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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU TO BOUNDARY RESIDENTS FOR LENDING YOUR VOICE

n behalf of the board of Directors of the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities, it is my pleasure to present the 2019 Vital Signs Report. This report builds on the previous Vital Signs reports that were completed in 2009 and 2014. The purpose of this report is a snap shot of the Boundary communities and highlights 9 key areas of interest. The Vital Signs Advisory Committee have engaged the citizens of the Boundary with an online survey and attended various events over several months. In addition, research was conducted on the 9 key areas of interest.

Moving forward the Phoenix Foundation will use this report to inform their granting decisions. It is also hoped that it will spark discussions and influence the decisions of grant recipients, non-profits, community groups, service clubs and all levels of Government, with the intent of benefiting the residents of the Boundary.

I wish to thank those that have provided financial and in-kind contributions as well as those that completed the survey.

Please take the time to read the report, let it spur you into action, to improve the quality of life for all those that reside in the Boundary.

Gary Smith, President, Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities

THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION

In 1997, the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities was created and is member of the Community Foundations of Canada. The Phoenix Foundation was established as a reflection of the great values individuals, families and businesses place on the Boundary area, its heritage, its people and its communities. Since its inception, the Phoenix Foundation has been dedicated to making the Boundary a better place to live, work, raise families and age gracefully. The Phoenix Foundation has granted more then \$600,000 to local organizations, groups and individuals for the purpose of building a better Boundary. The Foundation also gives money through scholarships, agency endowments and donor directed funds.

ABOUT VITAL SIGNS

Vital Signs® is a national program led by local community foundations and coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada that leverages local knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities and supports action towards improving our quality of life.

communityfoundations.ca/vitalsigns

METHODOLOGY

RESEARCH AND DATA

Intended as a periodic check-up, Vital Signs provides a snapshot of our communities' vitality, give clarity around the current, potential and perceived issues facing residents and identifies opportunities for action. This report builds on the 2009 and 2014 Boundary Communities Vital Signs Reports. Most figures have been rounded to the nearest percentage; therefore, some figures may add up to 99% or 101%. The number of respondents for each question ranges from 348 to 452.

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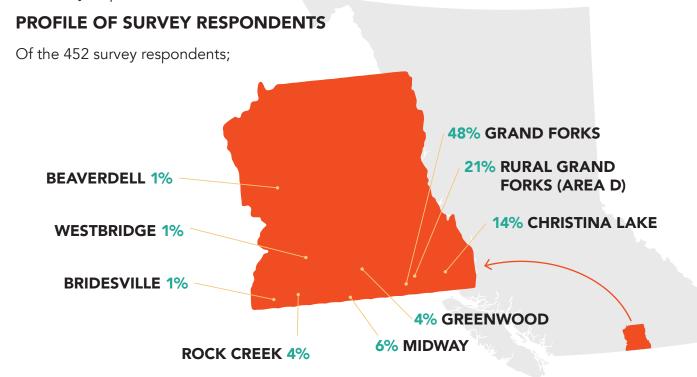
- BC Assessment 2016
- BC Housing 2016
- BC Ministry of Education 2016
- BC Surgical wait times 2016
- BC Plant zone hardiness

- Boundary and Communities' Vital Signs 2014
- Civic Info BC
- Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute
- Elections BC
- Elections Canada
- Grand Forks Local Health Authority Life Expectancy

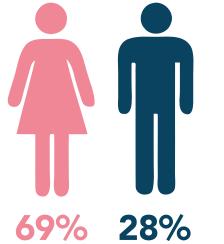
- Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
- Regional District Kootenay Boundary
- State of the Basin Report 2016
- Stats Canada
- Whispers of Hope
- Vital Signs Canada

SURVEY

The community survey was online from June to September 2019. This survey was developed with input from the Advisory Committee and Project Coordinator. The community survey resulted in identifying the 9 key areas of focus, which are listed in the report in order of importance based on the survey respondents.



PROFILE OF COMMUNITY RESPONDENTS



GENDER

1% Non binary2% Prefer not to say

AGE

3% Under 18

2% 19–24

8% 25–34

16% 35-44

20% 45-54

23% 55-64

27% Over 65

1% Prefer not to say

"I WAS IMPRESSED BY HOW RESIDENTS AND NON-PROFITS IN THE CITY CARED ABOUT IT'S LESS FORTUNATE RESIDENTS"

Community Survey respondent

7%

IDENTIFY AS INDIGENOUS

(FIRST NATIONS, METIS, INUIT)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY

2% Less than 1 year

18% 1–5 years

15% 6–10 years

17% 11–16 years

48% More than 17 years

MARITAL STATUS

55% Married

17% Single

15% Common Law

6% Divorced

4% Seperated

4% Prefer not to answer

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS & VITAL SIGNS

THE GRASSROOTS APPROACH OF VITAL SIGNS IS TO COLLECT DATA, SPARK CONVERSATION AND INSPIRE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OFFERS A UNIQUE TOOL TO BENCHMARK THE PROGRESS OF WELL-BEING IN COMMUNITIES AGAINST A SET OF GLOBAL TARGETS.



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE







8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION





10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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BASED ON OVER 450 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONDENTS, OUR FINDINGS ACROSS THE 9 ISSUE AREAS OF THIS REPORT ARE, IN ORDER OF PRIORITY.

BELONGING AND QUALITY OF LIFE



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

WORK AND

EARNING

HOUSING

ENVIRONMENT























EMERGENCY PLANNING AND SAFETY



FOOD SECURITY



TRANSPORTATION/ **GETTING AROUND**



Where possible, indicators from the 2014 report were included.

Interestingly the ranking priority from 2014 and 2019 has shifted somewhat.

2014 PRIORITY LIST

Work and Earnings

Health and Wellness

Gap between rich and poor

Arts and Culture

Housing

Transportation

Learning

Belonging and Leadership

Environment

Safety

Food Security

ABOUT THE BOUNDARY

THE BOUNDARY IS A 7000 SQUARE KILOMETER REGION NESTLED BETWEEN THE OKANAGAN VALLEY ON THE WESTERN SIDE AND THE WEST KOOTENAYS EASTERN SIDE, SITTING ON THE CANADA/US BORDER.



There are nine individual communities across
Kootenay Boundary, each with its own history, lore, vibrancy, and concerns.

3 MUNICIPALITIES

Grand Forks, Greenwood, and Midway

3 ELECTORAL AREAS

REGIONAL DISTRICT KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

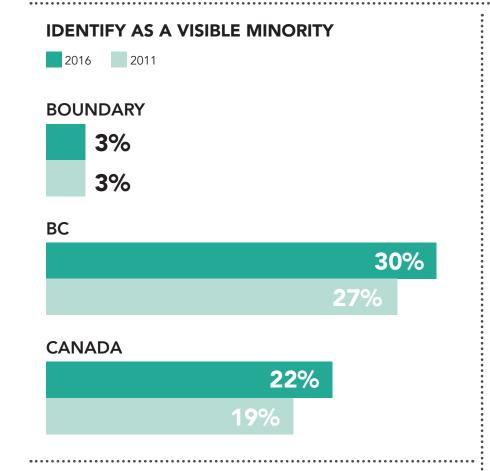
Area D: Rural Grand Forks,

Area E: Rock Creek, Westbridge, Bridesville and Beaverdell

Area C: Christina Lake

COMMUNITY	2016	2011	CHANGE
Grand Forks	4,049	3,985	↑ 1.6% increase
Greenwood	665	705	∨ 6.1% decrease
Midway	649	674	∨ 3.7% decrease
Area C	1,337	1,391	▼ 3.9% decrease
Area D	3,225	3,187	↑ 1.2% increase
Area E	2,155	1,970	↑ 8.6% increase

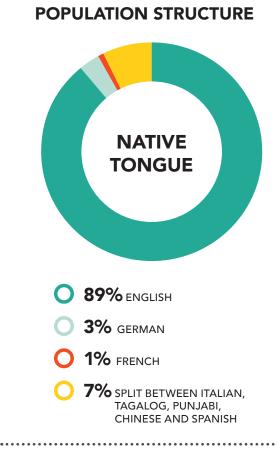
THE REGION IS BOUND BY THE KETTLE RIVER, WHICH FLOWS 280 KILOMETERS FROM ITS SOURCE IN THE MONASHEE MOUNTAINS.
THE KETTLE AND GRANBY RIVER JOIN IN GRAND FORKS WHICH THEN FLOWS INTO CHRISTINA LAKE

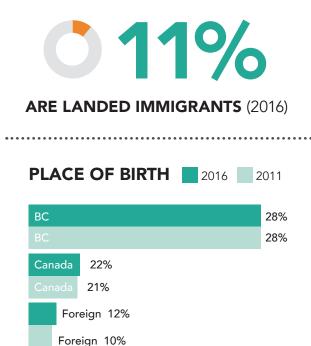


FAMILY TYPES

IN 2016, THE BOUNDARY HAD MORE FAMILIES LED BY 2 PARENTS THAN THE PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL AVERAGES





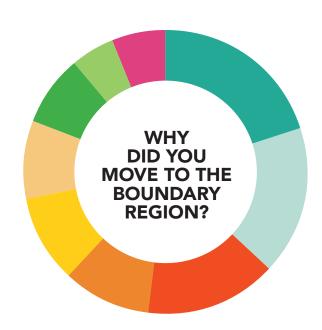


BELONGING, QUALITY OF LIFE



WHEN WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY BY VOLUNTEERING, VOTING, PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY EVENTS, WE FEEL MORE CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



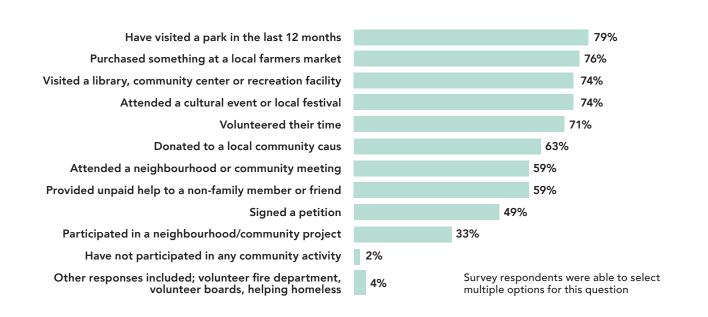
- 20% LIFESTYLE
- 17% TO BE NEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- 15% FOR A JOB OPPORTUNITY
- 10% FOLLOWED A SPOUSE/PARTNER
- **10%** HAVE ALWAYS LIVED HERE
- **9%** WERE BORN HERE, MOVED AWAY AND CAME BACK
- **8%** FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- **5%** FOR THE COST OF LIVING
- **6%** OTHER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED; RECREATIONAL, ARTS AND CULTURE, A COMBINATION OF ALL OR SOME OF THE ABOVE

AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT THEY BELONG AND ARE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMUNITY

079%

WOULD CONSIDER LEAVING THE **BOUNDARY, REASONS INCLUDE:** EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, CLOSER TO FAMILY, LACK OF HOUSING, MEDICAL HEALTH CARE

FELT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN AND INFLUENCE **COMMUNITY DECISIONS**

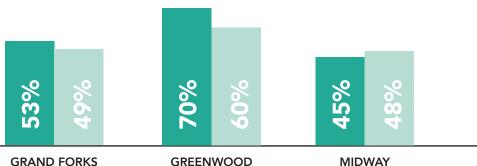


VOTER TURNOUT

Municipal 2014

Municipal 2018

Area C, D and E candidates were all acclaimed in 2018



GREENWOOD

MIDWAY

61.1% 60.4% East Boundary 70.6% 70.6%

FEDERAL ELECTION, 2015

SENSE OF BELONGING (2015/2016)

REGION POPULATION 12 YEARS & OVER FELT A STRONG AND SOMEWHAT STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING

71% BC 68% CANADA

071% 092% 082%

OF THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOSPITAL **REGION POPULATION FROM AGE 12 TO 17 YEARS FELT A STRONG AND SOMEWHAT** STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING

85% BC 84% CANADA

HOSPITAL REGION POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER FELT A STRONG AND SOMEWHAT STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING

77% BC 74% CANADA

LIFE EXPECTANCY

The average from 2011 to 2015 was analysed.

78.2 YEARS

BC LIFE EXPECTANCY IS 82.6 YEARS



- > CREATE A WELCOME WAGON PROGRAM
- > LOCAL ELECTED OFFICALS TO WRITE A WELCOME LETTER TO NEW RESIDENTS
- > DEVELOP A DATA BASE OF **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNTIES**
- > ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



HEALTH & WELLNESS 2







OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ARE AFFECTED BY OUR LIFESTYLE CHOICES. OUR SOCIAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ALONG WITH ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE ARE KEY FACTORS

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



90% HAVE A FAMILY DOCTOR



HAVE THE FINANCIAL **RESOURCES TO MEET** THEIR CURRENT **HEALTH CARE NEEDS**



HAVE TRANSIT TO AND FROM MEDICAL **APPOINTMENTS** IF NEEDED



HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES LOCALLY IF NEEDED

DON'T KNOW IF ADDICTION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY IF NEEDED



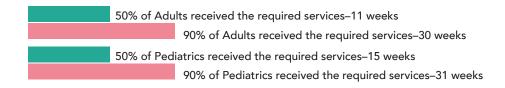
FELT THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO SPECIALIST HEALTH CARE SERVICES LOCALLY

75% EXERCISE EITHER EVERY DAY OR A FEW TIMES A WEEK

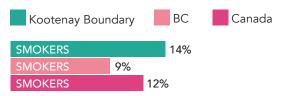
"THERE ARE MANY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR MYSELF AND FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN" Community Survey respondent

SURGERY WAIT TIMES (2016)

Average surgery wait time at the Kootenay Boundary Hospital



SMOKERS (2015/2016)



PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

Parks and protected areas protect wild spaces and species, also providing an opportunity for residents and visitors to connect with nature.

THE BOUNDARY REGION HAVE THE FOLLOWING **PROVINCIAL PARKS AND** PROTECTED AREAS:

Boothman's Oxbow Park

Boundary Creek Park

Christina Lake Park

Conkle Lake Park

Gilpin Grasslands Park

Gladstone Provincial Park

Jewel Lake Park

Kettle River Recreation Area

Rock Creek Park

LOCAL GREENSPACES IN KOOTENAY BOUNDARY;

Angus MacDonald Park

Barbara Ann Park Tennis Courts

Big White Mountain Ecological

Reserve

Christina Lake Community

and Nature Park

Dick Bartlett Park

Entwined Tree Park

Fireman's Expo Park

Frank Carpenter Riverfront Park

George Massey Park

Granby Park

Greenwood Ball Park

Greenwood City Park

Greenwood Lions Park

Gyro Park

James Donaldson Park

James G. McMynn Park

Johnston Creek Park

Lois Haggen Park

Myra-Bellevue Park

O-Hairi Park Campground

DOCTORS (2015/2016)

OF THE POPULATION IN TH KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AGED 12 AND OVER WERE WITHOUT A REGULAR MEDICAL DOCTOR

15% BC 18% CANADA

MENTAL HEALTH

DISTRICT, PEOPLE AGED 12 & OVER SELF RATED THEIR MENTAL HEALTH EITHER VERY GOOD OR EXCELLENT

69% BC 72% CANADA

71%

DISTRICT, PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 12-17 SELF RATED THEIR MENTAL HEALTH EITHER VERY GOOD OR EXCELLENT

79% BC 77% CANADA

- > DOCTOR RETENTION AND ATTRACTION PROGRAM
- > INCREASED PROFILE OF **MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**
- > MAP OF PARKS, TRAILS AND PROTECTED AREAS
- > SUPPORT/CREATE HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY

ENVIRONMENT I









THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE FOUNDATION OF MANY ASPECTS OF OUR WELL BEING. HOW WE DISPOSE OF OUR WASTE ARE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OUR REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY, AND ADAPTING TO CHANGES IN OUR WEATHER PATTERNS.

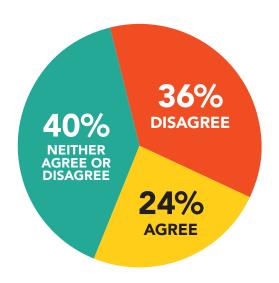
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



TOP PRIORITY TO IMPROVE/ MAINTAIN THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE BOUNDARY REGION

- 19% EDUCATING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO BE RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS
- 12% OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE AND CLEAN ENERGY
- **12%** SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE EXTRACTION (FORESTRY AND MINING)
- 11% BACKCOUNTRY, WILDLIFE AND WETLAND MANAGEMENT
- 9% PRESERVATION OF LAND
- **8%** RECYCLING AND COMPOST PROGRAMS
- **7%** AIR QUALITY
- **6%** CLEAN DRINKING WATER
- **4%** WASTE MANAGEMENT
- 12% COMBINATION OF ALL OR SOME OF THE ABOVE

ARE BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES DOING ENOUGH TO HELP PRESERVE/ **ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT?**



091%

AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TO REGULARLY **RECYCLE AND COMPOST WITH THE AIM TO REDUCE WASTE AND ENERGY USE**

IN THE 2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, THE **BOUNDARY REGION SUPPORTED ESTABLISHING** A SERVICE FOR THE PROMOTION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING.

1534 VOTERS IN SUPPORT VERSUS 1369 AGAINST

GARBAGE, COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING

IN 2016, RESIDENTS OF THE **BOUNDARY GENERATED 612KG OF WASTE PER PERSON** PER YEAR, IN COMPARISON THE BC AVERAGE PER PERSON PER YEAR WAS 472 KG.

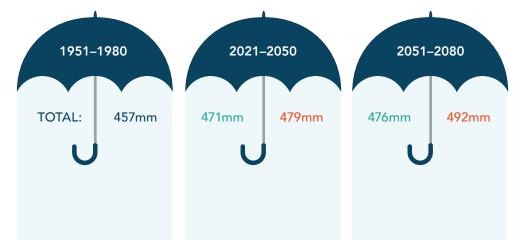




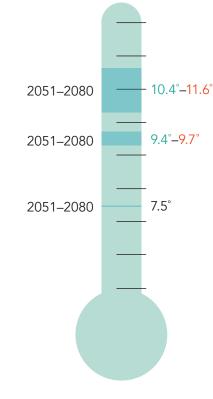
CLIMATE MODELING (2015)

- **Low Carbon** (assuming global greenhouse gas emissions are drastically reduced from current levels)
- High Carbon (assuming global greenhouse gas emissions continue increasing at current rates)

ESTIMATED PRECIPITATION INCREASES



ESTIMATED TEMPERTURE INCREASES



VITALACTIONS



- > SUPPORT WASTE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PARTICULARLY WITH GARBAGE AND RECYCLING
- > SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
- > SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE AND CLEAN ENERGY
- > ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES **EXTRACTION**

"PRESERVATION OF LAND, EDUCATING **RESDIENTS AND VISITORS** TO BE RESPONSIBLE **STEWARDS IS KEY"**

Community Survey respondent

WORK & EARNING 4

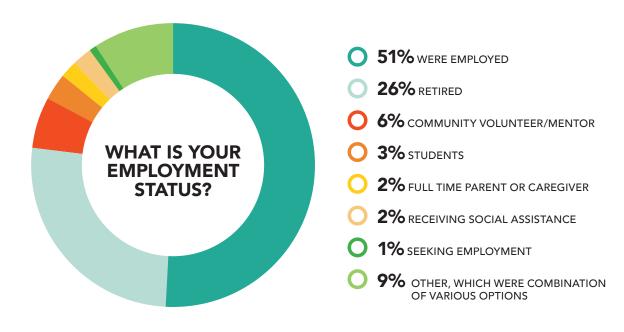






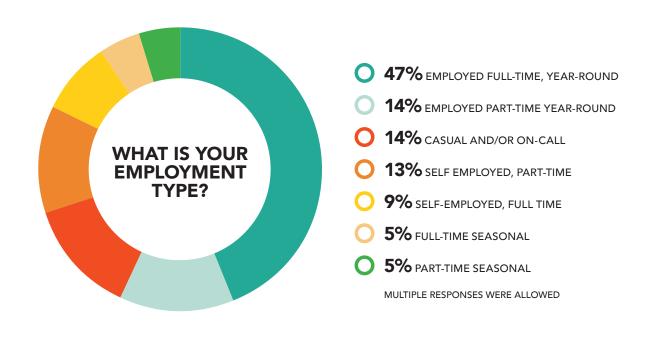
THE AVAILABILITY OF WORK AND INCOME REFLECTS THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. SECURE WORK THAT SUPPORTS A LIVING WAGE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LONG TERM HEALTH AND VITALITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

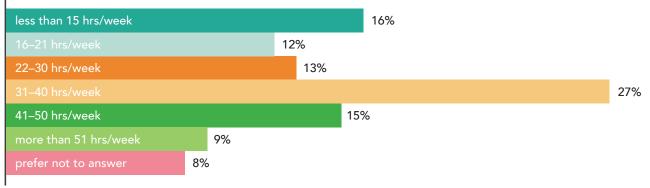


78% LIVE AND WORK IN THE SAME COMMUNITY

OF THOSE THAT COMMUTE, CHRISTINA LAKE TO GRAND FORKS IS THE MOST COMMON

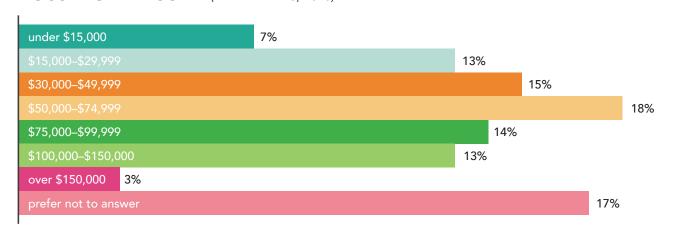


NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED PER WEEK (2015)



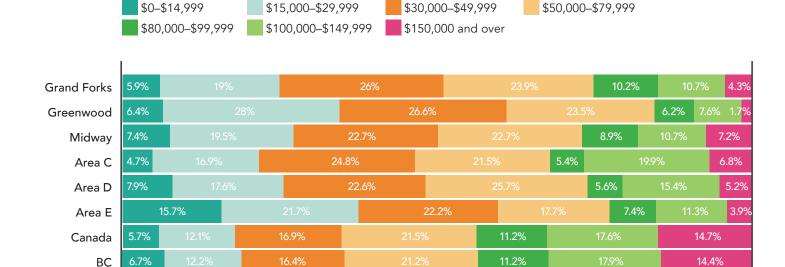
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HOUSEHOLD INCOME (AFTER TAXES, 2015)



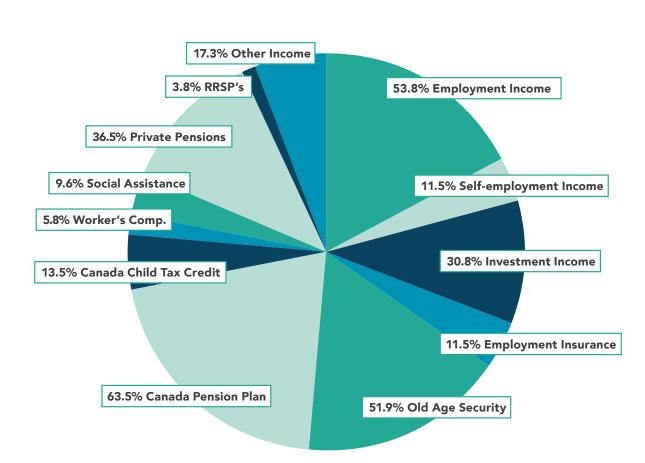
ARE EMPLOYED IN THEIR PREFERRED CAREER/VOCATION

HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015)



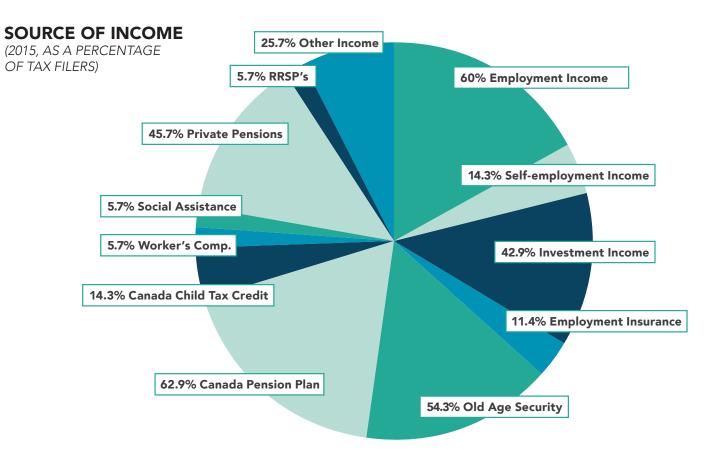
SOURCE OF INCOME (2015, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TAX FILERS) 4.7% RRSP's 69.75% Employment Income 6.1% Worker's Comp. 16.5% Canada Child Tax Credit 39.9% Investment Income 42.1% Old Age Security



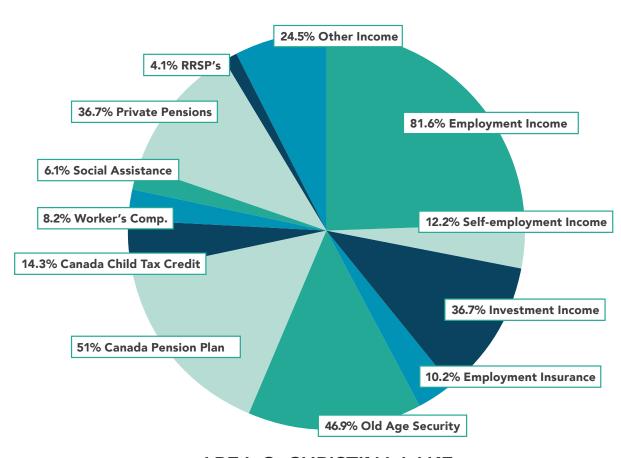


GREENWOOD

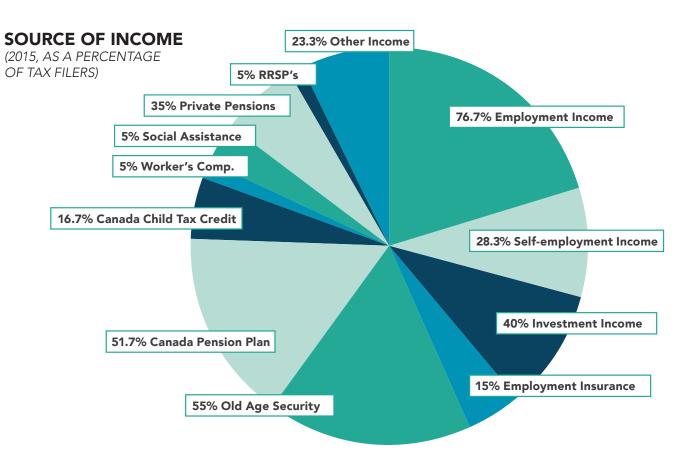
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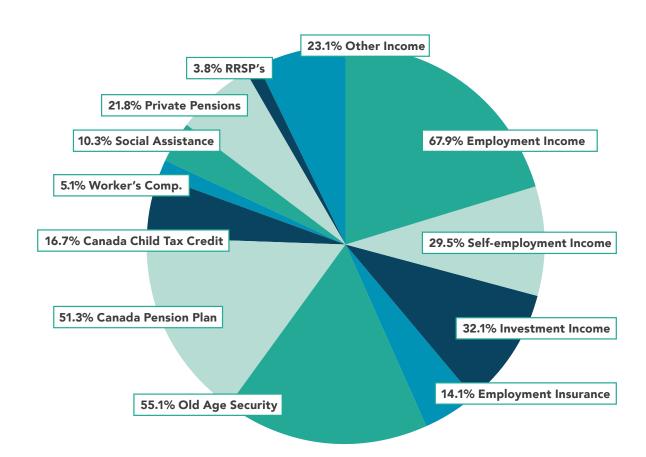
MIDWAY



AREA C, CHRISTINA LAKE

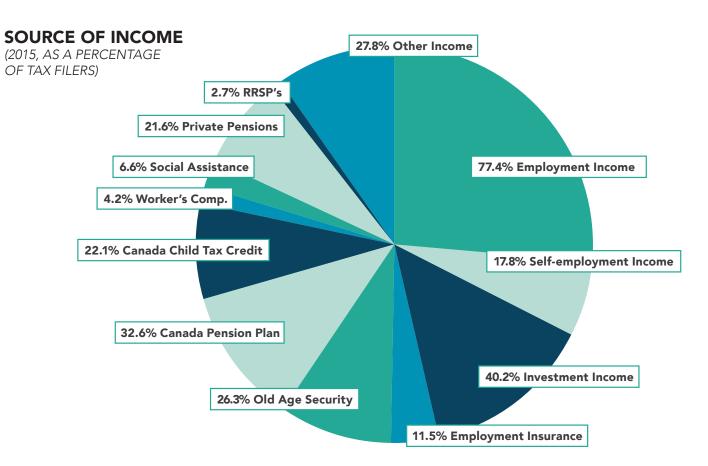


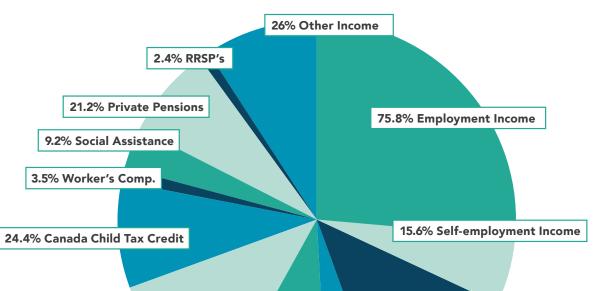
AREA D, RURAL GRAND FORKS



AREA E, WEST BOUNDARY

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BC

25.5% Old Age Security

32.4% Canada Pension Plan

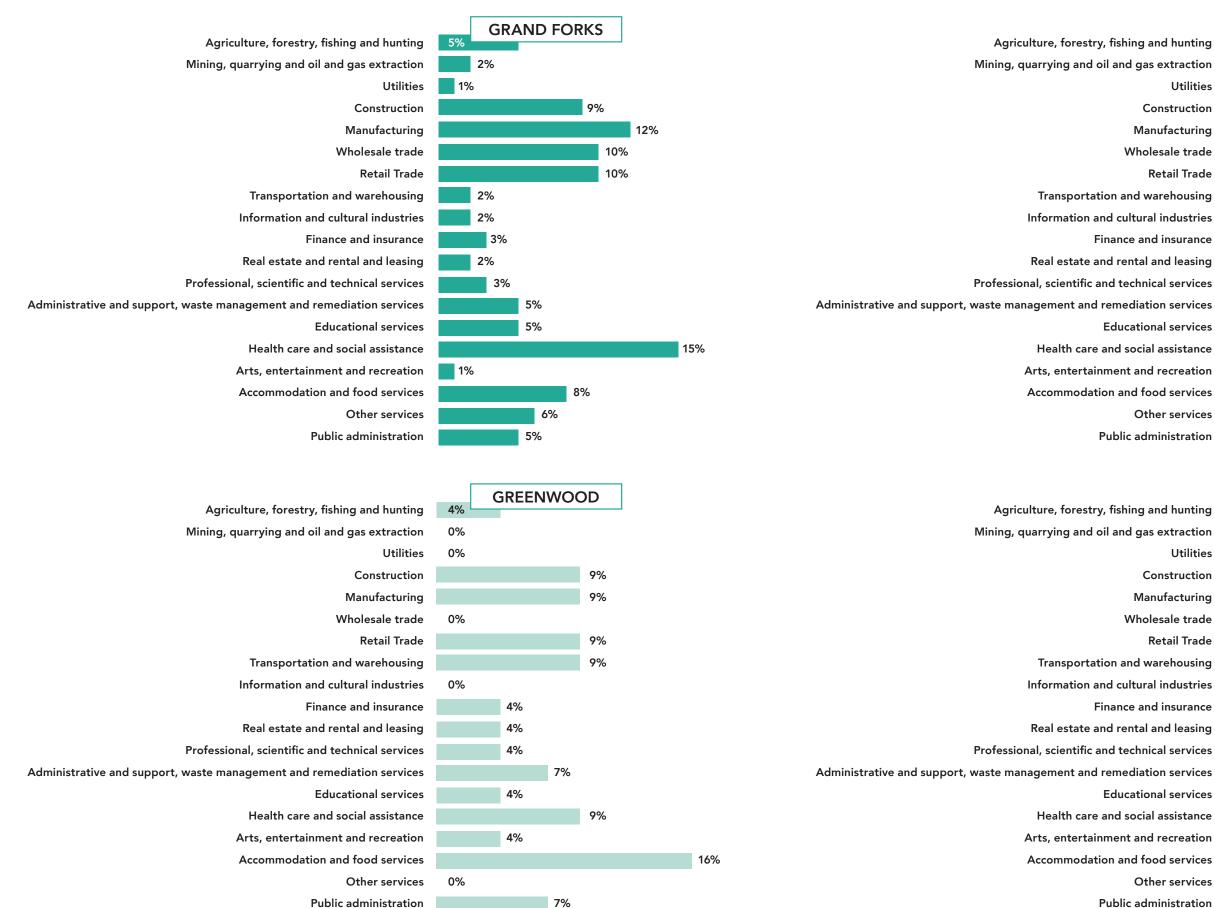
35.4% Investment Income

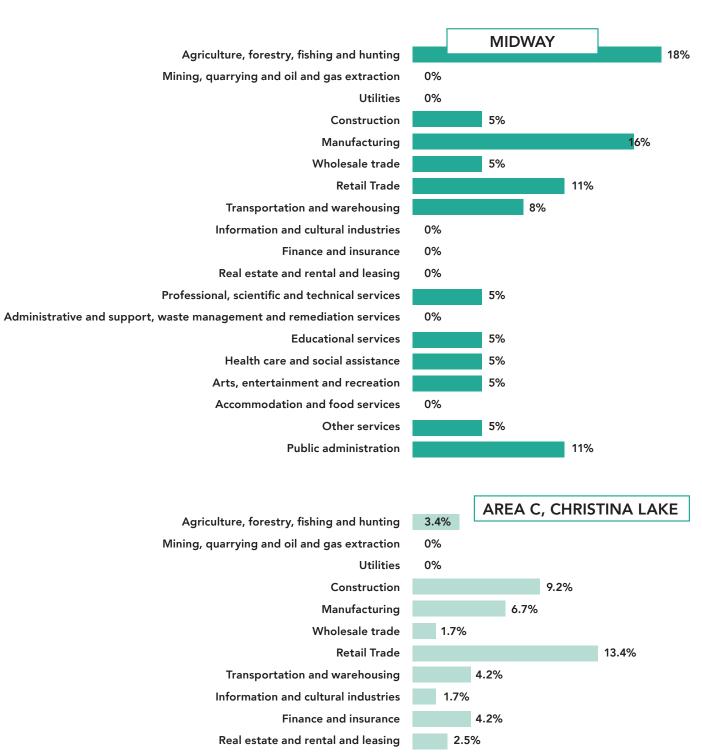
13.8% Employment Insurance



LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY (2016)

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Educational services

Other services

Public administration

5% 5.9%

4.2%

2.5%

6.7%

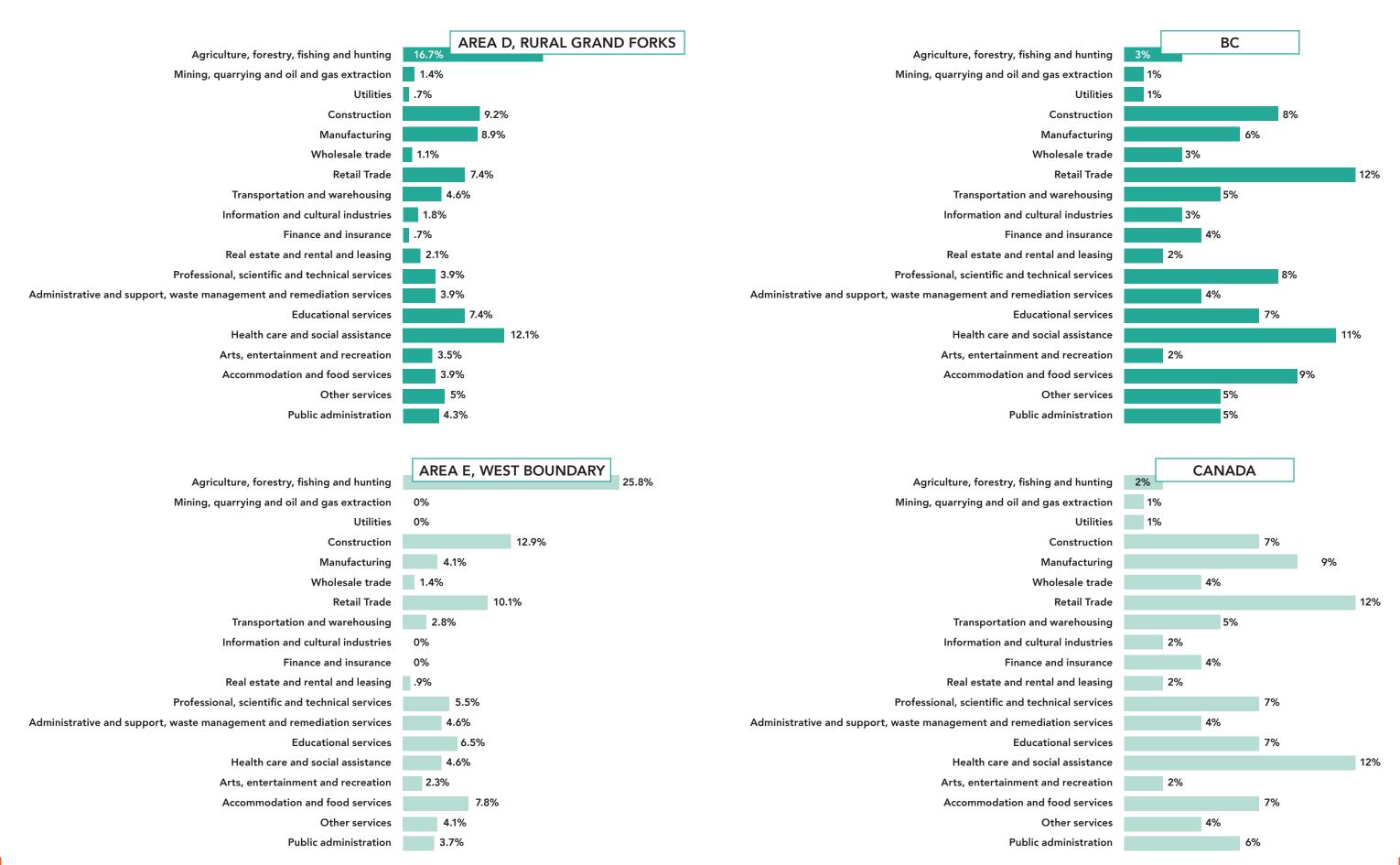
5.9%

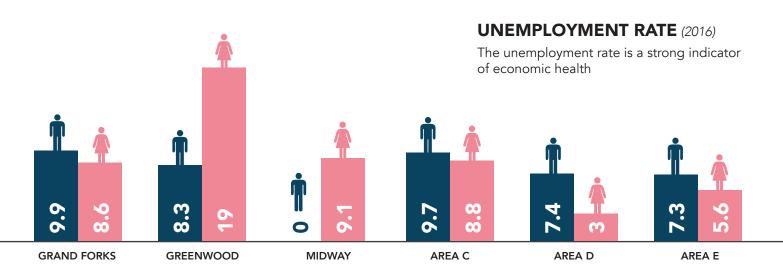
10.9%

10.1%

LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY (2016)

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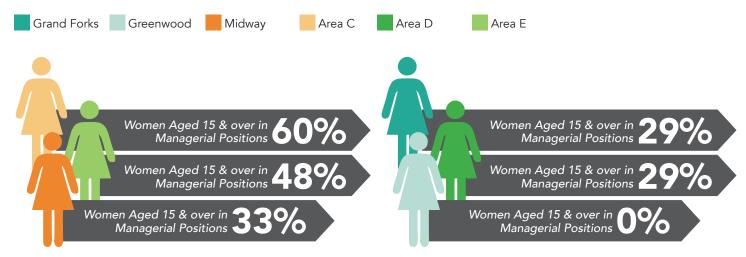




"INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS, DIVERSIFY PRESENT SECONDARY EDUCATION TO INCLUDE TRADES, FIND VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT"

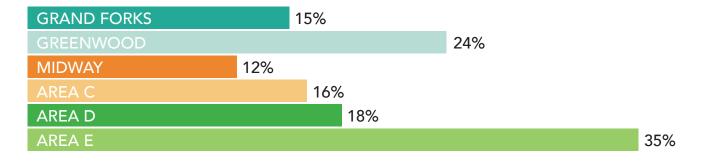
Community Survey respondent

MANAGERIAL POSITIONS (2016)



LOW INCOME (2015)

The low income measure indicates the level of poverty as a percentage of the population





VITALACTIONS



- > SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES BY CREATING A WELCOME ATMOSPHERE FOR NEW AND ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES.
- > SUPPORT A THRIVING BOUNDARY REGION BY PROMOTING SHOPPING LOCAL
- > GET INVOLVED. UNDERSTAND HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS AND DECISIONS ARE MADE, THIS CAN LEAD TO BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS ON DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY.
- > CALCUATE A LIVING WAGE

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EVERYONE IS KEY TO ATTRACTING AND RETAINING RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND CREATING A HEALTHY VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



- 44% LIVED IN THEIR HOME FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS
- 26% LIVED IN THEIR HOME FROM 2 TO 5 YEARS
- 19% LIVED IN THEIR HOME FROM 5 TO 10 YEARS
- 11% LIVED IN THEIR HOME FOR LESS THAN 1 YEAR



ARE SHORT TERM RENTALS A THREAT TO HOUSING NEEDS?

16% YES 43% NO



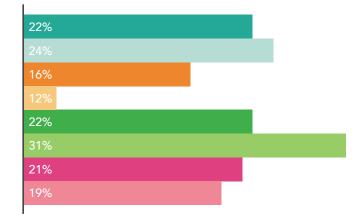
EITHER OWN OR SOMEONE THEY LIVE WITH OWNS THE HOME

"AFFORDABLE, ATTAINABLE HOUSING, HOUSING FOR RENT WHERE PETS ARE ALLOWED WOULD BE HELPFUL"

Community Survey respondent

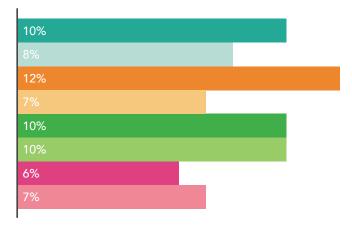
GROSS SHELTER INCOME RATIO (2016)

Percentage of households spending greater than 30% of income on major payments



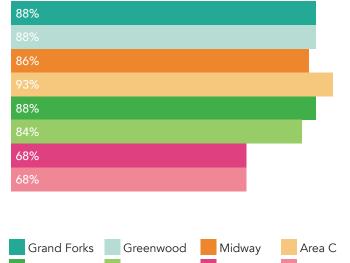
HOMES REQUIRING CARE

Percentage of dwellings requiring major repair in 2016

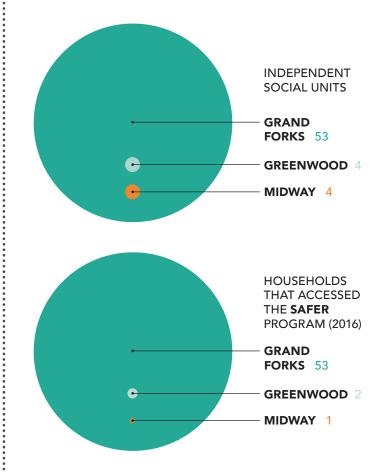


HOME OWNERSHIP

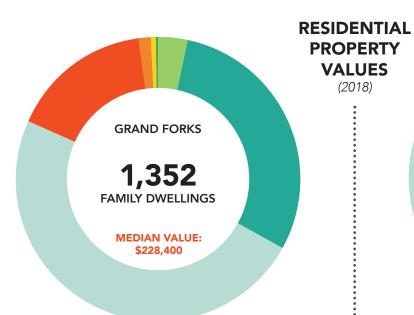
Percentage of homes that were privately owned in 2016



SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS (2016)

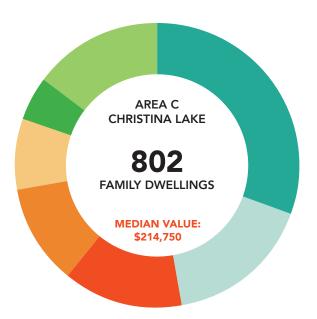




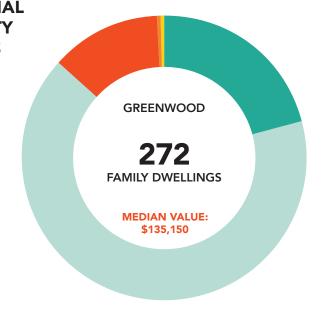


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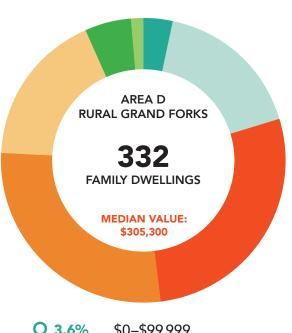
\$0-\$99,999 O 3.6% O 29.6% \$100,000-\$199,999 \$200,000-\$299,999 O 48.7% **O** 16% \$300,000-\$399,999 O 1.3% \$400,000-\$499,999 0.7% \$500,000-\$599,999 0.1% \$600,000 and over



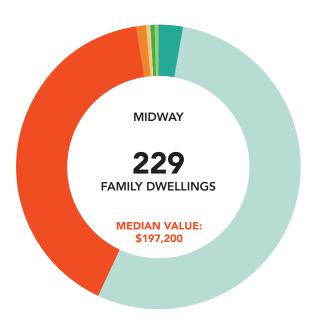
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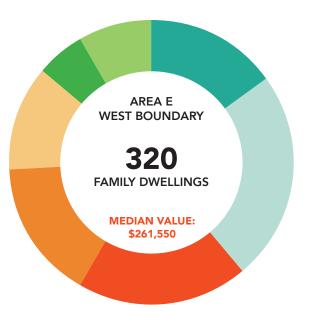
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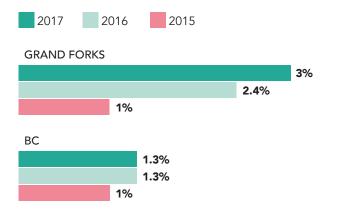


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VACANCY RATES

Vacancy rates are an important indicator in the availability of housing



Data was only availble for Grand Forks

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

Between Nov 1, 2013–March 31, 2014 Extreme Weather Shelter provided

546 beds



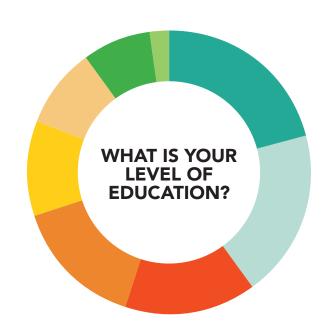
- > SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS
- > ENCOURAGE RETOFITTING EXISTING **DWELLINGS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
- > ADVOCATE FOR A FAIR RESIDENTIAL TENANCY ACT FOR BOTH RENTER AND LANDLORDS
- > ALLOW PETS IN RESIDENTIAL **PROPERTIES**

LEARNING & EDUCATION 6



ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND LIFE LONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



- **21%** UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
- 19% COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE
- 15% DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE FROM TRADE, TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- 15% partial university or college
- 11% high school diploma or equivalent
- **9%** UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE AT THE MASTER'S LEVEL
- 8% grade school and/or partial high school
- 2% PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

71% CONTENT WITH THEIR LEVEL OF EDUCATION.

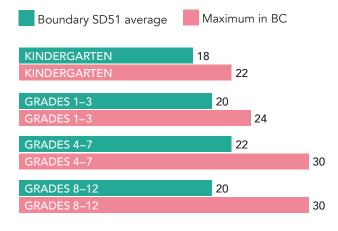
096%

CONSIDER THEMSELVES A LIFE-LONG LEARNER.



- 39% LIMITED COURSE OFFERINGS AS A BARRIER TO OBTAINING ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION
- 15% DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BARRIERS ARE
- 12% COURSES ARE OFFERED AT LIMITED TIMES AND/OR LOCATIONS
- 9% NO BARRIERS EXIST
- 8% LIMITED PERSONAL TIME AVAILABLE
- 8% AFFORDABILITY
- **8%** OTHER, WHICH INCLUDED A COMBINATION OF MULTIPLE BARRIERS
- 2% CHILDCARE

CLASS SIZES (2016)



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



Greenwood



OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATED IN 2014/15, WHICH IS ABOVE THE BC AVERAGE

VITALACTIONS

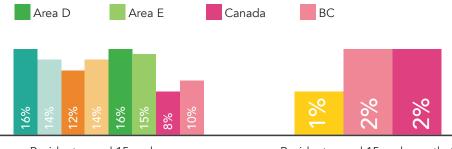


- > ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN MATH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PERFORMING ARTS
- > SHARE COURSE IDEAS WITH SELKIRK COLLEGE
- PROMOTE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LOCAL EMPLOYERS AND SCHOOLS TO CREATE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY RATIO OF MEN TO WOMEN, AGED 15 AND OVER WHO HAVE A POST SECONDARY CERTIFICATE DIPLOMA OR DEGREE



EDUCATION (2016)



Midway

Residents aged 15 and over that have an education in **TRADE**

Residents aged 15 and over that have an education in MATH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

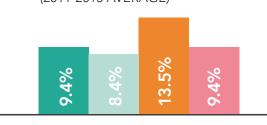
Area C



Residents aged 15 and over that have an education in **PERFORMING ARTS**

LIBRARY CIRCULATION

(2011-2015 AVERAGE)



Library circulation per capita

LIBRARY HOURS (2016)

Kootenay Boundary



26.5
HOURS
PER WEEK

MIDWAY

19 HOURS PER WEE

GREENWOOD

EMERGENCY PLANNING





BEING PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES, WITH PLANS IN PLACE CONTRIBUTES TO THE SENSE OF SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF THE COMMUNITY. A STRONG SENSE OF SAFETY IS ESSENTIAL TO A LIVABLE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT EMERGENCY PERSONAL ARE WELL PREPARED TO HELP IF THE NEED ARISES

71%

FEEL THAT THEY ARE PREPARED IN THE EVENT OF **AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION NOTICE**

29%

FEEL THAT THE BOUNDARY REGION IS ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR **EMERGENCIES**

84%

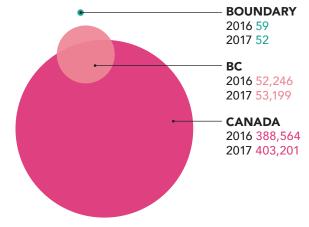
FEEL EITHER SOMEWHAT OR SAFE IN THE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS YOUR MAIN CONCERN OR FEAR, WHEN ASKED?

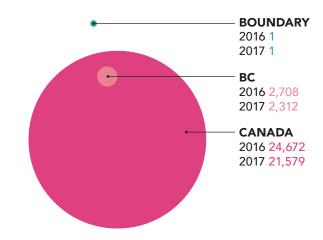


- 32% NATURAL DISASTERS, FLOODING AND WILDFIRES
- 22% ROBBERY
- **12%** OTHER
- 10% NO CONCERNS
- **9%** VIOLENT ATTACK
- **7%** HARASSMENT/VERBAL ASSAULT/BULLYING
- **6%** TRAFFIC/ROAD SAFETY
- **2%** SEXUAL ASSAULT, WILDLIFE AND ISOLATION

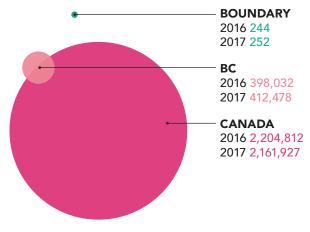
CRIME RATES



TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATION, ACTUAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION (2017)



TOTAL SEXUAL ASSAULTS, ACTUAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION (2017)



OVERALL CRIME, **ACTUAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION**

IN 2016 THERE WAS 2 YOUTH (AGED 12-17) CHARGED AND 1 IN 2017

"IN AN **EMERGERENCY LEAVE THE HOUSE**"

Community Survey respondent





- > ENCOURAGE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMERGENCY PERSONAL
- > EDUCATE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ON EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS AND **EVACUATION PLANS**
- > CREATE AN EMERGENCY **COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

FOOD SECURITY 8

2 ZERO HUNGER

FOOD IS MORE THEN WHAT WE EAT, IT AFFECTS OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND THE RESILIENCE OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

088%

AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT THEY HAVE ADEQUATE NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO MEET THEIR DIETARY NEEDS

>72%

AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE
THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO AFFORD
THE GROCERIES THAT THEY
WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE

071%

REGULARLY SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS BY PURCHASING LOCAL PRODUCED FOOD

084%

ARE ABLE TO GROW THEIR OWN VEGETABLES IF THEY CHOOSE TO

5%

RELY ON THE FOOD BANK TO MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS



WHAT IS THE KEY TO INCREASING ACCESS TO ENOUGH NUTRITIOUS FOOD? 55% SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS OF LOCALLY GROWN FOODS

18% PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE FOOD GROWING SKILLS

13% URBAN GARDENING

14% EDUCATION,
SUSTAINING FOOD PROGRAMS
OR ALL OF THE ABOVE

THE COST OF FEEDING THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY IS REASONABLE



44% AGREE OF STRONGLY AGREE

37% DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE

19% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE

"INCREASED DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD SECURITY NETWORKS AND REDUCE RELIANCE ON TRUCKED FOOD"

Community Survey respondent



DISTRIBUTION OF CHARITABLE FOOD PROGRAMS

Charitable food programs reflect a community's capacity to address food security and an immediate level.

IN 2017 WHISPERS OF HOPE SERVED OVER 13,000 MEALS

In 2018, Whispers of Hope served **3,117 MEALS**, a significant drop from 2017 due to being closed for several months as result of flooding

PLANT HARDINESS

Determines where various types of trees, shrubs and flowers will most likely survive, based on the average climatic conditions. Zones range from 1–9. The higher the zone the longer the growing season and milder winters

GRAND FORKS

6B

CDEENIMOOD

5B

5B

MIDWAY

FROST FREE DAYS

GRAND FORKS 140 day
GREENWOOD 142 day

140 days between May 7 – Sept. 25 142 days between May 14 – Oct. 14

VITALACTIONS



- > SUPPORT LOCAL AGRICULTURE
- > ENCOURAGE COMMUNUITY GARDENS AND LOCAL FARMERS MARKET
- > ENCOURGE EDUCATIONAL
 OPPORTUNITIES ON LOCAL FOOD
 GROWING PROGRAMS AND SKILLS
 DEVELOPMENT

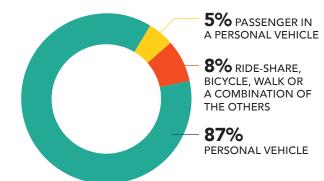
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OUR ABILITY TO GET AROUND IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, ENVIRONMENT AND THE HEALTH OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES





OF PEOPLE FEEL THAT A LACK OF TRANSPORTATION DOESN'T AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO GET TO APPOINTMENTS OR WORK.

OF PEOPLE FEEL THAT A LACK OF TRANSPORTATION DOESN'T AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO GET
TO SOCIAL/COMMUNITY EVENTS

BC TRANSIT

The Boundary region is serviced with one fixed route, extending from Greenwood to Grand Forks, with onrequest pick up and drop off service.



"LACK OF **ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT FOR SENIORS, A SMALL COMMUNITY BUS TWICE A WEEK WOULD BE HELPFUL"**

Community Survey respondent

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

(11%

6 10%

₹ 8%

9%

% 7%

9%

Personal Vehicle Walked or Biked

80%

92%

← ← ← ← ← ← 87%

90%

91%

← ← ← ← ← ← 88%

79%

← ← ← ← ← 76%

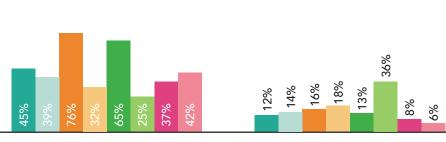
COMMUTING DISTANCE TO WORK

(2016, as percentage of population)

Grand Forks Greenwood Midway Area D

Area E

Area C ВС Canada



Less than 5kms

BCTransit ...

COMMUTING TIME TO WORK

(2016)



Greater than 35kms



- > USE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
- > SUPPORT RIDESHARING
- > ENCOURAGE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES THAT INCLUDE WALKING, CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSIT WHERE POSSIBLE
- > CONDUCT A TRANSIT REVIEW TO SEE IF THE SERVICE IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE **COMMUNITY AND IS OF GOOD VALUE**

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