homes	114	230	220	225
Manteo Resort	105	168	205	277
Regional District of the Central Okanagan	97	N/A	180	190
Campion Marine	80	160	200	190
Rona Revy Incorporated	74	200	210	240
Ramada Lodge Hotel	74	105	N/A	N/A
Best Western	61	55	N/A	N/A
Terasen	47	44	N/A	N/A
Loblaws (Superstore Kelowna, Extra Foods Kelowna and Westbank)	*626	Total employees includes F/T and P/T, FTE not available		

Note: listing in the database is voluntary and not all major employers in the Central Okanagan are included.

¹ Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission, by phone and e-mail, May 2009