



# 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, ELEVATION AND AREA

Creston	
Longitude	116°30'44"W
Latitude	49°05'50"N
Elevation (meters)	600
Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	9.27

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

## CRESTON MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

<http://www.crestonbc.com/>

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### POPULATION ESTIMATES 2014

	2014 Population	2011 Population
Creston	5,030	5,332
Kootenay Development Region	148,379	148,470
BC	4,631,302	4,499,139

Source: [BC Stats](#)

### 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 2011 – POPULATION PROPORTIONS

	Creston	British Columbia
Non-movers (%)	54.0%	57.2%
Movers Non-migrants (%)	26.4%	21.6%
Intraprovincial migrants (%)	9.0%	11.9%
Interprovincial migrants (%)	9.8%	4.1%
External migrants (%)	1.0%	5.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

## 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

### PERSONAL INCOME 2012

	Creston	British Columbia
Number of Returns Under 10,000	720	637,790
10,000-14,999	510	343,260
15,000-19,999	680	329,290
20,000-24,999	550	262,850
25,000-29,999	330	211,370
30,000-34,999	290	198,510
35,000-39,999	300	191,780
40,000-44,999	230	182,470
45,000-49,999	170	153,520
50,000-59,999	300	248,450
60,000-69,999	220	191,970
70,000-79,999	160	145,330
80,000-89,999	110	111,390
90,000-99,999	60	75,200
100,000-149,999	130	157,840

150,000-249,999	40	57,170
250,000+	10	26,460
Average Income (\$)	34,402	42,453

Source: [Canada Revenue Agency 2014](#)

### COMPOSITION OF TOTAL INCOME OF POPULATION BY SOURCE 2010

	Creston	British Columbia
Employment income %	64.7	73.7
Investment income %	3.3	6.1
Retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities %	9.6	6.9
Other market income %	1.3	1.7
Canada/Quebec Pension Plan benefits %	7.4	3.7
Old Age Security pensions and Guaranteed Income Supplement %	7.7	3.3
Employment Insurance benefits %	1.4	1.5
Child benefits %	1.5	1.2
Other income from government sources %	3.1	2.0

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

### HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010

	Creston	British Columbia
Total number of households	2,460	1,764,630
Under \$5,000	60	60,125
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	36,340
\$10,000 to \$14,999	70	59,965
\$15,000 to \$19,999	365	96,600
\$20,000 to \$29,999	330	157,605
\$30,000 to \$39,999	275	167,220
\$40,000 to \$49,999	240	158,400
\$50,000 to \$59,999	170	140,340
\$60,000 to \$79,999	415	246,720
\$80,000 to \$99,999	175	193,180



\$100,000 to \$124,999	205	167,415
\$125,000 to \$149,999	100	106,325
\$150,000 and over	35	174,385
Median household total income \$	46,077	60,333
Average household total income \$	53,908	77,378

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

### **ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY 2012**

	Creston Local Health Area	BC
Population receiving Income Assistance (%)	1.4	1.7
Population 15+ receiving Employment Insurance (%)	1.7	1.3

Source: BC Stats, [Socio-Economic Profiles](#)

### **HOUSEHOLD AVERAGE SPENDING BREAKDOWN 2013 (\$ PER YEAR)**

	British Columbia	Population centre 1,000 to 29,999	Rural area
Total expenditure	78,414	70,633	72,040
Food expenditures	8,084	7,302	7,340
Shelter	18,766	13,640	13,346
Household operation	4,339	4,030	4,363
Household furnishings and equipment	2,067	1,695	2,028
Clothing and accessories	3,451	3,206	2,801
Transportation	11,184	11,680	12,583
Health care	2,790	3,392	2,604
Personal care	1,222	1,010	1,087
Recreation	3,909	3,884	4,518
Education	1,831	778	635
Reading materials and other printed matter	193	174	177
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,256	1,400	1,415
Games of chance	232	170	158
Miscellaneous	1,684	1,668	1,508

expenditures			
Income taxes	11,113	10,886	11,252
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,138	4,261	4,003
Gifts of money, support payments and charitable contributions	2,155	1,457	2,224

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](#)

### AVERAGE OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLING VALUES 2011

	Creston	British Columbia
Private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	1,880	1,202,000
Average value of dwelling (\$)	269,308	543,635

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

## DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING VALUES 2015

	Creston	Basin-Boundary Region
Number of single family dwellings	1,691	45,238
Under \$50,000	0%	0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3%	3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	13%	9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	22%	15%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	29%	19%
\$250,000 to \$299,999	18%	17%
\$300,000 to \$349,999	8%	12%
\$350,000 to \$399,999	4%	8%
\$400,000 to \$499,999	3%	8%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	1%	6%
\$750,000 or more	0%	2%
Median value of dwelling \$	222,400	260,100

Source: BC Assessment (Custom Data)

## HOUSEHOLDS AND SHELTER COSTS BY TENURE 2011

	Creston	British Columbia
Total number of private households	2,460	1,764,630
Total number of owner-occupied private households	1,880	1,234,710
Total number of renter-occupied private households	580	524,995
Median monthly shelter costs for owned dwellings	493	1,023
Median monthly shelter costs for rented dwellings	756	903

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

## DWELLINGS BY PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION 2011

	Creston	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	2,460	1,764,630
1960 or before	780	282,675

1961 to 1980	650	551,655
1981 to 1990	425	308,450
1991 to 2000	315	329,780
2001 to 2005	105	133,235
2006 to 2011	185	158,845

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

## LABOUR FORCE

### LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY 2014

	Kootenay Development Region		British Columbia	
	2011	2014	2011	2014
Population 15 years and older (000)	124.4	122.3	3,778.8	3854.5
Full-time employment (000)	51.3	53.2	1,759.9	1814.2
Part-time employment (000)	19.3	14.3	514.7	493.9
Unemployment (000)	6.1	5.0	183.4	162.4
Not in labour force (000)	47.7	49.8	1,320.8	1384.0
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	6.9	7.5	6.6
Participation rate (%)	61.7	59.3	65	64.1
Employment rate (%)	56.8	55.2	60.2	59.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

### LABOUR FORCE BY OCCUPATION 2011

	Creston	British Columbia
Management occupations	390	263,685
Business, finance and administrative occupations	235	368,980
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	40	154,055
Health occupations	205	147,620
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	335	265,910
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and	45	78,565

sport

Sales and service occupations	570	554,345
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	375	337,140
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	90	60,295
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	205	74,720
All occupations	2,480	2,305,320

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

### **LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY 2014**

	Kootenay Development Region (000s)	British Columbia (000s)
Total labour force 15 years and over	72.5	2425.4
Agriculture	0	27.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	7.4	53.7
Utilities	0	13.9
Construction	5	214.2
Manufacturing	4.8	168.1
Trade	12.2	369.9
Transportation and warehousing	3.6	137.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	3.2	140.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	2	187.4
Business, building and other support services	1.9	94.4
Educational services	5.1	171.2
Health care and social assistance	9.6	275
Information, culture and recreation	2.7	112.4
Accommodation and food services	5.5	195.5
Other services	3.4	104.7
Public administration	2	100.9
Unclassified Industries	2.2	58.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2014

	Kootenay Development Region (000s)	British Columbia (000s)
Total employees 15 years and over	67.5	2278.4
Agriculture	0	24.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	7.2	50
Utilities	0	13.7
Construction	4.6	200.5
Manufacturing	4.7	161.4
Trade	11.8	358
Transportation and warehousing	3.3	133.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	3.1	137.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	1.9	182.3
Business, building and other support services	1.7	87.9
Educational services	5	166.3
Health care and social assistance	9.5	269.8
Information, culture and recreation	2.5	107.7
Accommodation and food services	5.2	185.3
Other services	3.3	102.4
Public administration	1.9	97.9
Unclassified Industries	0	0

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

## MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE BY INDUSTRY 2014 (\$)

	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
All Industries	23.00	21.79
Agriculture	0.00	15.00
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	33.27	28.00
Utilities	0.00	32.00
Construction	25.00	25.64
Manufacturing	27.00	24.00

Trade	17.00	15.00
Transportation and warehousing	25.27	25.00
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.12	22.44
Professional, scientific and technical services	0.00	28.85
Business, building and other support services	0.00	16.00
Educational services	28.37	26.00
Health care and social assistance	22.00	22.94
Information, culture and recreation	18.82	21.00
Accommodation and food services	12.00	12.00
Other services	19.23	17.99
Public administration	27.00	31.00

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

Note: 0.00 implies suppressed/unknown values

### **MEDIAN COMMUTE DURATION 2011**

	Creston	British Columbia
Duration (minutes)	6.0	20.4

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

### **PLACE OF WORK STATUS 2011**

	Creston	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	2,295	2,171,470
Worked at home	275	174,000
Worked outside Canada	0	12,480
No fixed workplace address	275	304,465
Worked at usual place	1,745	1,680,525

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

## **EDUCATION**

### **HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2011**

	Creston	British Columbia
Total population 15 years or older	4,440	3,646,840
No certificate, diploma or degree	1,080	607,655

High school certificate or equivalent	1,175	1,009,400
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	525	387,455
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	880	628,115
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	280	208,245
Bachelor's degree	350	511,240
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	150	294,725

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

### MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY 2011

	Creston	British Columbia
Total population over 15 years with postsecondary qualifications	2,185	2,029,785
Education	380	149,980
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	35	89,230
Humanities	65	120,340
Social and behavioural sciences and law	160	209,655
Business, management and public administration	305	412,335
Physical and life sciences and technologies	60	79,980
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	30	72,705
Architecture, engineering, and related technologies	480	421,115
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	115	49,275
Health and related fields	470	308,880
Personal, protective and transportation services	90	116,025
Other fields of study	0	270

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

### SCHOOLS AND ENROLMENTS 2014/15

	Kootenay Lake School District	
	2011/12	2014/15
Number of Elementary Schools	22	25
Elementary School Enrollment	2,719	2,736



Number of Secondary Schools	3	3
Secondary School Enrollment	2,303	2,156

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

### POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION FTEs - BC

Institution	2012/13	2013/14
British Columbia Institute of Technology	12,953	13,335
Camosun College	7,018	7,024
Capilano University	5,620	5,209
College of New Caledonia	2,140	2,022
College of the Rockies	1,700	1,750
Douglas College	8,792	9,097
Emily Carr University of Art + Design	1,458	1,500
Justice Institute of British Columbia	2,687	2,597
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	9,273	9,309
Langara College	7,370	7,232
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	549	554
North Island College	1,972	1,947
Northern Lights College	874	831
Northwest Community College	1,009	1,126
Okanagan College	5,379	5,070
Royal Roads University	2,440	2,440
Selkirk College	1,725	1,755
Simon Fraser University	22,661	22,701
Thompson Rivers University	7,967	8,474
University of British Columbia	45,650	45,353
University of Northern British Columbia	2,888	2,833
University of the Fraser Valley	6,852	6,755
University of Victoria	16,524	16,649
Vancouver Community College	6,352	6,112
Vancouver Island University	6,009	5,873

Total	187,862	187,548
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Source: [DataBC](#)

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Creston Weather Station	July	December
Daily Average (°C)	19.7	-2.3
Daily Maximum (°C)	27.2	0.3
Daily Minimum (°C)	12.1	-4.9
Precipitation (mm)	39.9	77.5

Source: National Climate Data and Information Archive: [1981-2010 Climate Normals](#)

### HEALTH INDICATORS 2013

	East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area		British Columbia	
	2010 (% of population)	2013 (% of population)	2010 (% of population)	2013 (% of population)
Perceived health, very good or excellent	63.8	54.3	58.6	59.9
Perceived mental health, very good or excellent	75.7	69.0	70.4	68.7
Overweight or obese	54.9	56.9	45.1	46.6
Sense of community belonging, somewhat strong or very strong	71.7	69.2	68.9	68.3
Life satisfaction, satisfied or very satisfied	93.6	87.3	90.9	91

Source: Statistics Canada, [Health Profile 2013](#)

### CRIME STATISTICS 2011

	Creston Local Health Area	British Columbia
Serious Violent Crime Rate	1.2	3.3
Serious Property Crime Rate	4.3	7.8
Total Serious Crime Rate	5.5	11.1
# of Serious Crimes per Police Officer	5.9	7.7

Source: BC Stats [Socio-Economic Indices](#)

Note: rates are offences per 1000 population, averaged from 2009 to 2011

## SELECTED EVENTS

Top Annual Events	Date(s)
Creston Valley Home & Garden Show	April
Creston Valley Bird Fest	May
Creston Valley Blossom Festival	May Long Weekend
Lower Kootenai Band Yaqaan Nuki Powwow	May Long Weekend
Demo Derby	May Long Weekend
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

Source: RDI Research.

## SELECTED CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES (WITHIN A TWO-HOUR DRIVE)

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

Source: RDI Research.

## TAXATION

### DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES 2012

	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](#)

## MUNICIPAL TAX RATES BY PROPERTY CLASS 2015

Property Class	Authenticated Roll General Taxable Values	Municipal Purposes Tax Rates	Tax Class Multiples	Total Municipal Variable Rate Taxes	Total Municipal Taxes
Residential	524,285,800	5.52	1.00	2,895,568	2,895,568
Utilities	1,258,710	40.00	7.24	50,348	50,348
Supportive Housing	0	0.00	0.00	0	0
Major Industry	0	0.00	0.00	0	0
Light Industry	11,722,700	16.84	3.05	197,466	197,466
Business/Other	61,459,500	10.66	1.93	655,106	655,106
Managed Forest	0	0.00	0.00	0	0
Recreation	517,200	5.52	1.00	2,856	2,856
Farm	59,270	6.08	1.10	360	360
Totals	599,303,180			3,801,705	3,801,705

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

## TAXES AND CHARGES ON A REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE 2015

	Creston
House Value	216,272
School	551
General Municipal Total	1,194
Regional District	592
Hospital	35
BCA, MFA and Other	13
Total Residential Variable Rate Taxes	2,385
Total Residential Parcel Taxes	326
Total Residential User Fees	518
Total Residential Property Taxes And Charges	3,229

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

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### WATER SERVICES

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Provider	Town of Creston
Average Per Capita Daily Demand (2014)	843 L
Annual Water Rate (Single Family Residential) (2015)	\$301
Annual Water Rate (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) (2015)	\$varies
Water Connection Fee (2015)	\$3,000 - \$3,900
Length of Pipe	60 km

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Source: Creston [Water Rates Bylaw](#), Columbia Basin Trust [Water Smart Initiative](#), Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

### SEWER SERVICES

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Provider	Town of Creston
Type of Treatment	Secondary
Annual Sewer Rate (Single Family Residential) (2015)	\$217
Annual Sewer Rate (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) (2015)	\$varies
Sewer Connection Fee (2015)	\$3,000
Length of Pipe	51 km

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

### SERVICE PROVIDERS

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	Creston
Electric Power	Fortis BC
Natural Gas	Fortis BC

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Source: [Town of Creston](#).

### LANDFILL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

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	Creston
Landfill Location	Creston Landfill
Waste Disposal Rate – RDCK 2012	477 kg/person/year
Type of Service	Curbside Garbage and Centralised Recycling Drop-off

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Source: [Regional District of Central Kootenay](#), [BC Ministry of Environment](#)

### PAVED AND UNPAVED ROAD LENGTHS 2013

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	Creston	Combined BC Municipalities
Distance of Paved Roads (km)	50	26,856
Distance of Unpaved Roads (km)	5	1,629

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

## TRAFFIC 2012

Station Location	Annual Average Daily Traffic (Number of Vehicles)	Summer Average Daily Traffic (Number of Vehicles)
Route 3, 0.1 km east of 20th Avenue, Creston	6,276	6,758

Source: Ministry Transportation and Infrastructure [Traffic Data Program](#)

## BUSINESS

### BUSINESS FORMATIONS 2013

	Creston	British Columbia
2009	23	26,431
2010	17	30,305
2011	9	30,844
2012	16	31,066
2013	18	32,225

Source: BC Stats, [Business Formations and Failures](#)

### BANKRUPTCIES 2013

	Kootenay Development Region		British Columbia	
	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer
2009	9	339	380	10,639
2010	7	305	229	9,674
2011	7	244	192	8,040
2012	12	291	192	7,562
2013	6	248	189	7,130

Source: BC Stats, [Business Formations and Failures](#)

### TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS 2014 (\$ 000)

	Creston	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
2010	11,968	302,380	9,723,809
2011	11,182	232,172	9,249,767
2012	1,862	244,964	10,759,583

2013	3,306	215,735	10,158,890
2014	4,924	263,109	11,076,715

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

### BUILDING PERMITS BY TYPE 2014

	Creston	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
Residential (\$ 000)	3,748	204,316	7,347,640
Industrial (\$ 000)	5	6,669	354,651
Commercial (\$ 000)	778	29,574	2,213,014
Institutional and Government (\$ 000)	393	22,550	1,161,410
Residential (Total number of units)	20	548	28,709

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

### LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES 2013

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
2005	5,034	3,432	1,917,802	616,952
2010	5,382	3,905	2,062,433	688,846
2013	5,563	3,862	2,147,741	724,742

Source: BC Stats, [Other Economic Statistics](#)

### NUMBER OF BUSINESSES BY EMPLOYEE SIZE AND INDUSTRY TYPE 2013 (KOOTENAY DEVELOPMENT REGION)

	Employee Size Range							
	Indeterminate	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 plus	All Sizes
Total, All Industries	25,221	3,409	1,456	769	421	182	30	31488
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	2,097	213	83	51	23	8	0	2475
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction	183	30	9	3	4	1	6	236
Utilities	65	5	5	3	5	6	0	89

Construction	2,577	602	188	70	26	10	0	3473
Manufacturing	549	108	46	23	21	18	3	768
Wholesale Trade	217	78	55	23	18	5	0	396
Retail Trade	1,276	363	265	171	68	26	3	2172
Transportation & Warehousing	501	171	59	33	21	4	1	790
Information & Cultural Industries	254	44	16	15	12	2	0	343
Finance & Insurance	526	79	46	31	25	7	0	714
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	8,905	236	58	23	6	4	0	9232
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	2,279	375	61	34	15	8	0	2772
Management of Companies & Enterprises	277	27	7	1	0	0	0	312
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgmt. & Remediation	1,150	117	67	18	11	6	0	1369
Educational Services	376	30	10	8	7	1	6	438
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,052	318	115	60	35	30	6	1616
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	689	69	37	26	16	15	1	853
Accommodation & Food Services	764	141	184	127	89	14	3	1322
Other Services	1,467	385	129	42	14	4	0	2041
Public Administration	17	18	16	7	5	13	1	77

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



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ASSETS 2013

	Creston (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Cash and Investments	4,422,615	7,914,366,626
Taxes Receivable	952,566	219,220,705
Receivables from Government	755,049	196,045,154
Receivables from non-Government	144,855	777,934,308
MFA Deposit Notes	382,552	74,699,807
Loans Receivable	2,025,001	55,424,221
Government Business Enterprise Equity	0	57,592,573
Other Financial Assets	0	38,955,655
Property Held for Resale	0	297,595,860
Total Financial Assets	8,682,638	9,631,834,909

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

### MUNICIPAL REVENUES 2013

	Creston (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Total Own Purpose Taxation and Grants in Lieu	4,359,897	4,032,474,079
Sale of Services	3,521,005	2,622,738,203
Transfers from Federal Governments	1,254,600	69,709,693
Transfers from Provincial Governments	1,897,177	380,837,870
Transfers from Regional and Other Governments	251,354	146,043,351
Investment Income	212,509	183,666,780
Income from Government Business Enterprise	0	9,708,343
Developer Contributions	0	744,424,465
Disposition of Assets	-15,482	128,795,014
Other Revenue	0	110,003,855
Total Revenue	11,481,060	8,428,401,653

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

## MUNICIPAL EXPENSES 2013

	Creston (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
General Government	1,583,318	779,512,444
Protective Services	2,014,016	1,715,372,493
Solid Waste Mgmt and Recycling	228,292	272,217,202
Health, Social Services and Housing	132,046	55,969,089
Development Services	141,134	191,284,371
Transportation and Transit	922,772	690,912,163
Parks, Recreation and Culture	187,935	1,175,617,232
Water Services	885,681	488,504,213
Sewer Services	993,513	407,468,765
Other Services	197,566	154,053,285
Amortization	1,579,872	1,054,284,756
Other Adjustments	0	-604,942
Total Expenses	8,866,145	6,984,591,071

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