

2021 Census

Commuting Highlights

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Place of work status - 2016

	Worked at home (%)	Worked outside Canada (%)	No fixed workplace address* (%)	Worked at usual place** (%)
Canada	7.4	0.5	11.5	80.6
British Columbia	8.5	0.7	14.1	76.6
Kelowna CMA	9.3	0.3	15.6	74.8
City of Kelowna	8.8	0.3	14.7	76.1
District of Lake Country	12.5	0.1	18.3	69
City of West Kelowna	9.9	0.4	16.3	73.5
District of Peachland	10.5	0.4	21.4	67.9
Duck Lake IR7	7.1	0	18.1	75.5
Central Okanagan East	13.2	0.5	12	74.6
Central Okanagan West	12.9	0	18.8	67.6
Tsinstikeptum 9	6.8	0.3	19.1	73.9
Tsinstikeptum 10	8.8	0	16.2	75.7

*No fixed workplace address – Persons who do not go to the same workplace location at the beginning of each shift

** Worked at usual place – Persons who are not included in the other categories and who report to the same (usual) workplace location at the beginning of each shift.

Place of work status - 2021

	Worked at home (%)	Worked outside Canada (%)	No fixed workplace address* (%)	Worked at usual place** (%)
Canada	24.3	0.3	12.7	62.6
British Columbia	22.6	0.4	15.3	61.6
Kelowna CMA	19.6	0.2	16.4	63.7
City of Kelowna	20.2	0.2	15.2	64.4
District of Lake Country	21.4	0.2	17.6	60.8
City of West Kelowna	18.8	0.2	18.7	62.3
District of Peachland	18.2	0.0	18.4	63.0
Duck Lake IR7	8.5	0.0	20.7	70.7
Central Okanagan East	14.6	0.0	22.0	63.2
Central Okanagan West	21.9	0.8	29.1	47.7
Tsinstikeptum 9	13.5	0.3	18.9	67.6
Tsinstikeptum 10	21.3	0.0	15.2	63.5

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** Worked at usual place – Persons who are not included in the other categories and who report to the same (usual) workplace location at the beginning of each shift.

Place of work status – 2016 to 2021 Change

	Worked at home (%)	Worked outside Canada (%)	No fixed workplace address* (%)	Worked at usual place** (%)
Canada	16.9	-0.2	1.2	-18.0
British Columbia	14.1	-0.3	1.2	-15.0
Kelowna CMA	10.3	-0.1	0.8	-11.1
City of Kelowna	11.4	-0.1	0.5	-11.7
District of Lake Country	8.9	0.1	-0.7	-8.2
City of West Kelowna	8.9	-0.2	2.4	-11.2
District of Peachland	7.7	-0.4	-3.0	-4.9
Duck Lake IR7	1.4	0.0	2.6	-4.8
Central Okanagan East	1.4	-0.5	10.0	-11.4
Central Okanagan West	9.0	0.8	10.3	-19.9
Tsinstikeptum 9	6.7	0.0	-0.2	-6.3
Tsinstikeptum 10	12.5	0.0	-1.0	-12.2

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Place of work status (%) – 2021

CMA	Worked at home (%)	Worked outside Canada (%)	No fixed workplace address* (%)	Worked at usual place** (%)
Kelowna	19.6	0.2	16.4	63.7
Vancouver	26.5	0.6	14.2	58.8
Victoria	26.6	0.2	13.0	60.2
Calgary	28.1	0.4	14.4	57.1
Toronto	35.4	0.5	11.6	52.5

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Place of work status – 2016 to 2021 Percentage Change

CMA	Worked at home (%)	Worked outside Canada (%)	No fixed workplace address* (%)	Worked at usual place** (%)
Kelowna	10.3	-0.1	0.8	-11.1
Vancouver	18.3	-0.4	0.9	-18.7
Victoria	18.2	-0.2	0.9	-18.9
Calgary	21.0	0.0	0.6	-21.5
Toronto	28.1	-0.2	0.0	-27.9

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Commuting destination for the employed labour force (%) - 2021

	Commute within CSD of residence (%)	Commute to different CSD within CD of residence (%)	Commute to different CSD and CD within province or territory of residence (%)	Commute to a different province or territory (%)
Canada	59.0	21.6	18.5	0.9
British Columbia	51.6	42.6	5.2	0.6
Kelowna CMA	69.4	24.4	4.9	1.3
City of Kelowna	88.6	6.9	3.4	1.1
District of Lake Country	29.3	57.1	11.7	1.7
City of West Kelowna	36.0	57.1	5.3	1.6
District of Peachland	28.5	51.2	18.1	2.1
Duck Lake IR7	5.2	88.8	5.2	0.0
Central Okanagan East	8.3	87.9	3.8	0.8
Central Okanagan West	11.5	51.3	35.4	1.8
Tsinstikeptum 9	24.8	68.3	4.6	1.9
Tsinstikeptum 10	9.7	86.7	2.7	1.8

*CSD – Community Census Subdivision (i.e. Kelowna, Lake Country, West Kelowna, Peachland, Duck Lake IR7, Central Okanagan East, Central Okanagan West, Tsinstikeptum 9, Tsinstikeptum 10)

*CD – Census Division (i.e. Kelowna CMA)

Commuting destination for the employed labour force (%) – 2016 to 2021 Change

	Commute within CSD of residence (%)	Commute to different CSD within CD of residence (%)	Commute to different CSD and CD within province or territory of residence (%)	Commute to a different province or territory (%)
Canada	0.7	0.7	-1.1	-0.2
British Columbia	2.7	-3.1	0.6	-0.1
Kelowna CMA	1.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5
City of Kelowna	-0.8	1.4	-0.1	-0.5
District of Lake Country	6.6	-3.2	-2.7	-1.0
City of West Kelowna	8.3	-7.4	-0.5	-0.4
District of Peachland	10.3	-11.8	2.3	-1.2
Duck Lake IR7	-0.8	0.8	0.1	0.0
Central Okanagan East	3.2	0.2	-2.0	-0.6
Central Okanagan West	5.4	-5.7	0.3	-0.8
Tsinstikeptum 9	-1.2	2.3	-1.0	-0.6
Tsinstikeptum 10	2.9	4.2	-5.1	-2.1

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*CD – Census Division (i.e. Kelowna CMA)

Commuting destination for the employed labour force (%) - 2021

CMA	Total Commuting Destination (%)	Commute within CSD of residence (%)	Commute to different CSD within CD of residence (%)	Commute to different CSD and CD within province or territory of residence (%)	Commute to a different province or territory (%)
Kelowna	100.0	69.4	24.4	4.9	1.3
Vancouver	100.0	46.4	51.7	1.7	0.3
Victoria	100.0	39.8	58	1.9	0.4
Calgary	100.0	84.4	12.7	2.0	0.9
Toronto	100.0	57.9	11.3	30.5	0.2

CSD – Community Census Subdivision

CD – Census Division

Main mode of commuting (%) - 2021

	Total main mode of commuting for employed labour force (%)	Car, truck, van – as driver (%)	Car, truck, van – as passenger (%)	Public transit (%)	Walked (%)	Bicycle (%)	Other method (%)
Canada	100.0	77.5	6.5	7.7	5.2	1.1	2.2
British Columbia	100.0	73.5	6.5	9.3	6.5	2.0	2.3
Kelowna CMA	100.0	81.0	5.6	3.2	5.4	2.0	2.8
City of Kelowna	100.0	78.5	5.8	4.0	6.4	2.7	2.6
District of Lake Country	100.0	86.6	5.1	1.0	3.8	0.5	2.9
City of West Kelowna	100.0	85.3	5.9	2.1	3.1	0.4	3.2
District of Peachland	100.0	84.1	5.5	0.8	4.9	0.0	4.1
Duck Lake IR7	100.0	80.0	1.3	2.0	6.7	3.3	5.3
Central Okanagan East	100.0	90.5	4.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.2
Central Okanagan West	100.0	90.7	4.9	1.1	1.1	0.0	2.2
Tsinstikeptum 9	100.0	85.1	4.1	2.1	4.9	0.7	3.3
Tsinstikeptum 10	100.0	92.9	3.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.4

Main mode of commuting (%) – 2016 to 2021 Change

	Car, truck, van – as driver (%)	Car, truck, van – as passenger (%)	Public transit (%)	Walked (%)	Bicycle (%)	Other method (%)
Canada	3.5	1.0	-4.7	-0.3	-0.3	1.0
British Columbia	3	1.0	-3.8	-0.3	-0.5	0.6
Kelowna CMA	0.2	0.4	-0.7	0.8	-0.7	0.0
City of Kelowna	-0.1	0.6	-0.3	0.7	-1	0.0
District of Lake Country	-0.2	0.6	-1	1.3	0.1	-0.9
City of West Kelowna	1.1	0.0	-1.4	0.8	-0.4	-0.2
District of Peachland	-3.1	1.5	-3.2	3.1	0	1.3
Duck Lake IR7	-10.3	-0.8	-0.8	3.9	3.3	3.9
Central Okanagan East	1.1	-0.2	-1.2	1.6	-0.6	-1.0
Central Okanagan West	2.9	-0.5	1.1	-2.3	0.0	-0.5
Tsinstikeptum 9	2	-1.8	-1.5	1.7	0.2	-0.1
Tsinstikeptum 10	8.1	-4.4	-1	-1.6	-1.6	-1.8

Main mode of commuting (%) - 2021

CMA	Total main mode of commuting for employed labour force (%)	Car, truck, van – as driver (%)	Car, truck, van – as passenger (%)	Public transit (%)	Walked (%)	Bicycle (%)	Other method (%)
Kelowna	100.0	81.0	5.6	3.2	5.4	2.0	2.8
Vancouver	100.0	68.1	6.6	14.9	6.4	1.9	2.1
Victoria	100.0	68.5	5.4	7.7	10.0	5.3	3.1
Calgary	100.0	78.6	5.8	7.9	4.0	0.8	2.9
Toronto	100.0	68.4	7.6	15.6	4.6	1.0	2.7

Main mode of commuting (%) – 2016 to 2021 Change

CMA	Car, truck, van – as driver (%)	Car, truck, van – as passenger (%)	Public transit (%)	Walked (%)	Bicycle (%)	Other method (%)
Kelowna	0.2	0.4	-0.7	0.8	-0.7	0.0
Vancouver	3.8	1.6	-5.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.9
Victoria	3.5	0.6	-3.2	-0.3	-1.3	0.7
Calgary	5.8	0.7	-6.5	-0.7	-0.7	1.4
Toronto	6.0	2.0	-8.7	-0.6	-0.4	1.7

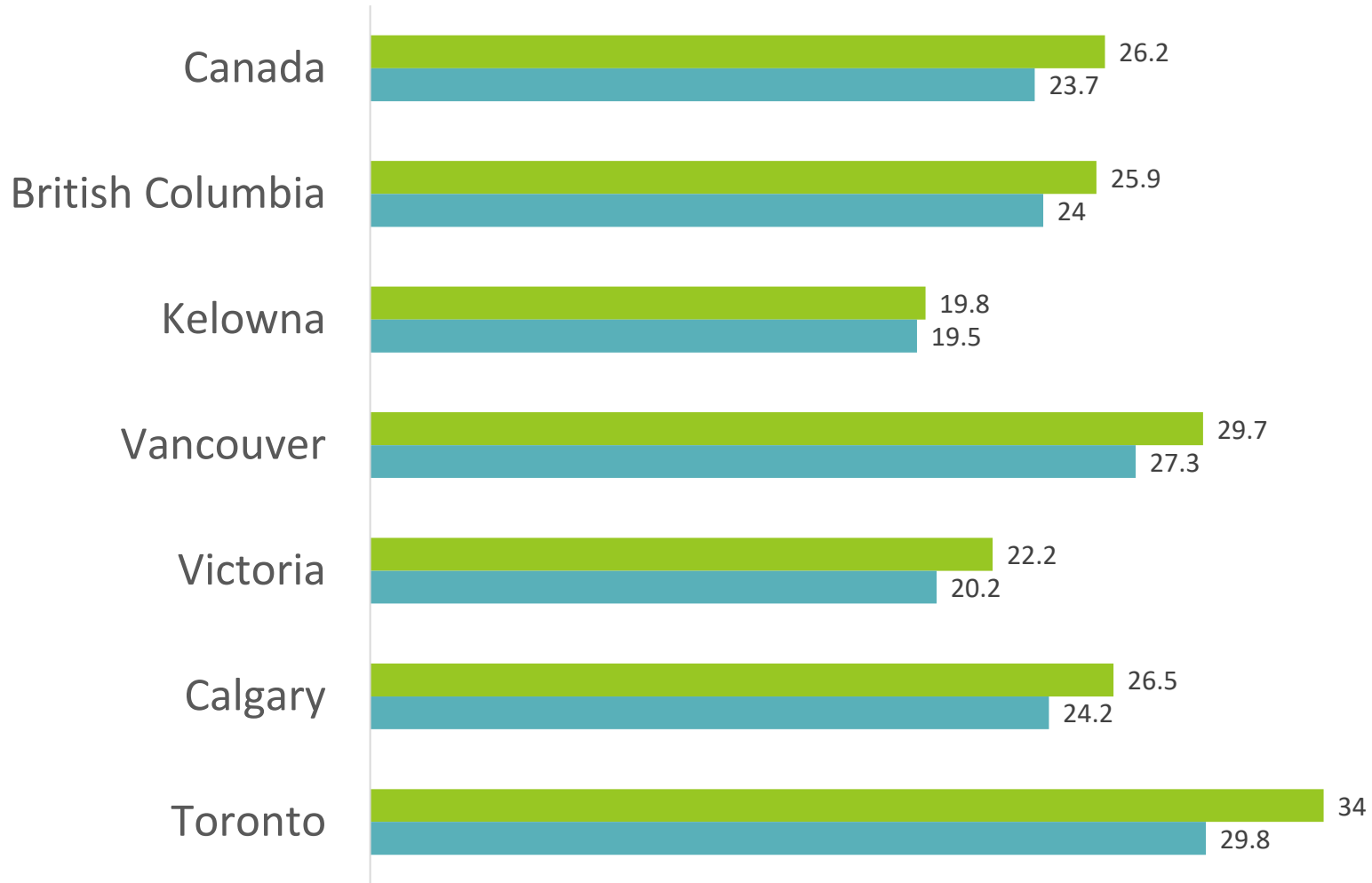
Commuting Duration (%) - 2021

	Less than 15 minutes (%)	15 to 29 minutes (%)	30 to 44 minutes (%)	45 to 59 Minutes (%)	60 minutes & over (%)	Avg Commute Time (min)
Canada	32.0	34.8	19.1	7.0	7.1	23.7
British Columbia	31.8	34.0	19.7	7.3	7.2	24.0
Kelowna CMA	38.4	41.4	13.3	3.3	3.6	19.5
City of Kelowna	41.2	43.5	9.8	2.4	3.1	18.1
District of Lake Country	29.5	37.5	25.3	4.1	3.6	22.6
City of West Kelowna	35.2	37.8	17.3	5.2	4.5	21.6
District of Peachland	25.0	34.1	27.5	6.9	6.3	26.6
Duck Lake IR7	47.3	30.0	14.0	5.3	2.7	20.1
Central Okanagan East	25.1	46.6	20.1	3.1	4.7	22.1
Central Okanagan West	15.4	20.3	29.1	18.7	15.4	35.8
Tsinstikeptum 9	38.9	33.7	20	4.3	3.1	20.4
Tsinstikeptum 10	35.0	50.7	10.7	2.1	2.9	18.2

Commuting Duration (%) – 2016 to 2021 Change

	Less than 15 minutes (%)	15 to 29 minutes (%)	30 to 44 minutes (%)	45 to 59 Minutes (%)	60 minutes & over (%)	Avg Commute Time (min)
Canada	4.0	1.3	-1.2	-1.8	-2.3	-2.5
British Columbia	3.0	1.1	-0.6	-1.5	-1.9	-1.9
Kelowna CMA	2.0	-1.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.3
City of Kelowna	1.6	-1.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0
District of Lake Country	3.2	-3.5	1.5	-0.9	-0.3	-1.1
City of West Kelowna	2.8	0.0	-2.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.9
District of Peachland	4.2	5.8	-5.8	-3.4	-0.7	-1.3
Duck Lake IR7	11.2	-8.9	-4.1	3.9	-2.9	-1.0
Central Okanagan East	0.2	-4.7	2.8	-0.7	2.1	0.3
Central Okanagan West	2.5	-3.5	-2.2	-0.3	2.5	0.4
Tsinstikeptum 9	2.5	3.5	-3.4	-1.0	-1.5	-2.2
Tsinstikeptum 10	-1.0	4.3	1.1	0.5	-3.5	-2.1

2021 Average Commute Comparison



■ 2016 Average Commute (Mins)
■ 2021 Average Commute (mins)

Top Destinations for work outside of Kelowna CMA – 2016 and 2021 Comparison

Place of work	2016 # of individuals commuting to destination	2021 # of individuals commuting to destination
Vernon	1,365	1,110
Penticton	745	580
Vancouver	410	460
Wood Buffalo	635	285
Calgary	140	130

Key Takeaways

- The Kelowna CMA saw an increase of 10.3% in those who worked from home between 2016 to 2021, compared to Canada at 16.9% and British Columbia at 14.1%.
- Duck Lake IR7 had the highest percentage of workers commuting to a different community census subdivision (88.8%) followed by Central Okanagan East (87.9%), while the City of Kelowna has the lowest percentage at 6.9%.
- Central Okanagan West had the highest percentage of workers commuting to a different census division (35.4%) followed by Peachland (18.1%) and Lake Country (11.7%).
- 1.3% of workers in the Kelowna CMA commuted to a different province, the highest percentage when compared to the Vancouver (0.4%), Victoria (0.7%), Calgary (0.6%) and Toronto (0.2%) CMAS.

Key Takeaways

- Apart from Peachland and Central Okanagan West, communities in the Kelowna CMA had average commute times below the provincial and national averages of 24 minutes and 23.7 minutes respectively.
- Commuters in the City of Kelowna had the lowest commute times in the region with an average commute of 18.1 minutes. They were also the most likely in the region to commute via public transit (4.0%).
- The Kelowna CMA has the lowest average commute time (19.5 mins) when compared with the Vancouver (27.3 mins), Victoria (20.2 mins), Calgary (24.2 mins) and Toronto (29.8 mins) CMAs.
- The top two places of work for Central Okanagan residents outside of the CMA were Vernon and Penticton.

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