

TABLE 2 LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS - VANCOUVER CENSUS METROPOLITAN AREA AND MAPLE RIDGE DISTRICT									
Civilian Labor Force - Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001				
Unemployment Rate (for month & year use most recent information available and seasonally adjusted annual average)	5.7%	6.7%	7.3%	7.7%	6.6%				
Employment Reported by Place of Work - Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area	Total Number Employed (000)				% of Total Employed Persons				
	2005	2004	1990	2010	2005	2004	1990	2010	
Agriculture	12.2	11.5	6.0	13.1	1.1%	1.0%	0.7%	1.0%	1.0136
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	6.5	4.3	11.3	6.8	0.6%	0.4%	1.4%	0.5%	1.0101
Construction	80.4	73.9	64.4	92.8	7.0%	6.6%	7.8%	7.2%	1.0291
Manufacturing	104.3	111.5	90.0	115.6	9.0%	9.9%	10.9%	8.9%	1.0209
Utilities	5.7	4.9	6.9	6.0	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%	1.0106
Transportation & Warehousing	70.0	66.4	55.3	78.8	6.1%	5.9%	6.7%	6.1%	1.0239
Wholesale Trade	53.9	42.5	34.6	56.9	4.7%	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%	1.0109
Retail Trade	129.8	128.3	110.4	146.3	11.2%	11.4%	13.4%	11.3%	1.0242
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	78.7	86.8	64.1	84.7	6.8%	7.7%	7.8%	6.5%	1.0147
Professional scientific and technical	110.8	103.0	63.6	na	9.6%	9.1%	7.7%		na
Other Services	457.5	447.5	276.9	na	39.6%	39.7%	33.6%		na
Government	45.9	47.0	40.0	na	4.0%	4.2%	4.9%		na
<b>Total</b>	<b>1155.7</b>	<b>1127.6</b>	<b>823.5</b>	<b>1297.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	1.023
Employment by Occupation -- Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area	2005	1990							
Management	107.0	83.2							
Business, finance & administration	231.3	181.2							
Natural & applied science & related	83.2	47.0							
Health	60.6	44.3							
Soc. Science, govt. services & religious	48.5	24.7							
Education	50.4	26.9							
Arts, culture, rec. & sports	45.4	26.4							
Sales & service	298.1	198.5							
Trades, transportation & equip. ops., etc.	162.4	140.8							
Primary industries	19.9	15.8							
Processing, mfg. & utilities	48.9	34.8							
Total	1,155.7	823.6							
Employed Residents Working in 2001	Number (#)	Percent (%)							
Worked outside Vancouver CMA	6,000	0.01							
Commute Times	Number (#)	Percent (%)							
Less than 15 Minutes	n/a	n/a							
15 - 29 Minutes	n/a	n/a							
Over 30 Minutes	n/a	n/a							
Median	n/a	n/a							
Labor Participation Rate in Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area - 2005	Percentage (%)								
Male	72.3								
Female	62.1								
Total	67.2								
Education & Labor Force -- Maple Ridge	Enrollment 2005/06	Graduates 2004/05							
High School registration (Public/Private) Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows 2005/2006	7,050	971							
High School Students Enrolling in College	na	na							
Community College (Full-Time)	na	na							
4 Year University (Full-Time)	na	na							
Education Attainment -- Maple Ridge	2006	% total							
Population 20 years+	53,961	100.0%							
Less than Grade 9	2,214	4.1%							
Grades 9-13 w/o certificate	10,399	19.3%							
Grades 9-13 with certificate	7,556	14.0%							
Trade certificate/diploma	8,351	15.5%							
Non-university w/o certificate/diploma	4,759	8.8%							
Non-university with certificate/diploma	10,956	20.3%							
University w/o degree	3,811	7.1%							
University w/o degree/certificate	2,440	4.5%							
University with certificate	1,371	2.5%							
University with degree	5,915	11.0%							
Military Presence -- Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area	Civilian Employment	Military Personnel	Annual # of Military Personnel Discharge	# of Military Dependents					
No major installations in VCMA	approx. 1,000 reserves	approx. 150	n/a	n/a					

Proj. annual growth rate 2005-2010

**TABLE 3  
LEADING EMPLOYERS BY SECTOR FOR MAPLE RIDGE DISTRICT**

Sector	Company	Location		Product/Service	Function1	NAICS code	Employment	Union Affiliation	% of # of Union Workers
		City	County						
Government	School District #42	Maple Ridge	VCMA	education	HQ & school district	6111	1,788	1,695	94.8%
	Ridge Meadows Hospital	Maple Ridge	VCMA	health care	hospital	622	1,300	1,270	98%
	District of Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	VCMA	government	HQ	9139	400		
	Fraser Regional Corrections	Maple Ridge	VCMA	correctional facility	462-9313 director of staff	9121	189		97%
Manufacturing	Interfor Ltd. Hammond Cedar Div.	Maple Ridge	VCMA	cedar wood products	branch mfg. plant	321	323		95%
	NEC Moli Energy (Canada) Ltd.	Maple Ridge	VCMA	lithium-ion rechargeable cells	Cdn. HQ & mfg. centre (parent co. in Taiwan)	3359	395	0	0
	Waldun Forest Products	Maple Ridge	VCMA	shakes & shingles; lumber	HQ & mfg. centre	321	300+	0	0
	Southcoast Millworks (formerly Chasyn)	Maple Ridge	VCMA	bldg. components, lumber, value-added wood products	HQ & mfg. centre	321	130-140	130-140	100%
	Pelton Reforestation	Maple Ridge	VCMA	silvicultural services	HQ and operations	1114	55-240	35-220	65%-92%
Private Health Care	Arcus Community Resources	Maple Ridge	VCMA	health care & support	regional office	623	250	238	95%
Retail	West Coast Ford Lincoln	Maple Ridge	VCMA	automotive sales	branch office	4411	45	0	0%

Jan. 07: 1095 teachers, 65 princ. & VP; 28 other admin.; 600 CUPE

\* includes regular & casual; there are 500-600 regular workers (full and part time)

seasonal -- more employees in the summer

**TABLE 4**  
**COMPANIES NEW TO MAPLE RIDGE WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEAR**  
**COMPANIES THAT HAVE EXPANDED IN THE AREA WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEAR**  
**50 OR MORE EMPLOYEES**

Type & Year	Company	Location	Product/ Service	Function1	Year	Employment	Union
<b>New to the Area</b>							
Last Year	Southcoast Millworks (formerly Chasyn)	Maple Ridge	value-added wood products	HQ & mfg centre	2006-07	130-140	130-140
	Surround Technologies						
Two Years Ago	Insight Filtr				2005		no
Three Years Ago							
<b>Expansions/New Facilities</b>							
Last Year	Lordco - expansion		Auto parts	commercial	2006		
Two Years Ago	Coopers - new store	Maple Ridge	grocery	retail store	2006	70	no
<b>Downsizing/Closing/Layoff</b>							
Last Year	Chasyn - sold		sold			70	
Two Years Ago	LCB Stores - 1 closed	Maple Ridge					
2004	Ellico Cedar Product		sold				
	Southwest Roof		closed				
	Pacific Heritage		closed				

1: Headquarters, regional office, back office, distribution center, branch manufacturing plant, branch assembly plant, R & I  
 2: Two Digit SIC Code

**CURRENT MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN MAPLE RIDGE 2006 (50+ EMPLOYEES)**

Type & Year	Company	Product/ Service	Function1	Year Established	Employment	Union Affiliation
Private sector	Overwaitea Food Group	grocery	retail store		404	no
Private sector	E-Ons Mali Energy (Canada Ltd.)	battery	manufacturing pla		340	
Private sector	Canada Safeway	grocery	retail store		225	no
Private sector	West Coast Ford Lincoln	Auto Sales and Service	car dealership		200	no
Private sector	Interfor Ltd Hammon	products	sawmill, shake & sing		200	
Private sector	Overwaitea Food Group	grocery	retail store		200	no
Private sector	Arcus Communit Resources Ltd	specialized residential care facility	commercial		150	
Private sector	Fraser Cedar Products Ltd	sawmill, shake & shingle	Manufacturer		150	
Private sector	Zellers Inc	chair	retail		122	no
Private sector	Swiss Chale	food	restaurant	1998	100	no
Private sector	McDonald's Restaurants	fast food	restaurant		98	no
Private sector	F S R Treatment In	wood/lumber	shake & shingle wholesale		95	
Private sector	Canadian Tin	retail sales, houseware garden, sporting good	retail/auto service		88	no
Private sector	Simpowe	generator/manufacture	machinery/equipme		85	
Private sector	MR Motors LP DBA	retail sale	car dealership		81	
Private sector	Royal Crescent Gardens				81	
Private sector	Red Robi		restaurant		79	
Private sector	Lordco Parts	auto parts	retail/wholesaler stu		79	no
Private sector	McDonald's Restaurants	fast food	restaurant		76	
Private sector	PRT Pelton Nurser	nursery	wholesaler nurset		72	no
Private sector	Twin Rivers Cedar Products	sawmil	sawmil		70	
Private sector	Rona Inc	hardware	retail store		70	no
Private sector	Coopers	grocery	retail store		70	no
Private sector	The Keg	licensed food	restaurant		68	
Private sector	Can-Am	recycling shred clothi	recycling		65	
Private sector	Seascope Marine Builder	boat/ship building & repair	manufactures Yauch		65	
Private sector	Anderson Pacific Fore Products Ltd	sawmill, shake & sing	sawmil		64	
Private sector	Planet Ice	Arena/curlin	recreational ice aren		62	no
Private sector	Simpson Strong-Tix Canada				61	
Private sector	Fitness Unlimite	fitness clu	gym/fitnes	1980	58	no
Private sector	Extra Foods	grocery	retail store		57	
Private sector	BW Creative Wood	spindles, rails & stai parts	manufacture		55	
Private sector	Best Quality Cedar Product Ltd	sawmill, shake & sing	sawmil		50	
Private sector	Steefform Contracting Co.	framing/form	residential form wou		50	
Private sector	Wendy's Restaurants o Canada	fast food	restaurant		50	
Private sector	Maple Leaf Shake & Shingle	sawmill, shake & sing	manufacture		50	
Private sector	A & W Restaurant	fast food	restaurant		50	no
Private sector	Maple Ridge Chrysl	Auto Sales and Service	car dealership	1972	63	no
Public Sector	School District #4		Institutio		1795	Union, 93 non-unic
Public Sector	Ridge Meadows Hospital		Hospita		1330	union, 30 non-union
Public Sector	District of Maple Ridge	Customer Service	Municipal Office		539	UPE, 170 non-union
Public Sector	Fraser Regional Correctional		Correctional Institutio		262	union, 12 non-union

1: Headquarters, regional office, back office, distribution center, branch manufacturing plant, branch assembly plant, R & I  
 2: Two Digit SIC Code

**TABLE 7  
HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCES NEAR MAPLE RIDGE: Public Universities and University Colleges**

Enrollment 04/05							
Name of Institution	Location		Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Under Graduate Full-Time	Graduate Full-Time
	City	Regional District					
University of British Columbia	Vancouver (1.5 hour commute)	Greater Vancouver	43,000			35,000	8,000
Simon Fraser University	Burnaby (45 minute commute)	Greater Vancouver	25,000	na	na	na	na
Kwantlen University College	Langley, Richmond, Surrey	Greater Vancouver	17,000	na	na	na	na
University College of Fraser Valley - degree & diploma programs	Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission (45+ min. commutes)	Fraser Valley	7,661	4,419	3,509	na	na

**TABLE 8**  
**HIGHER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES NEAR MAPLE RIDGE: Community Colleges**

Name of Institution	Location		Annual Enrolment		
	City	Regional District	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time
University College of Fraser Valley - development programs	Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission (45+ min. commutes)	Fraser Valley	1,239	302	937
Douglas College, David Lam Campus	Coquitlam (15-30 min. commute)	Greater Vancouver	na	na	na
Sprott Shaw Community College	Maple Ridge and 9 other municipalities	Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley	4,500	na	na

**TABLE 9  
HIGHER ED. RESOURCES: VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL CENTRE RESOURCES**

Name of Institution	Location		Enrollment		
	City	Regional District	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time
University College of Fraser Valley -- vocational programs	Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission (45+ min. commutes)	Fraser Valley	999	999	0
BC Institute of Technology	Burnaby (45 min. commute)	Greater Vancouver	48,050	15,550	32,500
Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design	Vancouver	Greater Vancouver	3,530	1,330	2,200
Institute of Indigenous Government (2003)	Burnaby (45 min. commute)	Greater Vancouver	417	na	na
Justice Institute of British Columbia	Maple Ridge, New Westminster, Delta, Vancouver	Greater Vancouver	na	na	na

**TABLE 11**  
**AVERAGE GENERAL WAGE BY SELECTED OCCUPATION**  
**Lower Mainland Southwest Development Region (2006 \$ Can.)**

Occupation	Average Minimum	Average Median Wage	Average Maximum Wage
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountant	\$13.25	\$22.60	\$33.20
Management Trainee	na	na	na
Programmer/Analyst	\$12.75	\$23.50	\$33.06
Mechanical Engineer	\$21.03	\$36.05	\$41.75
<b>Retail</b>			
Retail Store Clerk	\$8.00	\$12.30	\$18.94
Stock Room Clerk	\$8.25	\$11.34	\$17.31
PR/communications clerk	\$14.25	\$22.80	\$34.20
<b>Clerical</b>			
Customer Service Rep. (financial)	\$9.60	\$14.93	\$21.63
Telesales Rep.	na	na	na
Data Entry Clerk	\$9.95	\$14.68	\$18.95
Executive Secretary	\$11.00	\$18.20	\$23.70
Accounting Clerk	\$11.20	\$16.20	\$20.50
General Office Clerk	\$10.00	\$15.65	\$21.85
<b>Unskilled</b>			
General Laborer	\$13.00	\$17.50	\$24.40
Parts Clerk	\$8.25	\$14.10	\$21.40
Hand Packer	na	na	na
Material Handler	\$8.75	\$14.26	\$22.33
Light Assembly	na	na	na
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Heavy Equip. Operator (excl. cranes)	\$15.00	\$22.58	\$28.69
Fork Lift Operator	na	na	na
<b>Skilled</b>			
Machine Maintenance	na	na	na
Tool & Die	\$12.00	\$18.30	\$26.00
Machinist	\$14.30	\$19.70	\$30.00
Welder and Related Machine Operators	\$14.00	\$22.50	\$30.40
<b>Technical</b>			
Industr. Engineering & Mfg. Technologists & Technicians	\$14.00	\$16.50	\$27.80
Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technologists & Technicians	\$14.50	\$20.10	\$27.50
Medical Laboratory Technician	\$15.30	\$20.58	\$22.54
Network Technician	\$17.30	\$21.60	\$31.35
<b>Average Work Week in Hours</b>			
<b>Annual Average Turnover %</b>			

**TABLE 12**  
**WORKERS COMPENSATION & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**  
**British Columbia and Canada 2006**

Workers Compensation 2006	
Average base rate for all sectors per \$100 Payroll	\$1.90
Average Rate for Office Workers (8810)	
Accounting	\$0.14
Business consulting	\$0.16
Real estate agency	\$0.22
Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$838.67
Unemployment Insurance 2006	
Prem. Rate per \$100 of insurable earnings	
Employee contributions	\$1.87
Employer contributions	\$2.62
Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$423.00

**TABLE 14**  
**TRANSPORTATION IN, TO AND FROM MAPLE RIDGE**

Major 2 or 4 Lane Highways Linking the Areas

Distance in Miles to the Five Nearest Metro Areas	
Metro Area	Kilometres/miles
1 Langley	16/10
2 Surrey	21/13
3 Port Coquitlam	15/9
4 Abbotsford	20/13
5 Vancouver	39/24

Motor Carriers/Trucks	
# of Common Carriers Serving the Area	<i>can be obtained from business licenses, or Canadian Automotive Fleet Fact Book, publ by BC Trucking Association</i>
# of Common Carriers with Local Terminals	

Railroads (by Rail Carrier)	
Name	Canadian Pacific Railway
Main or Branch Line	Main line
Shortline or National	na
Nearest Switching Yard (miles)	CPR could not answer this CPR intermodal yards and distribution centre west of Pitt Meadows town centre are being expanded.

Commercial Airport	
Name	Vancouver International Airport
Hub Status	yes
Distance from the Community in Kilometres & Miles	41 km / 26 miles
# of Runways	3
Runway Lengths	3354 m (11,003 ft); 2225 m (7299 ft); 3030 m (9940 ft)
Carriers (Names) Serving Airport	
Passenger -- domestic	Air Canada, Harmony Airways, Westjet & 19 others
passenger -- international	33 carriers excluding Air Canada, Harmoniey & Westjet
Charter	numerous
Air Cargo only	7
Approved Capital Expansion Plan	\$1.4-billion capital program announced June 2001
Approved New Service by Carrier (with Carrier & Start Date)	na
Number of aircraft movement (2006)	322,307
Primary Destinations served	
1 Domestic	Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Kelowna, Prince George, Victoria, Saskatoon
2 International	Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Frankfurt, Osaka, Amsterdam, Beijing

3 Trans-border	New York, Chicago, Dallas Ft. Worth, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Honolulu, San Francisco, Portland, Denver, Seattle
# of Days Closed to Inclement Weather for the Last 3 Years	0
Distance to the Nearest General Aviation Airport	
Name	Pitt Meadows Airport
Location/City	District of Pitt Meadows
Driving Distance from the Community in km/miles	5 km/ 3 miles
# of Runways	2
Runway Lengths	762 metre
Full Instrument Landing Capabilities	upgraded from non-instrument to non-precision instrument i 2006
Hours of Operation	7:00 am to 11:00 pm
# of Days Closed to Inclement Weather for the Last 3 Years	0
Ports	
Nearest Port (Name, City, Miles from Area)	Fraser River Port Authority -- Surrey, Annacis Island and Richmond properties; a future port terminal is planned for Pitt Meadows intermodal facility
River, Lake or Ocean	Maple Ridge is located on Fraser River; 15 km from Burrard Inlet of Pacific Ocean
Channel Depth	
Turning Basin	
Barging Facilities	
General Cargo Facilities	
Containerized Facilities	
Storage Facilities	
Highways Serving Port	Surrey property -- Highway 1 and 1A; Annacis Island and Delta -- Highway 1A and 91/91A
Railways Serving Port	CPR and CN
# of Freight Forwarders Serving Area	
# of Import/Export Brokers Serving Area	
# of International Courier Firms Serving Area	
NOTE: See Transportation map of Maple Ridge	

**TABLE 15  
TAXATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MAPLE RIDGE**

Corporate Income Tax/Franchise Tax as of January 1, 2006	Federal	Federal after Fed. Tax Abatement	Provincial				
<b>Canadian-controlled Private Corporations:</b>							
General Corporate Income Tax Rate (over small bus. income)	38.00%	22.10%	12.00%				
Small Business Corporate Income Tax Rate (to \$300,000)	38.00%	13.10%	4.50%				
Investment Income	38.00%	35.80%	12.00%				
<b>Non-Canadian controlled Private Corporations</b>							
General Corporate Income Tax Rate	38.00%	22.10%	12.00%				
Small Business -- Mfg. & processing deduction	38.00%	22.10%	12.00%				
Investment Income	38.00%	22.10%	12.00%				
Formula	na		Sales & payroll				
<b>Tax deductions 2006</b>							
Dividend tax credit as % of actual dividend	27.50%	na	17.40%				
Small business dividend tax credits as % of actual dividend	16.67%	na	6.38%				
Net tax rate on resource income (after adjustments)	21.57%		12.00%				
Corporate capital tax rate	0.13%	na	0.00%				
Tax credit for mineral exploration	15.00%	na	20.00%				
Accelerated Depreciation Permitted (Yes or No)	yes*	na	na	*applies to certain industry classes (refer to data sources)			
<b>Personal Income Tax 2006</b>							
<b>Federal Earned Income Brackets</b>							
< \$36,378	15.25%		na				
\$36,379 - \$72,756	22.00%		na				
\$72,757 - \$118,285	26.00%		na				
\$118,286 +	29.00%		na				
<b>Provincial Earned Income Brackets</b>							
< \$33,755	na		6.05%				
\$33,756 - \$67,511	na		9.15%				
\$67,512 - \$77,511	na		11.70%				
\$77,512 - \$94,121	na		13.70%				
\$94,122 +	na		14.70%				
<b>Unearned Income</b>							
Capital gains	8%-14.5%		3.03-7.35%				
Dividends	3.33%-19.58%		1.19%-12.0%				
<b>Local Occupation Tax (Paid by Employee)</b>							
City Residents	not applicable		not applicable				
Non-City Residents	not applicable		not applicable				
<b>Local Wage Tax (Paid by Employer)</b>							
City Residents	not applicable		not applicable				
Non-City Residents	not applicable		not applicable				
<b>Gross Receipts Tax Rate by Type of Business</b>							
A) na							
B) na							
C) na							
D) na							
E) na							
<b>Sales/Use Tax Rate</b>							
Federal (Goods & Services Tax)	6%	see notes in data sources					
Provincial (Provincial Service Tax)	7%						
Total	13%						
<b>Sales Tax Rate by Utility:</b>							
Electric Power	7%						
Natural Gas	7%						
Fuel Oil	7%						
Water	0%						
Sewer	0%						
Hazardous Waste Disposal	7%						
<b>Telephone</b>							
Local	7%						
Long Distance In State	7%						
Long Distance Out of State	7%						
<b>Machinery &amp; Equipment Subject to Sales/Use Tax</b>							
Production	0%						
Non-Production	7%						
Pollution Control	0%						
Office Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment	0%						
<b>Sales/Use Tax on Tangible Property</b>							
Office Building Construction Materials	7%						
Industrial Building Construction Materials	7%						
Manufacturers' Raw Materials	0%						
Standard Software	7%						
Custom Software	7%						
<b>Sales/Use Tax on Intangible Property</b>							
Accounts Receivable	0%						
Capital Stock	0%						
Stock/bond Transaction Fee	0%						
<b>Real Property Tax Rates per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value -- Maple Ridge District</b>							
Residential	\$7.3500						
Utilities	\$58.7299						
Major Industrial	\$75.0690						
Light Industrial	\$27.4833						
Business other	\$26.4182						
Seasonal/recreational	\$16.8084						
Farms	\$26.6904						

**TABLE 17  
UTILITIES FOR DISTRICT OF MAPLE RIDGE**

Water & Sewer			
Water Availability			
Major Source	Coquitlam watershed		
% of Population Increase Served from the Source			
Water Treatment			
Name of Provider	Maple Ridge Water Service	Purchases from Greater Vancouver Water District	
Rated Capacity (cubic meters; million imperial gallons)	12.1 million cubic metres/year; 2.7 billion imperial gals/year		
Average Daily Demand (cubic meters per day; million imperial gallons per day)	33,150 cubic metres per day; 7.3 million imperial gals per day		
Peak Demand (mgd)	na		
Chemical Breakdown of Water			
Cost per cubic metre, per 1000 Gallons -- industrial	Sum of use rate (\$293), water consumption charge (\$.5026 per cubic m), and quarterly base rate which varies by connection size		
Water Connection Fee	\$1,150; \$1,350 with meter	flat rate for up to 20 mm diameter; over 20 mm diameter is estimated at cost plus 20%	
Sewer Treatment			
Name of Provider	District of Maple Ridge treatment plant		
Type of Service	na -- varies by developmen		
Rated Capacity (mgd)	"		
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	"		
Peak Demand (mgd)	"		
Cost per 1000 Gallons	72.82% of metre rate for water		
Sewer Connection Fee	flat rate for up to 100 mm diameter; over 100 mm diam. & connection of N/S slope interceptor shall be at cost plus 20%		
Electric Power			
Name of Company	British Columbia Hydro		
Communities Served	95% of BC communities		
Company-Net Importer or Exporter of Power	varies	BC Hydro imports for domestic use were 749 GWh in 3Q06; net exports were 679 GWh in same period.	<i>see notes in data sources</i>
% of Reserve Margin Including Generation & Net Purchases	na		
Name of Power Pool Membership	BC system interconnected with systems in Alta and western US		
Provincial Electric Power Deregulated	Provincial Crown corporation reporting to the BC Minister of Energy and Mines		

1 cubic m = 100kg = 220.4 gallons

calc: imperial gallons/yr 2,666,840,000  
cubic m/day 33,151  
gallons/day 7,306,411

Rates and Average Cost per kWh (cents)			
	Small	Medium	Large
General Service (Commercial)	<35 kW for 2 mos.	35 kW + for 1 month	
Basic charge per month (C\$)	\$9.09 for 2 month period	\$4.55 month; first 35 kW for nil	na
Demand charge (C\$)	\$0.712 kWh	next 115 kW at \$3.64 per kW; all additional kW at \$6.99 per kW	na
Energy charge (C\$)	na	first 14,800 kWh \$0.0712 per kWh; all additional kWh \$0.0342 per kWh	na

Minimum charge (C\$)	\$13.41 for 2 months	greater of \$13.41/mo. Or 50% of highest max. demand charge billed in any month within an on-peak period during preceding 11 months	see data sources for weblink to discount information
Industrial			
Demand charge (C\$)	\$4.866 per kVA of billing demand; \$0.02569 per kWh applied to all kWh up to and including 90% of the customer's baseline load (CBL) in each billing year		
Energy charge (C\$)	\$0.054 per kWh applied to all kWh above 90% of the customer's baseline load (CBL) in each billing year		
Minimum charge (C\$)	\$4.866 per kVA of billing demand		
<b>Natural Gas</b>			
Name of Provider	Terasen Gas		
Rate Territory	Lower Mainland		
Type of Customer	General Firm Service (Rate Schedule 5)		
Firm Contract Rates (effective January 1, 2007)			
Basic charge per month	C\$542		
Demand Charge per 000 cubic feet (Mcf)	C\$13.543		
Delivery and Gas Charge	C\$8.69		
<b>Telecommunications</b>			
Provider	Telus		
Address	#5 - 3777 Kingsway Burnaby, BC V5H 3Z7		
Service Characteristics			
Switch Technology	Digital		
Fiber Service Provided	Yes		
100 Mbps LAN Service Available	Yes		
Monitoring	Remotely		
ISDN Available	Yes		
ADSL Available	Yes, in some parts of Maple Ridge - depends on location		
ADS2 Available from this Switch	Yes, in some parts of Maple Ridge - depends on location		
Central Office on Self-Healing Fiber Ring	na		
Dual Feed from 2 Separate Switching Offices Available	na		
Multiple Route Diversity	na		
<b>Points of Presence (POPs) of Long Distance Carriers</b>			
Carrier	City	County	Address
several			
Microwave or Hardwire	na		
Dual Fiber Fee from the Central Switching Office of the Local Exchange Carrier	na		
Diverse Routing Available	na		
<b>Business Support Services (#)</b>			
Metal	19		
Machine Shop	10		
Welding	4		
Office Equipment Service & Repair	1		
Temporary Employment Services	2		

**TABLE 21**  
**QUALITY OF LIFE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MAPLE RIDGE**

Climate -- Lower Mainland			
Average Daily Temperature (degrees Centigrade)	High	Low	Average
July	22	13	17
January	6	0	3
	Annual Average		
Rainfall	1,117 mm; 43 inches		
Snowfall	57 mm; 22 inches		
Wind Speed in Miles per Hour (Annual Average)	12 kph; 7.5 mph		
Hours of sunshine	Jan. 55 hrs	July 296 hrs	
Elevation (Mean Feet Above Sea Level)	15 metres; 49 feet		
Personal Income Tax (Rate in Ranges)	Rate Range		
Federal	15.25% - 29%		
BC Provincial	6.05% - 14.7%		
Local	There is no local personal income tax in BC		
Local Occupation Tax	Rate Range	Basis	
City Residents	not applicable		
Non-City Residents	not applicable		
Sales Tax			
Federal rate (GST)	6%		
Exemptions from GST	see notes in data sources		
Provincial rate (PST)	7%		
Exemptions from PST	see notes in data sources		
Local rate	none		
Housing			
	Single Family	Townhouses	Condominiums
Average Selling Price -- Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows (benchmark price in Dec. 06)	\$417,289	\$285,423	\$238,870

## Geographic areas

Maple Ridge is the eastern-most subdivision of the **Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area**, which spans from Lions Bay and North/west Vancouver to the US border (map at D:\TABLES\DOC\CMA\_maps\Vancouver.pdf)  
The **Lower Mainland College Region** encompasses the Vancouver, Kwantlen, Douglas and Capilano College Regions  
It is a slightly bigger area that the Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area  
The **Lower Mainland Southwest** geographic area defined by Service Canada corresponds with the BC Statistics' Mainland Southwest Development Region

## Table 2: Labour Force Characteristics

Unemployment rate  
Employment by industry  
Employment projection to 2010

Labour Force participation rate  
High school enrolment 05-06

High school grad 2004-05

Employment outside CMA

Employment by occupation  
Resident employment by occupation  
Military installations

## Table 3: Major Employers

data as of January 2007 -- some based on published sources; rest on telephone interviews  
School District #42  
Maple Ridge Hospital  
Southcoast Millwork

Fraser Regional Corrections  
Arcus

Industry Classification

## Table 4: New Businesses

Southcoast Millwork

## Tables 7, 8, 9: Educational Institutes

University College of Fraser Valley  
UBC, SFU, Kwantlen and other websites

## Table 11: Average Salary by Selected Occupation

Average, Low, High wages by selected occupation for Lower Mainland

## Table 12: Workers Compensation and Unemployment Insurance

workers Comp. rates

Employment Insurance

## Table 13: Labour Management Relations

Unionized labour force

## Table 14: Transportation

Airports:

Airport closures  
Info on YVR  
Carriers  
Expansion plan  
Primary destinations

Ports

Rail/intermodal facilities

## Table 15: Taxation

Federal gov. tax rate

formula for corp. taxation

small business tax rate

Rates for Can. & non-Can controlled companies

taxation on resources

accelerated depreciation

personal tax rates & brackets

**Real Property Tax Rates per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value**

Sales/use tax rates

Telephone taxes

machinery & equipment

Tax on tangible property

## Table 16: Occupancy & Supply

## Table 17: Utilities

Water & sewer

rated capacity & demand

cost

water connection fee

Electricity

BC Hydro rates

Gas

Telecommunications

Business support services

## Table 21: Quality of Life

Weather

Income tax

GST & PST

Real estate prices

Education - exam results

High school enrolment 05-06

Scholarships

Schools

Physicians

Source: BC Stats, January 25/06

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey.

Projections: BC Statistics May 2006 ([http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/ls/repv/LMain\\_ind.csv](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/ls/repv/LMain_ind.csv))

projections based on growth rates for Lower Mainland College Region

Labour Force Survey, Table 29An

BC Ministry of Education (School District 042) -- Jan 2006

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/sd\\_perf/042.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/sd_perf/042.pdf)

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/enrol/student.php#independent>

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/>

Bc Min. of Education (School District 042)

public: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/graduation/042.pdf>

independent: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/graduation/04296673.pdf>

Statistics Canada: 'Where Canadians work and how they get there

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census01/Products/Analytic/companion/pow/pdf/96F0030XIE2001010.pdf>

<http://www.gvrd.bc.ca/growth/keyfacts/empbyocc.htm>.

not available from Stats Can (only in/out flows, distances, gender)

Navy Public Affairs, Esquimalt, 250-363-5789

Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey.

conversation with district office Jan 9/07

conversation with Human Resource ph. 463-4111

bought out Chasyn

in process of moving to Maple Ridge Jan. 07

Barba Williams, business manager, 462-5134

604-466-9842

Statistics Canada, NA Industry Classification 2002

<http://www.statcan.ca/english/Subjects/Standard/naics/2002/naics02-index.htm>

NAICS 2002 has a five-digit classification structure, with a six-digit for national industries. With some important exceptions, it

conversation with office Jan 9/07

2004/05 Fact Book [http://www.ucfv.ca/\\_shared/assets/Fact\\_Book\\_2004\\_20057322.pdf](http://www.ucfv.ca/_shared/assets/Fact_Book_2004_20057322.pdf)

Service Canada, Labour Market Information -- Wages and salaries by selected occupations

[http://lmi-int.hrdc-dtnc.gc.ca/standard.asp?ppid=43&lcode=E&prov=59&gaid=25565&occ=fork%20lift%20driver&job=&search\\_key=1](http://lmi-int.hrdc-dtnc.gc.ca/standard.asp?ppid=43&lcode=E&prov=59&gaid=25565&occ=fork%20lift%20driver&job=&search_key=1)

- Not based on survey data -- information drawn

from EI applications, data posted on job

vacancies in the National Job Bank, collective

agreements, newspaper articles & web sites

- search done Jan 2007 -- data is generally for

July 2005 to June 2006

General wage is the category that includes all

wages that are paid to individuals in the

occupational group. The general wage includes

all wage categories (starting, experienced, union,

part-time and part-time / union

WorkSafeBC website

[http://www.worksafebc.com/claims/worker\\_benefits/wage\\_loss\\_benefits/net\\_compensation/wrk\\_50\\_10\\_20.asp](http://www.worksafebc.com/claims/worker_benefits/wage_loss_benefits/net_compensation/wrk_50_10_20.asp)

max. weekly benefit corresponds with new rate of Jan 2007

Service Canada website - Basic benefit rate is 55% of average insured earnings up to a yearly maximum insurable amount of \$40,000.

<http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/ei/types/regular.shtml#much>

Labour Force Survey, Table T42an

Feb. 5 -- Pitt Meadows Airport general manager (no closures in 5 years)

<http://www.azworldairports.com/cfm/frame.cfm?src=http://www.azworldairports.com/airports/p1290yvr.htm>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver\\_International\\_Airport#Cargo\\_only\\_carriers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver_International_Airport#Cargo_only_carriers)

[http://www.yvr.ca/authority/newsreleases/archive\\_details.asp?id=241](http://www.yvr.ca/authority/newsreleases/archive_details.asp?id=241)

<http://www.clearchannelairports.com/markets/vancouver.htm>

Fraser River Harbour Commission

CN, CPR and FRPA websites

[CPR 1-800-766-7912](http://www.cpr.ca)

basic rate of Part I is 38% of taxable income; 28% after fed. Tax abatement

Source: Canada Revenue Agency <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tax/business/topics/corporations/rates-e.html>

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/14012/14012-05e.pdf>

*the personal income tax, income is specifically defined to exclude certain types of income, such as*

threshold to \$300,000 in 2006 will rise to

\$400,000 in 2007

KPMG website for 2006 corporate tax rates

<http://www.kpmg.ca/en/services/tax/taxrates.html>

Federal Investment Tax Credit on Exploration (ITCE)

Mine Ministers' Conference 2006

[http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/miningtax/2006\\_lqwg\\_report\\_on\\_tax\\_e.pdf](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/miningtax/2006_lqwg_report_on_tax_e.pdf)

Provincial Mining Exploration Tax Credit (METC)

Info on Can. Resource taxation: [http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/miningtax/inv\\_2c.htm](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/miningtax/inv_2c.htm)

Info on BC Mining Exploration Tax Credit: [http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/itb/Bulletins/cit\\_006.pdf](http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/itb/Bulletins/cit_006.pdf)

certain industry classes allow accelerated depreciation --

e.g. mining exploration, some mfg. & processing

source: Cameron Burrows accounting Jan. 2007

KPMG -- <http://www.kpmg.ca/en/services/tax/taxratesPersonal.html>

<http://investbc.gov.bc.ca/CommunityProfiles/Display/default.aspx?page=taxation&pCommunityID=494>

\* federal personal tax rate reduced on

dividends received from public

companies & certain Canadian

controlled private companies paid out of

income that has been subject to tax at

high corporate tax rate, effective 2006

and on.

District of Maple Ridge web site: [http://www.mapleridge.org/services/fees\\_charges/finance\\_fees.html](http://www.mapleridge.org/services/fees_charges/finance_fees.html)

BC has no local sales tax

GST on business inputs is fully recoverable

Exemptions include: production machiner

and equipment, direct materials, catalysts,

reagents, software dev. Equipment,

construction labour

Long distance in or out of province: GST is fully recoverable

Toll free inbound service is tax-exempt.

Equipment used directly in software development is tax exempt.

GST on all items fully recoverable.

GST is fully recoverable

Drinking Water Quality report 2005 ([http://www.mapleridge.org/services/publications/brochures\\_publications/water\\_quality\\_report.pdf](http://www.mapleridge.org/services/publications/brochures_publications/water_quality_report.pdf))

conversation with Andrew Wood, engineer, District of M.R. Jan. 23/07: conversion factors from B. Glover

M.R. Water Service bylaw ([http://www.mapleridge.org/services/regulations\\_bylaws/bl\\_6002-2001\\_water\\_service.pdf](http://www.mapleridge.org/services/regulations_bylaws/bl_6002-2001_water_service.pdf))

District of Maple Ridge ([http://www.mapleridge.org/services/fees\\_charges/service\\_rates.pdf](http://www.mapleridge.org/services/fees_charges/service_rates.pdf))

BC Hydro policy & rates (<http://www.bchydro.com/policies/rates/rates759.html>)

Powerex, a subsidiary of BC Hydro, carries

out energy trade activities with Alberta &

western US to help BC Hydro balance its

system; exports are made after ensuring

domestic requirements are met.

Tariffs provided at

<http://www.bchydro.com/policies/rates/rates>

764.html

Terasen Gas website ([http://www.terasengas.com/NR/rdonlyres/epgwzkr7w7vpg5cxsj34grjma3koogwa3wjefswgt14qnsimgv62wsry2hudan17jaldtsp3mc2jop3fndynu71/TGL\\_Rate\\_Summary\\_2007\\_01\\_18.pdf](http://www.terasengas.com/NR/rdonlyres/epgwzkr7w7vpg5cxsj34grjma3koogwa3wjefswgt14qnsimgv62wsry2hudan17jaldtsp3mc2jop3fndynu71/TGL_Rate_Summary_2007_01_18.pdf))

rates effective January 1, 2007

Telus website

Maple Ridge business directory December 2006

<http://www.weather.ca/weather/stats/pages/C02096.htm?CABC0181>

Revenue Canada (see Table 15)

Rates: Revenue Canada

Marilyn Chisholm & Associates. *Overview of Harmonized Sales Tax in Canada and Its Application to British Columbia* (January 2003).

**Notes on GST & PST**

(i.e., GST-registered businesses) can deduct from their GST liability the amount of tax they have paid to other taxable persons on purchases for their business activities. Thus, through a system of tax credits, businesses do not pay value-added

- To offset the cost of taxes on inputs, qualifying businesses or organizations can claim an input tax credit (ITC) to recover the GST/HST they paid when purchasing inputs for their business

- Certain goods such as basic groceries, medicine, exports, educational services or goods sold by charitable organizations are either GST/HST exempt or zero-rated

are to be re-sold, or if they are for specific purposes. Examples in British Columbia include children's clothing and footwear, groceries, vitamins and dietary supplements and books.

- Some goods such as basic groceries and medical services are zero-rated or tax exempt, and therefore are not subject to tax

- No gst or pst is levied on exports.

RealtyLink Online website:

<http://www.realtylink.org/hpi/rebghpistats.cfm?date=1206&TYPE=sellers>

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/exams\\_gr12/042.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/exams_gr12/042.pdf)

BC Ministry of Education (School District 042) -- Jan 2006

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/sd\\_perf/042.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/sd_perf/042.pdf)

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/sd\\_perf/042.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reports/pdfs/sd_perf/042.pdf)

District 42 performance plan 2005/2006 <http://www.s442.ca/pdf/061205-perform.pdf>

CIHI statistics [http://secure.cihi.ca/chiweb/dispPage.jsp?row\\_page=statistics\\_results\\_topic\\_physicians\\_e&cw\\_topic=Health%20Human%20Resources&cw\\_subtopic=Physicians](http://secure.cihi.ca/chiweb/dispPage.jsp?row_page=statistics_results_topic_physicians_e&cw_topic=Health%20Human%20Resources&cw_subtopic=Physicians)