

3.4 EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Overall employment grew 17.3% in the Thompson Okanagan from 2003 to 2007. The largest share of this growth was in the goods producing sector which grew 28.8% led by construction employment where employment nearly doubled (94.1%). Employment in the service sector grew 13.6% between 2003 and 2007. The largest growth industries in the service sector over the past five years were finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (45.2%), public administration (32.8%), and business, building and other support services (24.1%). The only sectors to decline over this period were forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas (-2.9%), and transportation and warehousing (-19.7%).

Employment by Industry for BC Development Regions (000s) – Thompson Okanagan⁵²

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

⁵² Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Annual Averages Prepared by: BC STATS, January 14, 2008, <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/DATA/dd/handout/EMPREGN.pdf>, (Accessed May 22, 2008)

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 contains a diverse range categories, examples are listed below.

Employment by Industry by Community⁵³

	RDCO	Kelowna	Lake Country	Peachland	Central Okanagan J	Central Okanagan (EA)
Total experienced labour force 15 years and over	85,630	56,800	5,490	2265	15,135	2,240
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	4.4%	4.1%	7.7%	4.2%	4.4%	5.8%
Construction industries	11.6%	11.0%	12.8%	10.6%	13.1%	12.9%
Manufacturing industries	8.1%	7.6%	8.7%	7.7%	9.2%	12.9%
Wholesale trade	3.8%	3.5%	5.1%	3.5%	4.4%	3.6%
Retail trade	13.1%	13.3%	8.8%	11.5%	13.5%	15.0%
Finance and real estate	6.4%	6.7%	5.3%	6.4%	6.2%	4.9%
Health care and social services	10.7%	11.3%	8.7%	9.7%	10.0%	8.0%
Educational services	5.5%	5.8%	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	7.1%
Business services	17.4%	16.9%	20.3%	22.1%	17.2%	15.0%
Other services (except Public Administration)	18.9%	19.8%	17.5%	19.4%	17.3%	14.7%

Note: "Other services" include⁵⁴:

- 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, Labor, Political, and Similar Organizations
- Private Households

⁵³ Statistics Canada. 2007. *Central Okanagan, British Columbia (table). 2006 Community Profiles. 2006 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE. Ottawa. Released March 13, 2007.* <http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community/Index.cfm?Lang=E> (accessed May 22, 2008)

⁵⁴ NAICS, 2007 NAICS Codes and Titles <http://www.census.gov/naics/2007/NAICOD07.HTM#N81> (Accessed June 5, 2008)