



Unemployment Rate May 2023: **BC 5.0%** **Vancouver Island 4.1%**

Assuming the size of our local labour market remained relatively unchanged since May 2021 Census, a 4.1% unemployment rate equates to approx. 818 residents age 15+ who are available and seeking employment. *In comparison*, Census 2016 reported our regional unemployment rate at 7.5% (1,425 residents).

| Local Labour Market: May 2016 and May 2021 | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Compiled data for :Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, French Creek, Meadowood, Qualicum First Nations, San Pareil, Little Qualicum, Bowser Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay, Lasqueti Island, Snaw-Naw-As First Nations & Nanoose Bay | | | |
| | 2016 | 2021 | Change |
| Total age 15+ (25% sample data) | 41,260 | 45,130 | 3,870 |
| In the labour force | 18,880 | 19,970 | 1,090 |
| Employed | 17,440 | 18,245 | 805 |
| Unemployed | 1,425 | 1,730 | 305 |
| Not in the labour force | 22,385 | 25,155 | 2,770 |
| Participation rate (labour force/ pop 15+) | 45.8% | 44.2% | -1.5% |
| Employment rate (of total age15+) | 42.3% | 40.4% | -1.8% |
| Unemployment rate (of LF) | 7.5% | 8.7% | 1.1% |
| Class of Worker | | | |
| Class of worker - not applicable | 315 | 345 | 30 |
| Employee | 14,485 | 14,260 | -225 |
| Self-employed | 4,075 | 5,370 | 1,295 |
| Industry - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) | | | |
| 11 Agriculture; forestry; fishing and hunting | 805 | 675 | -130 |
| 21 Mining; quarrying; and oil and gas extraction | 280 | 125 | -155 |
| 22 Utilities | 50 | 110 | 60 |
| 23 Construction | 2,120 | 2,660 | 540 |
| 31-33 Manufacturing | 925 | 765 | -160 |
| 41 Wholesale trade | 475 | 400 | -75 |
| 44-45 Retail trade | 2,565 | 2,600 | 35 |
| 48-49 Transportation and warehousing | 720 | 725 | 5 |
| 51 Information and cultural industries | 280 | 305 | 25 |
| 52 Finance and insurance | 485 | 450 | -35 |
| 53 Real estate and rental and leasing | 495 | 505 | 10 |
| 54 Professional; scientific and technical services | 1,260 | 1,695 | 435 |
| 55 Management of companies and enterprises | 15 | 25 | 10 |
| 56 Administrative & support; waste management & remediation | 980 | 1,025 | 45 |
| 61 Educational services | 1,075 | 1,020 | -55 |
| 62 Health care and social assistance | 2,330 | 2,780 | 450 |
| 71 Arts; entertainment and recreation | 450 | 510 | 60 |
| 72 Accommodation and food services | 1,555 | 1,220 | -335 |
| 81 Other services (except public administration) | 930 | 1,050 | 120 |
| 91 Public administration | 800 | 935 | 135 |



Labour Market: BC and Local Region

| 2021 Census (May) | BC | Our Region |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Population (total) | 5,000,879 | 51,151 |
| Age 15 – 64 | 3,267,620 | 25,180 |
| Total pop age 15 + (a) | 4,200,425 | 45,130 |
| In The Labour Force (b) | 2,657,275 | 19,970 |
| Participation rate (b/a) | 63.3% | 44.2% |
| Employed | 2,433,600 | 18,245 |
| Unemployed (c) | 222,675 | 1,730 |
| Unemployment rate (c/b) | 8.4% | 8.7% |
| Not in The Labour Force | 1,543,145 | 25,155 |

Where are the Jobs? Where are Clients hired?

| | National Occupational Classification (NOC) | Our Region* | Job Postings | Client Placements |
|---|---|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 0 | Legislative and senior management | 1.3% | 3.4% | 0.3% |
| 1 | Business, finance and administration | 15.1% | 11.9% | 12.9% |
| 2 | Natural and applied sciences and related occupations | 5.4% | 2.4% | 4.2% |
| 3 | Health occupations | 9.2% | 6.7% | 4.9% |
| 4 | Education, law and social, community and government services | 9.5% | 11.7% | 8.7% |
| 5 | Art, culture, recreation and sport | 3.6% | 1.2% | 1.6% |
| 6 | Sales and Service | 27.3% | 35.6% | 36.6% |
| 7 | Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations | 21.5% | 20.7% | 21.7% |
| 8 | Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations | 4.8% | 4.1% | 4.1% |
| 9 | Manufacturing and utilities | 2.4% | 2.3% | 5.0% |

Client Placement/Job Posting data collected April 2019-March 2023

