

# GRANISLE AND SURROUNDING AREA PROFILE



THE LAKESIDE VILLAGE OF

## Granisle



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## Granisle and Surrounding Area

The Village of Granisle is located on the shores of Babine Lake, one of the world's largest natural lakes, and within an hour and a half of the Smithers airport and its connections to the rest of the world.

Granisle offers many services including a library, post office, medical centre, elementary and secondary schools, and an RCMP Station.

Babine Lake is an ideal location for fishing and boating, as well as a perfect setting for water sports. The surrounding forests are full of great spots for hiking, hunting, camping, and any number of other outdoor adventures. There are a wealth of winter activities to choose from including cross country skiing, ice fishing and snowmobiling.

One of the spectacular natural wonders in Granisle is the salmon run. Sockeye salmon return to spawn every year in the nearby Fulton River spawning channels and people gather to witness their efforts as they climb upstream. Along with the salmon you may be fortunate enough to get a glimpse of a bald eagle or grizzly bear feeding at the river.

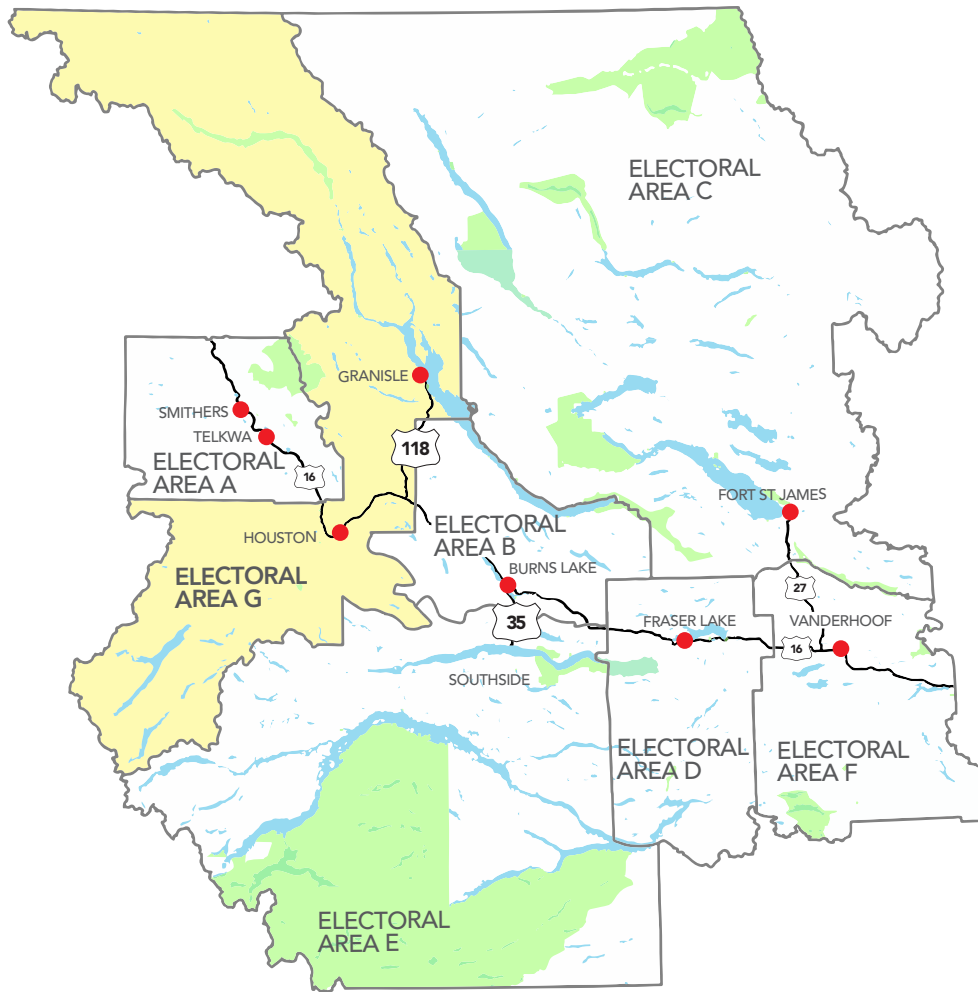
There is great investment opportunity in Granisle, the village has a housing surplus, a strong and reliable water supply, three phase power, paved highway access to hwy 16 and large available buildings.

## The Regional Profile

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) Regional and Community Profiles bring together current and detailed demographic data as well as information about workforce, transportation, energy, utilities, local government and quality of life. The information about the region is intended to inform potential investors, support decisions to establish or expand a business and provide opportunities to future residents. The Community and Surrounding Rural Area profiles provide the complete picture of each Electoral Area, as well as insight into why residents love to work, live and play in the RDBN.

Northern BC is used as a comparative area in many of the profile graphs. In this case, the area of Northern BC is defined as the three northern federal electoral areas in the province, including Skeena-Bulkley Valley, Cariboo-Prince George, and Prince George-Peace River.

# Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Map



Distance from Granisle to:

PLACE	DISTANCE (KM)	DRIVING TIME (HR)
Prince George, BC	326	4 hr 1 min
Kitimat, BC	401	4 hr 58 min
Prince Rupert, BC	489	6 hr 4 min
Edmonton, AB	1,064	12 hr 7 min
Vancouver, BC	1,106	12 hr 23 min
Calgary, AB	1,110	13 hr 21 min
Seattle, WA	1,220	13 hr 39 min
Whitehorse, YT	1,391	18 hr 23 min
Portland, OR	1,501	16 hr 22 min
Yellowknife, NT	1,931	23 hr 8 min
Anchorage, AK	2,522	33 hr

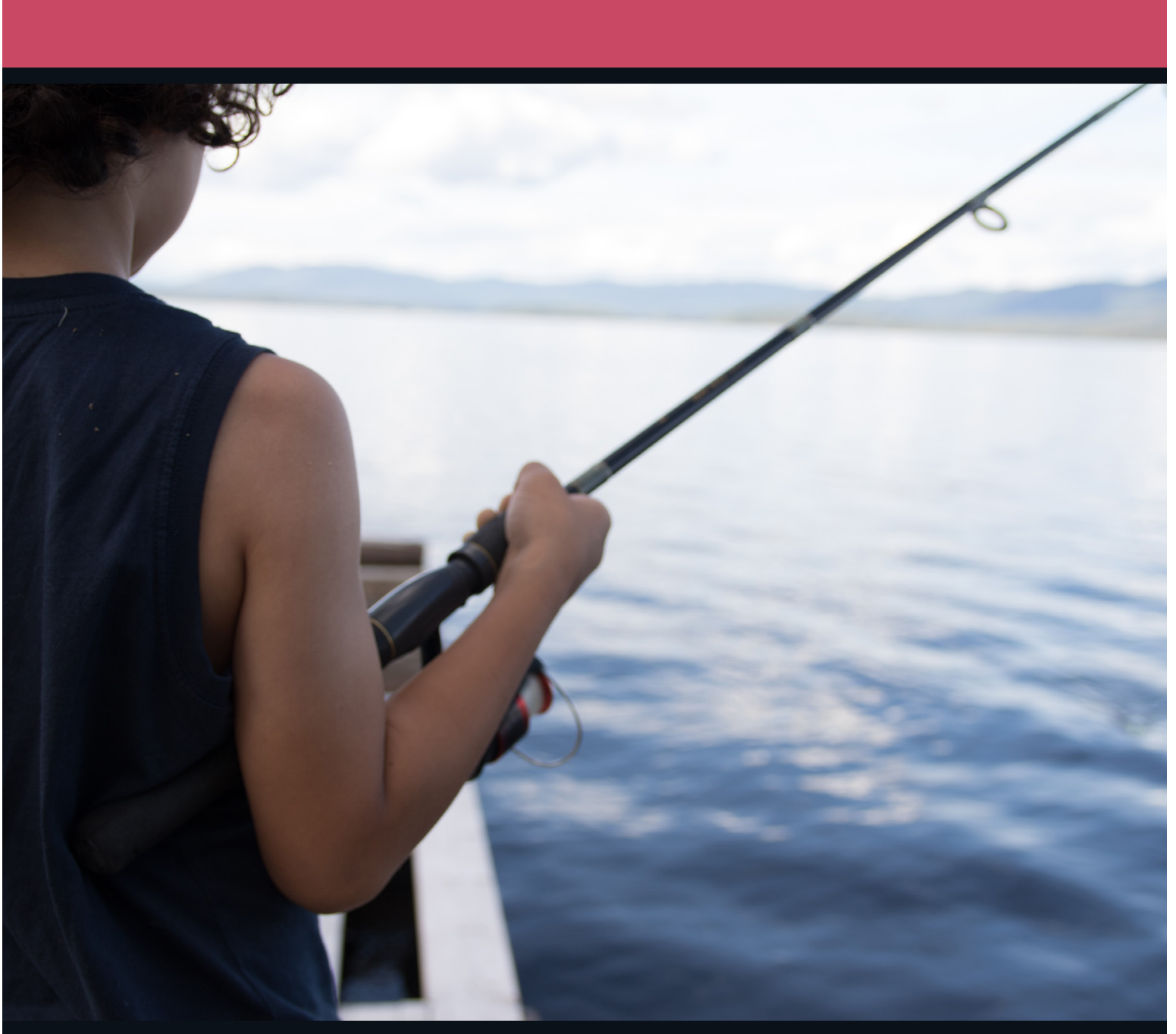
## Legend

- Municipalities
- Parks
- Lakes
- Electoral Area Boundary
- Regional District Boundaries
- Highway





# 1: GRANISLE AND SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY PROFILE



# DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

## Population Growth

### Population growth in Granisle, 2006-2016

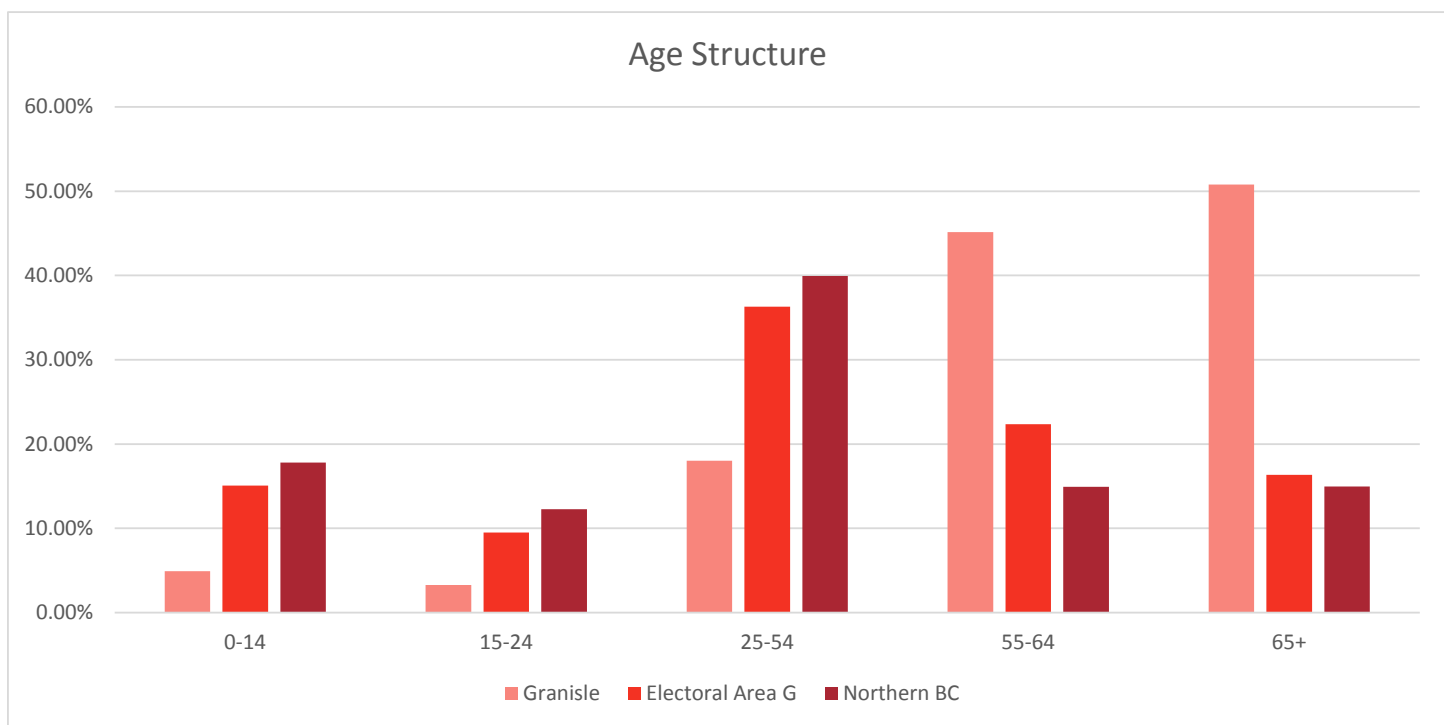
POPULATION GROWTH	2006	2011	2016
Granisle	364	303	303
Electoral Area G (Houston Rural)	1,059	975	903
Northern BC	314,771	315,284	318,225

Sources: Statistics Canada. Census Profile from 2006-2016

In 2016, Granisle had a population of 303 and the population has decreased slightly from 2006 to 2011 which parallels the 10 year trend seen in surrounding Electoral Area G.

## Age Structure

### Age structure in Granisle and Electoral Area G, 2016



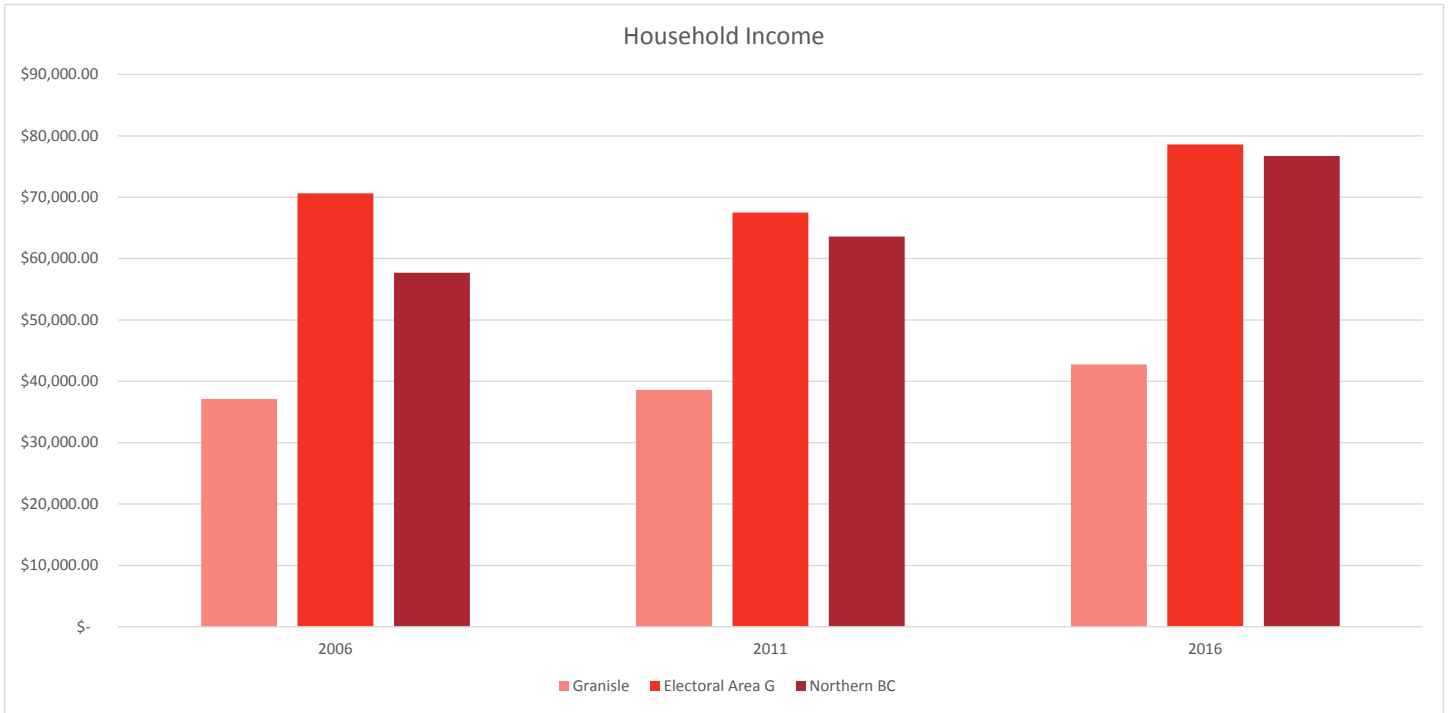
Source: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2016

The median age of Granisle residents has tended to be older than the Electoral Area and Northern BC. The median age in Granisle was 65+ in 2016 while in the Electoral Area and Northern BC the median age is 46 and 39 respectively. The age structure of the population reveals that Granisle had a larger percentage of residents aged 65 years and older compared to the Electoral Area and Northern BC. Granisle also had a higher portion of the population between 55-64 as compared to Northern BC, and an equivalent portion of people in this age category as the Electoral Area.



# Household Income

Median household income in Granisle and Electoral Area G, 2006-2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2006-2016

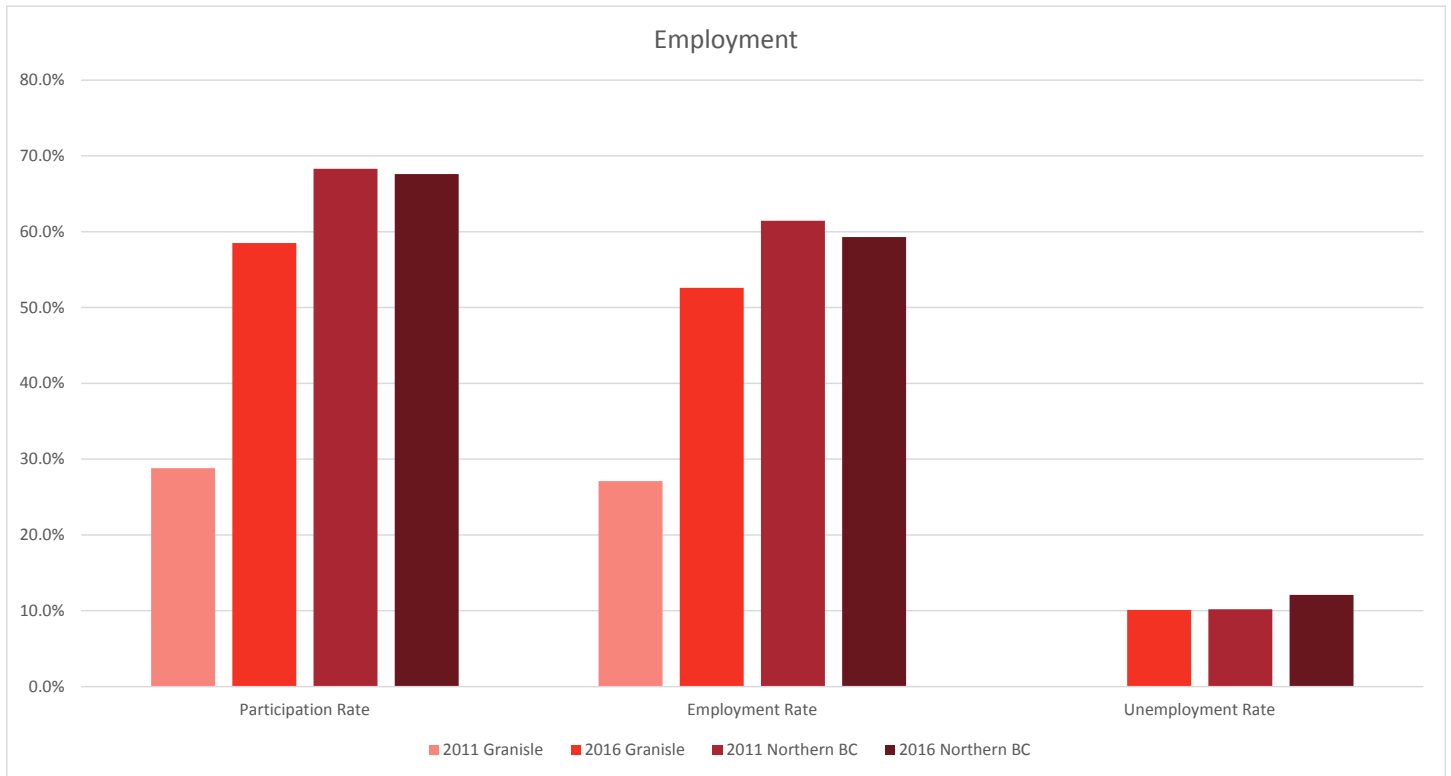
The median household income in Granisle has been lower than the Electoral Area and Northern BC from 2006-2016.



# WORKFORCE PROFILE

## Employment

Employment data in Granisle and Northern BC, 2011-2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2016

Granisle had a 0.0% unemployment rate in 2011. Granisle also had the lowest participation rates in the labour force and lowest unemployment rate of all the municipalities in the region in 2016.

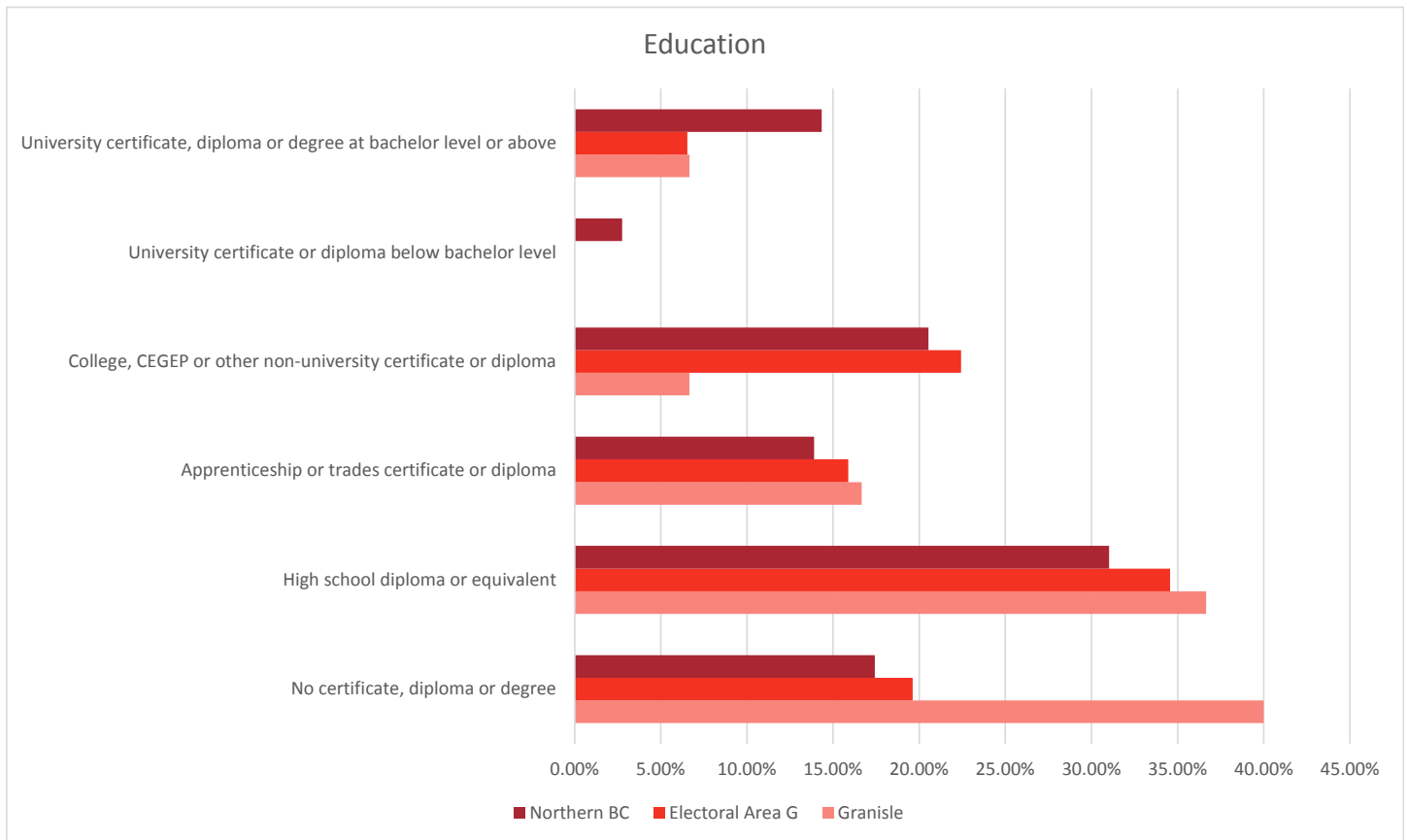






## Education

### Education in Granisle and Electoral Area G, 2016

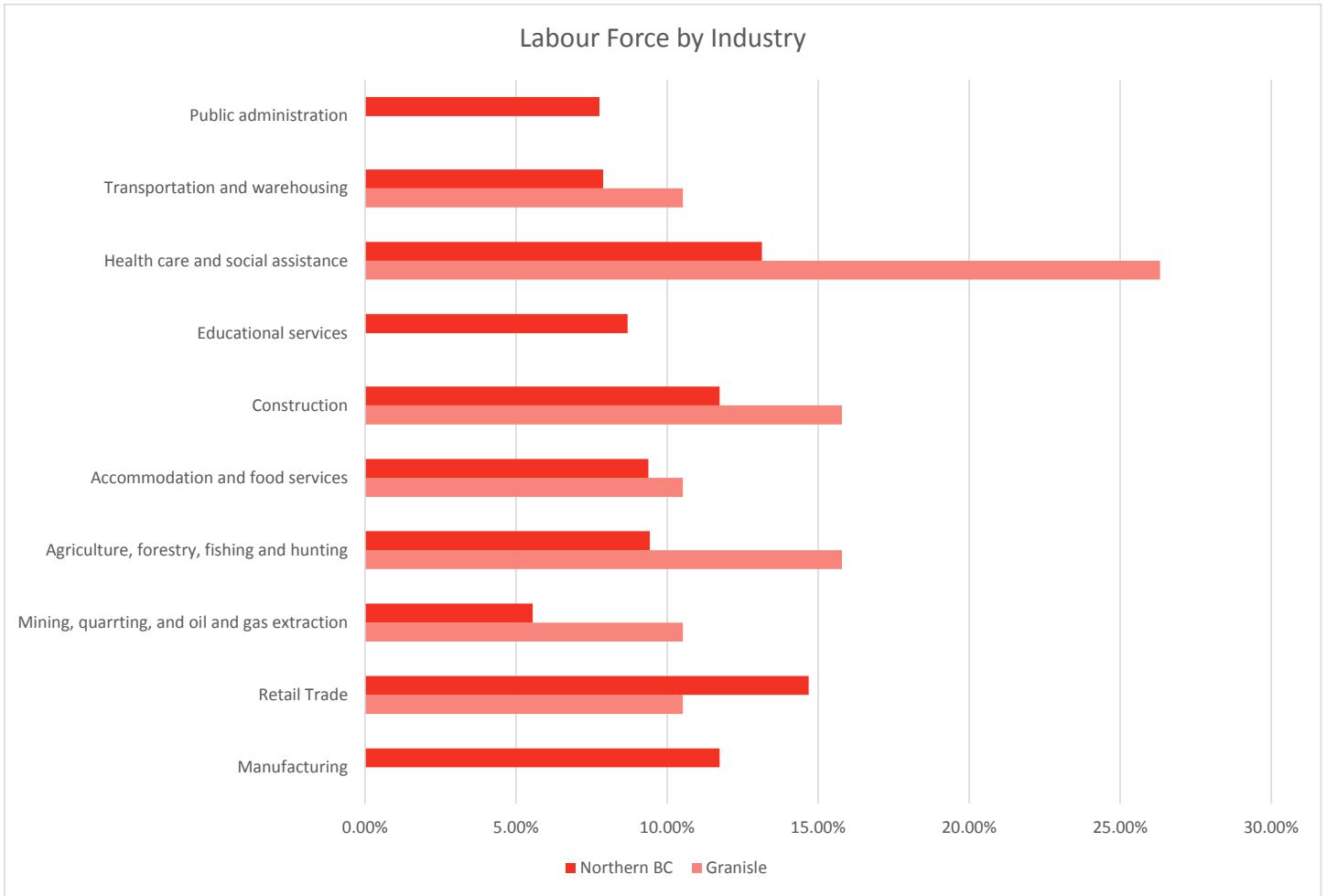


Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey

A higher portion of Granisle’s population had a high school diploma or equivalent compared to Northern BC. However, when compared to the Electoral Area, Granisle has a lower portion of residents with a college education and higher portion of people with an apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma.

# Labour Force by Industry

Labour force by industry in Granisle and Northern BC, 2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey

In 2016, Granisles' primary industries were health care and social assistance.



# Local Post-Secondary Education Facilities and Employment Service Providers

In Granisle the following local post-secondary education facilities and employment service providers are available:

NAME	FACILITY OR SERVICE
<a href="#">College of New Caledonia</a>	Post-Secondary Institution

## COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Telus
- Village of Granisle Internet
  - high speed
  - optic fibre
- Xplornet



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Taxes

The following chart summarizes 2019 tax rates in Graniisle. For up to date information contact the municipality. Tax rates are calculated in dollars of tax per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

PURPOSE OF TAX RATE	RESIDENTIAL	UTILITIES	MAJOR INDUSTRY	LIGHT INDUSTRY	BUSINESS / OTHER	MANAGED FOREST LAND	RECREATION / NON-PROFIT	FARM
Municipal	24.8200	95.0000	0.0000	63.000	75.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Regional District	0.9336	3.2677	0.0000	3.1743	2.2874	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Hospital District	1.3733	4.8067	0.0000	4.6694	3.3647	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
School	3.4000	13.2000	3.7000	3.7000	3.7000	1.9000	2.3000	7.1000
Other	0.6186	2.5120	2.4541	2.0793	1.5285	1.9654	0.6186	0.6186
Total	31.1456	118.7863	6.1541	76.6229	85.8805	3.8654	2.9186	7.7186

## Links to Official Plan and Zoning Documents

Graniisle's official community plan and zoning bylaws are available at [www.villageofgranisle.ca](http://www.villageofgranisle.ca)

- [Official Community Plan](#)
- [Zoning Bylaw](#)

## Incentive Programs

Business Support Services and Funding Programs

- [Community Futures Nadina](#)



# Local Economic Development Services

For any further assistance with local economic development services please contact the Village of Granisle

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# QUALITY OF LIFE FACTORS

## Housing

The housing stock in the municipality consists of the following:

DESCRIPTION OF TYPICAL HOUSING STOCK	# OF UNITS
Total Private Dwellings (2016 census)	284
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents (2016 census)	176
Single detached houses (2016 census)	130
Other attached dwellings (2016 census)	35
# of owned dwellings (2016 census)	170
# of rented dwellings	20

The typical cost for a single family home is as follows:

TYPE OF HOUSING	COST
Average value of dwelling (2016 census)	\$98,551

## Accommodations

- Granisle Resort

## Transportation

- [Granisle Transportation Services](#)

## Restaurants

- Bill's Restaurant

## Other Facilities with Capacity for Hosting Events

- Granisle Curling Club
- Granisle Seniors Centre
- Resort Conference Centre
- Village of Granisle Community Hall

## Shopping

- Granisle General Store
- Nurture RX

## Local Community Organizations

- Granisle Lions Club
- Granisle TV Society
- Granisle Senior Citizens Association Society
- Granisle Curling Club
- Granisle Boat Club
- Fulton River Rod and Gun Club
- Granisle Dart Club
- Granisle Volunteer Fire Department
- Granisle Better At Home Program

## Local Community Assets

- Crafters Hut & Farmers Market
- Granisle Travel Info Centre
- Granisle Public Library
- Village of Granisle Marina
- New Beach Campground
- Memorial Park
- Copperview Park

## Schools

- Babine Elementary Secondary School (K-12)

## Health Services

- **Granisle Community Health Centre**
- Northern Health Lifeline Program Granisle
- **Community Paramedicine Program**

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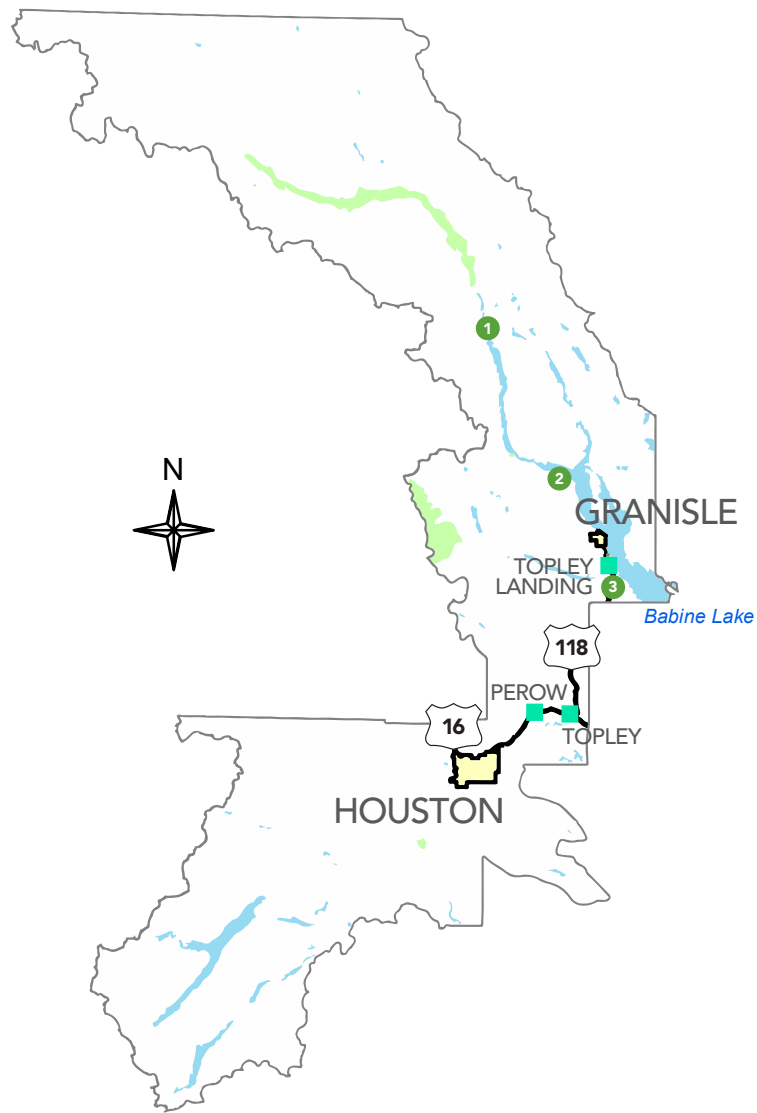


# 2: ELECTORAL AREA G (HOUSTON RURAL)










# ELECTORAL AREA 'G'

(Houston Rural)



## Legend

-  Municipal Boundary
-  Electoral Area Boundary
-  Unincorporated Communities
-  First Nation Population Centers
  1. Lake Babine Nation (Fort Babine Reserve)
  2. Lake Babine Nation (Old Fort Reserve)
  3. Lake Babine Nation (Tachet Reserve)
-  Parks
-  Lakes
-  Highway



## Electoral Area G (Houston Rural)

Houston Rural, or Electoral Area G, offers natural landscapes of lakes and rivers, as well as scenic drives that allow travellers and residents to take in the wilderness of central BC. The unincorporated communities of Perow, Topley Landing, and Topley as well as the municipality of Houston and Granisle are within its boundaries.

The rural area has a stable population of approximately 1,000 people. Residents of Houston Rural have the highest percentage of apprenticeship or trades certification in the RDBN, and many work in construction and manufacturing.

Lake Babine Nation has three communities in Electoral Area G. They are the communities of Fort Babine, Old Fort, and Tachet.





# DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

## Population Growth

Population growth in Electoral Area G (Houston Rural), 2006-2016

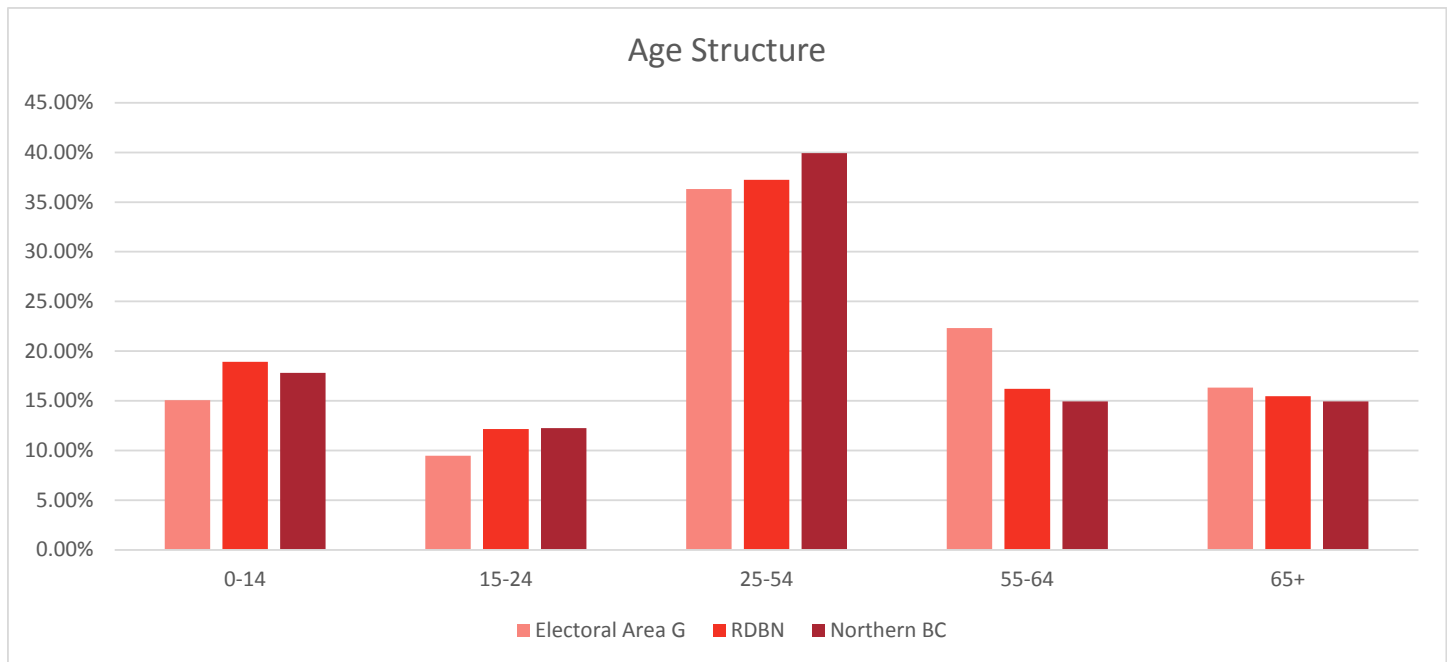
POPULATION GROWTH	2006	2011	2016
Electoral Area G	1,059	975	903
Regional District Bulkley-Nechako	38,243	39,208	37,896
Northern BC	314,771	315,284	318,225

Sources: Statistics Canada. Census Profile 2006-2016.

The population of Electoral Area G, or Houston Rural, has decreased by just over 100 people from 2006 to 2011. From 2011 to 2016, the population in Electoral Area G decreased by 72 people.

## Age Structure

Age structure in Electoral Area G (Houston Rural), and the RDBN, 2016

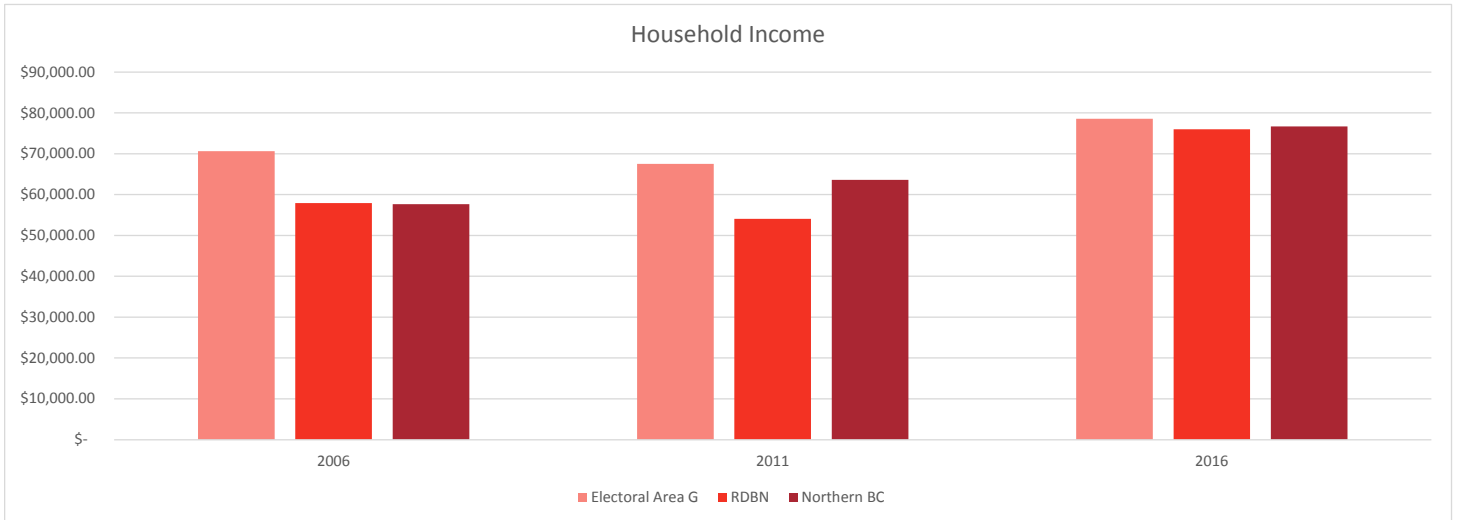


Sources: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2016.

The age structure reveals that the Electoral Area has a lower youth population (ages 0-14) and lower percentage of residents between the ages of 25-44 as compared to the RDBN and Northern BC.

# Household Income

Median household income in Electoral Area G (Houston Rural), and the RDBN, 2006-2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2006-2016.

The median household income in Electoral Area G has been higher than in the RDBN and Northern BC from 2006 to 2016. From 2006 to 2011 Electoral Area G saw a 4% decrease in household income while in the RDBN and Northern BC there was an increase of 11% and 8% respectively.

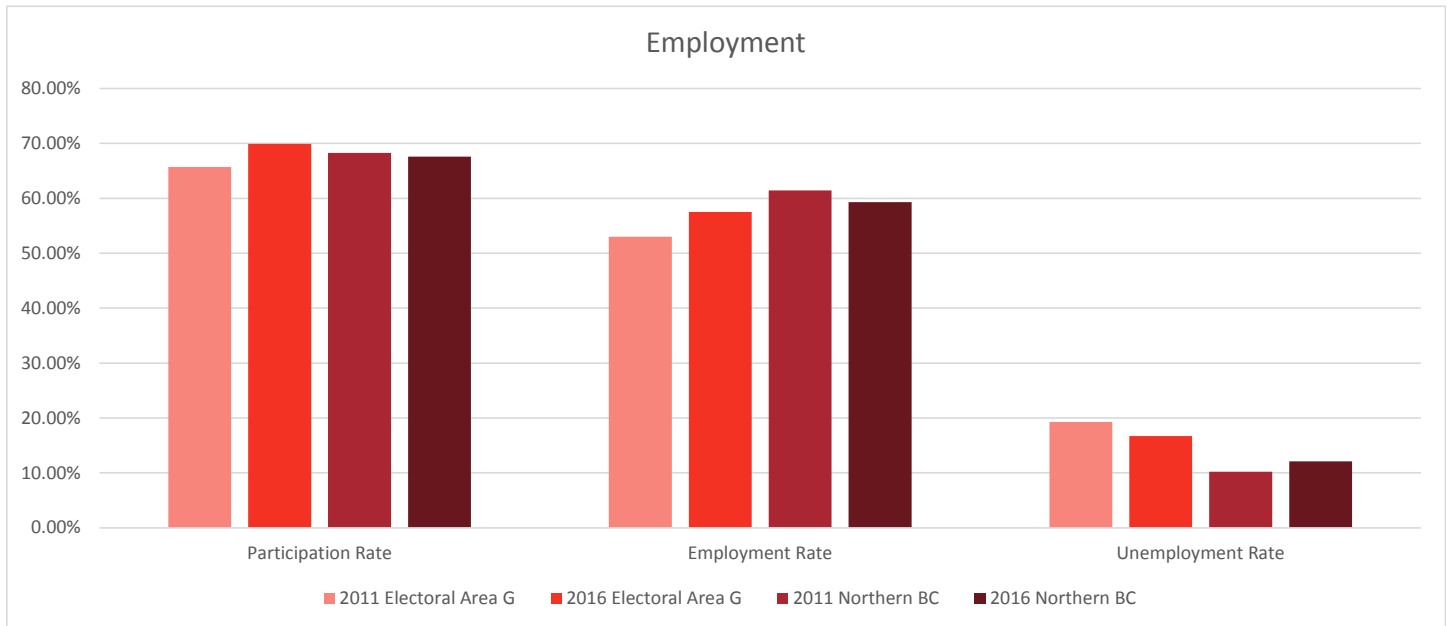




# WORKFORCE PROFILE

## Employment

Employment data in Electoral Area G (Houston Rural), and the RDBN, 2011-2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2016.

Electoral Area G had a higher unemployment rate than Northern BC in 2011 and 2016.

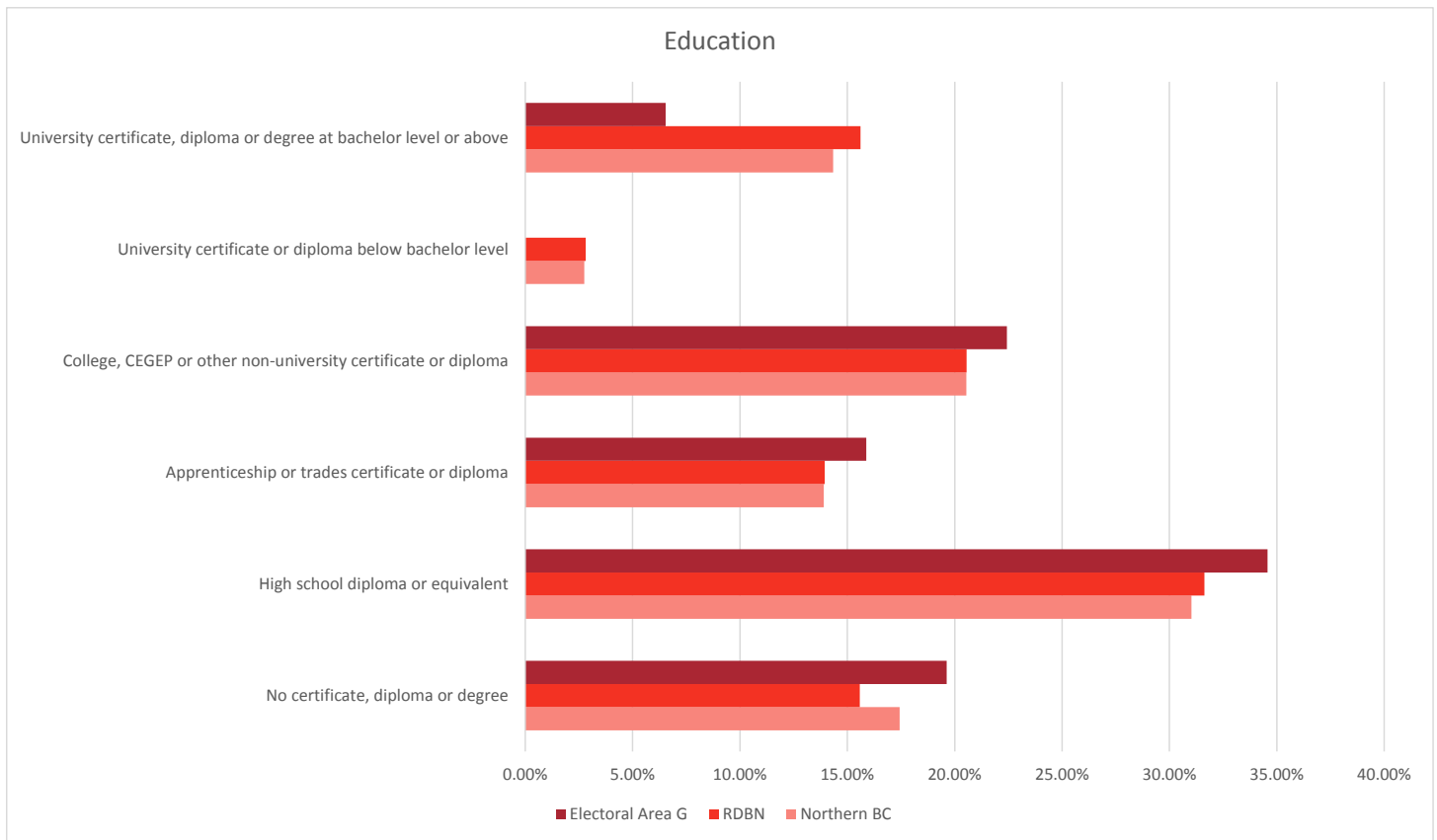






## Education

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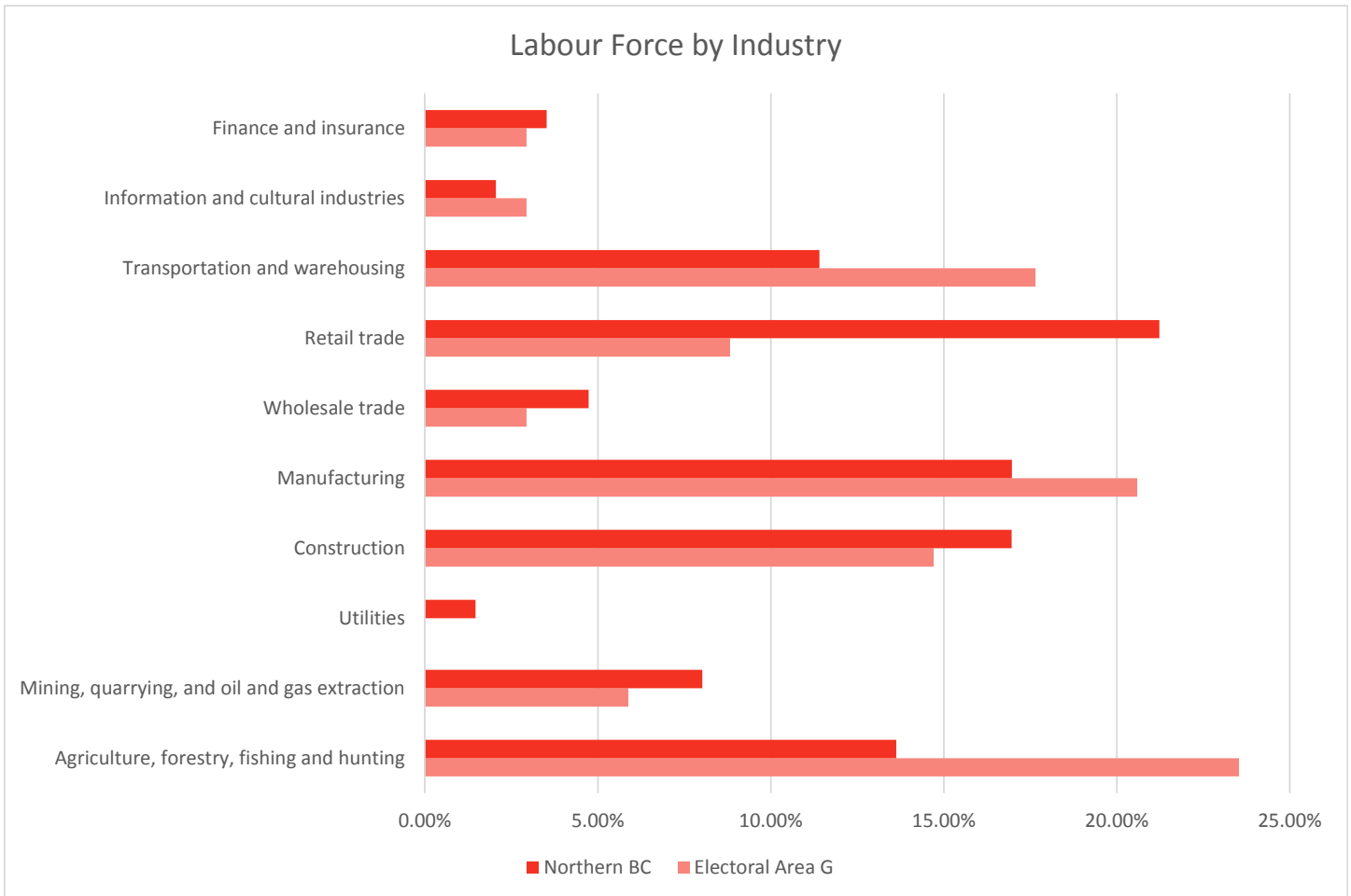


Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey.

Electoral Area G had the highest percentage of population with an apprenticeship or, trades certificates, or diploma among the RDBN electoral areas in 2016. Houston Rural also had a significantly portion of population with an apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma compared to the RDBN and Northern BC.

# Labour Force by Industry

Labour force by industry in Electoral Area G (Houston Rural), and the RDBN, 2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey.

The agriculture, construction and manufacturing were major sources of employment for Electoral Area G in 2016. Among these major employers, all three sectors employ a greater portion of the labour force compared to Northern BC. Retail trade is another sector where there was a large difference between the Electoral Area and Northern BC. The portion of the labour force that works in agriculture and manufacturing in the Area is the highest amongst the electoral areas in the RDBN.



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Links to Official Plan and Zoning Documents

Electoral Area G, Houston Rural, official community plan is available at [www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/planning](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/planning)

- [Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan](#)

## Local Economic Development Services

For any further assistance with local economic development services please contact the Regional Economic Development Department.

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# QUALITY OF LIFE FACTORS

## Local Community Organizations

- Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club
- Topley Community Club
- Houston Hikers Society
- Morice Outdoor Recreation Society
- Houston Snowmobile Club
- Morice Mountain Marksmen





# FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY

Lake Babine Nation has three communities in Electoral Area G. The communities are Fort Babine, Old Fort, and Tachet. The community of Tachet operates a general store and gas station 10 km from Granisle.



[www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca)



# 3: REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO PROFILE



# Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Profile

Located in the heart of British Columbia and home to 8 unique municipalities, 7 electoral areas, and 14 First Nations, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) boasts extraordinary natural beauty, vibrant small town culture and exciting business opportunities.

Residents of the RDBN enjoy the natural splendor of snow-capped mountains in winter, refreshing lakes and rivers in the summer, and abundant and diverse wildlife. A wealth of community events, and all-season recreation create an abundance of activities for the outdoor enthusiast. Quality of life is highly valued; the natural amenities of the region and family values are an integral part of life in the RDBN.

Culture and history are an important part of life in the RDBN, where vibrant First Nations and a strong agricultural heritage and natural resource economy are the foundations of our welcoming, family friendly communities. Cultural experiences enjoyed by residents include charming local museums, and historic sites, inspiring First Nations events and artwork, galleries, theatres, a thriving music culture, and unique small businesses.

## The Regional Profile

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Northern BC is used as a comparative area in many of the profile graphs. In this case, the area of Northern BC is defined as the seven northern regional district electoral areas in the province, including Bulkley-Nechako, Skeena-Queen Charlott, Fraser-Fort George, Peace River, Kitimat-Stikine, Cariboo and Northern Rockies.

More information about the businesses and organizations listed in this document is available on the Bulkley-Nechako Directory.

# DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

## Population Growth

Population growth in the RDBN and Northern BC, 2006-2016

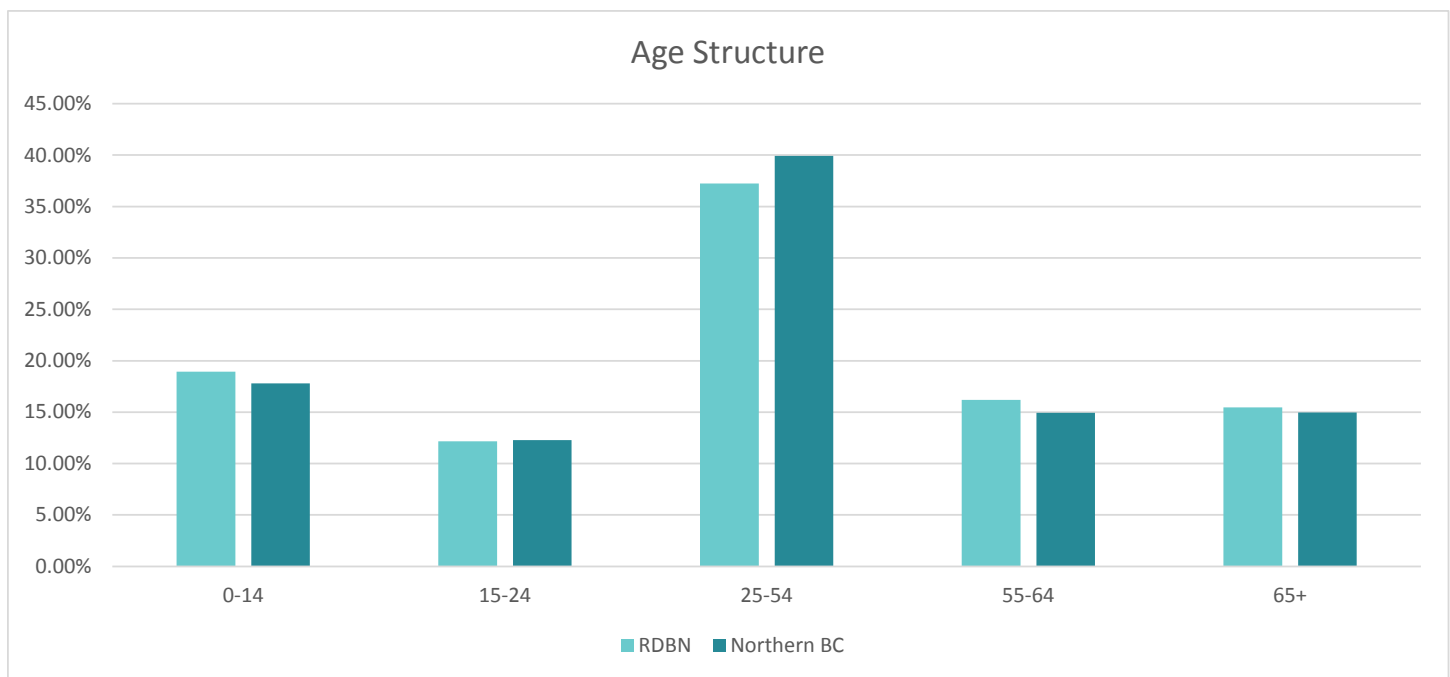
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The population of the RDBN was 37,896 in 2016, a decrease of 3.35%.

## Age Structure

Age structure in the RDBN and Northern BC in 2016



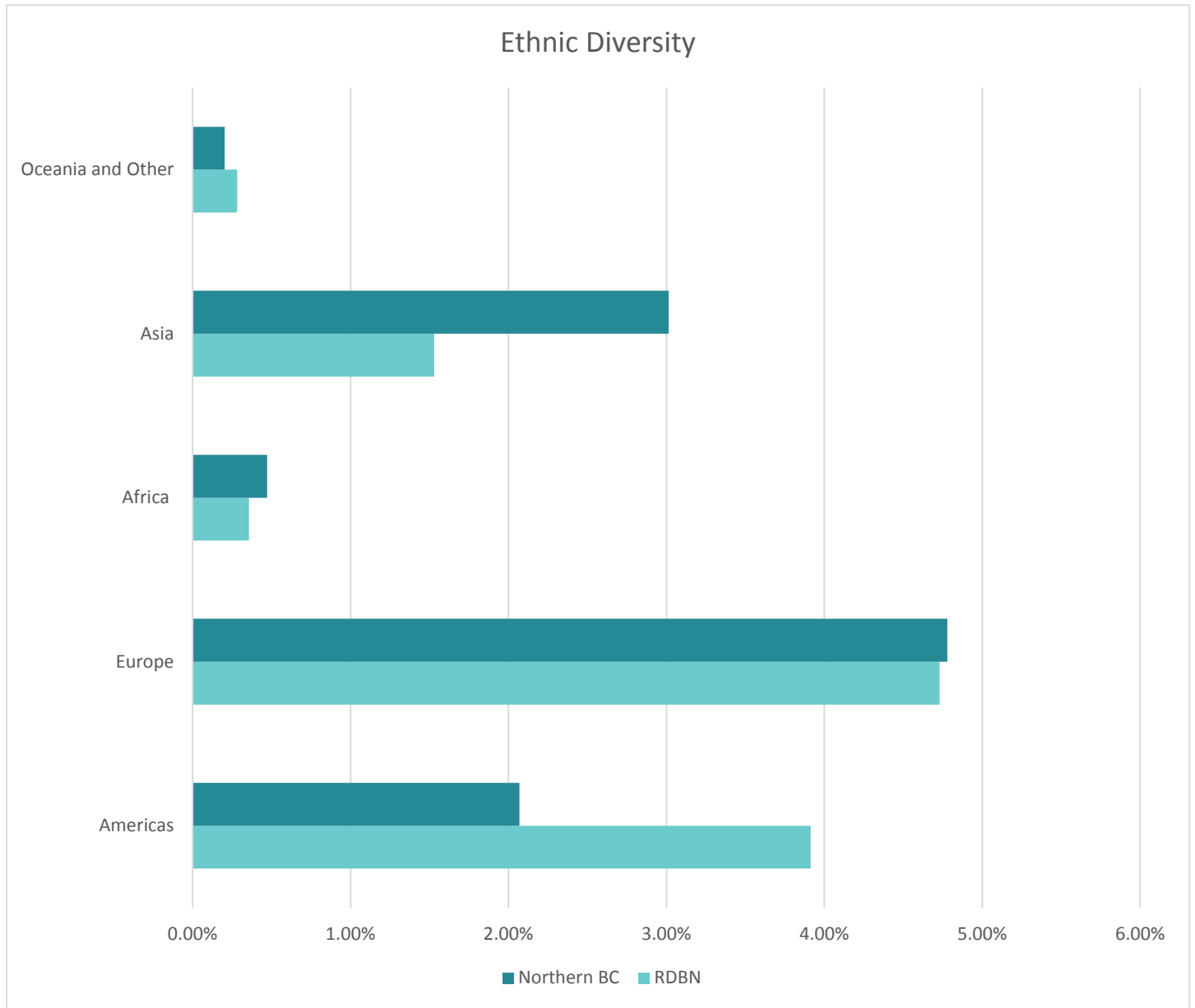
Sources: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2016

Residents of the RDBN had a median age of 41 in 2016, while Northern BC had a median age of 40 for the same period. The age structure of the region reveals that the RDBN had a higher youth population (ages 0-14) when compared to Northern BC. A lower portion of the RDBN's population was between the ages of 25-54 as compared to Northern BC.



# Ethnic Diversity

Place of birth summary in the RDBN and Northern BC in 2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2016

In 2016 Northern BC and the RDBN had roughly the same percentage of residents of European ethnicity. The RDBN had a higher percentage of residents from Asia or the Americas.



## Household Income

Median household income in the RDBN and Northern BC from 2006-2016



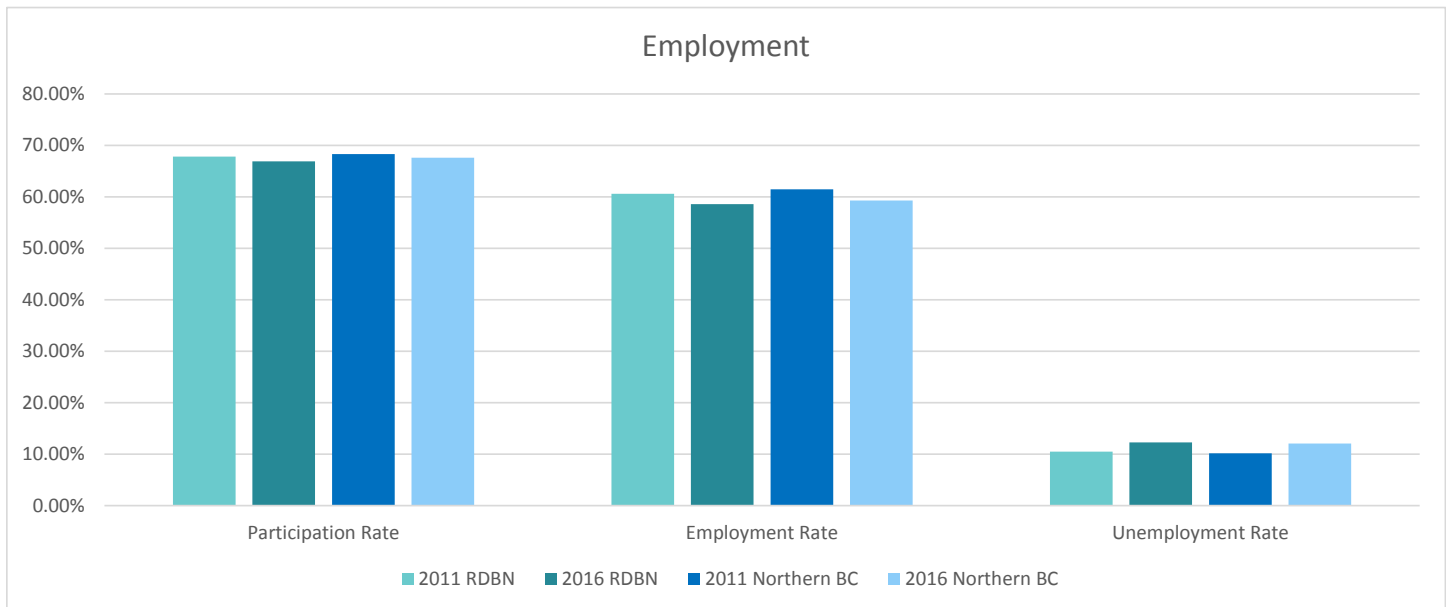
Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2006-2016

The median household income in the RDBN has generally been similar to Northern BC with the exception of 2011 where it was slightly higher.

# WORKFORCE PROFILE

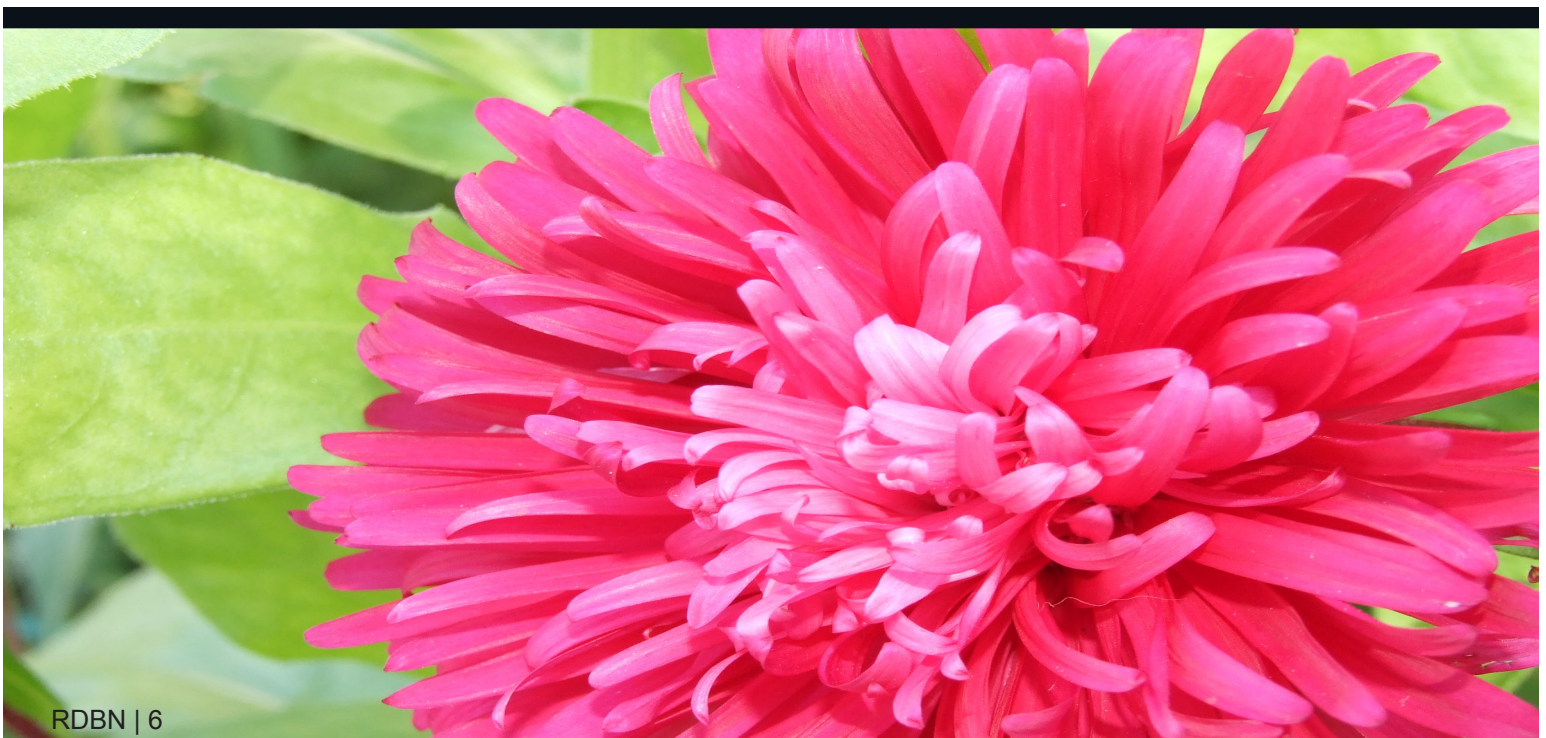
## Employment

Employment data in the RDBN and Northern BC from 2011-2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2016

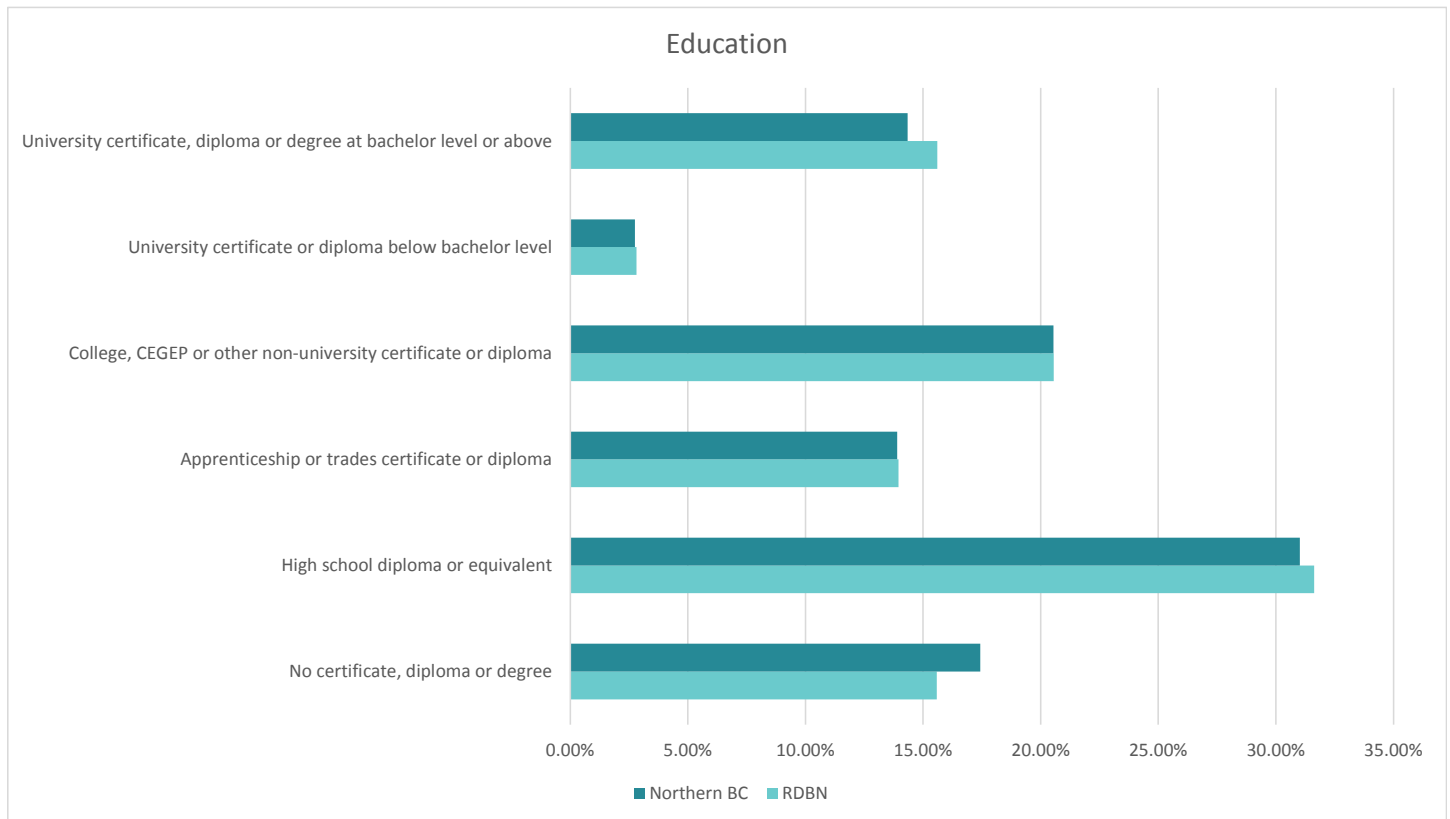
The RDBN employment rates were similar to the Northern BC Benchmark group for 2011 and 2016. The unemployment rate was 0.2% higher than the Northern BC rate.





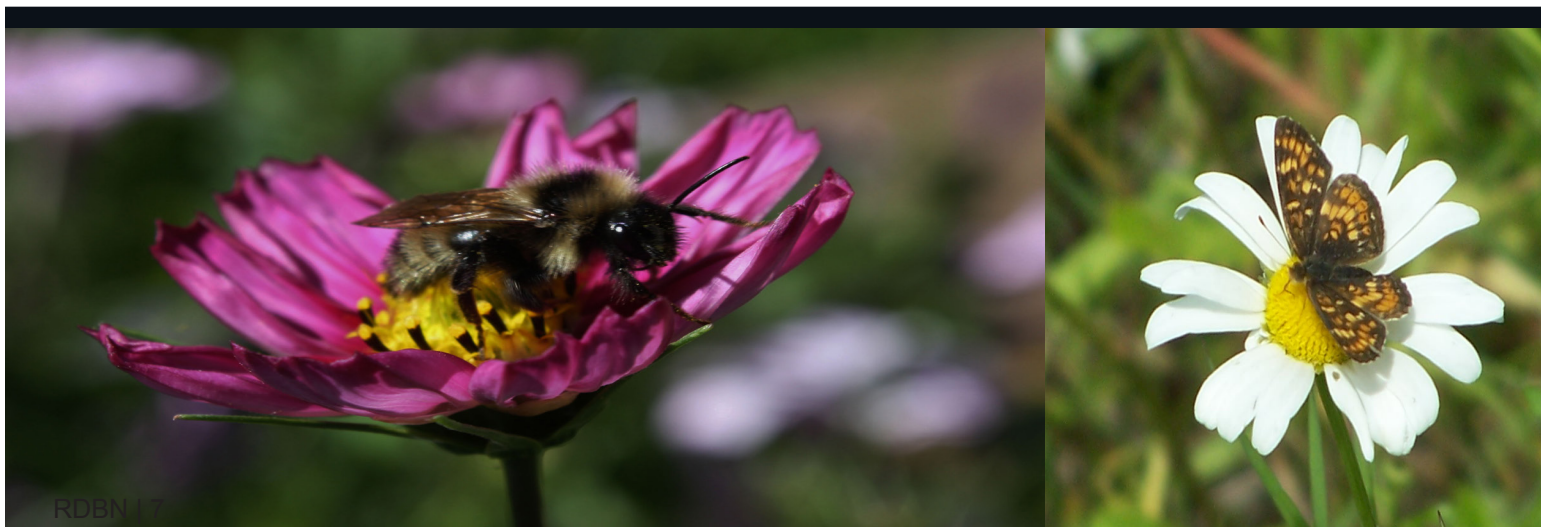
# Education

## Educational attainment in the RDBN and Northern BC in 2016



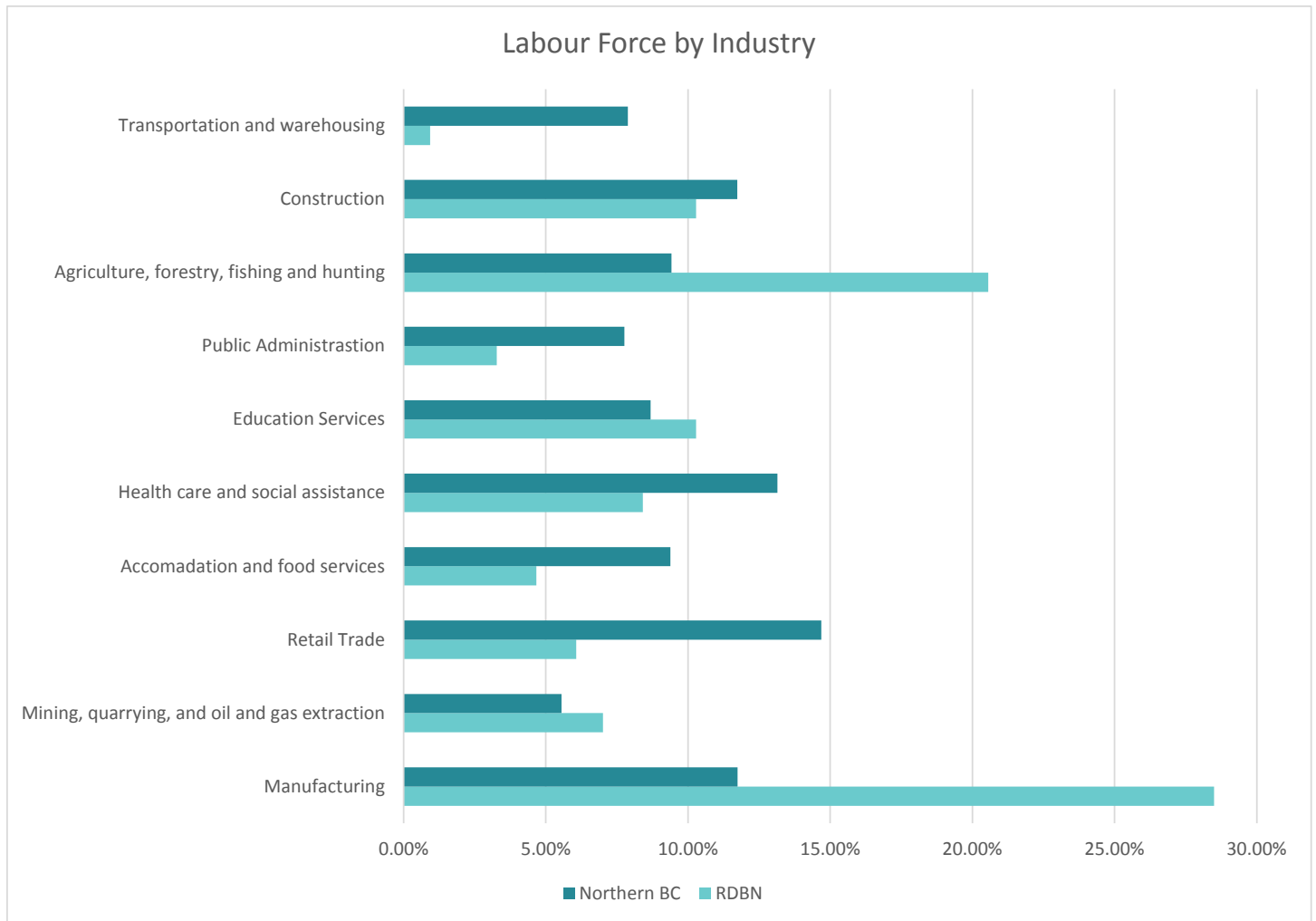
Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey.

The population of Northern BC had a similar level of education to the RDBN in 2016. Although a higher proportion of the RDBN population held a college or university diploma or degree, or an apprenticeship or trades certification compared to Northern BC, the differences are not substantial.



# Labour Force By Industry

Labour force by industry in the RDBN and Northern BC in 2016



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2016 National Household Survey.

In 2016, the RDBN manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting sectors were the leading sources of employment. These two major sectors both employed at least double the portion of the labour force compared with Northern BC.

Some of the major employers in the RDBN include the following:

NAME	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	LOCATION
School District No. 91	725	Regional
Canadian Forest Products - Houston Sawmill	343	Houston
Canadian Forest Products – Plateau Mills	317	Vanderhoof
West Fraser – Fraser Lake Sawmills	300	Fraser Lake
School District No. 54	270	Smithers
Pacific Inland Resources	240	Regional
Sinclar Group Forest Products	200	Vanderhoof
St. John Hospital	200	Vanderhoof
Hampton Affiliates Babine Forest Products	200	Burns Lake
Hy-Tech Diamond Drilling	171	Smithers
Apollo Forest Products	156	Fort St. James
<b>Northern Health</b>	150	Regional
Bulkley Valley Credit Union	100	Regional
<b>College of New Caledonia</b>	100	Burns Lake
DH Manufacturing	60	Houston

## Post-Secondary Education Facilities

In the RDBN, post-secondary educational facilities are conveniently available in many communities.

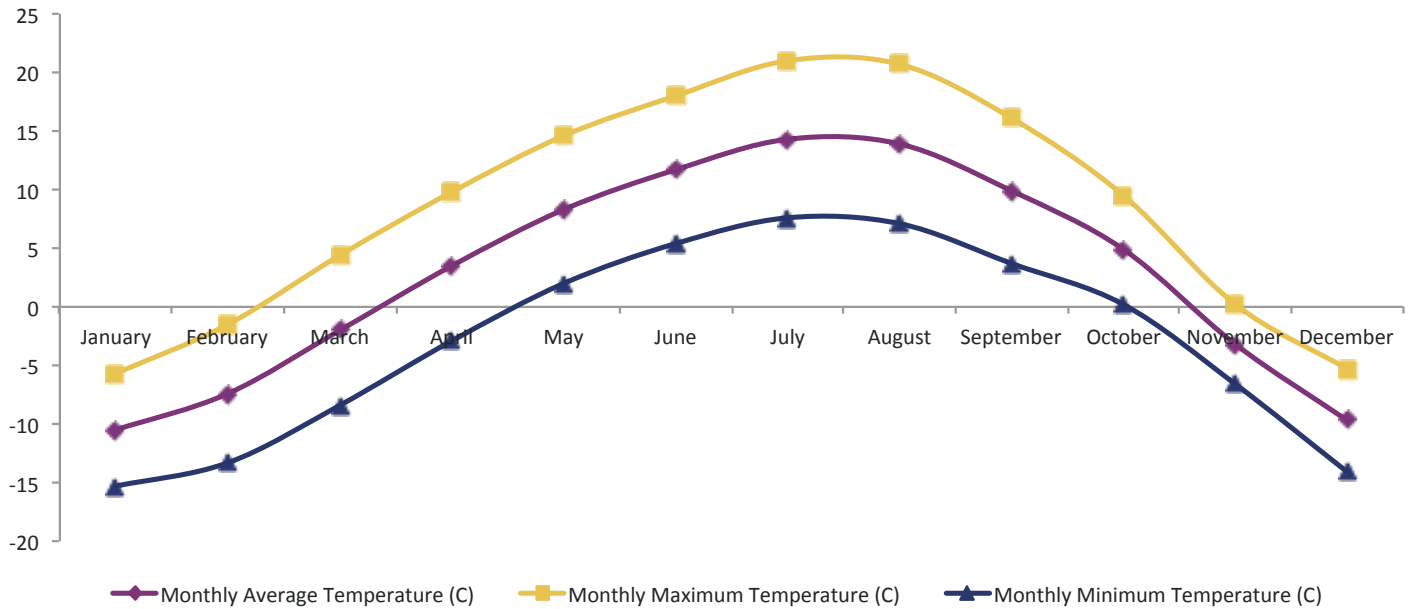
POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION	CAMPUS
<b>Coast Mountain College</b>	Smithers, Houston
<b>College of New Caledonia</b>	Fort St. James, Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Fraser Lake



# CLIMATE

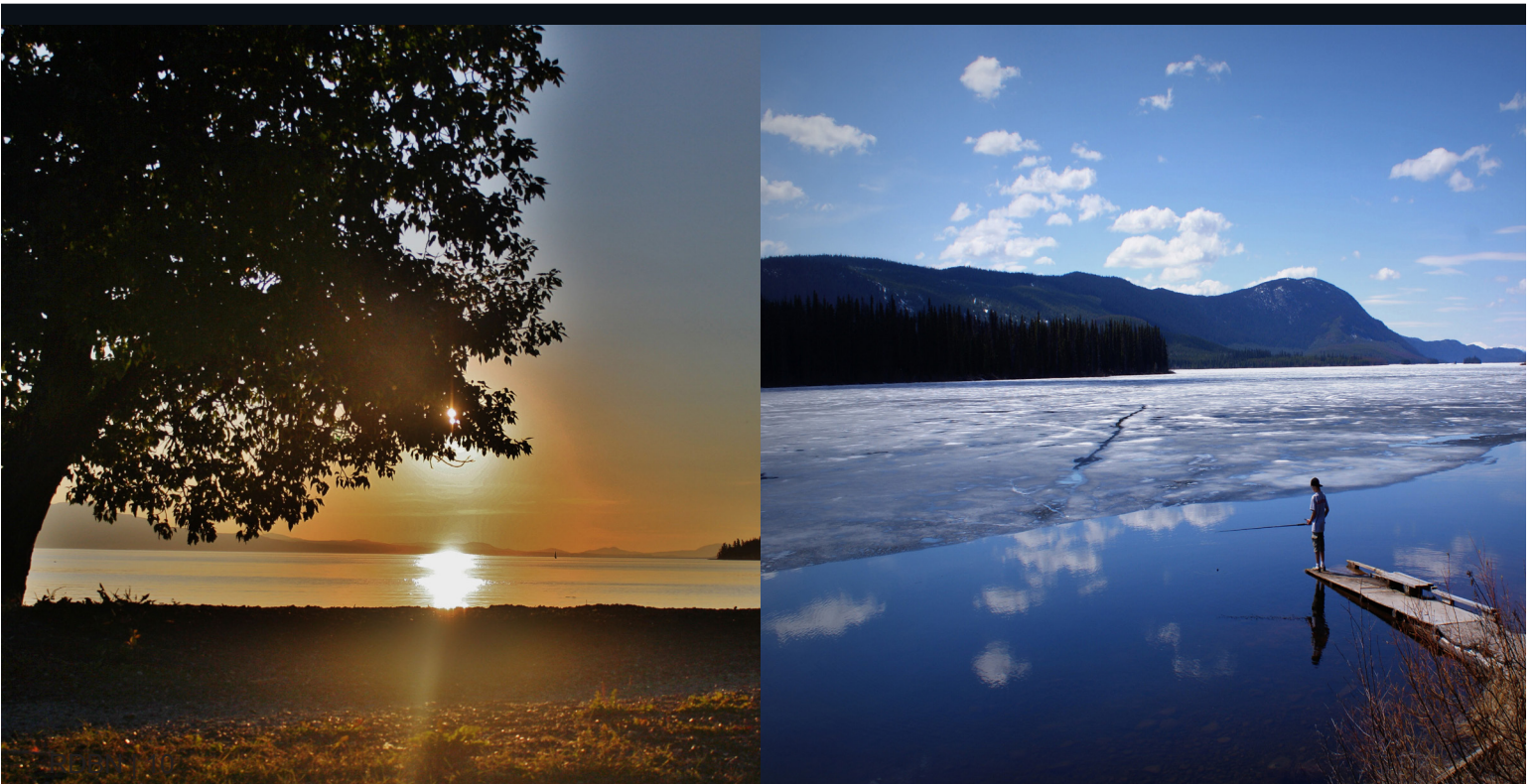
## Monthly Temperature

Monthly temperature in the RDBN in 2010



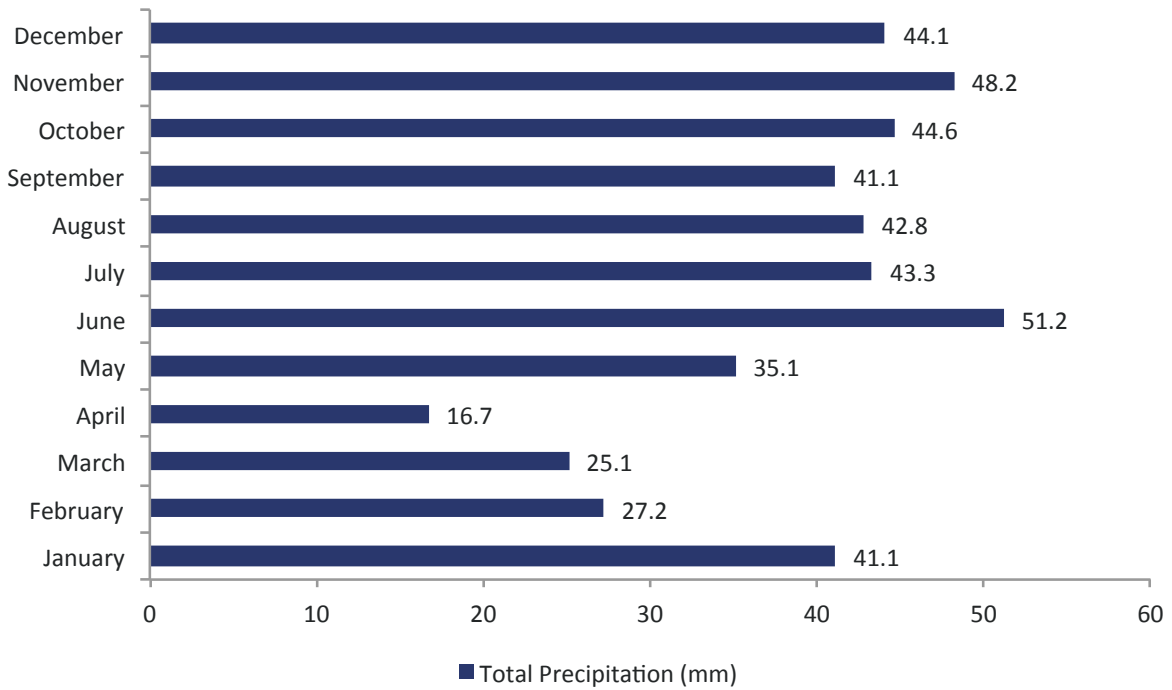
Environment Canada: 1981 to 2010 Canadian Climate Normals

The warmest months of the year in the RDBN are between June and August, when temperatures reach above 20°C. The coldest months of the year occur between December and January, when temperatures drop below -15°C.



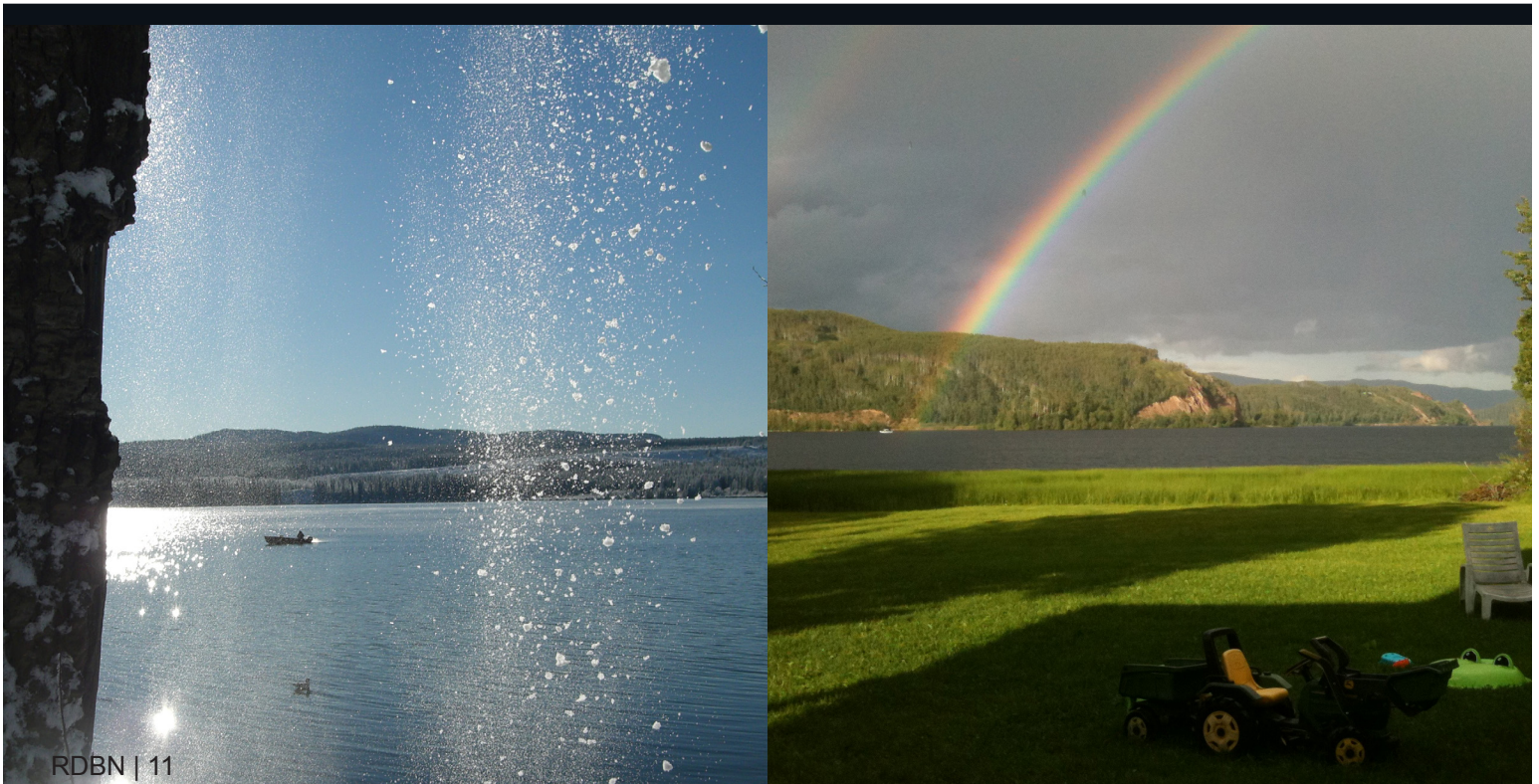
# Precipitation

## Precipitation in the RDBN in 2010



Source: Environment Canada, 1981 to 2010 Canadian Climate Normals

The RDBN experienced the lowest amount of precipitation during the months of February to April in 2010, as little as 17mm per month. In contrast, the most precipitation fell during June and November, surpassing 50mm per month.





# TRANSPORTATION

## Road

Highway 16 is the main paved transportation route running east to west through the RDBN. Highway 16 is the transportation route for goods being shipped in and out of the region.

The following provincial highways connect communities to the Highway 16 corridor:

- Highway 27 to Fort St. James from Highway 16 (Vanderhoof)
- Highway 35 to Francois Lake/Southbank from Highway 16 (Burns Lake)
- Highway 118 to Granisle from Highway 16 (Topley)

## Rail

The Canadian National Railway follows the Highway 16 corridor from Prince George to Prince Rupert, with service through the RDBN. Prince George, to the east of the RDBN, is the regional trading centre for Northern BC, where CN Rails Intermodal Terminal is located. The Intermodal terminal is designed to support customers shipping to and from Asia through the Port of Prince Rupert.

VIA Rail operates 'The Skeena' passenger train, running from Jasper to Prince Rupert and back again, with stops in many of the communities within the RDBN. Passengers are able to disembark and take in the splendor of the communities on route. The journey passes through some of Canada's most scenic areas.

## Airport

Airports are an integral part of the RDBN economy. Air services support the region's economic drivers of forestry, mining, tourism, and agriculture. Charter, passenger, and cargo services are available. The following airports operate within the region:

NAME	LOCATION	OPERATOR
Smithers Regional Airport	Smithers	Town of Smithers
Vanderhoof Airport	Vanderhoof	District of Vanderhoof
Baker Airport	Burns Lake	Lakes District Airport Society
Fort St James Perison Airport	Fort St. James	District of Fort St. James
Fraser Lake Airport	Fraser Lake	Village of Fraser Lake
Houston Airport	Houston	District of Houston

The Smithers Regional airport is located 5 kms north of the Town of Smithers. This airport is the only airport in the region with scheduled passenger flights. Three commercial passenger airlines operate at the Smithers Airport:

- Air Canada—Daily service to Vancouver.
- Central Mountain Air—Service to and from Terrace, Prince George, Kamloops, and Kelowna.
- Northern Thunderbird Air



# ENERGY AND UTILITIES

## Electricity and Gas Service Providers

The following businesses provide electricity and gas services:

- BC Hydro
- Pacific Northern Gas

## Commercial and Residential Rates for Electricity and Gas

### BC Hydro electricity rates:

(The electricity and gas providers are the same throughout the RDBN)

BC Hydro residential rates are listed as follows:

- 6.90 cents per kWh for the first 1,350 kWh
- 10.34 cents per kWh after first 1,350 kWh

BC Hydro commercial rates are listed as follows:

SERVICE RATE	BASIC CHARGE	ENERGY CHARGE	MINIMUM CHARGE
Small General Service Rate	\$0.3645 per day	\$0.1253 per kWh	\$0.3645 per day (equal to the Basic Charge)
Medium General Service Rate	\$0.2673 per day	\$0.0968 per kWh	Equal to 50% of the highest Demand Charge during the previous November 1 to March 31 period. The basic Charge, Energy Charge, and Demand Charge are replaced by the minimum Charge if their sum is less than this amount.
Large General Service Rate	\$0.2673 per day	\$0.0606 per kWh	Equal to 50% of the highest Demand Charge during the previous November 1 to March 31 period. The basic Charge, Energy Charge, and Demand Charge are replaced by the minimum Charge if their sum is less than this amount.

Small General Service (SGS) accounts have an annual peak demand less than 35 kW.

Medium General Service (MGS) accounts have an annual peak demand between 35 kW and 150 kW and use less than 550,000 kWh of electricity per year.

Large General Service (LGS) accounts have an annual peak demand equal or greater than 150 kW or total annual energy usage of at least 550,000 kWh.

Pacific Northern Gas: Residential and Commercial Gas Rates

	BASIC MONTHLY CHARGE	DELIVERY CHARGE	COMPANY USE RIDER	RSAM RIDER	INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT RIDER	TOTAL DELIVERY CHARGE	COMMODITY CHARGE	GCVA RIDER	TOTAL COMMODITY CHARGE	DELIVERY + COMMODITY CHARGE
Rate Class	\$/Month	\$/GJ	\$/GJ	\$/GJ	\$/GJ	\$/GJ	\$/GJ	\$/GJ	\$/GJ	\$/GJ
Residential	10.75	12.159	0.098	0.327	0.000	11.930	2.274	0.013	2.261	14.191
Small Commercial	25.00	10.259	0.098	1.327	0.000	10.030	2.260	0.013	2.247	12.277
Large Commercial	150.00	8.247	0.098	N/A	0.000	8.345	2.260	0.013	2.247	10.592
Small Industrial	410.00	3.699	0.098	N/A	0.000	3.797	1.740	0.013	1.727	5.524



# BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE SUPPORT SERVICES AND FUNDING PROGRAMS

## Business Support Services

The following business support services are available for businesses and residents located within the RDBN:

ORGANIZATION	DETAILS
<b>Community Futures Nadina</b>	Assistance with Building a Business Plan, Startup steps, or planning for existing businesses
<b>Community Futures Stuart Nechako</b>	Business Start-up Assistance
<b>Burns Lake Native Development Corporation</b>	Technical Services Including Business Plan Assistance, Training and Project Development Assistance
<b>Small Business BC</b>	Business Start-Up / Growth Assistance
<b>ThriveNorth</b>	Support for Young, Emerging Business Owners

## Business Funding and Tax Credit Programs

ORGANIZATION	DETAILS
<b>Community Futures Nadina</b>	Small Business Loans
<b>Community Futures Stuart Nechako</b>	Business Loans Program
<b>Burns Lake Native Development Corporation</b>	Small Business Loans Program
<b>Northern Development Initiative Trust</b>	Capital Investment and Training Rebate Program
<b>Northern Development Initiative Trust</b>	Competitiveness Consulting Rebate
BC Hydro	PowerSmart Programs for Business
Investment Agriculture Foundation	Funding to support innovative projects that support the Agri-food industry in British Columbia.

## Regional Employment Service Providers

The following employment service providers are available within the RDBN.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	MUNICIPALITY
<b>Community Living BC</b>	Smithers
<b>Smithers Community Services Association</b>	Smithers
<b>WorkBC Fort St. James (PESL*)</b>	Fort St. James
<b>WorkBC Vanderhoof (PESL*)</b>	Vanderhoof
<b>WorkBC Burns Lake (PESL*)</b>	Burns Lake
WorkBC Fraser Lake (Outreach**)	Fraser Lake
<b>WorkBC</b>	Smithers
<b>Skilled Trades Employment Program (BCCA)</b>	Region Wide

\* Progressive Employment Services

\*\* Contact WorkBC Vanderhoof office



# Local Economic Development Services

Visit [Local Economic Development Services website](#) for information on:

- [RDBN Business Forum](#)
- [RDBN Start-up Business Contest](#)
- [Grant writing services for nonprofit organizations](#)
- [Visit Bulkley-Nechako - Tourism Site](#)
- [Regional Skills Gap Analysis](#)
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- Regional Skills Gap Analysis
- Industrial Land Use Inventory Reports

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