

# Profile of Key Economic Sectors

## Construction

### What is included in the sector?

This sector can be divided into two broad classes:

- Infrastructure construction (e.g., roads, bridges)
- Building construction

TABLE 1. SECTOR JOBS BY TYPE IN VANCOUVER

SUB-SECTOR	JOB (%)
Residential building construction	30.1%
Building equipment contractors	20.7%
Non-residential building construction	13.1%
Building finishing contractors	13.1%
Land subdivision	7.6%
Foundation, structure, and building exterior contractors	7.0%
Other specialty trade contractors	4.1%
Highway, street and bridge construction	2.1%
Utility system construction	1.7%
Other	0.7%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Place of work data from 2016 Census for the city of Vancouver, Statistics Canada.

### Who is working in this sector?

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR SECTOR JOBS IN VANCOUVER

CATEGORY	VALUE
<b>Full time vs. part time</b>	
Full time workers	89%
Part time workers	11%
<b>Self employed and work from home</b>	
Self employed	18%
Work from home	12%

Source: Place of work data from 2016 Census for the city of Vancouver, Statistics Canada.

TABLE 3. GENDER, WAGE AND EDUCATION CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE SECTOR IN THE REGION

CATEGORY	VALUE
<b>Gender</b>	
Men	87%
Women	13%
<b>Wages and highest education</b>	
Regional median income	\$41,300
Secondary school or equivalent	33%

Source: Place of residence data from 2016 Census for the city of Vancouver, Statistics Canada.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Construction jobs make up 3% of the city's total employment.
- The sector is the city's 14th largest employer with 9,870 jobs.
- Approximately 50% of the sector's jobs are in residential building and building equipment contractors.
- Between 2001 and 2016, the number of jobs in this sector in the city grew by 4,400 jobs (80%).
- Roughly 50% of the city's workers in the sector reside in the city of Vancouver.
- The Metro Core area has the highest concentration of jobs in this sector in the city.

### Job growth in the sector: Vancouver vs. the region

The majority of construction jobs (77%) in the region are located outside the city of Vancouver. The sector is growing, in both the city and region; between 2001 and 2016 the total number of sector jobs in the city increased by 88%. During this same timeframe, the city as a whole added roughly 64,355 jobs, growing by 21%.

TABLE 4. SECTOR GROWTH IN VANCOUVER AND METRO VANCOUVER

	VANCOUVER	METRO
Sector jobs	9,870 3% of all jobs	42,260 4% of all jobs
Growth of sector from 2001-16	+4,400 ↑ 80%	+18,620 ↑ 79%
Overall job growth from 2001-16	+64,355 ↑ 21%	+209,675 ↑ 23%

Source: Place of work data from 2016 Census for the city of Vancouver, Statistics Canada.

## What do they do?

**TABLE 5. SECTOR JOBS BY OCCUPATION IN THE REGION FOR WORKER PLACE OF RESIDENCE**

OCCUPATION	JOBS (%)
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	65.4%
Management occupations	14.8%
Business, finance and administration occupations	8.7%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	5.3%
Sales and service occupations	2.8%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	1.4%
Other	1.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Place of residence data from 2016 Census for Metro Vancouver, Statistics Canada.

## Where do sector workers live?

50% of the city’s workers in this sector live in Vancouver.

**TABLE 6. PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR WORKERS IN CONSTRUCTION IN VANCOUVER**

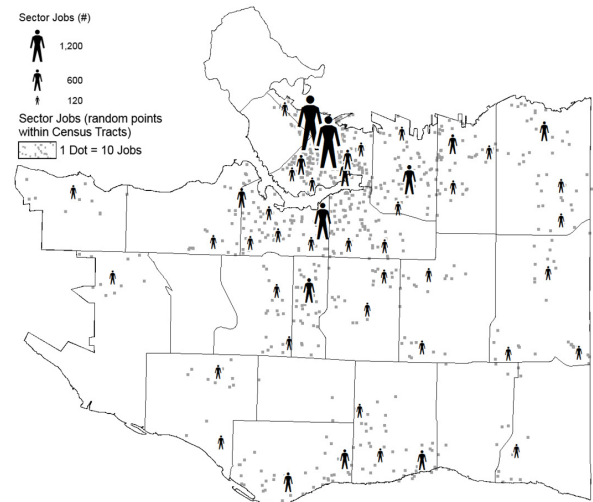
LOCATION	#	%
<b>City of Vancouver</b>	<b>4,605</b>	<b>46.7%</b>
<b>Metro Vancouver (Outside of Vancouver)</b>	<b>4,870</b>	<b>49.3%</b>
Surrey, Delta, & White Rock	1,230	12.5%
Burnaby & New Westminister	1,115	11.3%
Tri-Cities (incl. Anmore and Belcarra)	765	7.8%
North Shore (incl. Bowen and Lions Bay)	745	7.5%
Richmond	415	4.2%
Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows	325	3.3%
Langley (District and City)	245	2.5%
First Nations Lands	20	0.2%
University Endowment Lands	10	0.1%
<b>Outside of Metro Vancouver</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,080</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Place of work commuter data from 2016 Census for the city of Vancouver, Metro Vancouver and Canada, Statistics Canada.

## Where in the city are sector jobs located?

The city’s construction jobs are concentrated in the Metro Core area, primarily in the Central Business District and the Broadway corridor.

**FIGURE 1. DISTRIBUTION OF SECTOR JOBS IN THE CITY**

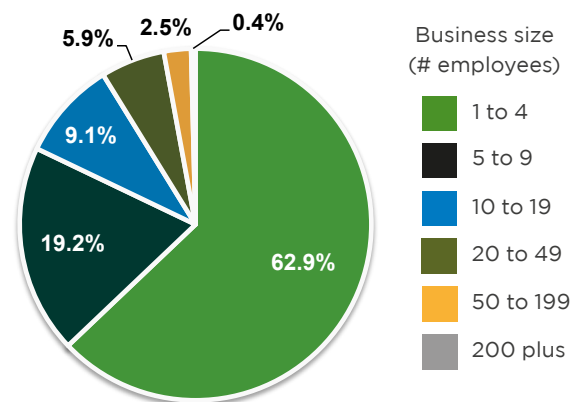


Source: Place of work data from 2016 Census for the city of Vancouver, Statistics Canada.

## Business size

The majority of sector businesses within the region (about 91%) employ fewer than 50 people.

**FIGURE 2. SIZE OF BUSINESSES IN SECTOR IN METRO VANCOUVER REGION**



Source: Statistics Canada Business Register for the Greater Vancouver Regional District, 2017.