



# COMMUNITY PROFILE: CRESTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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# LOCATION

## Creston - British Columbia



### Distance to Major Cities

Metro Area	Kilometres	Miles	Approximate Time
Vancouver, BC	737	458	7 hrs, 59 min
Calgary, AB	514	319	5 hrs, 24 min
Spokane, WA	231	144	3hrs, 3 min
Victoria, BC	814	506	10 hrs, 32 min
Kelowna, BC	416	259	4 hrs, 36 min
Kamloops, BC	530	329	7 hrs, 27 min
Edmonton, AB	813	505	8 hrs, 33 min

Source: [Ministry of Transportation](#)

### Coordinates and Elevation

Creston	
Longitude	116°30'44"W
Latitude	49°05'50"N
Elevation (meters)	600

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

### Creston Municipal Website

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

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Population and Dwelling Counts 2011

	2011 Population	2006 Population	2011 Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	2011 Occupied Private Dwellings
Creston	5,306	4,826	8	2,464
BC	4,400,057	4,113,487	922,509.29	1,764,637

Source: [BCStats](#)

### Age Characteristics 2011

	Creston			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Children (0 to 14 years)	330	310	645	347,550	329,805	677,360
Emerging Labour Force (15 to 24 years)	265	220	490	283,960	271,035	554,990
Primary Labour Force (25 to 64 years)	1,125	1,300	2,430	1,208,320	1,270,655	2,478,985
Seniors (65+ years)	755	995	1,755	316,750	371,955	688,715
Total population	2,470	2,830	5,310	2,156,600	2,243,455	4,400,055
Median age of population	53.3	56.5	55.2	41.1	42.7	41.9

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

### Marital Status 2011

	Creston			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Total Population 15 years+	2,145	2,520	4,665	1,809,045	1,913,650	3,722,695
Married	1,225	1,210	2,440	913,430	919,175	1,832,605
Living common law	190	195	385	161,530	160,435	321,965
Single (never legally married)	445	360	805	550,830	463,435	1,014,270
Separated	50	75	130	43,570	58,470	102,040
Divorced	145	215	360	98,130	148,385	246,515
Widowed	90	455	545	41,550	163,750	205,300

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

### Mobility Status Over 5-year Period 2006– Population Proportions

	Creston	British Columbia
Non-movers (%)	47.2	53.4
Movers Non-migrants (%)	24.5	23.4
Intraprovincial migrants (%)	15.6	13.6
Interprovincial migrants (%)	11.1	4.3
External migrants (%)	1.7	5.3

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

### Households by Size 2011

	Creston	British Columbia
Total Households	2,465	1,764,640
1 Person	860	498,925
2 Persons	1,060	613,270
3 Persons	230	264,135

4 Persons	210	237,725
5 Persons	65	91,600
6+ Persons	35	58,985
Average Persons per Household	2.1	2.5

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

### Households by Type 2011

	Creston	British Columbia
Total private households	2,465	1,764,635
Couple families without children	905	458,880
Couple families with children	385	439,150
Lone-parent families	155	143,445
One-family households with additional non-family persons	60	91,190
Two-or-more-family households	25	50,415
One-person households	860	498,925
Non-family households with two or more persons	70	82,640

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

## INCOME

### Earnings & Income 2005

	Creston	British Columbia
Without income	155	164,345
Under \$10,000	870	682,060
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,100	686,490
\$20,000 to \$29,999	620	472,965

\$30,000 to \$39,999	550	404,375
\$40,000 to \$49,999	295	301,820
\$50,000 to \$59,999	205	208,690
\$60,000 and over	300	474,180
Median income (\$)	20,019	24,867
Average income (\$)	26,755	34,519

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

### Earnings & Income 2009

	Creston
Total number of returns	7,830
Total income reported (\$000)	239,595
Number of returns under \$10,000	1,380
Number of returns \$10,000 to \$19,999	2,110
Number of returns \$20,000 to \$29,999	1,340
Number of returns \$30,000 to \$39,999	970
Number of returns \$40,000 to \$49,999	680
Number of returns \$50,000 and over	1,360

Source: [Canada Revenue Agency](#)

### Income by Source 2009

	Creston	Kootenay Development Region
Number of returns	7,830	118,080
Average income (\$)	30,600	36,640
Total income (\$000)	239,595	4,326,481
Employment income (\$000)	118,095	2,599,833
Pension (\$000)	66,815	801,322



Investment (\$000)	20,636	351,487
Self-employment (\$000)	9,600	198,085
Other (\$000)	15,575	271,645
Tax exempt income (\$000)	8,862	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 (%)	
	Creston	BC	Creston	BC	Creston	BC
Under 19	6.4	2.7				
19-24	-	2.1	8.5	2.6	-	4.6
25-54	3.5	1.9	3.8	3.1	6.8	4.9
55-64	-	0.7	2.2	2.0	-	2.6
19-64	2.7	1.7	3.7	2.8	6.1	4.4

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)

### Number of Households by Household Income 2005

	Creston	British Columbia
Total number of households	2,360	1,643,150
Under \$10,000	130	93,125
\$10,000 to \$19,999	480	171,695
\$20,000 to \$29,999	335	172,030
\$30,000 to \$39,999	415	178,740
\$40,000 to \$49,999	225	163,710
\$50,000 to \$59,999	220	144,630
\$60,000 to \$69,999	175	130,715
\$70,000 to \$79,999	105	112,035

\$80,000 to \$89,999	50	93,030
\$90,000 to \$99,999	70	76,750
\$100,000 and over	140	306,675
Median household income (\$)	37,064	52,709
Average household income (\$)	44,469	67,675

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

### Household Average Spending Breakdown 2010 (\$ per year)

	Population centre 1,000		
	British Columbia	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	1,197	987	1,091

expenditures			
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

	Creston	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	2,465	1,764,635
Single-detached house	1,755	842,120
Apartment, building that has five or more storeys	10	143,970
Movable dwelling	170	46,960
Semi-detached house	60	52,825
Row house	135	130,365
Apartment, duplex	105	184,355
Apartment, building that has fewer than five storeys	220	361,150
Other single-attached house	10	2,885

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

### Taxes and Charges on a Representative House 2011

	Creston
House Value	214,358
School	528
General Municipal Total	856
Regional District	567
Hospital	44
BCA, MFA and Other	77
Total Residential Variable Rate Taxes	2,073
Total Residential Parcel Taxes	326
Total Residential User Fees	404
Total Residential Property Taxes And Charges	2,802

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

### Average Owner-occupied Dwelling Values 2005

	Creston	British Columbia
Private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	1,800	1,118,160
Average value of dwelling (\$)	189,801	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

	Creston	British Columbia
Total number of non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings occupied by usual residents	2,360	1,606,875
Tenant-occupied private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	555	488,720
Average gross rent (\$)	687	828
Tenant-occupied households spending 30% or more of household income on gross rent	310	212,040
Owner-occupied private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	1,800	1,118,160
Average owner major payments (\$)	574	1,059
Owner households spending 30% or more of household income on owner's major payments	265	253,820

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

### Dwellings by Period of Construction 2006

	Creston	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	2,360	1,643,150
Before 1946	215	129,240
1946 to 1960	400	174,250
1961 to 1970	415	209,685
1971 to 1980	465	353,310
1981 to 1985	140	150,850
1986 to 1990	120	150,005
1991 to 1995	230	193,695
1996 to 2000	180	145,665
2001 to 2006	200	136,450

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

## LABOUR FORCE

### Labour Force Income Profile 2009

	Creston	Kootenay Development Region	BC
Total Taxfilers - Males	3,560	56,310	1,591,080
Total Taxfilers - Females	3,970	58,310	1,718,980
Total Taxfilers - Total	7,530	114,720	3,316,240
Total Income (\$000) - Males	130,432	2,559,887	77,389,011
Total Income (\$000) - Females	97,774	1,634,416	54,709,799
Total Income (\$000) - Total	228,225	4,195,599	132,154,535
Employment Income (\$000) - Males	75,314	1,782,397	56,522,916
Employment Income (\$000) - Females	48,652	994,294	36,122,634

Employment Income (\$000) - Total	123,966	2,776,725	92,654,510
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Males	67,120	1,607,227	51,041,771
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Females	43,250	899,294	32,961,414
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Total	110,370	2,506,553	84,008,586
Self Employment (\$000) - Males	6,189	125,846	4,581,059
Self Employment (\$000) - Females	3,980	66,358	2,257,263
Self Employment (\$000) - Total	10,169	192,206	6,841,882
EI (\$000) - Males	2,509	55,891	1,119,464
EI (\$000) - Females	1,798	32,868	1,029,021
EI (\$000) - Total	4,307	88,758	2,148,485

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

### Labour Force Activity 2005

	Creston	British Columbia
Total population 15 years and over	4,090	3,394,905
Employed	1,655	2,092,770
Unemployed	105	133,615
Not in the labour force	2,335	1,168,525
Participation rate (%)	43.0	65.6
Employment rate (%)	40.5	61.6
Unemployment rate (%)	6.0	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

	Creston	British Columbia
Total labour force 15 years and older	1,755	2,226,385
Management occupations	140	229,945
Business, finance and administration occupations	195	375,970
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	50	138,955
Health occupations	205	120,365
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	160	178,040
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	10	76,460
Sales and service occupations	435	555,880
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	285	339,495
Occupations unique to primary industry	195	86,460
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and	60	91,545



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Occupation - Not applicable

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33,270

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

### Labour Force by Occupation 2013

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	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, education, government service and religion	180.6	180.8	1,469.50	1,509.40
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

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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

	Creston	British Columbia
Total labour force 15 years and over	1,760	2,226,380
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	170	76,485
Mining and oil and gas extraction	20	20,025
Utilities	10	11,250
Construction	125	166,095
Manufacturing	150	189,120
Wholesale trade	10	92,020
Retail trade	200	248,955
Transportation and warehousing	25	114,915
Information and cultural industries	0	58,905
Finance and insurance	80	84,215
Real estate and rental and leasing	15	50,725
Professional, scientific and technical services	70	162,435
Management of companies and enterprises	0	3,100
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	70	97,310
Educational services	150	152,565
Health care and social assistance	365	213,085
Arts, entertainment and recreation	40	51,370
Accommodation and food services	120	180,055

Other services (except public administration)	60	109900
Public administration	55	110585
Industry - Not applicable	10	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, Oil and Gas	3.2	5.3	7.0	43.1	40.1	46.1
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	6.1	9.2	9.8	229.5	261.3	274.5

Assistance						
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

	Creston	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	1,655	2,092,770
Works in census subdivision of residence	1,085	787,185
Works in different census subdivision	190	828,815
Works at home	145	188,755
Works outside Canada	15	13,960
No fixed workplace address	215	274,055

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

### Mode of Transportation to Work 2005

	Creston	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	1,495	1,890,055
Car, truck, van - as driver	1,145	1,353,790
Car, truck, van - as passenger	75	145,840
Public transit	20	195,145
Walked	245	130,280
Bicycle	10	37,365
Motorcycle	0	5,940
Taxicab	0	2,295
Other method	0	19,380

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

## EDUCATION

### Highest Educational Attainment 2005

	Creston	British Columbia
Total population 15 years or older	4,095	3,394,905
No certificate, diploma or degree	1,245	675,340
High school certificate or equivalent	960	946,645
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	590	368,360
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	785	565,895
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	165	184,395
Bachelor's degree	245	415,480
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	10	65,785
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	0	20,090

Master's degree	75	126,090
Earned doctorate	15	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

	Creston	British Columbia
Total population 25 to 64 years with postsecondary qualifications	1,270	1,410,990
Education	115	105,960
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	10	59,920
Humanities	55	79,485
Social and behavioural sciences and law	95	147,895

Business, management and public administration	245	296,700
Physical and life sciences and technologies	15	49,785
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	20	57,475
Architecture, engineering, and related technologies	190	297,360
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	75	37,140
Health, parks, recreation and fitness	375	200,935
Personal, protective and transportation services	70	78,150
Other fields of study	0	165

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

### Schools and Enrolments 2011/2012

	Kootenay Lake School District	British Columbia
Number of Elementary Schools	22	1,561
Elementary School Enrollment	2,719	348,177
Number of Secondary Schools	3	386
Secondary School Enrollment	2,303	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



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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

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Source: [DataBC](#)

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### Weather and Climate

Creston Weather Station	July	December
Daily Average (°C)	19.3	-2.3
Daily Maximum (°C)	26.5	0.3
Daily Minimum (°C)	12.1	-4.9
Rainfall (mm)	39.1	32.5
Snowfall (cm)	0	46.6

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

### Health Indicators 2010

	East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area		British Columbia	
	2005 (% of population)	2010 (% of population)	2005 (% of population)	2010 (% of population)
Perceived health, very good or excellent	61.2	57	59.5	60.6
Perceived health, fair or poor	14.1	16.7	11.7	10.9
Perceived mental health, very good or excellent	69	68.2	72.5	71.6
Perceived mental health, fair or poor	5.2	6.5	5.9	5.8
Life satisfaction, satisfied or very satisfied	89	89.8	90.7	91.5
Perceived life stress, quite a lot (15 years and over)	22.4	23.6	22.4	22.8
Body mass index, self-reported, adult (18 years and over), overweight or obese	51.1	58.4	46.1	44.4
Sense of belonging to local community, somewhat strong or very strong	69.1	72.2	69.6	69.7
Contact with a medical doctor in the past 12 months	79.5	82	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)
Creston Valley Home & Garden Show	April
Creston Valley Bird Fest	
Creston Valley Blossom Festival	May Long Weekend
Lower Kootenai Band Yaqaan Nuki Powwow	May Long Weekend
Demo Derby	May Long Weekend

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Saturday market	June-September
Creston Valley & East Shore Art Walk	June-September
Goad Style Bike Jam	July
Creston Valley Fest	July
Creston Valley Fall Fair	2 <sup>nd</sup> weekend in September
Blue Heron Half Marathon & 10K Run	September

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Source: RDI Research

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

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Amenities	Activity
Farms & Orchards	Tours
Skimmerhorn Winery	Tours
Columbia Brewery	Tours
Chocolate Orchard Candy Factory	Tours
Kokanee Springs Golf Resort	Golf
Creston Golf Club	Golf
Cheyenne Creek Mini Golf	Golf
Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area	Birdwatching/Hiking/Cross Country Skiing
Stagleap Provincial Park	Hiking & Cross Country Skiing
Duck Lake	Boating & Fishing
Summit Creek Recreation Area	Hiking

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Source: RDI Research

# TAXATION

## Development Cost Charges 2011

	Creston
Residential Single-Family (\$ Per Unit)	3,112.64
Residential Multi-Family (\$ Per Unit)	-
Commercial (\$ Per Square Metre)	19.50
Industrial (\$ Per Square Metre)	15.16

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

## Creston Municipal Tax Rates by Property Class 2011

Property Class	Authenticated		Tax Class Multiples	Total Municipal	
	Roll General Taxable Values	Municipal Purposes Tax Rates		Variable Rate Taxes	Total Municipal Taxes
Residential	517,231,700	3.99223	1.00	2,064,908	2,064,908
Utilities	1,331,530	40.00000	10.02	53,261	53,261
Supportive Housing	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Major Industry	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Light Industry	12,276,600	11.17824	2.80	137,231	137,231
Business/Other	58,743,850	7.58524	1.90	445,586	445,586
Managed Forest	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Recreation	418,000	3.99223	1.00	1,669	1,669
Farm	78,621	4.39145	1.10	345	345
Totals	590,080,301			2,703,000	2,703,000

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

### Personal Taxation Statistics 2009

	Creston		British Columbia	
	Number of Returns	Average Income (\$)	Number of Returns	Average Income (\$)
2005	6,700	27,649	3,154,090	35,601
2006	6,700	29,457	3,165,750	38,523
2007	7,150	31,180	3,287,750	40,802
2008	7,730	31,438	3,383,640	40,736
2009	7,830	30,600	3,406,860	39,754

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)

### Taxable Land Area 2011

	Creston	Combined BC Municipalities
Taxable Land Area (ha)	580	9,239,751
Taxable Water Area (ha)	0	29,860
Exempt Parkland (ha)	14	163,897
Other Exempt Area (ha)	333	497,618
Total Area (ha)	927	9,931,126

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

# UTILITIES

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## Water Treatment

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Creston

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Provider  
Average Daily Demand (mgd)  
Cost per 1000 Gallons – Industrial (\$)  
Cost per 1000 Gallons – Residential (\$)  
Peak Demand (mgd)  
Rated Capacity (mgd)  
Water Connection Fee (\$)

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Source: Town of Creston – to be provided.

## Sewer Treatment

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Creston

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Provider  
Type of Service  
Rated Capacity (mgd)  
Average Daily Demand (mgd)  
Peak Demand (mgd)  
Cost per 1000 Gallons (\$)  
Sewer Connection Fee (\$)

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Source: Town of Creston – to be provided.

## Service Providers

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Creston

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Electric Power  
Natural Gas  
Telecommunications

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Source: Town of Creston – to be provided.

## Landfill and Waste Management

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Creston

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Landfill Location	Creston Landfill, Highway 21
Current Capacity	415,000 m3
Number of Licensed Hazardous Waste Haulers	
Plans for New Capacity	n/a

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Source: Town of Creston – to be provided.

### Sewer and Waterpipe Lengths 2011

	Creston	Combined BC Municipalities
Storm Sewer Distance (km)	24	19,732
Sanitary Sewer Distance (km)	52	27,799
Water Pipe Distance (km)	60	31,307

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

### Paved and Unpaved Road Lengths 2011

	Creston	Combined BC Municipalities
Distance of Paved Roads (km)	53	26,984
Distance of Unpaved Roads (km)	5	1,832

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

## BUSINESS

### Business Formations and Failures 2011

	Creston			British Columbia		
	Incorporations	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer	Incorporations	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer
2007	31	2	62	34,036	786	8,168
2008	31	8	46	30,085	585	7,020
2009	23	1	33	26,431	470	6,651
2010	17	3	36	30,305	454	7,293
2011	8	1	69	30,844	380	10,639

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)



### Total Building Permits 2011 (\$ 000)

	Creston	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
2006	6,451	403,970	11,541,532
2007	15,659	493,304	12,544,691
2008	14,944	445,477	10,577,155
2009	5,222	265,330	7,629,885
2010	11,968	302,380	9,723,809
2011	11,182	232,172	9,249,767
2012	1,862	244,964	10,759,583

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

### Building Permits by Type 2011

	Creston	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
Total building permits (\$000)	11,182	232,172	9,249,767
Residential (\$ 000)	2,339	173,833	6,113,406
Industrial (\$ 000)	274	7,824	357,707
Commercial (\$ 000)	8,419	40,750	1,970,571
Institutional and Government (\$ 000)	150	9,765	808,083
Residential (Total number of units)	8	557	25,745

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

### Licensed Commercial and Personal Vehicles 2011

Year	Creston		British Columbia	
	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles
1985	3,930	2,783	1,219,940	442,456

1995	4,536	3,150	1,561,183	542,548
2000	4,573	3,295	1,725,308	579,782
2005	5,034	3,432	1,917,802	616,952
2010	5,382	3,905	2,062,433	688,846
2011	5,451	3,932	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	448	207	76	47	25	4	-	807
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction	52	23	6	5	6	1	3	96
Utilities	17	12	4	3	2	3	-	41
Construction	1,014	577	218	73	35	11	1	1,929
Manufacturing	159	122	44	33	21	17	5	401
Wholesale Trade	118	98	64	29	18	2	-	329
Retail Trade	344	358	290	168	57	32	2	1,251
Transportation & Warehousing	234	175	44	36	14	2	1	506
Information & Cultural Industries	53	38	25	11	9	2	-	138
Finance & Insurance	268	70	40	34	25	7	-	444
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	908	202	43	25	5	3	-	1,186
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	567	347	74	30	13	4	-	1,035
Management of Companies & Enterprises	252	34	7	5	-	-	-	298
Admin & Support, Waste Management & Remediation	199	128	67	28	13	5	-	440

Educational Services	41	17	7	8	7	2	8	90
Health Care & Social Assistance	146	308	104	64	37	29	6	694
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	90	89	41	24	18	12	1	275
Accommodation & Food Services	232	151	175	138	73	15	4	788
Other Services	335	391	107	45	13	6	-	897
Public Administration	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						
	0	1 to 4	5 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 plus	All Sizes
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 &	7,813	4,876	2,749	547	304	47	16,336

Remediation

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

	Creston (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Cash and Investments	4,524,959	6,194,167,184
Taxes Receivable	530,184	210,801,674
Receivables from Government	117,922	225,993,430
Receivables from non-Government	51,021	751,032,377
MFA Deposit Notes	313,930	75,389,087
Loans Receivable	25,001	515,871,437
Government Business Enterprise Equity	0	48,227,080

Other Financial Assets	0	35,560,331
Property Held for Resale	0	158,915,190
Total Financial Assets	5,563,017	8,215,957,790

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

### Municipal Revenues 2011

	Creston (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Total Own Purpose Taxation and Grants in Lieu	3,687,108	3,730,197,595
Sale of Services	3,133,526	2,583,041,998
Transfers from Federal Governments	0	97,404,177
Transfers from Provincial Governments	740,218	478,409,201
Transfers from Regional and Other Governments	10,000	117,781,670
Investment Income	195,260	188,809,051
Income from Government Business Enterprise	0	-919,116
Developer Contributions	0	561,778,346
Disposition of Assets	-20,664	25,202,963
Other Revenue	0	85,522,142
Total Revenue	7,745,448	7,867,228,027

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

### Municipal Expenses 2011

	Creston (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
General Government	1,294,065	779,918,260
Protective Services	901,938	1,609,810,062
Solid Waste Mgmt and Recycling	217,651	257,548,488
Health, Social Services and	114,165	39,924,725

Housing		
Development Services	209,198	204,836,456
Transportation and Transit	1,025,914	669,235,206
Parks, Recreation and Culture	200,480	1,102,540,083
Water Services	821,520	444,141,079
Sewer Services	869,793	383,491,809
Other Services	184,881	166,498,469
Amortization	1,451,801	984,578,507
Other Adjustments	0	-573,653
Total Expenses	7,291,406	6,641,949,491

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