



COMMUNITY PROFILE: GOLDEN, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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LOCATION

Golden - British Columbia



Distance to Major Cities

Metro Area	Kilometres	Miles	Approximate Time
Vancouver, BC	713	443	7 hrs, 37 min
Calgary, AB	269	167	2 hrs, 50 min
Spokane, WA	552	343	5 hrs, 56 min
Victoria, BC	785	488	10 hrs, 5 min
Kelowna, BC	342	213	4 hrs, 6 min
Kamloops, BC	358	222	4 hrs, 4 min
Edmonton, AB	542	337	5 hrs, 40 min

Source: [Ministry of Transportation](#)

Coordinates and Elevation

	Golden
Longitude	116°57'58"W
Latitude	51°17'53"N
Elevation (meters)	800

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

Golden Municipal Website

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

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population and Dwelling Counts 2011

	2011 Population	2006 Population	2011 Area (km ²)	2011 Occupied Private Dwellings
Golden	3,701	3,811	11	1,539
BC	4,400,057	4,113,487	922,509.29	1,764,637

Source: [BCStats](#)

Age Characteristics 2011

	Golden			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Children (0 to 14 years)	310	305	620	347,550	329,805	677,360
Emerging Labour Force (15 to 24 years)	235	210	440	283,960	271,035	554,990
Primary Labour Force (25 to 64 years)	1,150	1,035	2,185	1,208,320	1,270,655	2,478,985
Seniors (65+ years)	190	275	460	316,750	371,955	688,715
Total population	1,875	1,825	3,700	2,156,600	2,243,455	4,400,055
Median age of population	37.5	38.8	38.1	41.1	42.7	41.9

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

Marital Status 2011

	Golden			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Total Population 15 years+	1,565	1,515	3,080	1,809,045	1,913,650	3,722,695
Married	690	685	1,370	913,430	919,175	1,832,605
Living common law	210	205	420	161,530	160,435	321,965
Single (never legally married)	510	320	825	550,830	463,435	1,014,270
Separated	40	55	100	43,570	58,470	102,040
Divorced	85	95	185	98,130	148,385	246,515
Widowed	30	155	185	41,550	163,750	205,300

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

Mobility Status Over 5-year Period 2006– Population Proportions

	Golden	British Columbia
Non-movers (%)	52.0	53.4
Movers Non-migrants (%)	30.8	23.4
Intraprovincial migrants (%)	6.5	13.6
Interprovincial migrants (%)	8.9	4.3
External migrants (%)	1.8	5.3

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

Households by Size 2011

	Golden	British Columbia
Total Households	1,540	1,764,640
1 Person	425	498,925
2 Persons	550	613,270
3 Persons	260	264,135

4 Persons	210	237,725
5 Persons	65	91,600
6+ Persons	30	58,985
Average Persons per Household	2.4	2.5

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

Households by Type 2011

	Golden	British Columbia
Total private households	1,540	1,764,635
Couple families without children	410	458,880
Couple families with children	390	439,150
Lone-parent families	130	143,445
One-family households with additional non-family persons	75	91,190
Two-or-more-family households	20	50,415
One-person households	425	498,925
Non-family households with two or more persons	95	82,640

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

INCOME

Earnings & Income 2005

	Golden	British Columbia
Without income	85	164,345
Under \$10,000	570	682,060
\$10,000 to \$19,999	695	686,490
\$20,000 to \$29,999	500	472,965

\$30,000 to \$39,999	395	404,375
\$40,000 to \$49,999	280	301,820
\$50,000 to \$59,999	205	208,690
\$60,000 and over	390	474,180
Median income (\$)	24,514	24,867
Average income (\$)	30,866	34,519

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

Earnings & Income 2009

	Golden
Total number of returns	5,010
Total income reported (\$000)	180,984
Number of returns under \$10,000	800
Number of returns \$10,000 to \$19,999	1,000
Number of returns \$20,000 to \$29,999	800
Number of returns \$30,000 to \$39,999	630
Number of returns \$40,000 to \$49,999	480
Number of returns \$50,000 and over	1,310

Source: [Canada Revenue Agency](#)

Income by Source 2009

	Golden	Kootenay Development Region
Number of returns	5,010	118,080
Average income (\$)	36,125	36,640
Total income (\$000)	180,984	4,326,481
Employment income (\$000)	127,595	2,599,833
Pension (\$000)	19,943	801,322

Investment (\$000)	10,987	351,487
Self-employment (\$000)	7,882	198,085
Other (\$000)	11,309	271,645
Tax exempt income (\$000)	3,266	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 (%)	
	Columbia-Shuswap	BC	Columbia-Shuswap	BC	Columbia-Shuswap	BC
Under 19	3.2	2.7				
19-24	2.6	2.1	4.3	2.6	6.7	4.6
25-54	2.1	1.9	4.7	3.1	6.7	4.9
55-64	0.5	0.7	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.6
19-64	1.7	1.7	4.0	2.8	5.6	4.4

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)

Number of Households by Household Income 2005

	Golden	British Columbia
Total number of households	1,600	1,643,150
Under \$10,000	60	93,125
\$10,000 to \$19,999	175	171,695
\$20,000 to \$29,999	170	172,030
\$30,000 to \$39,999	165	178,740
\$40,000 to \$49,999	175	163,710
\$50,000 to \$59,999	120	144,630
\$60,000 to \$69,999	145	130,715

\$70,000 to \$79,999	165	112,035
\$80,000 to \$89,999	95	93,030
\$90,000 to \$99,999	140	76,750
\$100,000 and over	180	306,675
Median household income (\$)	53,218	52,709
Average household income (\$)	58,656	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

	Golden	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	1,540	1,764,635
Single-detached house	920	842,120
Apartment, building that has five or more storeys	0	143,970
Movable dwelling	230	46,960
Semi-detached house	80	52,825
Row house	110	130,365
Apartment, duplex	60	184,355
Apartment, building that has fewer than five storeys	130	361,150
Other single-attached house	5	2,885

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

Taxes and Charges on a Representative House 2011

	Golden
House Value	255,172
School	552
General Municipal Total	1,169
Regional District	136
Hospital	55
BCA, MFA and Other	88
Total Residential Variable Rate Taxes	2,000
Total Residential Parcel Taxes	146
Total Residential User Fees	573
Total Residential Property Taxes And Charges	2,719

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

Average Owner-occupied Dwelling Values 2005

	Golden	British Columbia
Private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	1,145	1,118,160
Average value of dwelling (\$)	243,990	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

	Golden	British Columbia
Total number of non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings occupied by usual residents	1,595	1,606,875
Tenant-occupied private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	450	488,720
Average gross rent (\$)	648	828
Tenant-occupied households spending 30% or more of household income on gross rent	155	212,040
Owner-occupied private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	1,145	1,118,160
Average owner major payments (\$)	869	1,059
Owner households spending 30% or more of household income on owner's major payments	185	253,820

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

Dwellings by Period of Construction 2006

	Golden	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	1,595	1,643,150
Before 1946	120	129,240
1946 to 1960	170	174,250
1961 to 1970	315	209,685
1971 to 1980	495	353,310
1981 to 1985	125	150,850
1986 to 1990	95	150,005
1991 to 1995	65	193,695
1996 to 2000	125	145,665
2001 to 2006	90	136,450

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

LABOUR FORCE

Labour Force Income Profile 2009

	Golden	Kootenay Development Region	BC
Total Taxfilers - Males	2,540	56,310	1,591,080
Total Taxfilers - Females	2,360	58,310	1,718,980
Total Taxfilers - Total	4,890	114,720	3,316,240
Total Income (\$000) - Males	111,543	2,559,887	77,389,011
Total Income (\$000) - Females	64,464	1,634,416	54,709,799
Total Income (\$000) - Total	176,063	4,195,599	132,154,535
Employment Income (\$000) - Males	89,336	1,782,397	56,522,916
Employment Income (\$000) - Females	47,712	994,294	36,122,634

Employment Income (\$000) - Total	137,048	2,776,725	92,654,510
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Males	80,404	1,607,227	51,041,771
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Females	43,731	899,294	32,961,414
Wages, Salaries, Commissions (\$000) - Total	124,135	2,506,553	84,008,586
Self Employment (\$000) - Males	5,314	125,846	4,581,059
Self Employment (\$000) - Females	2,086	66,358	2,257,263
Self Employment (\$000) - Total	7,400	192,206	6,841,882
EI (\$000) - Males	3,928	55,891	1,119,464
EI (\$000) - Females	2,131	32,868	1,029,021
EI (\$000) - Total	6,059	88,758	2,148,485

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

Labour Force Activity 2005

	Golden	British Columbia
Total population 15 years and over	3,135	3,394,905
Employed	2,090	2,092,770
Unemployed	170	133,615
Not in the labour force	880	1,168,525
Participation rate (%)	71.9	65.6
Employment rate (%)	66.7	61.6
Unemployment rate (%)	7.5	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

	Golden	British Columbia
Total labour force 15 years and older	2,255	2,226,385
Management occupations	270	229,945
Business, finance and administration occupations	225	375,970
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	70	138,955
Health occupations	80	120,365
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	125	178,040
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	45	76,460
Sales and service occupations	610	555,880
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	550	339,495
Occupations unique to primary industry	100	86,460
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and	160	91,545

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Occupation - Not applicable

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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, 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

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

	Golden	British Columbia
Total labour force 15 years and over	2,255	2,226,380
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	130	76,485
Mining and oil and gas extraction	0	20,025
Utilities	0	11,250
Construction	295	166,095
Manufacturing	260	189,120
Wholesale trade	25	92,020
Retail trade	230	248,955
Transportation and warehousing	200	114,915
Information and cultural industries	15	58,905
Finance and insurance	60	84,215
Real estate and rental and leasing	20	50,725
Professional, scientific and technical services	50	162,435
Management of companies and enterprises	0	3,100
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	45	97,310
Educational services	85	152,565
Health care and social assistance	155	213,085
Arts, entertainment and recreation	70	51,370
Accommodation and food services	450	180,055

Other services (except public administration)	40	109900
Public administration	105	110585
Industry - Not applicable	10	33265

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

Employment by Industry 2012

	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region – Yearly average number of employees (thousands)			British Columbia – Yearly average number of employees (thousands)		
	2006	2011	2012	2006	2011	2012
All Industries	247.6	254.7	256.7	2,147.2	2,274.7	2,312.5
Goods-Producing Sector	67.7	60.3	57.4	453.8	447.4	459.1
Agriculture	7.6	5.9	5.9	35.0	26.1	26.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	7.8	5.4	7.4	43.1	40.1	46.1
Utilities	1.5	2.8 x		8.3	12.8	14.9
Construction	26.3	25.4	25.5	174.0	204.6	192.9
Manufacturing	24.6	20.9	17.3	193.3	163.9	179.2
Services-Producing Sector	179.8	194.4	199.3	1,693.4	1,827.2	1,853.4
Trade	40.7	41.4	40.1	343.2	355.0	356.6
Transportation and Warehousing	10.6	10.5	11	116.7	124.1	128.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	14.9	11.7	14.1	132.6	139.4	141.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	13.3	14.2	16.3	164.8	182.1	173.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	8.8	8.6	9.5	95.9	94.2	97.6
Educational Services	14.1	16	17.6	152.4	167.1	177.3
Health Care and Social	31.8	34.3	34.4	229.5	261.3	274.5

Assistance						
Information, culture and recreation	10.3	10.7	11.6	111.2	109.4	116.0
Accommodation and food services	18.6	22.2	23	167.8	181.8	171.6
Other services	8.2	14.2	12.6	89.4	103.9	113.9
Public administration	8.4	10.7	8.9	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

	Golden	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	2,085	2,092,770
Works in census subdivision of residence	1,590	787,185
Works in different census subdivision	125	828,815
Works at home	110	188,755
Works outside Canada	10	13,960
No fixed workplace address	245	274,055

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

Mode of Transportation to Work 2005

	Golden	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	1,965	1,890,055
Car, truck, van - as driver	1,350	1,353,790
Car, truck, van - as passenger	190	145,840
Public transit	15	195,145
Walked	285	130,280
Bicycle	80	37,365
Motorcycle	10	5,940
Taxicab	0	2,295
Other method	35	19,380

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

EDUCATION

Highest Educational Attainment 2005

	Golden	British Columbia
Total population 15 years or older	3,130	3,394,905
No certificate, diploma or degree	755	675,340
High school certificate or equivalent	1,115	946,645
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	320	368,360
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	495	565,895
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	80	184,395
Bachelor's degree	230	415,480
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	55	65,785
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	0	20,090

Master's degree	55	126,090
Earned doctorate	10	26,805

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

Highest Educational Attainment 2011

	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region – Population (thousands)		British Columbia – Population (thousands)	
	2006	2011	2006	2011
Total population 15 years and older	404.7	437.7	3,452.4	3,778.8
Under 9 years	18.8	18.2	179.2	143.3
Some high school	75.8	57.7	505	448.5
High school graduate	98.1	97.1	804	815.2
Some post-secondary	48.2	53	345.8	394.7
Post-secondary certificate or diploma	114.6	145.1	942.3	1,125.5
Bachelor's degree	33.8	46.1	463.4	587.4
Above bachelor's degree	15.4	20.5	212.7	264.2

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)

Major Field of Study Distribution 2005

	Golden	British Columbia
Total population 25 to 64 years with postsecondary qualifications	1,065	1,410,990
Education	120	105,960
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	30	59,920
Humanities	85	79,485
Social and behavioural sciences and law	70	147,895

Business, management and public administration	195	296,700
Physical and life sciences and technologies	25	49,785
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	0	57,475
Architecture, engineering, and related technologies	275	297,360
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	60	37,140
Health, parks, recreation and fitness	135	200,935
Personal, protective and transportation services	65	78,150
Other fields of study	0	165

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

Schools and Enrolments 2011/2012

	Rocky Mountain School District	British Columbia
Number of Elementary Schools	13	1,561
Elementary School Enrollment	1,789	348,177
Number of Secondary Schools	7	386
Secondary School Enrollment	1,382	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

Golden A Weather Station	July	December
Daily Average (°C)	17.1	-8.4
Daily Maximum (°C)	24.4	-5.1
Daily Minimum (°C)	9.7	-11.7
Rainfall (mm)	47.7	6.6
Snowfall (cm)	0	49.3

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 – Columbia-Shuswap Region 2011

	2006	2011
Population	47,292	50,023
Police Strength	55	58
Case Load Per Member	84	60
Population Served Per Member	860	862
Violent Crimes - Number of Offences	879	732
Violent Crimes - Crime Rate	18.6	14.6
Property Crimes - Number of Offences	3,039	1,963
Property Crimes - Crime Rate	64.3	39.2
Other Crimes - Number of Offences	704	778
Other Crimes - Crime Rate	14.9	15.6
Total Criminal Code Offences	4,622	3,473
Total Crime Rate	97.7	69.4

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

Note: Crime Rate is Number of Offences Per Thousand (Population)

Selected Events

Top Annual Events	Date(s)
Masque Costume Ball / Parade	February
Wrangle the Chute	February
Golden Wildlife Festival of Birds and Bears	May
Motion Notion Music and Arts Festival	July
Sounds of Summer	July & August

Willi Muller Memorial Cross-Country Challenge	Late July/Early August
Golden Annual Rodeo	August

Source: RDI Research – to be approved.

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

Amenities	Activity
Kicking Horse Mountain Resort	Skiing
Wet N Wild Adventures	Rafting/Kayaking/Snowmobiling
Northern Lights Wildlife Wolf Centre	Tours
Alpine Rafting	Rafting
Golden Golf & Country Club	Golf
Purcell Helicopter Skiing	Heli-Skiing/-Hiking
Wetlands Wildlife Safaris	Tours
Golden Eagle Express Gondola	Sightseeing Tour

Source: RDI Research – to be approved.

TAXATION

Development Cost Charges 2011

	Golden
Residential Single-Family (\$ Per Unit)	1,965.00
Residential Multi-Family (\$ Per Unit)	-
Commercial (\$ Per Square Metre)	19.65
Industrial (\$ Per Square Metre)	-

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

Golden 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	408,343,200	4.58040	1.00	1,870,375	1,870,375
Utilities	5,903,280	31.46730	6.87	185,760	185,760
Supportive Housing	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Major Industry	9,530,000	22.67290	4.95	216,073	216,073
Light Industry	2,059,200	16.03140	3.50	33,012	33,012
Business/Other	136,132,200	12.58230	2.75	1,712,856	1,712,856
Managed Forest	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Recreation	1,074,400	4.58040	1.00	4,921	4,921
Farm	0	0.00000	0.00	0	0
Totals	563,042,280			4,022,997	4,022,997

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

Personal Taxation Statistics 2009

	Golden		British Columbia	
	Number of Returns	Average Income (\$)	Number of Returns	Average Income (\$)
2005	4,750	32,946	3,154,090	35,601
2006	4,760	35,067	3,165,750	38,523
2007	4,950	36,193	3,287,750	40,802
2008	5,090	36,262	3,383,640	40,736
2009	5,010	36,125	3,406,860	39,754

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)

Taxable Land Area 2011

	Golden	Combined BC Municipalities
Taxable Land Area (ha)	1,053	9,239,751
Taxable Water Area (ha)	0	29,860
Exempt Parkland (ha)	16	163,897
Other Exempt Area (ha)	102	497,618
Total Area (ha)	1,171	9,931,126

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

UTILITIES

Water Treatment

	Golden
Provider	Town of Golden
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	0.7
Cost per 1000 Gallons – Industrial (\$)	\$2.93 for first 5,000 gal, \$2.43 next 5,000-20,000 gal, \$1.87 over 20,000 gal
Cost per 1000 Gallons – Residential (\$)	\$2.93 for first 5,000 gal, \$2.43 next 5,000-20,000 gal, \$1.87 over 20,000 gal
Peak Demand (mgd)	2
Rated Capacity (mgd)	2.2
Water Connection Fee (\$)	\$1,470.75

Source: Town of Golden – to be approved.

Sewer Treatment

	Golden
Provider	Town of Golden
Type of Service	Aerated lagoon
Rated Capacity (mgd)	1.2
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	0.5
Peak Demand (mgd)	1.1
Cost per 1000 Gallons (\$)	2.93
Sewer Connection Fee (\$)	\$1,470.75

Source: Town of Golden – to be approved.

Service Providers

	Golden
Electric Power	BC Hydro
Natural Gas	-
Telecommunications	Telus, Shaw

Source: Town of Golden – to be approved.

Landfill and Waste Management

	Golden
Landfill Location	350 Golden-Donald Upper Road
Current Capacity	11,246 m ³
Number of Licensed Hazardous Waste Haulers	
Plans for New Capacity	No

Source: Columbia Shuswap Regional District.

Sewer and Waterpipe Lengths 2011

	Golden	Combined BC Municipalities
Storm Sewer Distance (km)	4	19,732
Sanitary Sewer Distance (km)	38	27,799
Water Pipe Distance (km)	39	31,307

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

Paved and Unpaved Road Lengths 2011

	Golden	Combined BC Municipalities
Distance of Paved Roads (km)	85	26,984
Distance of Unpaved Roads (km)	14	1,832

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

BUSINESS

Business Formations and Failures 2011

	Golden			Thompson/Okanagan Development Region			British Columbia		
	Incorporations	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer	Incorporations	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer	Incorporations	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer
2007	52	n.a.	n.a.	34,036	786	8,168			
2008	37	120	913	30,085	585	7,020			
2009	41	97	874	26,431	470	6,651			
2010	29	92	1,014	30,305	454	7,293			
2011	25	66	1,573	30,844	380	10,639			

Source: BCStats, [Community Facts](#)

Total Building Permits 2011 (\$ 000)

	Golden	Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	British Columbia
2006	7,046	90,700	11,541,532
2007	4,948	146,677	12,544,691
2008	11,376	166,834	10,577,155
2009	7,549	53,332	7,629,885
2010	3,603	137,096	9,723,809
2011	7,440	70,805	9,249,767
2012	6,677	56,612	10,759,583

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

Building Permits by Type 2011

	Golden	Columbia- Shuswap Regional District	British Columbia
Total building permits (\$000)	7,440	70,805	9,249,767
Residential (\$ 000)	1,727	31,921	6,113,406
Industrial (\$ 000)	435	1,020	357,707
Commercial (\$ 000)	5,152	14,422	1,970,571
Institutional and Government (\$ 000)	126	23,442	808,083
Residential (Total number of units)	9	106	25,745

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

Licensed Commercial and Personal Vehicles 2011

Year	Golden		British Columbia	
	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles
1985	2,150	1,952	1,219,940	442,456

1995	2,300	2,053	1,561,183	542,548
2000	2,357	2,122	1,725,308	579,782
2005	2,593	2,225	1,917,802	616,952
2010	2,797	2,373	2,062,433	688,846
2011	2,816	2,383	2,088,221	700,794

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

Number of Businesses by Employment Size and Industry Type 2011 (Thompson-Okanagan Development Region)

	Employment Size Range							
	0	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 plus	All Sizes
Total, All Industries	22,711	11,851	4,608	2,721	1,628	619	76	44,214
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1,570	920	305	169	74	31	1	3,070
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction	99	55	20	13	7	2	1	197
Utilities	31	20	6	4	6	4	0	71
Construction	4,269	2,047	654	321	139	42	1	7,473
Manufacturing	506	359	229	150	110	60	9	1,423
Wholesale Trade	614	425	267	118	88	11	1	1,524
Retail Trade	1,214	1,017	847	540	276	120	10	4,024
Transportation & Warehousing	985	516	135	86	65	22	3	1,812
Information & Cultural Industries	157	89	35	37	22	11	2	353
Finance & Insurance	1,563	434	136	113	94	15	3	2,358
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,838	731	142	73	30	10	1	4,825
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	2,592	1,381	247	140	54	13	0	4,427
Management of Companies & Enterprises	1,402	187	38	21	13	4	3	1,668

Admin & Support, Waste Management & Remediation	840	591	254	102	55	23	0	1,865
Educational Services	167	112	37	23	22	7	11	379
Health Care & Social Assistance	645	1,180	388	218	134	65	9	2,639
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	292	140	87	53	44	25	10	651
Accommodation & Food Services	610	362	342	371	319	110	4	2,118
Other Services	1,313	1,261	420	151	58	14	0	3,217
Public Administration	4	24	19	18	18	30	7	120

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

	Thompson-Okanagan 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	196.60	810.77	750.00	1,853.2	837.37	755.82
Goods-producing sector	42.10	1,020.73	960.00	345	1,004.03	960

Agriculture	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.2	605.27	520
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	5.10	1,432.89	1,428.00	35.2	1,333.70	1,225
Utilities	2.80	1,298.70	1,312.13	12.8	1,362.85	1,298.25
Construction	14.50	1,007.46	923.20	133.4	1,002.99	960
Manufacturing	18.70	903.43	840.00	149.4	934.31	882
Services-producing sector	154.60	753.60	675.00	1,508.20	799.24	704
Trade	34.90	580.36	420.00	317	633.41	520
Transportation and warehousing	8.10	1,095.03	1,000.00	103.1	963.57	901.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.90	819.41	750.00	104.4	893.12	793.88
Professional, scientific and technical services	6.60	896.75	900.00	110.2	1,104.15	1,012.50
Business, building and other support services	4.50	565.98	600.00	62.4	646.28	600
Educational services	15.00	1,038.13	987.00	151.5	955.56	865.4
Health care and social assistance	28.60	799.15	769.20	227.3	829.2	756
Information, culture and recreation	9.40	660.39	552.00	87	811.96	760
Accommodation and food services	19.80	390.83	320.60	167.4	402.63	340
Other services	8.10	682.07	681.72	68.8	702.4	609.6
Public administration	10.70	1,281.71	1,249.85	108.9	1,196.08	1,125

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)

Municipal Financial Assets 2011

	Golden (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Cash and Investments	3,181,455	6,194,167,184
Taxes Receivable	266,398	210,801,674
Receivables from Government	528,033	225,993,430
Receivables from non-Government	1,140,364	751,032,377
MFA Deposit Notes	252,915	75,389,087

Loans Receivable	0	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	5,369,165	8,215,957,790

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

Municipal Revenues 2011

	Golden (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Total Own Purpose Taxation and Grants in Lieu	4,422,817	3,730,197,595
Sale of Services	1,953,356	2,583,041,998
Transfers from Federal Governments	500,000	97,404,177
Transfers from Provincial Governments	2,915,387	478,409,201
Transfers from Regional and Other Governments	836,348	117,781,670
Investment Income	112,582	188,809,051
Income from Government Business Enterprise	0	-919,116
Developer Contributions	0	561,778,346
Disposition of Assets	-68,368	25,202,963
Other Revenue	0	85,522,142
Total Revenue	10,672,122	7,867,228,027

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

Municipal Expenses 2011

	Golden (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
General Government	1,684,795	779,918,260
Protective Services	576,361	1,609,810,062

Solid Waste Mgmt and Recycling	238,688	257,548,488
Health, Social Services and Housing	73,474	39,924,725
Development Services	830,930	204,836,456
Transportation and Transit	1,645,967	669,235,206
Parks, Recreation and Culture	610,762	1,102,540,083
Water Services	492,092	444,141,079
Sewer Services	452,939	383,491,809
Other Services	119,377	166,498,469
Amortization	2,286,332	984,578,507
Other Adjustments	0	-573,653
Total Expenses	9,011,717	6,641,949,491

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