



COMMUNITY PROFILE: CASTLEGAR, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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LOCATION

Castlegar - British Columbia



Distance to Major Cities

Metro Area	Kilometres	Miles	Approximate Time
Vancouver, BC	617	383	6 hours, 46 min
Calgary, AB	634	384	6 hours, 37 min
Spokane, WA	224	139	3 hours, 19 min
Victoria, BC	695	432	9 hours, 19 min
Kelowna, BC	297	185	3 hours, 23 min
Kamloops, BC	462	287	6 hours, 2 min
Edmonton, AB	933	580	9 hours, 46 min

Source: [Ministry of Transportation](#)

Coordinates and Elevation

Castlegar	
Longitude	117°39'57"W
Latitude	49°19'27"N
Elevation (meters)	450

Source: Natural Resources Canada, [The Atlas of Canada](#)

Castlegar Municipal Website

<http://www.castlegar.ca/>

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population and Dwelling Counts 2011

	2011 Population	2006 Population	2011 Area (km ²)	2011 Occupied Private Dwellings
Castlegar	7,816	7,259	20	3,349
BC	4,400,057	4,113,487	922,509.29	1,764,637

Source: [BCStats](#)

Age Characteristics 2011

	Castlegar			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Children (0 to 14 years)	570	540	1,115	347,550	329,805	677,360
Emerging Labour Force (15 to 24 years)	460	430	885	283,960	271,035	554,990
Primary Labour Force (25 to 64 years)	2,005	2,145	4,140	1,208,320	1,270,655	2,478,985
Seniors (65+ years)	745	920	1,665	316,750	371,955	688,715
Total population	3,785	4,030	7,815	2,156,600	2,243,455	4,400,055
Median age of population	44.8	47.2	46.1	41.1	42.7	41.9

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

Marital Status 2011

	Castlegar			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Total Population 15 years+	3,210	3,490	6,700	1,809,045	1,913,650	3,722,695
Married	1,625	1,625	3,255	913,430	919,175	1,832,605
Living common law	330	340	670	161,530	160,435	321,965
Single (never legally married)	855	680	1,535	550,830	463,435	1,014,270
Separated	85	130	215	43,570	58,470	102,040
Divorced	190	265	455	98,130	148,385	246,515
Widowed	120	450	570	41,550	163,750	205,300

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

Mobility Status Over 5-year Period 2006 – Population Proportions

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Non-movers (%)	56.4	53.4
Movers Non-migrants (%)	18.5	23.4
Intraprovincial migrants (%)	17.9	13.6
Interprovincial migrants (%)	5.9	4.3
External migrants (%)	1.4	5.3

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Households by Size 2011

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total Households	3,350	1,764,640
1 Person	985	498,925
2 Persons	1,320	613,270
3 Persons	455	264,135

4 Persons	410	237,725
5 Persons	125	91,600
6+ Persons	45	58,985
Average Persons per Household	2.3	2.5

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

Households by Type 2011

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total private households	3,350	1,764,635
Couple families without children	1,040	458,880
Couple families with children	740	439,150
Lone-parent families	295	143,445
One-family households with additional non-family persons	130	91,190
Two-or-more-family households	35	50,415
One-person households	990	498,925
Non-family households with two or more persons	120	82,640

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

INCOME

Earnings & Income 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Without income	255	164,345
Under \$10,000	1,110	682,060
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,185	686,490
\$20,000 to \$29,999	975	472,965
\$30,000 to \$39,999	680	404,375
\$40,000 to \$49,999	450	301,820
\$50,000 to \$59,999	360	208,690
\$60,000 and over	920	474,180
Median income (\$)	25,384	24,867
Average income (\$)	33,974	34,519

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Earnings & Income 2009

	Castlegar
Total number of returns	9,650
Total income reported (\$000)	365,296
Number of returns under \$10,000	1,580
Number of returns \$10,000 to \$19,999	1,950
Number of returns \$20,000 to \$29,999	1,450
Number of returns \$30,000 to \$39,999	1,180
Number of returns \$40,000 to \$49,999	920
Number of returns \$50,000 and over	2,590

Source: [Canada Revenue Agency](#)

Income by Source 2009

	Castlegar	Kootenay Development Region
Number of returns	9,650	118,080
Average income (\$)	37,855	36,640
Total income (\$000)	365,296	4,326,481
Employment income (\$000)	234,016	2,599,833
Pension (\$000)	66,600	801,322
Investment (\$000)	24,600	351,487
Self-employment (\$000)	11,065	198,085
Other (\$000)	20,944	271,645
Tax exempt income (\$000)	8,061	104,027

Source: BCStats, [Taxation Statistics](#)

Economic Dependency Profile 2009

Age group	BC Basic Income Assistance Recipients (%)		Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%)		Total of BC Basic Income & EI Beneficiaries (%)	
	Castlegar	BC	Castlegar	BC	Castlegar	BC
Under 19	3.3	2.7				
19-24	2.8	2.1	3.0	2.6	5.6	4.6
25-54	2.3	1.9	3.2	3.1	5.4	4.9
55-64	0.8	0.7	1.8	2.0	2.6	2.6
19-64	2.0	1.7	2.9	2.8	4.8	4.4

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)

Number of Households by Household Income 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total number of households	3,065	1,643,150
Under \$10,000	140	93,125
\$10,000 to \$19,999	300	171,695
\$20,000 to \$29,999	365	172,030
\$30,000 to \$39,999	390	178,740
\$40,000 to \$49,999	340	163,710
\$50,000 to \$59,999	210	144,630
\$60,000 to \$69,999	250	130,715
\$70,000 to \$79,999	185	112,035
\$80,000 to \$89,999	205	93,030
\$90,000 to \$99,999	135	76,750
\$100,000 and over	540	306,675
Median household income (\$)	49,626	52,709
Average household income (\$)	62,941	67,675

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Household Average Spending Breakdown 2010 (\$ per year)

	British Columbia	Population centre 1,000 to 29,999	Rural area
Total expenditure	72,486	61,075	60,816
Food expenditures	8,118	6,843	7,275
Shelter	16,736	12,596	10,755
Household operation	4,211	3,509	3,665
Household furnishings and equipment	1,865	1,739	1,766
Clothing and accessories	3,173	2,897	2,913

Transportation	11,067	10,255	11,644
Health care	2,680	2,167	2,522
Personal care	906	759	828
Recreation	3,757	3,454	3,498
Education	1,645	592	453
Reading materials and other printed matter	249	178	210
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,101	1,036	1,153
Games of chance	107	138	165
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,197	987	1,091
Income taxes	9,975	9,033	8,054
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,791	3,446	3,471
Money and support payments	1,202	951	811

Source: Statistics Canada, [Survey of Household Spending \(SHS\)](#)

HOUSING

Dwellings by Structure 2011

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	3,350	1,764,635
Single-detached house	2,365	842,120
Apartment, building that has five or more storeys	0	143,970

Movable dwelling	160	46,960
Semi-detached house	115	52,825
Row house	210	130,365
Apartment, duplex	215	184,355
Apartment, building that has fewer than five storeys	260	361,150
Other single-attached house	15	2,885

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

Taxes and Charges on a Representative House 2011

	Castlegar
House Value	257,986
School	724
General Municipal Total	709
Regional District	345
Hospital	55
BCA, MFA and Other	16
Total Residential Variable Rate Taxes	1,849
Total Residential Parcel Taxes	0
Total Residential User Fees	776
Total Residential Property Taxes And Charges	2,625

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

Average Owner-occupied Dwelling Values 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	2,410	1,118,160
Average value of dwelling (\$)	197,863	418,703

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Distribution of Owner-occupied Dwelling Values 2005

	Canada	BC
Private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	8,381,125	1,118,160
Under \$50,000	4.4%	2.8%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10.5%	3.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14.3%	5.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16.7%	8.3%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	12.4%	8.8%
\$250,000 to \$299,999	10.6%	9.5%
\$300,000 to \$349,999	8.2%	9.7%
\$350,000 to \$399,999	5.9%	9.0%
\$400,000 to \$499,999	7.4%	14.8%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	6.3%	18.6%
\$750,000 or more	3.2%	10.1%
Average value of dwelling \$	263,369	418,703
Median value of dwelling \$	200,474	349,353

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Households by Tenure and Rent or Major Payments 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total number of non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings occupied by usual residents	3,065	1,606,875
Tenant-occupied private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	655	488,720
Average gross rent (\$)	572	828
Tenant-occupied households spending 30% or more of household income on gross rent	265	212,040
Owner-occupied private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	2,410	1,118,160

Average owner major payments (\$)	774	1,059
Owner households spending 30% or more of household income on owner's major payments	360	253,820

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Dwellings by Period of Construction 2006

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	3,065	1,643,150
Before 1946	240	129,240
1946 to 1960	590	174,250
1961 to 1970	590	209,685
1971 to 1980	700	353,310
1981 to 1985	215	150,850
1986 to 1990	150	150,005
1991 to 1995	220	193,695
1996 to 2000	240	145,665
2001 to 2006	120	136,450

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

LABOUR FORCE

Labour Force Income Profile 2009

	Castlegar	Kootenay Development Region	BC
Total Taxfilers - Males	4,610	56,310	1,591,080
Total Taxfilers - Females	4,750	58,310	1,718,980
Total Taxfilers - Total	9,370	114,720	3,316,240
Total Income (\$000) - Males	222,152	2,559,887	77,389,011
Total Income (\$000) - Females	132,924	1,634,416	54,709,799
Total Income (\$000) - Total	355,126	4,195,599	132,154,535
Employment Income (\$000) - Males	158,530	1,782,397	56,522,916
Employment Income (\$000) - Females	83,988	994,294	36,122,634
Employment Income (\$000) - Total	242,543	2,776,725	92,654,510
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Males	148,192	1,607,227	51,041,771
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Females	77,402	899,294	32,961,414
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Total	225,618	2,506,553	84,008,586
Self Employment (\$000) - Males	6,203	125,846	4,581,059
Self Employment (\$000) - Females	4,163	66,358	2,257,263
Self Employment (\$000) - Total	10,366	192,206	6,841,882
EI (\$000) - Males	4,435	55,891	1,119,464
EI (\$000) - Females	2,641	32,868	1,029,021
EI (\$000) - Total	7,075	88,758	2,148,485

Source: BCStats, [Income and Taxation](#)

Labour Force Activity 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total population 15 years and over	5,935	3,394,905
Employed	3,385	2,092,770
Unemployed	290	133,615
Not in the labour force	2,265	1,168,525
Participation rate (%)	61.9	65.6
Employment rate (%)	57.0	61.6
Unemployment rate (%)	7.9	6

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Labour Force Activity 2011

	Kootenay Development Region		British Columbia	
	2006	2011	2006	2011
Population 15 years and older (000)	120.8	127.2	3,452.4	3,778.8
Full-time employment (000)	51.5	52.4	1,707.9	1,759.9
Part-time employment (000)	16.9	19.7	439.3	514.7
Unemployment (000)	4.5	6.4	107.4	183.4
Not in labour force (000)	47.9	48.7	1,197.9	1,320.8
Unemployment rate (%)	6.2	8.2	4.8	7.5
Participation rate (%)	60.3	61.7	65.3	65
Employment rate (%)	56.6	56.7	62.2	60.2

Source: Labour Force Survey, Special Tabulations

Labour Force by Occupation 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total labour force 15 years and older	3,675	2,226,385
Management occupations	295	229,945
Business, finance and administration occupations	570	375,970
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	180	138,955
Health occupations	270	120,365
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	220	178,040
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	80	76,460
Sales and service occupations	950	555,880
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	730	339,495
Occupations unique to primary industry	100	86,460
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	215	91,545
Occupation - Not applicable	60	33,270

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Labour Force by Occupation 2013

	British Columbia – Number of employees (thousands)		Canada - Number of employees (thousands)	
	Feb 2012	Feb 2013	Feb 2012	Feb 2013
Management occupations	125.9	123.8	964.2	998.7
Business, finance and administrative occupations	356.5	327.2	2,808.10	2,890.60
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	125	135.5	1,085.20	1,174.20
Health occupations	141.7	132.2	1,003.60	1,013.10
Occupations in social science,	180.6	180.8	1,469.50	1,509.40

education, government service and religion				
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	41.9	44.9	362.3	367.9
Sales and service occupations	511.4	529.8	3,761.80	3,776.00
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	278.2	271.7	2,031.70	2,071.50
Occupations unique to primary industry	26.9	41.5	215.2	233.1
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	64	61.7	750.3	722.7
All occupations	1,852.1	1,849.1	14,451.9	14,757.2

Source: Statistics Canada, [Hourly Wages and Profession](#)

Occupation and Selected Characteristics by Hourly Wage 2013

	British Columbia – Average hourly wage (\$)		Canada – Average hourly wage (\$)	
	Feb 2012	Feb 2013	Feb 2012	Feb 2013
Management occupations	37.29	35.54	37.46	37.57
Business, finance and administrative occupations	22.22	22.47	22.14	22.5
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	32.54	32.25	32.85	32.97
Health occupations	28.92	30.07	26.93	27.5
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	28.51	29.71	30.3	31.06
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	24.27	22.85	23.46	23.25
Sales and service occupations	15.93	17.01	15.66	16.1

Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	24.8	25.96	23.26	23.94
Occupations unique to primary industry	22.99	23.67	22.87	23.07
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	22.05	21.45	19.95	19.94
15 years and over	23.77	24.26	23.53	24.04
15 to 24 years	13.87	14.73	13.8	14.04
25 to 54 years	25.46	25.92	25.36	25.85
55 years and over	25.78	26.52	24.82	25.7
Men	26.16	26.66	25.34	25.99
Women	21.45	21.99	21.73	22.1
Full-time	25.6	25.93	25.26	25.78
Part-time	17.18	17.99	16.42	16.88
Union coverage	27.19	27.9	26.86	27.36
No union coverage	22.13	22.51	21.99	22.47
Permanent job	24.5	24.8	24.11	24.64
Temporary job	19	20.43	19.34	19.69

Source: Statistics Canada, [Hourly Wages and Profession](#)

Labour Force by Industry 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total labour force 15 years and over	3,675	2,226,380
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	70	76,485
Mining and oil and gas extraction	15	20,025
Utilities	60	11,250
Construction	275	166,095
Manufacturing	485	189,120

Wholesale trade	75	92,020
Retail trade	580	248,955
Transportation and warehousing	185	114,915
Information and cultural industries	35	58,905
Finance and insurance	125	84,215
Real estate and rental and leasing	75	50,725
Professional, scientific and technical services	175	162,435
Management of companies and enterprises	0	3,100
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	145	97,310
Educational services	255	152,565
Health care and social assistance	445	213085
Arts, entertainment and recreation	60	51370
Accommodation and food services	265	180055
Other services (except public administration)	175	109900
Public administration	100	110585
Industry - Not applicable	55	33265

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Employment by Industry 2012

	Kootenay Development Region – Yearly average number of employees (thousands)			British Columbia – Yearly average number of employees (thousands)		
	2006	2011	2012	2006	2011	2012
All Industries	68.4	72.1	74.8	2,147.2	2,274.7	2,312.5
Goods-Producing Sector	19.2	21.2	21.5	453.8	447.4	459.1
Agriculture	2.8	x	x	35.0	26.1	26.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining,	3.2	5.3	7.0	43.1	40.1	46.1

Oil and Gas						
Utilities	x	x	x	8.3	12.8	14.9
Construction	4.8	8.2	7.7	174.0	204.6	192.9
Manufacturing	7.7	6.1	4.9	193.3	163.9	179.2
Services-Producing Sector	49.2	50.9	53.2	1,693.4	1,827.2	1,853.4
Trade	11.1	10.1	10.8	343.2	355.0	356.6
Transportation and Warehousing	2.6	3.3	2.6	116.7	124.1	128.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	3.1	2.8	1.8	132.6	139.4	141.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	3.8	2.7	4.0	164.8	182.1	173.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	3.9	3.2	2.1	95.9	94.2	97.6
Educational Services	3.1	3.5	5.9	152.4	167.1	177.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	6.1	9.2	9.8	229.5	261.3	274.5
Information, culture and recreation	2.9	2.4	2.6	111.2	109.4	116.0
Accommodation and food services	7.5	6.9	6.4	167.8	181.8	171.6
Other services	3.5	4.0	4.5	89.4	103.9	113.9
Public administration	1.5	2.8	2.7	89.9	108.9	102.4

Source: BCStats, [Business Counts and Employment by Industry](#)

Note: x implies values less than 1.5 (1,500 employees)

Median Commuting Distance of Workers 2006

	British Columbia	Canada
Distance (km)	6.5	7.6

Source: Statistics Canada, [Commuting Patterns](#)

Place of Work Status 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	3,380	2,092,770
Works in census subdivision of residence	1,935	787,185
Works in different census subdivision	805	828,815
Works at home	255	188,755
Works outside Canada	10	13,960
No fixed workplace address	375	274,055

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Mode of Transportation to Work 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	3,120	1,890,055
Car, truck, van - as driver	2,600	1,353,790
Car, truck, van - as passenger	210	145,840
Public transit	0	195,145
Walked	195	130,280
Bicycle	65	37,365
Motorcycle	0	5,940
Taxicab	0	2,295
Other method	40	19,380

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

EDUCATION

Highest Educational Attainment 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total population 15 years or older	5,935	3,394,905
No certificate, diploma or degree	1,330	675,340
High school certificate or equivalent	1,635	946,645
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	905	368,360
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	1,190	565,895
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	220	184,395
Bachelor's degree	410	415,480
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	55	65,785
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	30	20,090
Master's degree	155	126,090
Earned doctorate	0	26,805

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Highest Educational Attainment 2011

	Kootenay Development Region – Population (thousands)		British Columbia – Population (thousands)	
	2006	2011	2006	2011
Total population 15 years and older	120.8	127.2	3,452.4	3,778.8
Under 9 years	7.5	4	179.2	143.3
Some high school	21.5	16.6	505	448.5
High school graduate	21.9	24.8	804	815.2
Some post-secondary	19.4	17	345.8	394.7

Post-secondary certificate or diploma	36.3	45.8	942.3	1,125.5
Bachelor's degree	10.1	13.1	463.4	587.4
Above bachelor's degree	4.1	5.9	212.7	264.2

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)

Major Field of Study Distribution 2005

	Castlegar	British Columbia
Total population 25 to 64 years with postsecondary qualifications	2,390	1,410,990
Education	170	105,960
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	60	59,920
Humanities	70	79,485
Social and behavioural sciences and law	160	147,895
Business, management and public administration	470	296,700
Physical and life sciences and technologies	45	49,785
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	25	57,475
Architecture, engineering, and related technologies	685	297,360
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	140	37,140
Health, parks, recreation and fitness	415	200,935
Personal, protective and transportation services	145	78,150
Other fields of study	0	165

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2006](#)

Schools and Enrolments 2011/2012

	Kootenay-Columbia School District	British Columbia
Number of Elementary Schools	12	1,561
Elementary School Enrollment	2,132	348,177
Number of Secondary Schools	5	386
Secondary School Enrollment	1,835	283,056

Source: British Columbia [Ministry of Education](#)

Post Secondary Institution FTEs - BC 2011/2012

Institution	2010/11	2011/12
British Columbia Institute of Technology	12337	12682
Camosun College	7211	7091
Capilano University	5461	5519
College of New Caledonia	2351	2278
College of the Rockies	1892	1769
Douglas College	8136	8568
Emily Carr University of Art + Design	1518	1457
Justice Institute of British Columbia	2401	2744
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	8956	9329
Langara College	7516	7592
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	475	520
North Island College	1980	1898
Northern Lights College	898	901
Northwest Community College	1508	1271
Okanagan College	5170	5315
Royal Roads University	2126	2330

Selkirk College	1814	1904
Simon Fraser University	22388	22796
Thompson Rivers University	7810	7754
University of British Columbia	43598	44575
University of Northern British Columbia	2934	2884
University of the Fraser Valley	6926	7014
University of Victoria	16755	16792
Vancouver Community College	6053	6124
Vancouver Island University	6208	6091
Total	184422	187196

Source: [DataBC](#)

QUALITY OF LIFE

Weather and Climate

Castlegar A Weather Station	July	December
Daily Average (°C)	19.9	-2.3
Daily Maximum (°C)	27.7	0
Daily Minimum (°C)	12	-4.5
Rainfall (mm)	50.8	32.7
Snowfall (cm)	0	64.6

Source: National Climate Data and Information Archive: [1971-2000 Climate normals & averages](#)

Health Indicators 2010

	Kootenay-Boundary Health		British Columbia	
	Service Delivery Area			
	2005 (% of population)	2010 (% of population)	2005 (% of population)	2010 (% of population)
Perceived health, very good or excellent	55.4	62.2	59.5	60.6
Perceived health, fair or poor	13.5	10.6	11.7	10.9
Perceived mental health, very good or excellent	73.9	66.1	72.5	71.6
Perceived mental health, fair or poor	6.3	/	5.9	5.8
Life satisfaction, satisfied or very satisfied	92.1	93.1	90.7	91.5
Perceived life stress, quite a lot (15 years and over)	22.1	24.8	22.4	22.8
Body mass index, self-reported, adult (18 years and over), overweight or obese	45.2	47.1	46.1	44.4
Sense of belonging to local community, somewhat strong or very strong	77.2	66.1	69.6	69.7
Contact with a medical doctor in the past 12 months	80.5	81.3	83.4	81.7

Source: BCStats, [CANSIM](#)

Crime Statistics – Central Kootenay Region 2011

	2006	2011
Population	57,339	61,584
Police Strength	67	66
Case Load Per Member	79	59
Population Served Per Member	856	933
Violent Crimes - Number of Offences	925	906
Violent Crimes - Crime Rate	16.1	14.7
Property Crimes - Number of Offences	3,220	2,103
Property Crimes - Crime Rate	56.2	34.1

Other Crimes - Number of Offences	1,165	865
Other Crimes - Crime Rate	20.3	14
Total Criminal Code Offences	5,310	3,874
Total Crime Rate	93	63

Source: British Columbia [Ministry of Justice](#) Note: Crime Rate is Number of Offences Per Thousand (Population)

Selected Events

Top Annual Events	Date(s)
Art Walk	Throughout Summer
Bluegrass Jamboree	2 nd week of July
Garden & Nature Fest	May
Columbia Basin Culture Tour	August
Farmer's Market	Mid-July to Mid-September
Kootenay Festival	Mid- July
Pass Creek Fall Fair	End of September
Sculpture Walk	Year Round
Sunfest	Early July
Winterfest	1 st Weekend of December
Garden and Nature Fest	Mid May

Source: RDI Research.

Selected Cultural and Recreational Amenities (Within a Two-hour Drive)

Amenities	Activity
Ainsworth Hotsprings	Hot springs
Walking Tree Ranch	Horse Tours
Castlegar Golf Club	Golfing
Little Bear Golf Course	Golfing
Columbia River	Fishing
Keenleyside Dam	Dam Tours
Kettle Valley Railway	Cycling
Kootenay River	Fishing
Merry Creek	Hiking
Red Mountain	Skiing
Slocan River	Kayaking/Rafting
Whitewater	Skiing
Verigin's Tomb	Historic Site
Doukhobor Discovery Centre	Museum
Zuckerberg Island Heritage Park	Historic Site

Source: RDI Research.

TAXATION

Development Cost Charges 2011

	Castlegar
Residential Single-Family (\$ Per Unit)	4,803.00
Residential Multi-Family (\$ Per Unit)	-
Commercial (\$ Per Square Metre)	12.27
Industrial (\$ Per Square Metre)	5.66

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

Castlegar Municipal Tax Rates by Property Class 2011

Property Class	Authenticated Roll General Taxable Values	Municipal Purposes Tax Rates	Tax Class Multiples	Total Municipal Variable Rate Taxes	Total Municipal Taxes
Residential	796,100,601	2.74770	1.00	2,187,446	2,187,446
Utilities	77,395,230	38.00000	13.83	2,941,019	431,614
Supportive Housing	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Major Industry	87,561,000	27.19040	9.90	2,380,819	2,380,819
Light Industry	4,601,700	10.75230	3.91	49,479	49,479
Business/Other	126,940,950	11.18370	4.07	1,419,670	1,419,534
Managed Forest	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Recreation	240,400	7.42400	2.70	1,785	1,785
Farm	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Totals	1,092,839,881			8,980,216	6,470,675

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

Personal Taxation Statistics 2009

	Castlegar		British Columbia	
	Number of Returns	Average Income (\$)	Number of Returns	Average Income (\$)
2005	9,030	33,969	3,154,090	35,601
2006	9,110	36,223	3,165,750	38,523
2007	9,460	37,669	3,287,750	40,802
2008	9,660	38,670	3,383,640	40,736
2009	9,650	37,855	3,406,860	39,754

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)

Taxable Land Area 2011

	Castlegar	Combined BC Municipalities
Taxable Land Area (ha)	1,576	9,239,751
Taxable Water Area (ha)	93	29,860
Exempt Parkland (ha)	28	163,897
Other Exempt Area (ha)	545	497,618
Total Area (ha)	2,242	9,931,126

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

UTILITIES

Water Treatment

Castlegar	
Provider	City of Castlegar
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	1.78mg/d
Cost per 1000 Gallons – Industrial (\$)	0.95
Cost per 1000 Gallons – Residential (\$)	1.64
Peak Demand (mgd)	4.5 mg/d
Rated Capacity (mgd)	8.2 mg/d
Water Connection Fee (\$)	\$920-\$1250

Source: City of Castlegar.

Sewer Treatment

SSTP		City of Castlegar North Lagoon & South Sewage Treatment Plant
Provider	SSTP	City of Castlegar North Lagoon & South Sewage Treatment Plant
Type of Service	Secondary	Secondary
Rated Capacity (mgd)	0.92 mg/d	0.72 mg/d
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	0.46 mg/d	0.54 mg/d
Peak Demand (mgd)	0.79 mg/d	1.5 mg/d
Cost per 1000 Gallons (\$)		1.64
Sewer Connection Fee (\$)		\$920-\$1250

Source: City of Castlegar.

Service Providers

Castlegar	
Electric Power	FortisBC
Natural Gas	Fortis BC
Telecommunications	Telus, Shaw

Source: City of Castlegar.

Landfill and Waste Management

Castlegar	
Landfill Location	Ootischenia Landfill, Columbia Road
Remaining Capacity	1,808,989 m3, 36 years
Number of Licensed Hazardous Waste Haulers	0
Plans for New Capacity	No

Source: Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Sewer and Waterpipe Lengths 2011

	Castlegar	Combined BC Municipalities
Storm Sewer Distance (km)	22	19,732
Sanitary Sewer Distance (km)	88	27,799
Water Pipe Distance (km)	110	31,307

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

Paved and Unpaved Road Lengths 2011

	Castlegar	Combined BC Municipalities
Distance of Paved Roads (km)	82	26,984
Distance of Unpaved Roads (km)	3	1,832

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

BUSINESS

Business Formations and Failures 2011

	Castlegar			British Columbia		
	Incorporations	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer	Incorporations	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer
2007	37	4	26	34,036	786	8,168
2008	27	1	27	30,085	585	7,020
2009	25	1	19	26,431	470	6,651
2010	19	2	17	30,305	454	7,293
2011	21	0	35	30,844	380	10,639

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)

Total Building Permits 2011 (\$ 000)

	Castlegar	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
2006	7,294	403,970	11,541,532
2007	16,425	493,304	12,544,691
2008	18,658	445,477	10,577,155
2009	9,567	265,330	7,629,885
2010	25,219	302,380	9,723,809
2011	13,889	232,172	9,249,767
2012	8,916	244,964	10,759,583

Source: BCStats, [Building Permits, Housing Starts and Sales](#)

Building Permits by Type 2011

	Castlegar	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
Total building permits (\$000)	13,889	232,172	9,249,767
Residential (\$ 000)	10,356	173,833	6,113,406
Industrial (\$ 000)	-	7,824	357,707
Commercial (\$ 000)	3,128	40,750	1,970,571
Institutional and Government (\$ 000)	405	9,765	808,083
Residential (Total number of units)	35	557	25,745

Source: BCStats, [Building Permits, Housing Starts and Sales](#)

Licensed Commercial and Personal Vehicles 2011

Year	Castlegar		British Columbia	
	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles
1985	4,609	2,289	1,219,940	442,456
1995	5,056	2,926	1,561,183	542,548
2000	5,304	2,999	1,725,308	579,782
2005	5,734	3,060	1,917,802	616,952
2010	6,065	3,430	2,062,433	688,846
2011	6,093	3,439	2,088,221	700,794

Source: BCStats, [Other Economic Statistics](#)

Number of Businesses by Employment Size and Industry Type 2011 (Kootenay Development Region)

	Employment Size Range							All Sizes
	0	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 plus	
Total, All Industries	5,479	3,366	1,451	814	395	169	33	11,707
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction	448	207	76	47	25	4	-	807
Utilities	52	23	6	5	6	1	3	96
Construction	17	12	4	3	2	3	-	41
Manufacturing	1,014	577	218	73	35	11	1	1,929
Wholesale Trade	159	122	44	33	21	17	5	401
Retail Trade	118	98	64	29	18	2	-	329
Transportation & Warehousing	344	358	290	168	57	32	2	1,251
Information & Cultural Industries	234	175	44	36	14	2	1	506
Finance & Insurance	53	38	25	11	9	2	-	138
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	268	70	40	34	25	7	-	444
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	908	202	43	25	5	3	-	1,186
Management of Companies & Enterprises	567	347	74	30	13	4	-	1,035
Admin & Support, Waste Management & Remediation	252	34	7	5	-	-	-	298
Educational Services	199	128	67	28	13	5	-	440
Health Care & Social Assistance	41	17	7	8	7	2	8	90
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	146	308	104	64	37	29	6	694
Accommodation & Food Services	90	89	41	24	18	12	1	275
Other Services	232	151	175	138	73	15	4	788
Public Administration	335	391	107	45	13	6	-	897
	2	19	15	8	4	12	2	62

Source: BCStats, [Business Counts and Employment by Industry](#)

Number of Businesses by Employment Size and Industry Type 2011 (BC)

	Employment Size Range						All Sizes
	0	1 to 4	5 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 plus	
Total, All Industries	195,290	98,677	55,743	12,735	5,473	961	368,879
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	8,567	4,322	1,991	436	165	18	15,499
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction	1,106	587	323	75	48	12	2,151
Utilities	155	104	64	19	17	6	365
Construction	30,226	13,404	6,136	1,040	391	40	51,237
Manufacturing	4,141	2,844	2,757	889	541	115	11,287
Wholesale Trade	6,507	4,692	3,558	785	253	17	15,812
Retail Trade	9,320	7,833	10,067	1,766	898	93	29,977
Transportation & Warehousing	11,292	4,506	1,973	514	225	58	18,568
Information & Cultural Industries	3,220	1,376	643	206	103	26	5,574
Finance & Insurance	14,021	3,554	1,999	863	211	40	20,688
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	34,079	6,227	1,816	279	97	14	42,512
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	28,849	14,925	3,723	650	252	34	48,433
Management of Companies & Enterprises	11,636	1,700	530	177	91	39	14,173
Admin & Support, Waste Management & Remediation	7,813	4,876	2,749	547	304	47	16,336
Educational Services	1,946	1,064	740	287	110	88	4,235
Health Care & Social Assistance	5,235	9,207	5,218	834	423	111	21,028
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3,348	1,460	905	261	149	35	6,158
Accommodation & Food Services	3,937	2,951	5,533	2,407	883	57	15,768
Other Services	9,861	12,843	4,704	551	153	37	28,149
Public Administration	31	202	314	149	159	74	929

Source: BCStats, [Business Counts and Employment by Industry](#)

Housing Starts and Completions 2012 (BC)

	Number of Starts	Number of Completions
Total units	27,081	25,334
Single-detached units	7,210	7,618
Semi-detached units	1,029	1,052
Row units	3,285	3,899
Apartment and other unit types	15,557	12,765

Source: Statistics Canada, [CMHC Housing Starts](#)

Wages by Industry 2011

	Kootenay Development Region			British Columbia		
	Total employees (thousands)	Average weekly wage rate (\$)	Median weekly wage rate (\$)	Total employees (thousands)	Average weekly wage rate (\$)	Median weekly wage rate (\$)
Total employees	57.3	826.47	720	1853.2	837.37	755.82
Goods-producing sector	16.7	1,179.76	1144	345	1,004.03	960
Agriculture	0	0	0	14.2	605.27	520
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	5	1,460.70	1,360	35.2	1,333.70	1,225
Utilities	0	0	0	12.8	1,362.85	1,298.25
Construction	5.2	1,182.58	1,224	133.4	1,002.99	960
Manufacturing	5.7	989.72	950	149.4	934.31	882
Services-producing sector	40.6	680.78	576	1,508.20	799.24	704
Trade	8.6	550.63	400	317	633.41	520
Transportation and warehousing	2.5	797.36	862.1	103.1	963.57	901.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	0	0	0	104.4	893.12	793.88
Professional, scientific and technical services	0	0	0	110.2	1,104.15	1,012.50
Business, building and other support services	2	486.08	351.75	62.4	646.28	600
Educational services	3	822.36	758	151.5	955.56	865.4

Health care and social assistance	8.3	820.36	660	227.3	829.2	756
Information, culture and recreation	1.8	482.5	440	87	811.96	760
Accommodation and food services	6.2	338.24	306.25	167.4	402.63	340
Other services	2.5	761.14	646	68.8	702.4	609.6
Public administration	2.8	1,069.99	1,050	108.9	1,196.08	1,125

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)

Municipal Financial Assets 2011

	Castlegar (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Cash and Investments	13,463,581	6,194,167,184
Taxes Receivable	441,561	210,801,674
Receivables from Government	603,552	225,993,430
Receivables from non-Government	244,681	751,032,377
MFA Deposit Notes	0	75,389,087
Loans Receivable	0	515,871,437
Government Business Enterprise Equity	0	48,227,080
Other Financial Assets	12,000	35,560,331
Property Held for Resale	0	158,915,190
Total Financial Assets	14,765,375	8,215,957,790

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

Municipal Revenues 2011

	Castlegar (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Total Own Purpose Taxation and Grants in Lieu	7,289,713	3,730,197,595
Sale of Services	4,110,664	2,583,041,998
Transfers from Federal Governments	302,024	97,404,177

Transfers from Provincial Governments	949,440	478,409,201
Transfers from Regional and Other Governments	408,547	117,781,670
Investment Income	541,286	188,809,051
Income from Government Business Enterprise	0	-919,116
Developer Contributions	197,444	561,778,346
Disposition of Assets	263,975	25,202,963
Other Revenue	771,714	85,522,142
Total Revenue	14,834,807	7,867,228,027

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

Municipal Expenses 2011

	Castlegar (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
General Government	2,021,129	779,918,260
Protective Services	2,399,264	1,609,810,062
Solid Waste Mgmt and Recycling	360,582	257,548,488
Health, Social Services and Housing	167,793	39,924,725
Development Services	464,057	204,836,456
Transportation and Transit	2,443,412	669,235,206
Parks, Recreation and Culture	1,069,251	1,102,540,083
Water Services	864,417	444,141,079
Sewer Services	837,459	383,491,809
Other Services	1,125,691	166,498,469
Amortization	2,581,267	984,578,507
Other Adjustments	0	-573,653
Total Expenses	14,334,322	6,641,949,491

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)