

# Profile of Key Economic Sectors

## Health Care and Social Assistance

### What is included in the sector?

This sector includes:

- Primary medical services; and
- Social and family services including home care and child care.

TABLE 1. SECTOR JOBS BY TYPE IN VANCOUVER

SUB-SECTOR	JOB (%)
Hospitals	34.1%
Offices of physicians	14.7%
Nursing and residential care facilities	9.9%
Offices of other health practitioners	8.4%
Individual and family services	7.9%
Offices of dentists	6.4%
Out-patient care centres	5.9%
Child day-care services	5.3%
Medical and diagnostic laboratories	2.1%
Community food and housing, and emergency and other relief services	1.8%
Home health care services	1.6%
Other ambulatory health care services	1.3%
Other	0.6%
<b>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	79%
Part time workers	21%
<b>Self employed and work from home</b>	
Self employed	12%
Work from home	4%

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	21%
Women	79%
<b>Wages and highest education</b>	
Regional median income	\$43,810
Secondary school or equivalent	47%

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

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Health care and social assistance jobs make up 13% of the city's total employment.
- The sector is the city's 2nd largest employer with 47,080 jobs.
- Approximately 34% of the sector's jobs are in hospitals.
- Between 2001 and 2016, jobs in this sector in the city grew by 10,220 jobs (28%).
- Roughly 58% of the city's workers in the sector reside in the city of Vancouver.
- Most jobs in the sector are located in the health precincts surrounding the city's largest hospitals.

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

The majority of health care and social assistance sector jobs (62%) in the region are located outside the city of Vancouver. The city and region have seen both increases in jobs in the sector and overall; between 2001 and 2016 the total number of sector jobs in the city increased by 28%. 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	47,080 12% of all jobs	124,530 11% of all jobs
Growth of sector from 2001-16	+10,220 ↑ 28%	+32,240 ↑ 35%
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 (%)
Health occupations	52%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	21.2%
Business, finance and administration occupations	15.1%
Sales and service occupations	4.3%
Management occupations	4.3%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	1.7%
<b>Other</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<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?

58% of the city's workers in this sector live in Vancouver.

**TABLE 6. PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR WORKERS IN HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN VANCOUVER**

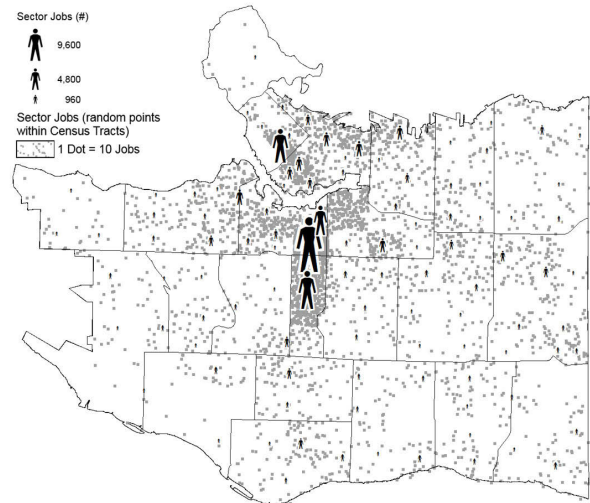
LOCATION	#	%
<b>City of Vancouver</b>	<b>26,450</b>	<b>58.0%</b>
<b>Metro Vancouver (Outside of Vancouver)</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>40.4%</b>
Burnaby & New Westminster	6,100	11.9%
Surrey, Delta, & White Rock	4,935	8.7%
Richmond	2,755	5.4%
North Shore (incl. Bowen and Lions Bay)	2,500	6.2%
Tri-Cities (incl. Anmore and Belcarra)	2,465	5.6%
Langley (District and City)	430	0.9%
Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows	425	1.2%
University Endowment Lands	160	0.4%
Other	130	0.2%
<b>Outside of Metro Vancouver</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>1.7%</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 health care and social assistance jobs are concentrated primarily along the Cambie corridor and in the West End, where the city's largest hospitals are located.

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

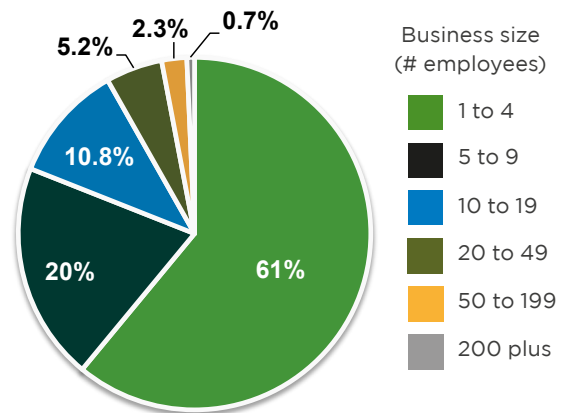


Source: Place of work data from 2016 Census for the city of Vancouver, Statistics Canada.

### Business size

The majority of sector businesses within the region (about 99%) 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.