



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, ELEVATION AND AREA

	Golden
Longitude	116°57'58"W
Latitude	51°17'53"N
Elevation (meters)	800
Area (km ²)	11.71

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

GOLDEN MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

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

DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION ESTIMATES 2014

	2014 Population	2011 Population
Golden	3,780	3,767
Thompson/Okanagan Development Region	539,071	529,617
BC	4,631,302	4,499,139

Source: [BC Stats](#)

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 2011 – POPULATION PROPORTIONS

	Golden ¹	British Columbia
Non-movers (%)	-	57.2%
Movers Non-migrants (%)	-	21.6%
Intraprovincial migrants (%)	-	11.9%
Interprovincial migrants (%)	-	4.1%
External migrants (%)	-	5.2%

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

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](#)

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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

PERSONAL INCOME 2012

	Golden	British Columbia
Number of Returns Under 10,000	480	637,790
10,000-14,999	310	343,260
15,000-19,999	320	329,290
20,000-24,999	290	262,850
25,000-29,999	250	211,370
30,000-34,999	220	198,510
35,000-39,999	180	191,780
40,000-44,999	200	182,470
45,000-49,999	160	153,520
50,000-59,999	280	248,450
60,000-69,999	240	191,970
70,000-79,999	200	145,330
80,000-89,999	140	111,390
90,000-99,999	70	75,200
100,000-149,999	160	157,840

150,000-249,999	40	57,170
250,000+	0	26,460
Average Income (\$)	41,570	42,453

Source: Canada Revenue Agency 2014

COMPOSITION OF TOTAL INCOME OF POPULATION BY SOURCE 2010

	Golden ²	British Columbia
Employment income %	-	73.7
Investment income %	-	6.1
Retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities %	-	6.9
Other market income %	-	1.7
Canada/Quebec Pension Plan benefits %	-	3.7
Old Age Security pensions and Guaranteed Income Supplement %	-	3.3
Employment Insurance benefits %	-	1.5
Child benefits %	-	1.2
Other income from government sources %	-	2.0

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

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010

	Golden ³	British Columbia
Total number of households	-	1,764,630
Under \$5,000	-	60,125
\$5,000 to \$9,999	-	36,340
\$10,000 to \$14,999	-	59,965
\$15,000 to \$19,999	-	96,600
\$20,000 to \$29,999	-	157,605
\$30,000 to \$39,999	-	167,220
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	158,400
\$50,000 to \$59,999	-	140,340

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\$60,000 to \$79,999	-	246,720
\$80,000 to \$99,999	-	193,180
\$100,000 to \$124,999	-	167,415
\$125,000 to \$149,999	-	106,325
\$150,000 and over	-	174,385
Median household total income \$	-	60,333
Average household total income \$	-	77,378

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

ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY 2012

	Golden Local Health Area	BC
Population receiving Income Assistance (%)	0.7	1.7
Population 15+ receiving Employment Insurance (%)	3.2	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 expenditures	1,684	1,668	1,508
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

	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](#)

AVERAGE OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLING VALUES 2011

	Golden ⁴	British Columbia
Private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	-	1,202,000
Average value of dwelling (\$)	-	543,635

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

DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING VALUES 2015

	Golden	Basin-Boundary Region
Number of single family dwellings	874	45,238
Under \$50,000	0%	0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	0%	3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3%	9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	12%	15%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	21%	19%
\$250,000 to \$299,999	28%	17%
\$300,000 to \$349,999	15%	12%
\$350,000 to \$399,999	10%	8%
\$400,000 to \$499,999	9%	8%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	2%	6%
\$750,000 or more	0%	2%
Median value of dwelling \$	271,250	260,100

Source: BC Assessment (Custom Data)

HOUSEHOLDS AND SHELTER COSTS BY TENURE 2011

	Golden ⁵	British Columbia
Total number of private households	-	1,764,630
Total number of owner-occupied private households	-	1,234,710
Total number of renter-occupied private households	-	524,995
Median monthly shelter costs for owned dwellings	-	1,023
Median monthly shelter costs for rented dwellings	-	903

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

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DWELLINGS BY PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION 2011

	Golden ⁶	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	-	1,764,630
1960 or before	-	282,675
1961 to 1980	-	551,655
1981 to 1990	-	308,450
1991 to 2000	-	329,780
2001 to 2005	-	133,235
2006 to 2011	-	158,845

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

LABOUR FORCE

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY 2014

	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region		British Columbia	
	2011	2014	2011	2014
Population 15 years and older (000)	428.0	429.5	3,778.8	3854.5
Full-time employment (000)	183.5	187.1	1,759.9	1814.2
Part-time employment (000)	66.5	61.9	514.7	493.9
Unemployment (000)	21.1	16.8	183.4	162.4
Not in labour force (000)	156.9	163.6	1,320.8	1384.0
Unemployment rate (%)	7.8	6.3	7.5	6.6
Participation rate (%)	63.3	61.9	65	64.1
Employment rate (%)	58.4	58.0	60.2	59.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

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LABOUR FORCE BY OCCUPATION 2011

	Golden ⁷	British Columbia
Management occupations	-	263,685
Business, finance and administrative occupations	-	368,980
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	-	154,055
Health occupations	-	147,620
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	-	265,910
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	-	78,565
Sales and service occupations	-	554,345
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	-	337,140
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	-	60,295
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	-	74,720
All occupations	-	2,305,320

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

LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY 2014

	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region (000s)	British Columbia (000s)
Total labour force 15 years and over	265.8	2425.4
Agriculture	5.7	27.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	9.2	53.7
Utilities	1.5	13.9
Construction	27.5	214.2
Manufacturing	21.4	168.1
Trade	42	369.9
Transportation and warehousing	11.3	137.6

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Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	11.6	140.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.4	187.4
Business, building and other support services	9.5	94.4
Educational services	15.5	171.2
Health care and social assistance	34.8	275
Information, culture and recreation	11.7	112.4
Accommodation and food services	27.6	195.5
Other services	10.5	104.7
Public administration	8.1	100.9
Unclassified Industries	3.6	58.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2014

	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region (000s)	British Columbia (000s)
Total employees 15 years and over	249	2278.4
Agriculture	5	24.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	8.6	50
Utilities	1.5	13.7
Construction	24.8	200.5
Manufacturing	20.5	161.4
Trade	40.6	358
Transportation and warehousing	10.6	133.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	11.3	137.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.2	182.3
Business, building and other support services	8.3	87.9
Educational services	15.1	166.3
Health care and social assistance	33.4	269.8
Information, culture and recreation	11.1	107.7
Accommodation and food services	26	185.3
Other services	10.2	102.4

Public administration	7.9	97.9
Unclassified Industries	0	0

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE BY INDUSTRY 2014 (\$)

	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region	British Columbia
All Industries	20.00	21.79
Agriculture	15.00	15.00
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	27.05	28.00
Utilities	0.00	32.00
Construction	24.00	25.64
Manufacturing	25.00	24.00
Trade	15.00	15.00
Transportation and warehousing	25.00	25.00
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	20.55	22.44
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.04	28.85
Business, building and other support services	16.00	16.00
Educational services	27.50	26.00
Health care and social assistance	22.14	22.94
Information, culture and recreation	17.27	21.00
Accommodation and food services	12.00	12.00
Other services	16.00	17.99
Public administration	31.79	31.00

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

Note: 0.00 implies suppressed/unknown values

MEDIAN COMMUTE DURATION 2011

	Golden ⁸	British Columbia
Duration (minutes)	-	20.4

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

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PLACE OF WORK STATUS 2011

	Golden ⁹	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	-	2,171,470
Worked at home	-	174,000
Worked outside Canada	-	12,480
No fixed workplace address	-	304,465
Worked at usual place	-	1,680,525

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

EDUCATION

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2011

	Golden ¹⁰	British Columbia
Total population 15 years or older	-	3,646,840
No certificate, diploma or degree	-	607,655
High school certificate or equivalent	-	1,009,400
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	-	387,455
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	-	628,115
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	-	208,245
Bachelor's degree	-	511,240
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	-	294,725

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

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY 2011

	Golden ¹¹	British Columbia
Total population over 15 years with postsecondary qualifications	-	2,029,785
Education	-	149,980
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	-	89,230

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Humanities	-	120,340
Social and behavioural sciences and law	-	209,655
Business, management and public administration	-	412,335
Physical and life sciences and technologies	-	79,980
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	-	72,705
Architecture, engineering, and related technologies	-	421,115
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	-	49,275
Health and related fields	-	308,880
Personal, protective and transportation services	-	116,025
Other fields of study	-	270

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

SCHOOLS AND ENROLMENTS 2014/15

Rocky Mountain School District		
	2011/12	2014/15
Number of Elementary Schools	13	14
Elementary School Enrollment	1,796	1,845
Number of Secondary Schools	7	6
Secondary School Enrollment	1,382	1,257

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

Source: [DataBC](#)

QUALITY OF LIFE

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Golden A Weather Station	July	December
Daily Average (°C)	17.3	-7.8
Daily Maximum (°C)	24.5	-4.8
Daily Minimum (°C)	10	-10.9
Precipitation (mm)	50.6	43.9

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

	Golden Local Health Area	British Columbia
Serious Violent Crime Rate	0.8	3.3
Serious Property Crime Rate	3.8	7.8
Total Serious Crime Rate	4.6	11.1
# of Serious Crimes per Police Officer	3.1	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)
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.

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.

TAXATION

DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES 2012

	Golden
Residential Single-Family (\$ Per Unit)	1,401
Residential Multi-Family (\$ Per Unit)	1,401
Commercial (\$ Per Square Metre)	3.8
Industrial (\$ Per Square Metre)	3.8

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	375,774,300	5.42	1.00	2,036,813	2,036,813
Utilities	7,183,940	40.00	7.38	287,358	287,358
Supportive Housing	0	0.00	0.00	0	0
Major Industry	8,154,000	29.81	5.50	243,085	243,085
Light Industry	2,343,200	21.68	4.00	50,804	50,804
Business/Other	142,822,600	13.01	2.40	1,857,943	1,857,943
Managed Forest	0	0.00	0.00	0	0
Recreation	1,242,300	5.42	1.00	6,734	6,734
Farm	0	0.00	0.00	0	0
Totals	537,520,340			4,482,736	4,482,736

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

TAXES AND CHARGES ON A REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE 2015

	Golden
House Value	237,572
School	551
General Municipal Total	1,288
Regional District	121
Hospital	38
BCA, MFA and Other	91
Total Residential Variable Rate Taxes	2,089
Total Residential Parcel Taxes	146
Total Residential User Fees	695
Total Residential Property Taxes And Charges	2,930

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

INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER SERVICES

Provider	Town of Golden
Average Per Capita Daily Demand (2014)	769 L
Annual Water Rate (Single Family Residential) (2015)	\$240.06
Annual Water Rate (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) (2015)	\$varies
Water Connection Fee (2015)	\$ 2,966.4
Length of Pipe	40 km

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

SEWER SERVICES

Provider	Town of Golden
Type of Treatment	Secondary
Annual Sewer Rate (Single Family Residential) (2015)	\$298.20
Annual Sewer Rate (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) (2015)	\$varies
Sewer Connection Fee (2015)	\$3,038.7
Length of Pipe	36 km

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

LANDFILL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

	Golden
Landfill Location	Golden Landfill
Waste Disposal Rate – CSRD 2012	602 kg/person/year
Type of Service	Curbside Garbage and Recycling Pickup

Source: [Columbia Shuswap Regional District](#), [BC Ministry of Environment](#)

PAVED AND UNPAVED ROAD LENGTHS 2013

	Golden	Combined BC Municipalities
Distance of Paved Roads (km)	47	26,856
Distance of Unpaved Roads (km)	14	1,629

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

TRAFFIC 2014

Station Location	Annual Average Daily Traffic (Number of Vehicles)	Summer Average Daily Traffic (Number of Vehicles)
Route 1, 2.5 km east of Route 95, Golden	5,883	11,345

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

BUSINESS

BUSINESS FORMATIONS 2013

	Golden	British Columbia
2009	41	26,431
2010	29	30,305
2011	25	30,844
2012	31	31,066
2013	34	32,225

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

BANKRUPTCIES 2013

	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region		British Columbia	
	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer
2009	66	1,573	380	10,639
2010	41	1,434	229	9,674
2011	32	1,191	192	8,040
2012	42	1,120	192	7,562
2013	52	961	189	7,130

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

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS 2014 (\$ 000)

	Golden	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region	British Columbia
2010	3,603	1,194,157	9,723,809
2011	7,440	897,575	9,249,767
2012	6,677	903,519	10,759,583
2013	4,995	867,275	10,158,890
2014	6,252	1,091,417	11,076,715

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

BUILDING PERMITS BY TYPE 2014

	Golden	Thompson-Okanagan Development Region	British Columbia
Residential (\$ 000)	3,036	765,449	7,347,640
Industrial (\$ 000)	-	56,589	354,651
Commercial (\$ 000)	2,854	137,995	2,213,014
Institutional and Government (\$ 000)	362	131,384	1,161,410
Residential (Total number of units)	10	2,536	28,709

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

LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES 2013

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
2005	2,593	2,225	1,917,802	616,952
2010	2,797	2,373	2,062,433	688,846
2013	2,808	2,417	2,147,741	724,742

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

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES BY EMPLOYEE SIZE AND INDUSTRY TYPE 2013 (THOMPSON-OKANAGAN 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	88,750	12,516	4,723	2,892	1,774	679	104	111,438
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	8,142	962	308	191	96	25	2	9,726
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction	365	84	17	10	11	3	1	491
Utilities	86	20	9	3	11	6	0	135
Construction	8,303	2,138	624	312	141	50	1	11,569
Manufacturing	1,352	373	224	149	117	63	15	2,293
Wholesale Trade	1,108	382	238	147	88	15	2	1,980
Retail Trade	4,551	1,032	850	560	297	123	16	7,429
Transportation & Warehousing	2,103	590	148	89	78	21	7	3,036
Information & Cultural Industries	869	118	48	49	29	11	2	1,126
Finance & Insurance	3,085	441	139	140	95	18	3	3,921
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	31,019	904	177	85	32	15	1	32,233
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	8,620	1,515	271	123	45	28	2	10,604

Management of Companies & Enterprises	1,454	164	49	28	17	6	3	1,721
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgmt. & Remediation	4,465	568	237	105	54	33	2	5,464
Educational Services	1,237	123	39	29	21	9	12	1,470
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,494	1,257	423	226	152	64	11	5,627
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,948	173	82	55	49	24	10	2,341
Accommodation & Food Services	1,590	364	387	409	339	120	9	3,218
Other Services	4,940	1,286	437	166	71	16	0	6,916
Public Administration	19	22	16	16	31	29	5	138

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ASSETS 2013

	Golden (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Cash and Investments	4,934,419	7,914,366,626
Taxes Receivable	445,310	219,220,705
Receivables from Government	51,263	196,045,154
Receivables from non-Government	481,093	777,934,308
MFA Deposit Notes	221,763	74,699,807
Loans Receivable	0	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	6,133,848	9,631,834,909

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

MUNICIPAL REVENUES 2013

	Golden (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Total Own Purpose Taxation and Grants in Lieu	4,732,669	4,032,474,079
Sale of Services	2,210,962	2,622,738,203
Transfers from Federal Governments	2,000	69,709,693
Transfers from Provincial Governments	703,574	380,837,870
Transfers from Regional and Other Governments	857,043	146,043,351
Investment Income	225,775	183,666,780
Income from Government Business Enterprise	0	9,708,343
Developer Contributions	0	744,424,465
Disposition of Assets	-10,182	128,795,014
Other Revenue	6,200	110,003,855
Total Revenue	8,728,041	8,428,401,653

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

MUNICIPAL EXPENSES 2013

	Golden (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
General Government	2,001,539	779,512,444
Protective Services	391,897	1,715,372,493
Solid Waste Mgmt and Recycling	242,526	272,217,202
Health, Social Services and Housing	69,834	55,969,089
Development Services	700,345	191,284,371
Transportation and Transit	1,358,083	690,912,163
Parks, Recreation and Culture	768,512	1,175,617,232
Water Services	427,365	488,504,213
Sewer Services	501,288	407,468,765
Other Services	149,304	154,053,285
Amortization	2,425,368	1,054,284,756
Other Adjustments	0	-604,942
Total Expenses	9,036,061	6,984,591,071

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