

Immigration Labour Force Survey 2009

B.C. Immigrants by Period of Landing

Who Has a Job?

*Population Aged 15+
(number in thousands)*

	Very Recent Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Established Immigrants	Total Landed Immigrants	Canadian Born	
	136	146	788	1,070	2,499	

**Gap Between
Canadian Born
and Immigrants**
*(Canadian Born minus
Immigrants¹)*

% of the Population Aged 15+ With a Job

Total	59.1	64.2	52.6	55.0	63.1	8.1
<i>By Age</i>						
Age 15-24	51.8	46.0	57.0	52.8	57.9	5.1
Age 25-54	62.7	76.5	79.1	75.6	80.9	5.3
Age 55+	42.3	25.8	30.3	30.4	34.4	4.0
<i>By Gender (Age 15+)</i>						
Male	69.5	71.3	56.3	60.0	66.1	6.1
Female	50.3	58.2	49.1	50.6	60.1	9.5
<i>By Highest Level of Education (Age 25-54)</i>						
No degree, certificate or diploma	51.8	60.9	65.6	63.1	62.6	-0.5
High school graduate	58.0	67.8	74.5	71.3	78.9	7.6
High school graduate, some post-secondary	52.8	74.4	77.5	73.6	75.5	1.9
Post-secondary certificate or diploma	64.3	80.7	83.8	80.4	83.6	3.2
University degree	65.1	80.1	83.3	77.7	88.1	10.4
Bachelor's degree	59.5	78.0	82.4	75.4	87.6	12.2
Above bachelor's degree	74.2	84.3	85.1	81.5	89.2	7.7
<i>By CMA (Age 15+)</i>						
Abbotsford	57.4	58.6	55.8	56.4	65.8	9.4
Kelowna	50.0	*	41.1	43.0	65.0	22.0
Vancouver	58.8	63.9	55.1	57.0	65.6	8.6
Victoria	60.5	72.1	51.6	54.0	64.5	10.5

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Who Is Unemployed?						
<i>Number of Persons in Labour Force (number in thousands)</i>	91	103	443	637	1,709	
% of the Labour Force who are Unemployed						
Total	11.8	8.7	6.5	7.6	7.8	0.2
<i>By Age</i>						
Age 15-24	11.7	12.7	10.5	11.3	13.8	2.5
Age 25-54	11.4	7.1	6.5	7.4	6.5	-0.9
Age 55+	*	22.2	5.5	6.8	5.9	-0.9
<i>By Gender (Age 15+)</i>						
Male	9.6	6.6	7.4	7.6	9.1	1.5
Female	14.0	10.9	5.5	7.6	6.3	-1.3
<i>By Highest Level of Education (Age 25-54)</i>						
No degree, certificate or diploma	*	*	8.2	9.2	13.8	4.6
High school graduate	*	*	8.1	8.6	6.9	-1.7
High school graduate, some post-secondary	*	*	*	*	7.7	7.7
Post-secondary certificate or diploma	11.8	*	5.5	6.5	6.1	-0.4
University degree	10.6	6.5	6.1	7.3	3.9	-3.4
Bachelor's degree	12.4	6.6	6.9	7.9	4.0	-3.9
Above bachelor's degree	8.8	*	*	6.2	3.4	-2.8
<i>By CMA (Age 15+)</i>						
Vancouver	11.1	8.4	6.6	7.6	6.8	-0.8

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Type of Jobs						
Number of Employed Persons Aged 15+ (number in thousands)	81	94	414	589	1,577	
% of Those Who are Employed						
<i>By Occupation (Age 15+)</i>						
Management occupations	5.7	8.2	10.3	9.4	9.3	0.0
Business, finance and administrative occupations	15.9	14.0	18.7	17.5	17.2	-0.3
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	6.7	10.4	6.1	6.9	5.7	-1.2
Health occupations	7.7	8.2	7.6	7.7	6.2	-1.5
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	6.8	6.5	6.9	6.8	9.1	2.2
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.9	0.7
Sales and service occupations	33.5	29.8	25.6	27.4	26.2	-1.2
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	12.9	11.0	14.1	13.4	16.1	2.6
Occupations unique to primary industry	3.1	1.8	2.9	2.8	3.4	0.7
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	4.7	7.0	4.4	4.9	2.9	-2.0
<i>Hours Worked (Age 15+)</i>						
Part time	24.0	20.4	19.1	20.0	22.7	2.7
Full time	76.0	79.6	80.9	80.0	77.3	-2.7

* Estimate too unreliable to release.

1. A positive gap means that Canadian born individuals have a higher value for that variable than Immigrants and a negative gap means the opposite. For variables where higher values mean better outcomes (for example, the "% of the population with a job"), a positive gap means Immigrant performance is not as good as Canadian born performance. For variables where higher values mean worse outcomes (for example, the "% of the labour force who are unemployed"), a positive gap means Immigrant performance is better than Canadian born performance. The greater the number, the greater the inequality between the two groups. For variables that measure a societal good, such as education achievements or a societal bad such as unemployment rates, the goal is to minimize the gap between the two groups.

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