



COMMUNITY PROFILE: SPARWOOD, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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LOCATION

SPARWOOD - BRITISH COLUMBIA



DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

Metro Area	Kilometres	Miles	Approximate Time
Vancouver, BC	970	603	10 hrs, 27 min
Calgary, AB	265	165	3 hrs, 8 min
Spokane, WA	428	266	5 hrs, 2 min
Victoria, BC	1,048	651	13 hrs, 0 min
Kelowna, BC	650	404	7 hrs, 4 min
Kamloops, BC	713	443	7 hrs, 47 min
Edmonton, AB	564	350	6 hrs, 17 min

Source: [Ministry of Transportation](#)

COORDINATES, ELEVATION AND AREA

	Sparwood
Longitude	114°53'34"W
Latitude	49°44'01"N
Elevation (meters)	1,120
Area (km ²)	198.56

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

SPARWOOD MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

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

DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION ESTIMATES 2014

	2014 Population	2011 Population
Sparwood	3,927	3,798
Kootenay Development Region	148,379	148,470
BC	4,631,302	4,499,139

Source: [BC Stats](#)

AGE CHARACTERISTICS 2011

	Sparwood			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Children (0 to 14 years)	335	325	650	347,550	329,805	677,360
Emerging Labour Force (15 to 24 years)	260	220	485	283,960	271,035	554,990
Primary Labour Force (25 to 64 years)	1,100	1,000	2,100	1,208,320	1,270,655	2,478,985
Seniors (65+ years)	220	215	435	316,750	371,955	688,715
Total population	1,905	1,760	3,665	2,156,600	2,243,455	4,400,055
Median age of population	39.5	39.6	39.5	41.1	42.7	41.9

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

MARITAL STATUS 2011

	Sparwood			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Total Population 15 years+	1,575	1,440	3,010	1,809,045	1,913,650	3,722,695
Married	795	795	1,590	913,430	919,175	1,832,605
Living common law	200	200	400	161,530	160,435	321,965
Single (never legally married)	395	235	630	550,830	463,435	1,014,270
Separated	40	35	80	43,570	58,470	102,040
Divorced	100	75	170	98,130	148,385	246,515
Widowed	40	105	150	41,550	163,750	205,300

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

MOBILITY STATUS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD 2011 – POPULATION PROPORTIONS

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Non-movers (%)	64.0%	57.2%
Movers Non-migrants (%)	12.2%	21.6%
Intraprovincial migrants (%)	12.6%	11.9%
Interprovincial migrants (%)	10.6%	4.1%
External migrants (%)	0.6%	5.2%

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

HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE 2011

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total Households	1,590	1,764,640
1 Person	470	498,925
2 Persons	575	613,270
3 Persons	240	264,135
4 Persons	225	237,725
5 Persons	60	91,600
6+ Persons	20	58,985
Average Persons per Household	2.3	2.5

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

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE 2011

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total private households	1,585	1,764,635
Couple families without children	480	458,880
Couple families with children	480	439,150
Lone-parent families	100	143,445
One-family households with additional non-family persons	15	91,190
Two-or-more-family households	10	50,415
One-person households	470	498,925
Non-family households with two or more persons	35	82,640

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

INCOME

PERSONAL INCOME 2012

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Number of Returns Under 10,000	450	637,790
10,000-14,999	220	343,260
15,000-19,999	220	329,290
20,000-24,999	190	262,850
25,000-29,999	140	211,370
30,000-34,999	130	198,510
35,000-39,999	120	191,780
40,000-44,999	100	182,470
45,000-49,999	90	153,520
50,000-59,999	130	248,450
60,000-69,999	140	191,970
70,000-79,999	120	145,330
80,000-89,999	150	111,390
90,000-99,999	190	75,200
100,000-149,999	550	157,840

150,000-249,999	90	57,170
250,000+	10	26,460
Average Income (\$)	57,414	42,453

Source: [Canada Revenue Agency 2014](#)

COMPOSITION OF TOTAL INCOME OF POPULATION BY SOURCE 2010

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Employment income %	85.6	73.7
Investment income %	1.8	6.1
Retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities %	2.8	6.9
Other market income %	2.2	1.7
Canada/Quebec Pension Plan benefits %	2.0	3.7
Old Age Security pensions and Guaranteed Income Supplement %	1.9	3.3
Employment Insurance benefits %	1.1	1.5
Child benefits %	1.1	1.2
Other income from government sources %	1.4	2.0

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

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total number of households	1,590	1,764,630
Under \$5,000	35	60,125
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	36,340
\$10,000 to \$14,999	95	59,965
\$15,000 to \$19,999	75	96,600
\$20,000 to \$29,999	75	157,605
\$30,000 to \$39,999	65	167,220
\$40,000 to \$49,999	150	158,400
\$50,000 to \$59,999	80	140,340
\$60,000 to \$79,999	140	246,720
\$80,000 to \$99,999	160	193,180

\$100,000 to \$124,999	225	167,415
\$125,000 to \$149,999	135	106,325
\$150,000 and over	335	174,385
Median household total income \$	85,778	60,333
Average household total income \$	98,491	77,378

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

ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY 2012

	Fernie Local Health Area	BC
Population receiving Income Assistance (%)	0.6	1.7
Population 15+ receiving Employment Insurance (%)	1.5	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

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	1,590	1,764,635
Single-detached house	1,090	842,120
Apartment, building that has five or more storeys	0	143,970
Movable dwelling	65	46,960
Semi-detached house	120	52,825
Row house	110	130,365
Apartment, duplex	0	184,355
Apartment, building that has fewer than five storeys	195	361,150
Other single-attached house	5	2,885

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

AVERAGE OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLING VALUES 2011

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	1,155	1,202,000
Average value of dwelling (\$)	286,515	543,635

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

DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING VALUES 2015

	Sparwood	Basin-Boundary Region
Number of single family dwellings	845	45,238
Under \$50,000	0%	0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	0%	3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2%	9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3%	15%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	11%	19%
\$250,000 to \$299,999	37%	17%
\$300,000 to \$349,999	25%	12%
\$350,000 to \$399,999	10%	8%
\$400,000 to \$499,999	10%	8%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	2%	6%
\$750,000 or more	0%	2%
Median value of dwelling \$	296,900	260,100

Source: BC Assessment (Custom Data)

HOUSEHOLDS AND SHELTER COSTS BY TENURE 2011

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total number of private households	1,590	1,764,630
Total number of owner-occupied private households	1,170	1,234,710
Total number of renter-occupied private households	420	524,995
Median monthly shelter costs for owned dwellings	499	1,023
Median monthly shelter costs for rented dwellings	743	903

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

DWELLINGS BY PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION 2011

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	1,590	1,764,630
1960 or before	170	282,675
1961 to 1980	900	551,655

1981 to 1990	275	308,450
1991 to 2000	120	329,780
2001 to 2005	40	133,235
2006 to 2011	85	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

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Management occupations	200	263,685
Business, finance and administrative occupations	235	368,980
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	120	154,055
Health occupations	115	147,620
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	140	265,910
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	35	78,565

Sales and service occupations	345	554,345
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	675	337,140
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	150	60,295
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	40	74,720
All occupations	2,060	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

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Duration (minutes)	10.7	20.4

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

PLACE OF WORK STATUS 2011

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	1,960	2,171,470
Worked at home	50	174,000
Worked outside Canada	0	12,480
No fixed workplace address	225	304,465
Worked at usual place	1,685	1,680,525

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

EDUCATION

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2011

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total population 15 years or older	3,010	3,646,840
No certificate, diploma or degree	560	607,655

High school certificate or equivalent	900	1,009,400
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	580	387,455
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	640	628,115
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	45	208,245
Bachelor's degree	225	511,240
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	65	294,725

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

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY 2011

	Sparwood	British Columbia
Total population over 15 years with postsecondary qualifications	1,550	2,029,785
Education	90	149,980
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	20	89,230
Humanities	30	120,340
Social and behavioural sciences and law	55	209,655
Business, management and public administration	280	412,335
Physical and life sciences and technologies	60	79,980
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	0	72,705
Architecture, engineering, and related technologies	625	421,115
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	25	49,275
Health and related fields	225	308,880
Personal, protective and transportation services	125	116,025
Other fields of study	0	270

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

SCHOOLS AND ENROLMENTS 2014/15

	Southeast Kootenay School District	
	2011/12	2014/15
Number of Elementary Schools	17	17
Elementary School Enrollment	2,946	3,090

Number of Secondary Schools	2	2
Secondary School Enrollment	2,367	2,169

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

Sparwood Weather Station	July	December
Daily Average (°C)	15.8	-7.3
Daily Maximum (°C)	23.8	-3.4
Daily Minimum (°C)	7.7	-11.3
Precipitation (mm)	46.8	53.4

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

	Fernie Local Health Area	British Columbia
Serious Violent Crime Rate	1.5	3.3
Serious Property Crime Rate	5.0	7.8
Total Serious Crime Rate	6.5	11.1
# of Serious Crimes per Police Officer	2.7	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)
Coal Miner Days	June
Sparwood Farmer's Market	June - September

Source: RDI Research.

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

Amenities	Activity
Elkview Operations open pit mine	Tours
Sparwood Golf Club	Golf
Terex Titan	Roadside Attraction
Coal Discovery Trail, Josephine Falls, Lost Lily Lakes, and Mountain Shadows, Michel Creek & Elk Valley Road loops	Mountain Biking/ Hiking/ Fishing /Cross-Country Skiing
Michel Creek and the Elk River	Canoeing /Kayaking/Tubing
Elk Lakes Provincial Park	Hiking/Fishing/Mountain Biking/ Camping/ Heli-Fishing/Snow Mobiling/ Hunting / Mountaineering
Elk Valley Family Leisure Centre	Swimming/Skating/Fitness Room/ Ball Courts
Sparwood Bowl & Billiards	Bowling & Pool
Matevic Draw	Cross-Country Skiing/Skate-Skiing/ Horseback Riding
Grave Lake & Fish Summit Lake	Boating/Fishing/Hiking/Camping
Whiskey Jack Resort	Golf (under construction)
Wapiti Ski Hill	Skiing
Fernie Alpine Resort	Skiing

Source: RDI Research.

TAXATION

DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES 2012

	Sparwood
Residential Single-Family (\$ Per Unit)	-
Residential Multi-Family (\$ Per Unit)	-
Commercial (\$ Per Square Metre)	-
Industrial (\$ Per Square Metre)	-

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	425,248,262	3.21	1.00	1,365,642	1,365,642
Utilities	30,113,580	38.45	11.97	1,157,961	1,157,961
Supportive Housing	0	3.21	1.00	0	0
Major Industry	107,029,300	45.06	14.03	4,822,281	2,938,252
Light Industry	5,781,700	17.61	5.48	101,787	101,787
Business/Other	72,881,400	9.46	2.95	689,371	689,371
Managed Forest	1,537,800	17.48	5.44	26,878	26,878
Recreation	346,700	2.41	0.75	835	835
Farm	57,838	3.21	1.00	186	186
Totals	642,996,580			8,164,940	6,280,911

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

TAXES AND CHARGES ON A REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE 2015

	Sparwood
House Value	236,968
School	586
General Municipal Total	761
Regional District	113
Hospital	38
BCA, MFA and Other	86
Total Residential Variable Rate Taxes	1,584
Total Residential Parcel Taxes	89
Total Residential User Fees	848
Total Residential Property Taxes And Charges	2,522

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

INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER SERVICES

Provider	District of Sparwood
Average Per Capita Daily Demand (2014)	938 L
Annual Water Rate (Single Family Residential) (2015)	\$210.24
Annual Water Rate (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) (2015)	\$varies
Water Connection Fee (2015)	\$2,830
Length of Pipe	39 km

Source: [Sparwood Utility and Solid Waste Management Bylaw](#), Columbia Basin Trust [Water Smart Initiative](#), Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

SEWER SERVICES

Provider	District of Sparwood
Type of Treatment	Secondary
Annual Sewer Rate (Single Family Residential) (2015)	\$275.16
Annual Sewer Rate (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) (2015)	\$varies
Sewer Connection Fee (2015)	\$1,040
Length of Pipe	32 km

Source: [Sparwood Utility and Solid Waste Management Bylaw](#), Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

LANDFILL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

	Sparwood
Landfill Location	Sparwood Transfer Station
Waste Disposal Rate – RDEK 2012	818 kg/person/year
Type of Service	Curbside Garbage and Recycling and Compost Drop Off

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

PAVED AND UNPAVED ROAD LENGTHS 2013

	Sparwood	Combined BC Municipalities
Distance of Paved Roads (km)	34	26,856
Distance of Unpaved Roads (km)	10	1,629

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, 2.9 km west of Hosmer Bridge, east of Fernie	5,932	10,059

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

BUSINESS

BUSINESS FORMATIONS 2013

	Sparwood	British Columbia
2009	4	26,431
2010	8	30,305
2011	3	30,844
2012	4	31,066
2013	2	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
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)

	Sparwood	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
2010	15,698	302,380	9,723,809
2011	6,951	232,172	9,249,767
2012	12,765	244,964	10,759,583

2013	4,279	215,735	10,158,890
2014	10,001	263,109	11,076,715

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

BUILDING PERMITS BY TYPE 2014

	Sparwood	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
Residential (\$ 000)	8,495	204,316	7,347,640
Industrial (\$ 000)	-	6,669	354,651
Commercial (\$ 000)	1,506	29,574	2,213,014
Institutional and Government (\$ 000)	-	22,550	1,161,410
Residential (Total number of units)	27	548	28,709

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

LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES 2013

Year	Sparwood		British Columbia	
	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles
1985	-	-	1,219,940	442,456
1995	-	-	1,561,183	542,548
2005	-	-	1,917,802	616,952
2010	-	-	2,062,433	688,846
2013	-	-	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

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ASSETS 2013

	Sparwood (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Cash and Investments	21,144,030	7,914,366,626
Taxes Receivable	165,084	219,220,705
Receivables from Government	71,782	196,045,154
Receivables from non-Government	493,728	777,934,308
MFA Deposit Notes	52,194	74,699,807
Loans Receivable	180,842	55,424,221
Government Business Enterprise Equity	0	57,592,573
Other Financial Assets	0	38,955,655
Property Held for Resale	2,459,460	297,595,860
Total Financial Assets	24,567,120	9,631,834,909

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

MUNICIPAL REVENUES 2013

	Sparwood (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Total Own Purpose Taxation and Grants in Lieu	6,274,968	4,032,474,079
Sale of Services	3,559,962	2,622,738,203
Transfers from Federal Governments	2,500	69,709,693
Transfers from Provincial Governments	314,260	380,837,870
Transfers from Regional and Other Governments	293,611	146,043,351
Investment Income	279,303	183,666,780
Income from Government Business Enterprise	0	9,708,343
Developer Contributions	1,869,908	744,424,465
Disposition of Assets	261,800	128,795,014
Other Revenue	0	110,003,855
Total Revenue	12,856,312	8,428,401,653

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

MUNICIPAL EXPENSES 2013

	Sparwood (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
General Government	1,191,618	779,512,444
Protective Services	926,644	1,715,372,493
Solid Waste Mgmt and Recycling	810,227	272,217,202
Health, Social Services and Housing	94,309	55,969,089
Development Services	956,333	191,284,371
Transportation and Transit	1,409,425	690,912,163
Parks, Recreation and Culture	2,225,979	1,175,617,232
Water Services	676,388	488,504,213
Sewer Services	361,170	407,468,765
Other Services	0	154,053,285
Amortization	1,882,213	1,054,284,756
Other Adjustments	0	-604,942
Total Expenses	10,534,306	6,984,591,071

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