



## Castlegar & Area Investment Profile

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## Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Castlegar area. We are confident that you will be impressed with the business and lifestyle opportunities that exist in our growing and vibrant region. *Invest Kootenay* is a joint-initiative of local governments, economic development organizations and Chambers of Commerce with the aim of attracting and retaining investment. The majority of statistics provided in this profile include the municipality of Castlegar and rural Electoral Areas I and most of J of the Central Kootenay Regional District. It is equivalent to the Castlegar Local Health Area.



We invite you to come and discover the advantages of doing business in the Kootenay region – where opportunity meets lifestyle. For a customized investor package or to learn more about our Ambassador Program, please contact:

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## Demographics

<b>Population</b>		
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>% Distribution</b>
Under 18 years	2,545	20.4%
18 – 34 years	2,105	16.9%
35 – 54 years	4,005	32.1%
55 – 74 years	2,845	22.8%
75 years and over	970	7.8%
Total – Age Groups	12,465	100.0%
Median Age	44.0%	

<b>Household Income (2006)</b>		
Number of Households in 2006	5,250	
Median Household Income in 2006	C \$53,494	
<b>Household Income Group</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% Distribution</b>
Under - \$35,000 CDN	1,700	32.4%
\$35,000 CDN - \$49,000 CDN	770	14.7%
\$50,000 CDN - \$79,999 CDN	1,110	21.1%
\$75,000 CDN – Above	1,655	31.5%

*Source: Statistics Canada, Census, 2006*

<b>Mother tongue</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Total population	7,060	3,440	3,615
English only	5,990	3,025	2,960
French only	55	10	45
English and French	0	0	0
Other language(s)	1,015	410	610

<b>Knowledge of official languages</b>			
Total population	7,060	3,440	3,620
English only	6,660	3,285	3,310
French only	0	0	0
English and French	445	145	300
Neither English nor French	15	0	0

<b>Language spoken most often at home</b>			
Total population	7,060	3,445	3,615
English	6,275	3,350	3,500
French	10	0	10
Non-official language	150	70	80

English and French	10	0	0
English and non-official language	55	25	30
French and non-official language	0	0	0
English; French and non-official language	0	0	0
<b>Immigrant status and period of immigration</b>			
Total population	7,060	3,445	3,620
Non-immigrants	6,275	3,085	3,190
Immigrants	725	324	400
Before 1991	585	255	330
1991 to 2000	95	45	50
2001 to 2006	50	25	25
Non-permanent residents	60	25	30
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Total population	7,060	3,440	3,620
Canadian citizens	6,835	3,360	3,475
Canadian citizens under age 18	1,410	770	640
Canadian citizens age 18 and over	5,425	2,590	2,835
Not Canadian citizens	230	85	140
<b>Generation status</b>			
Total population 15 years and over	5,940	2,855	3,080
1st generation	745	315	430
2nd generation	1,395	710	685
3rd generation or more	3,795	1,835	1,960
<b>Mobility status - Place of residence 1 year ago</b>			
Total population 1 year and over	7,000	3,415	3,580
Lived at the same address 1 year ago	5,905	2,900	3,005
Lived within the same province or territory 1 year ago; but changed addresses within the same census subdivision (municipality)	535	275	260
Lived within the same province or territory 1 year ago; but changed addresses from another census subdivision (municipality) within the same province or territory	395	150	240
Lived in a different province or territory 1 year ago	135	75	65
Lived in a different country 1 year ago	25	15	10
Total population 5 years and over	6,735	3,260	3,470
Lived at the same address 5 years ago	3,805	1,845	1,955
Lived within the same province or territory 5 years ago; but changed addresses within the same census subdivision (municipality)	1,245	590	660

Lived within the same province or territory 5 years ago; but changed addresses from another census subdivision (municipality) within the same province or territory	1,205	560	640
Lived in a different province or territory 5 years ago	390	230	160
Lived in a different country 5 years ago	95	40	55

Source: Statistics Canada, Census, 2006 (Castlegar only)

## Housing

### Average Housing Costs

Single Family Homes	\$230,149
Multi-Family Homes	\$214,200

### Taxes and Charges on a Representative House

Residential Property Taxes and Charges	\$2,163
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Source: Ministry of Community Development, 2007/2008

## Labour Force

### Labour Force Participation Rate (15-64 years)

Male	69.4%
Female	57.6%
Total	63.0%

### Civilian Labour Force

Unemployment Rate	7% (2006)
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### Labour Force by Sector

#### Non-Agricultural Labour Force Reported by Place of Residence (2006)

	Total Number Employed	% of Total Employed Persons
Forestry & Logging	75	1.2%
Mining and Oil & Gas	25	0.4%
Construction	515	8.2%
Manufacturing	1,090	17.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Public Utilities	405	6.4%
Wholesale Trade	120	1.9%
Retail Trade	870	13.9%
Services	2,595	41.3%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	275	4.4%
Government	250	4.0%
Total	6,280	100.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census, 2006

**Labour Force by Occupation****Reported by Place of Residence (2006)**

	<b>Total Number Employed</b>	<b>% of Total Employed Persons</b>
Administrative / Clerical	820	13.0%
Executive	20	0.3%
Farming / Forestry	115	1.8%
Labourers / Handlers	855	13.5%
Machine Operators	495	7.8%
Management	390	6.2%
Precision Production	150	2.4%
Professional	330	5.2%
Protective Services	75	1.2%
Sales	325	5.1%
Services	1,755	27.8%
Technician	730	11.6%
Transportation and Public Utilities	260	4.1%
Total	6,320	100.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census, 2006

<b>Leading Employers</b>			
<b>Sector</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Product/ Service</b>	<b># Employees</b>
Education	School District #20	Education	300
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	Castlegar Credit and Savings Union	Financial Services	41
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	CIBC	Financial Services	24
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	Kootenay Savings	Financial Services	24
Government	Selkirk College	Education	415
Health Care	Castlegar and District Hospital	Health Care	230
Manufacturing	Celgar Pulp	Pulp Mill	455
Manufacturing	Pope and Talbot	Sawmill	300
Primary Industry	Teck Cominco	Mining	2,000

Source: Invest BC, 2009



### Workforce Education Attainment (25-64 Years of Age)

Less than High School Diploma	910	14%
High School Diploma Only	1,845	28%
Apprenticeship/Trades Certificate/Diploma	1,250	19%
College/University Certificate/Diploma	1,770	27%
University Bachelors Degree	440	7%
University Medical/Dentistry/Optomety Degree	30	0%
University Graduate Degree/Certificate	280	4%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census, 2006

## Transportation

### Distance to Major Centres

Metro Area	Kilometres	Miles
Kelowna, BC	303	188
Kamloops, BC	458	285
Vancouver, BC	615	382
Calgary, AB	616	383
Seattle, WA	684	425
Victoria, BC	696	432
Portland, OR	802	498
Edmonton, AB	907	564

### Closest Commercial Airports

#### Castlegar Airport

Website	<a href="http://www.castlegar.ca/devserv_air.htm">www.castlegar.ca/devserv_air.htm</a>
Hub Status	Regional
Distance from Community	Located in Castlegar
No. of Runways	1
Runway Lengths	1,615 metres, 5329.5 ft
Carriers - Passenger	Air Canada Jazz, Highland Helicopters, High Alpine Air Services, Inc.
No. of days Closed due to Inclement Weather in the Last 3 Years	6
Flights to Largest Cities Served	Weekly Non-stop flights
Calgary	7
Vancouver	19

### **Nelson Airport**

Distance from Community	42 kilometres
No. of Runways	1
Runway Lengths	940 metres, 3,100 ft.
Carriers - Passenger	High Alpine, Kokanee Helicopters

### **Kelowna Airport**

Website	<a href="http://www.kelownairport.com">www.kelownairport.com</a>
Hub Status	International
Distance from Community	303 kilometers, 188 miles
Hours of Operation	4:30 am – 11:30 pm
No. of Runways	1
Runway Lengths	2,225 meters, 7342.5 ft.
Carriers - Passenger	Air Canada, Horizon Air, WestJet Airlines, Regional1, Central Mountain Air
Carriers - Charter	Carson Air, Northwestern Air
Carriers - Air Cargo	Air Canada, Horizon Air, WestJet Airlines, Central MountainAir
No. of days Closed due to Inclement Weather in the Last 3 Years	0
Total Weekly Non-Stops to All Cities Served	224
Flights to Largest Cities Served	Weekly Non-stop Flights
Calgary	70
Edmonton	35
Seattle	28
Vancouver	84
Victoria	7

### **Canadian Rockies International Airport**

Website	<a href="http://www.flycanadianrockies.com">www.flycanadianrockies.com</a>
Hub Status	International
Distance from Community	229 kilometers, 142 miles
Hours of Operation	24 hours / 7 days
No. of Runways	1
Runway Lengths	1,829 meters
Carriers - Passenger	Air Canada, Pacific Coastal, Delta
Carriers – Charter	Kootenay Airways
No. of days Closed due to Inclement Weather in the Last 3 Years	1
Total Weekly Non-Stops to All Cities Served	56
Flights to Largest Cities Served	Weekly Non-stop Flights

Calgary	35
Vancouver	21

<b>Canadian Border Services Information</b>	
Canadian Rockies Airport	(250)417-2223
Kingsgate (south of Yahk) 24 yrs.	(250) 424-5292
Eastport (US side)	(208) 267-3966
Rykerts (south of Creston) 8am – 12am Oct. 31-April 23 7am-11pm April 24-Oct 30	(250) 428-2575
Nelway (south of Salmo) 8am-12am	(250)357-9940
Port Hill (US side)	(208) 267-5309
Waneta (south of Fruitvale) 9am-5pm	(250) 367-9656
Paterson (south of Rossland) 24hrs. US side 8am-12am	(250) 362-7341
Cascade (south of Christina Lake) 8am-12am	(250)447-9418

## Taxation

### **Real Property Tax Rates per \$1000 of Assessed Property (Land and Buildings)**

#### **Effective Rate per \$1000 of general municipal assessed property – 2004 rate**

Business	24.00490
Light Industry	25.37470
Major Industry	44.32130
Residential	6.90990
Utility	

### **Development Cost Charges**

Commercial: \$ per square meter	12.27
Industrial: \$ per square meter	5.66
Residential: \$ per dwelling unit	4803

*Source: Ministry of Community Development, February 2008*

### **Corporate Income Tax / Franchise Tax**

<b>Federal</b>	<b>Small Business</b>	<b>Mfg</b>	<b>Non-Mrg</b>
Rate (range)	11.0%	19.5%	19.5%
Formula (e.g. Sales, Property & Payroll)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accelerated Depreciation	Yes	Yes	Yes

Permitted

Provincial			
Rate (range)	3.5%	11.0%	11.0%
Formula (e.g. Sales, Property & Payroll)	Sales & Payroll	Sales & Payroll	Sales & Payroll
Accelerated Depreciation Permitted	No	No	No
<b>Total Federal and Provincial Corporate Income Tax</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>

Source: InvestBC, 2009

Personal Income Tax Rate (Range)			
	Federal	Provincial (State)	Local
Capital Gains	7.50%-14.50%	2.62%-7.35%	N/A
Earned Income	15.00%-29.00%	5.24%-14.70%	N/A
Unearned Income (e.g. Dividend)	0.00%-14.55%	0.00%-3.92%	N/A

Source: InvestBC, 2009

Sales / Use Tax Rate		
	Rate	Notes
Federal (Goods and Service Tax) -- GST	5.0%	GST on business inputs is fully recoverable
Local	N/A	British Columbia has no local sales tax
Provincial (State) Sales Tax -- PST	7.0%	Exemptions include: production machinery and equipment, direct materials, catalysts, reagents, software development equipment, construction labour
Total (Effective Combined Rate) Business	7.0%	GST on business inputs is fully recoverable

Source: InvestBC, 2009

Telephone Subject to Sale / Use Tax		
Type	Rate	Notes
Local	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable
Long Distance In Province	7.0%	Toll free inbound service is tax-exempt. GST is fully recoverable.
Long Distance out of Province	7.0%	Toll free inbound service is tax-exempt. GST is fully recoverable.

Source: InvestBC, 2009

**Sales Tax Rate by Utility**

	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Electric Power	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable
Natural Gas	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable
Fuel Oil	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable
Water	0%	
Sewer	0%	
Hazardous Waste	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable

*Source: InvestBC, 2009*

**Machinery & Equipment Subject to Sale / Use Tax**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Production	0%	
Non-Production	7.0%	Equipment used directly in software development is tax-exempt. GST is fully recoverable.
Pollution Control	0%	GST is fully recoverable.
Office Furniture / Fixtures / Equipment	0%	GST is fully recoverable.

*Source: InvestBC, 2009*

**Sales / Use Tax on Tangible Property**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Office Building Construction Materials	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable.
Industrial Building Construction Materials	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable.
Manufacturers' Raw Materials	0%	GST is fully recoverable.
Standard Software	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable.
Custom Software	7.0%	GST is fully recoverable.

*Source: InvestBC, 2009*

**Sales / Use Tax on Intangible Property**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Accounts Receivable	0%	
Capital Stock	0%	
Stock / Bond Transaction Fee	0%	

*Source: InvestBC, 2009*

## Payroll Costs

<b>Payroll Taxes</b>		
<b>Workers Compensation</b>		<b>Notes</b>
Average Cost for All Industries per \$100 Payroll	C \$1.90	Rates set by employer's business activity. Applies up to maximum gross earnings of C \$62,400 per year.
Average Rate for Office Workers per \$100 Payroll	C \$0.30	There is no separate rating for office occupations in British Columbia – the applicable industry rating applies to all workers. Rates for Business Services range from \$0.08 - \$0.70 per \$100 of payroll (average \$0.30). Applies up to maximum gross earnings of C \$62,400 per year.
Maximum Weekly Benefit	C \$808.16	Maximum per employee set at 90% of average net earnings (after deductions for income taxes, Canada Pension Plan & Employment Insurance), up to a maximum wage of C\$62,400 per year.

*Source: InvestBC, 2009*

<b>Unemployment Insurance (Employment Insurance)</b>		<b>Notes</b>
Taxable Base	Gross Payroll	Up to a gross per worker salary of C \$39,000 per year.
Percentage Rate (Employer Premium)		
Average Among Existing Employers	2.618%	Maximum annual contribution per worker is C\$1,021. Employees also contribute at a rate of 1.87% up to an annual maximum of C\$729.
Average Among New Employers	2.618%	Maximum annual contribution per worker is C\$1,021. Employees also contribute at a rate of 1.87% up to an annual maximum of C\$729.
Maximum Weekly Benefits	C \$413.00	

*Source: InvestBC, 2009*

# Utilities

## Water & Sewer Water Availability

% Population Increase Served from the Source	Unknown – unlimited
Major Sources	Arrow Lakes (Pump House)

*Source: Invest BC, 2009*

## Water Treatment

<b>Name of Provider</b>	City of Castlegar (Arrow Lakes)
Rated Capacity (mgd)	0.3
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	2.5
Peak Demand (mgd)	6
Chemical Breakdown of Water	Chemical analysis available
Cost per 1000 Gallons (Industrial)	0.95
Cost per 1000 Gallons (Residential)	1.64
Water Connection Fee	\$920-1250

*Source: Invest BC, 2009*

## Sewer Treatment

<b>Name of Provider</b>	City of Castlegar North Lagoon
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	0.45
Cost per 1000 Gallons	1.5
Peak Demand (mgd)	0.5
Rated Capacity (mgd)	0.55
Sewer Connection Fee	\$920-1050
Type of Service	Secondary

*Source: Invest BC, 2009*

## Electric Power

Name of Company	FortisBC
Communities Served	Castlegar, Creston, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Summerland, Trail

## Average Cost per kWh - \$CDN (2004)

<b>Commercial Electricity Rates</b>	
Small – 28% Load Factor (300 kW & 120,000 kWh)	7.01 ¢
Medium – 56% Load Factor (1,000 kW & 400,000 kWh)	5.60 ¢
Large 1 – 56% Load Factor (4,000 kW & 1,600,000 kWh)	5.48 ¢
Large 2 – 85% Load Factor (50,000 kVA)	4.32 ¢

### Natural Gas

Name of Provider	Terasen Gas 1-888-224-2710
Rate Territory	Columbia
Firm Contract Rates (2006)	
Type of Customer	General Firm Service (Rate Schedule 5)
Basic Charge (per month)	C \$553.00
Administration Fee (per month)	N/A
	Per Thousand Cubic Feet (Mcf)
Demand Charge	C \$12.63
Delivery and Gas Charge	C \$7.97

Source: Invest BC, 2009

### Landfill & Waste Management

Nearest Licensed Hazardous Waste Disposal Site	There are no hazardous waste disposal sites in British Columbia.
No. of Licensed Hazardous Waste Haulers Serving the Area	0

### Landfill Location(s)

Location	Capacity Left at Current Site	Plans for New Capacity
Ootischenia	40 years	No

Source: Invest Kootenay Research, 2009

### Telecommunications

Number of Local Service Providers <sup>1</sup>	5
Name of Provider	The Net Idea, Shaw Internet, Specialty Electronics Ltd; Telus Internet Services; Uniserve.com
Address	See Yellow Pages

### Service Characteristics of the Office

Switch Technology	Digital
Fiber Service Provided	Yes
100 Mbps LAN Service Available	Yes
Monitoring	Remotely
ISDN Available	Yes
ADSL Available	Yes
ADSL Available from this Switch	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Note: For a more accurate assessment, each supplier should be contacted and a separate profile compiled. Those answers shown reflect the best available of at least one of the suppliers.



Central Office on Self-Healing Fiber Ring  
 Dual Feed from Two Separate Switching Offices  
 Multiple Route Diversity

Contact Suppliers  
 Contact Suppliers  
 Yes

*Source: Invest Kootenay Research, 2009*

## Business Support Services

### Number of Business Support Services

Computer Consultants / Graphic Design	4
Consultants	10
Accountants / Income Tax Preparation	9
Contractors	158
Inspection / Appraisal	2
Engineering / Building Design	6
Transportation / Delivery / Moving / Courier	8

*Source: Invest Kootenay Research, 2009*

## Quality of Life

### Climate

Average Daily Temperature (Celsius)	High	Low	Average
January	0	-5	-3
July	28	12	20
Average Annual Rainfall	533.2mm		
Average Annual Snowfall	224.6cm		
Average Annual Windspeed (kph)	8.0 km/hr		
Weather Station Elevation	494m		
Weather Station Name	Castlegar Airport		

*Source: Invest BC, 2009*

### Culture and Recreation

Top Annual Events	Date(s)
The Kootenay Home and Lifestyle Expo	March
Sunfest	first week in June
Dig Dirt Day	June
Pass Creek Fall Fair	September
Winterfest	December (dates to be announced)

*Source: Invest Kootenay Research, 2009*

# Education

## Selkirk College

Website: [www.selkirk.bc.ca](http://www.selkirk.bc.ca)

Main Campus: Castlegar Area

Other Campuses: Castlegar (main campus), Grand Forks, Kaslo, Midway, Nakusp, Nelson, Trail, Winlaw

Selkirk College Enrolment	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Domestic Students	10,700	9,958	10,995	12,244
International Students	254	275	298	252
Total Student Headcount	10,954	10,233	11,253	12,496

Source: BC Ministry of Advanced Education, 2008

Enrollment by Program	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Adult Basic Education	-	-	888
Adult Special Education	-	-	5,969
Applied and Professional	-	-	4,362
Arts and Science	-	-	-
English Language Training	-	-	196
Other	-	-	-

Source: Ministry of Advanced Education - Post-Secondary Central Data Warehouse Standards Report (June 2004), 2005.

## Kootenay-Columbia School District 20

Website: [www.sd20.bc.ca](http://www.sd20.bc.ca)

The Kootenay-Columbia School District is located on the slopes of the picturesque Monashee and Selkirk Mountains, and in the valleys of the Lower Columbia River Basin. The district serves six municipalities and numerous small communities. Over 4200 school age students attend 14 schools, including eight elementary and three secondary schools and three alternate schools. The District also operates a Home Learner Program as well as a Community Education Program. Over 650 employees work for School District No. 20. Located in southwestern B.C., close to the U.S. border and on the Columbia River, our students are being prepared for a prosperous and productive future.

Average Class Size (2008)	Kindergarten	Grade 1-3	Grade 4-7	Grade 8-12
Kootenay Lake School District 8	16.5	20.5	26.9	24.3
Province of British Columbia	17.7	20.6	25.8	24.4

Number of reported classes with assigned assistants: 137

Number of reported schools in school district: 11

Number of reported classes in school district: 514

Number of reported classes in school district with more than 30 students: 18

School Name	Kindergarten	Grade 1 - 3	Grade 4 - 7	Grade 8 - 12
Castlegar Primary School	18.0	20.2	-	-
Fruitvale Elementary	22.0	21.7	27.9	-
Glenmerry Elementary	14.0	20.0	27.2	-
J Lloyd Crow Secondary	-	-	-	24.8
James L Webster Elementary	12.5	20.7	22.8	-
Kinnaird Elementary	21.0	19.7	26.7	-
MacLean Elementary	16.0	20.8	28.0	-
Robson Community School	11.5	21.7	24.9	-
Rossland Secondary School	-	-	27.3	25.6
Stanley Humphries Secondary	-	-	-	23.0
Twin Rivers Elementary	-	19.0	27.6	-

Source: BC Ministry of Education, 2009

Number of Students	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Total	4,952	4,776	4,710	4,546	4,431
Female	2,413	2,284	2,245	2,177	2,102
Male	2,539	2,492	2,465	2,369	2,329
Kindergarten	265	253	254	252	240
Grade 1	284	267	263	257	270
Grade 2	312	290	275	272	261
Grade 3	333	300	291	267	275
Grade 4	342	334	304	291	279
Grade 5	342	342	353	313	305
Grade 6	369	354	352	348	315
Grade 7	410	390	352	353	359
Grade 8	441	449	434	370	388
Grade 9	437	437	445	438	381
Grade 10	460	431	473	494	465
Grade 11	461	474	442	447	444
Grade 12	496	455	472	444	448
Secondary Ungraded	-	-	-	-	1
School-age	4,906	4,729	4,670	4,506	4,405
Adult	46	47	40	40	26
Aboriginal	455	442	419	403	409
English as a Second Language	19	13	7	16	20

French Immersion	122	155	140	173	170
Non-Resident	5.8	4.0	-	-	4.0

<b>Number of Students in Programs</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
Aboriginal Students in Aboriginal Programs	352	330	335	323	367
Female	167	154	163	158	179
Male	185	176	172	165	188
Career Preparation Program	639	509	457	318	279
Career Technical Program	-	-	18	6	-
Co-operative Education Program	1	1	-	-	-
Continuing Education Program	26	25	24	18	19
Distributed Learning Program*	-	-	-	9	-
Secondary School Apprenticeship Program	12	1	12	4	-
English as a Second Language Program	19	13	7	16	20
Female	8	6	3	7	8
Male	11	7	4	9	12
French Programs	3,073	2,933	2,364	3,122	2,794
Female	1,569	1,483	1,238	1,560	1,436
Male	1,504	1,450	1,126	1,562	1,358
Core French	2,951	2,778	2,224	2,949	2,624
French Immersion	122	155	140	173	170
Programme Francophone	-	-	-	-	1
Home School Registration	-	-	-	1	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Number of Public Schools</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
Total	16	16	16	17	17
Elementary	8	8	8	8	8
Elementary Junior Secondary	-	-	-	1	-
Elementary Secondary	2	3	3	3	3
Junior Secondary	-	-	-	-	1
Middle School	1	-	-	-	-
Secondary	5	4	4	5	5
Senior Secondary	-	1	1	-	-

<b>Number of Teachers</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
Female (Count)	171	167	165	155	162
Male (Count)	104	100	100	99	89
Female (FTE)	153.8	148.8	149.8	143.1	147.0
Male (FTE)	100.3	96.6	96.0	95.4	86.5

  

<b>Number of Principals, Vice-Principals and other District Administrative Staff</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
Total (Count)	24	20	24	25	26
Total (FTE)	24	20	24	25	26

  

<b>Number of Educators</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
Total (Count)	299	287	289	279	277
Total (FTE)	278.1	265.4	269.8	263.5	259.5
Average Educator Age	47.7	47.8	48.0	48.4	48.1

Source: BC Ministry of Education, 2009

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## Educational Choices

### Kootenay-Columbia Virtual School

#### Distributed Learning Program (Grades K – 12)

The Kootenay Columbia Virtual School's Distributed Learning Program provides learning options for students requiring time-tabling flexibility or those who choose to enter into partnerships / blended programs with district schools or district alternative program service providers.

The program offers district students the resources, support and instruction to plan and deliver distributed learning programming reflecting individual educational needs and delivery models. Students in the program will have access to:

- Grade K-12 curriculum materials, including BC Ministry of Education prescribed learning outcomes and recommended learning resources and strategies;
- Individualized educational plans and assessment service;
- Ongoing instruction from experienced distributed learning teachers;
- Specialty classes in neighbourhood schools for grade 5 to 12 students;
- Distributed Learning courses(print and computer-based);
- On-line learning courses;
- District-approved and purchased, educational materials and services;
- District Resource Centre materials;
- Computer-based instruction where appropriate;
- District computer equipment/software for full-time students, where required;
- District cultural events/group and extra-curricular activities.

### **Enrollment Requirements and Program Expectations**

Registrations begin in May/June but are accepted throughout the school year. Birth certificates and a Care Card number are required with registration. Development of a Student Learning Plan and resource selection will begin after registration. Students and parents are required to enter into a written agreement with the district clearly outlining the expectations, roles and responsibilities of all of the education stakeholders.

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## **Health**

### **Interior Health**

Interior Health is responsible for health services in the Kootenay Boundary region. Services include Acute Care (at hospitals and health centers), Home and Community Care (including Residential Care and Home Support services), Mental Health, Population Health (focusing on wellness and prevention of illness and injury), and Public Health.

In the Kootenay Boundary Region, Interior Health provides service to 80,000 residents through 2,500 employees, and has an annual budget of \$100-million. The Interior Health website ([www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca)) includes links and information on the services available, as well as links to outside organizations and partner agencies also involved in health care in the Nelson area.

### **Regional Facilities**

Nelson: Kootenay Lake Hospital: 24/7 emergency department, with inpatient and outpatient services including obstetrical care

Kaslo: Victorian Primary Health Centre: 24/7 emergency within an integrated Primary Health Care centre.

New Denver: Slocan Community Health Centre: 24/7 emergency within an integrated Primary Health Care centre

Castlegar: Community Health Centre: 12/7 emergency within a developing Primary Health Care centre

Trail: Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital: Full service, secondary-level Regional Hospital.

Residential (long-term) Care is provided at Jubilee Manor in Nelson, and at the new Mountain Lakes Seniors Community. Mountain Lakes is also the site of Nelson's Assisted Living units. Home Support and Case Management services are provided through our Home and Community Care services, located in every community in the region.