



ECONOMY AND JOBS

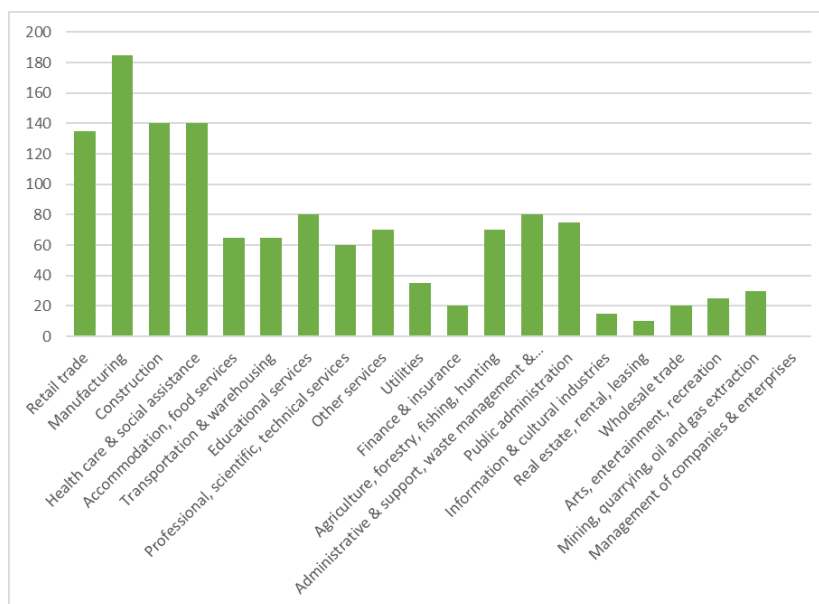
CURRENT TRENDS

Key Industries. Manufacturing, construction, retail trade, and health care and social assistance (2016)

Greatest Increase in Employment. Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations; management occupations; and occupations in education, law and social, community and government services (2006-2016)

Greatest Decrease in Employment. Business, finance and administration occupations; natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations; and health occupations (2006-2016)

Labour Force by Industry in Area I



Major Employers. Columbia Power Corporation, Fortis BC, Interfor, Zellstoff Celgar, Kalesnikoff/Kootenay Innovative Wood, School District 20 and Selkirk College.

Employment and Unemployment Trends

Area	Labour Force	Full-time	Part-time	Replacement Ratio *	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
I	1335	580	830	0.51	105	7.9%
J	1705	790	1045	0.54	180	10.6%
Castlegar	3980	1945	2195	0.65	305	7.7%
RDCK	29,205	11,795	19,870	0.55	2,575	8.8%

* The Labour Force Replacement Ratio is a measure of the ratio of the number of people aged zero to 14 in 2016 who will be entering the workforce to the working population aged 50 to 64 who will be leaving the workforce in the next 15 years. A ratio of less than 1.0 means an area is unable to maintain the current labour force with local replacement workers.

CONSIDERATIONS

Industry and Business Needs

- Growing need to accommodate light industry.
- Energy needs are growing and there is limited access due to various service providers.
- Lands over ten acres needed for cannabis industry and advanced manufacturing.
- Employment lands analysis shows land constraints for industrial and commercial use.

Existing Land Use

Area	No. of Commercial Zoned Properties	Total Area of Commercial Zoned Properties	Vacant Commercially Zoned Properties
I	11	4.3 ha	0

Area	No. of Industrial Zoned Properties	Total Area of Industrial Zoned Properties	Vacant Industrial Zoned Properties
I	9	17.7 ha	0

WHAT DOES THE CURRENT OCP SAY?

Recognizes existing commercial and industrial developments.

Supports opportunity for industrial uses that support the local economy, provided such uses are compatible with rural character and do not adversely affect the natural environment.

Encourages commercial growth along Highway 3 toward Grand Forks.

Encourages home based occupations and bed and breakfast establishments.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Work with the City of Castlegar and Chamber of Commerce to identify objectives for commercial and industrial development
- Explore Form and Character Development Permit Areas

CHALLENGES

- On-going conflict between residential developments and existing industrial and commercial properties due to nuisance and noise
- Lack of land availability and servicing capacity to support business growth
- Employment largely transportation dependent

RESOURCES

Castlegar Chamber of Commerce

Castlegar & District Economic Development Strategy



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