



Vanderhoof and Surrounding Area Community Profile

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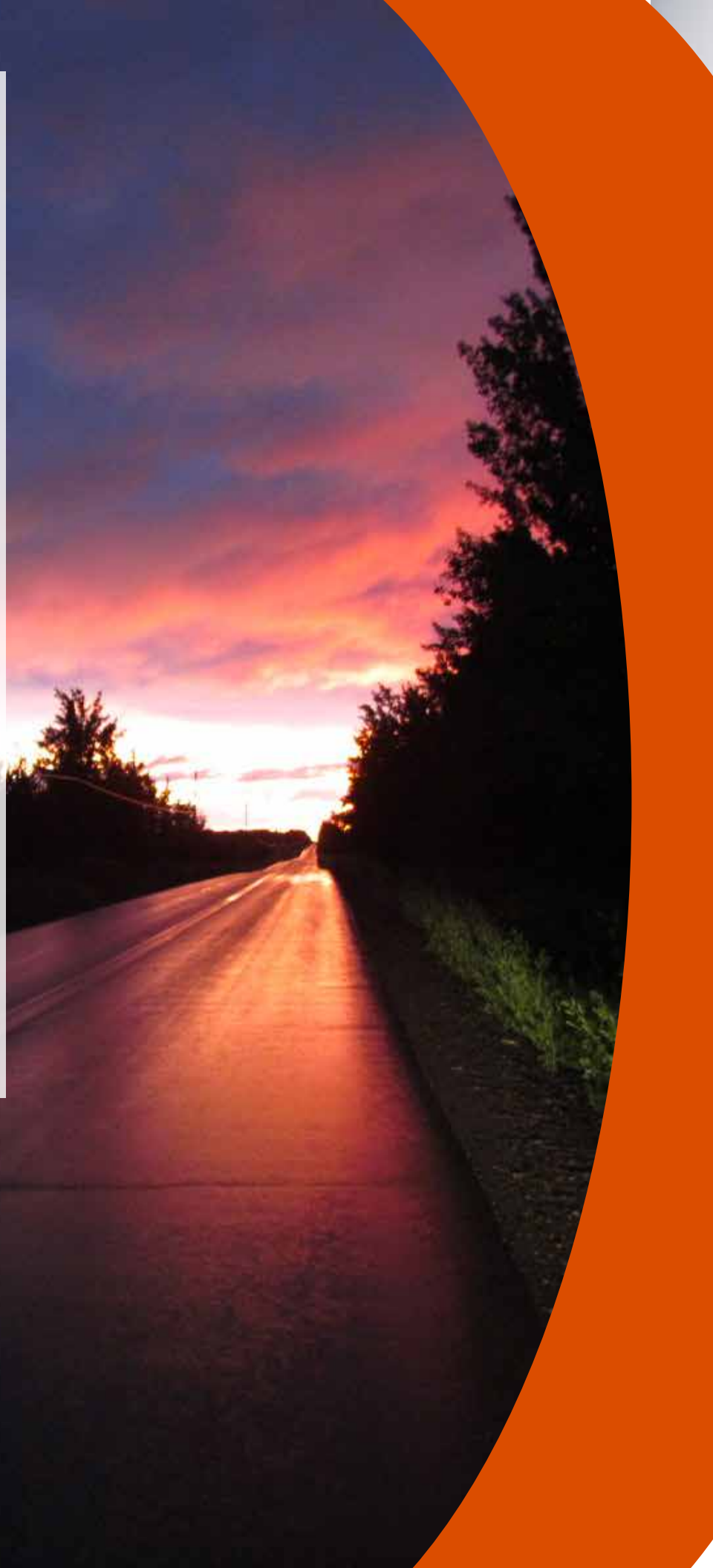
Land Acknowledgement

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) Board and staff would like to open this report by acknowledging that the RDBN conducts its work on the unceded territories of First Nations across the vast Regional District. The Bulkley-Nechako Region covers an area over 70,000 square kilometers, spanning the traditional territories of the Dakelh, Nedut'en, Tse'khene, and Witsuwit'en speaking peoples. The RDBN respects the distinct cultures of the Indigenous Peoples in the Bulkley-Nechako and honours their long-standing relationship with these lands and waters from time immemorial.

The RDBN is further committed to building strong and enduring relationships with the 14 First Nations governments within the boundaries of the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District.

Listed in Alphabetical Order They Are:

- Binche Whut'en
- Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- Lake Babine Nation
- Nadleh Whut'en
- Nak'azdli Whut'en
- Nee-Tahi-Buhn
- Saik'uz First Nation
- Skin Tyee
- Stelat'en First Nation
- Takla Nation
- Tl'azt'en Nation
- Ts'il Kaz Koh (formerly Burns Lake Band)
- Wet'suwet'en First Nation
- Yekooche First Nation





Vanderhoof and Surrounding Area

The interior plateau of beautiful British Columbia is characterized by rolling hills, bluffs, wilderness, waterfalls, and many lakes and rivers. These surroundings are enjoyed by the 4,300 residents of Vanderhoof as well as 3,500 rural residents. The major industries in Vanderhoof and surrounding area are forestry and agriculture. The town is home to several lumber mills, both large scale and home-based. Forage crops and cattle production are the major agricultural products of the area.

Throughout the year, Vanderhoof offers visitors and residents an array of community events, attractions, shopping, and dining. There are plenty of opportunities for those interested in art, culture, history, sports, sightseeing, hiking, swimming, boating, and children's events.

The Regional Profile

This community profile is one of eight such guides, one for each community within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. The profiles contain the latest census data laid out in an easy-to-read format which can help those considering investing in or moving to the RDBN to better understand the region and its value. Each community is paired with information on the rural Electoral Area that surrounds it. While the data is delivered from the Federal Government separately, each municipality and its surrounding area are very closely linked by their people, their land, and their governments.

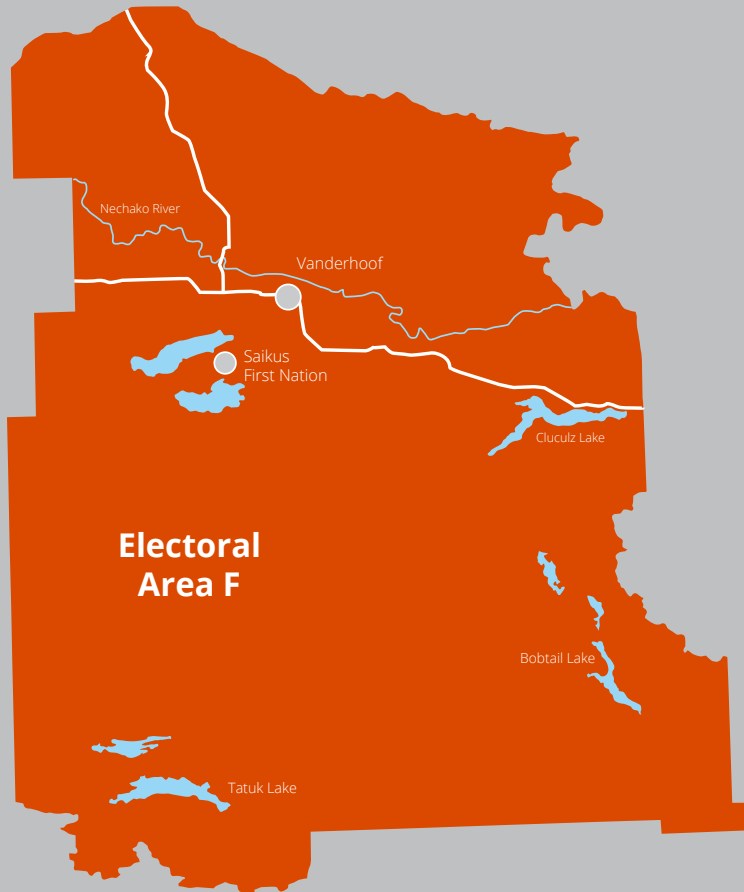
Northern BC is used as a comparative area in many of the profile graphs. In this case, the area of Northern BC is defined as the three northern federal electoral areas in the province, including Skeena-Bulkley Valley, Cariboo-Prince George, and Prince George-Peace River.

Regional Map



Distance to Major Centres

PLACE	DISTANCE (KM)	DRIVING TIME (HR)
Prince George, BC	100	1 hr 10 min
Kitimat, BC	531	6 hr 18 min
Prince Rupert, BC	619	7 hr 24 min
Edmonton, AB	838	9 hr 26 min
Vancouver, BC	880	9 hr 42 min
Calgary, AB	884	10 hr 40 min
Seattle, WA	994	10 hr 58 min
Portland, OR	1,274	13 hr 42 min
Whitehorse, YT	1,521	19 hr 43 min
Yellowknife, NT	1,704	20 hr 28 mn
Anchorage, AK	2,652	34 hr



Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

**Local Area
Maps**

Population Growth

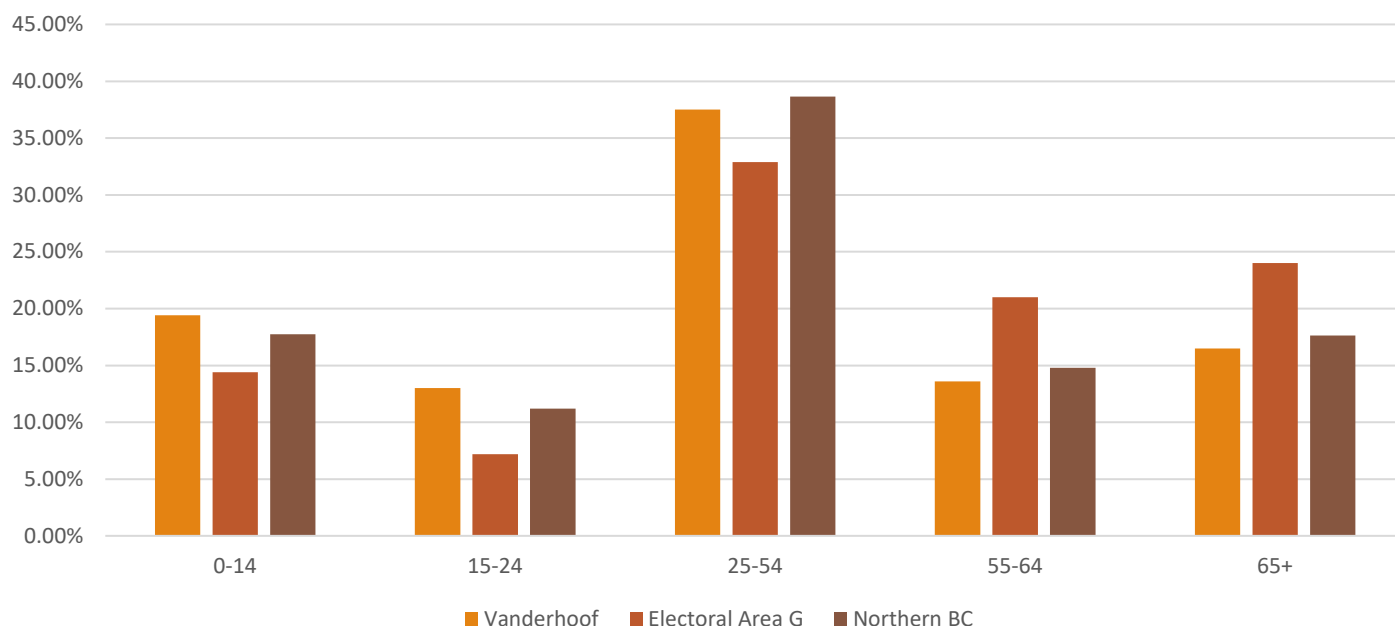
	2006	2011	2016	2021
Vanderhoof	4,064	4,480	4,439	4,346
Electoral Area F	3,137	3,702	3,665	3,517
Northern BC	314,771	315,284	318,225	319,628

Sources: Statistics Canada. Census Profile from 2016-2021

In 2021 Vanderhoof had a population of 4,346. Between 2011 and 2021 the population fell slightly.

Age Structure

Age Structure



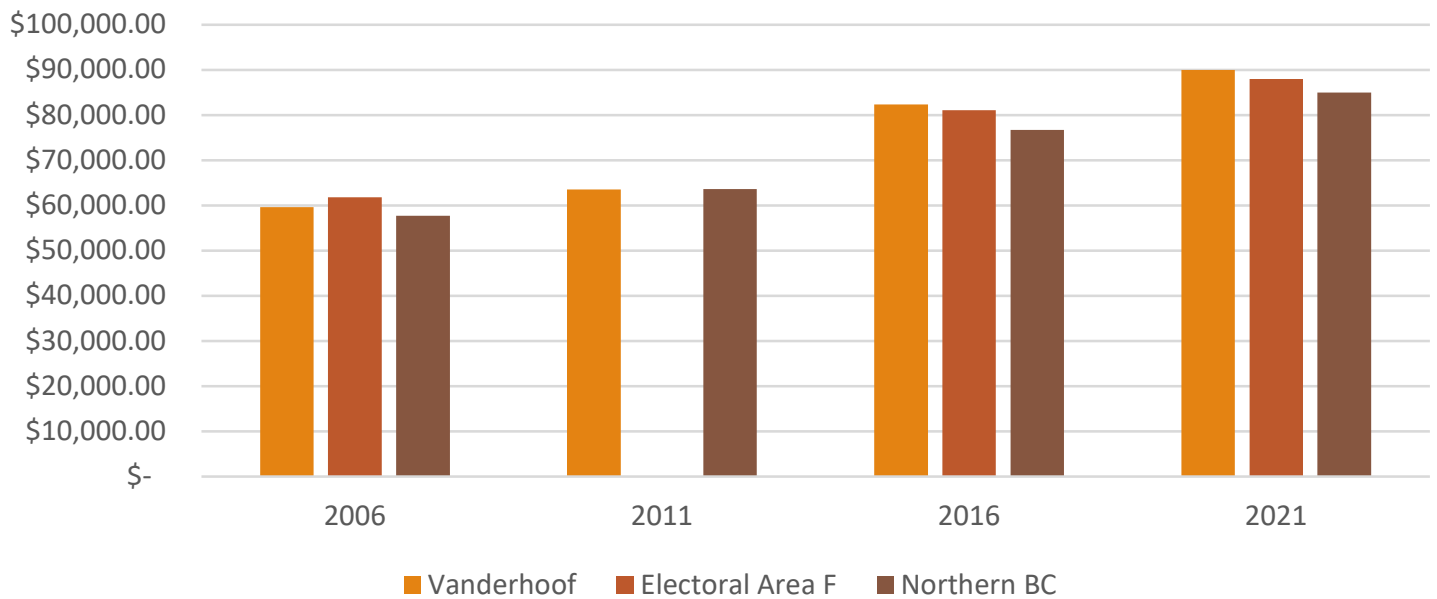
Sources: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2021

The age structure reveals that Vanderhoof has a larger youth population (ages 0-24) and lower proportion of people over the age of 55 as compared to Northern BC.

Household Income

Median household income in Vanderhoof and Electoral Area F, 2006-2021

Household Income



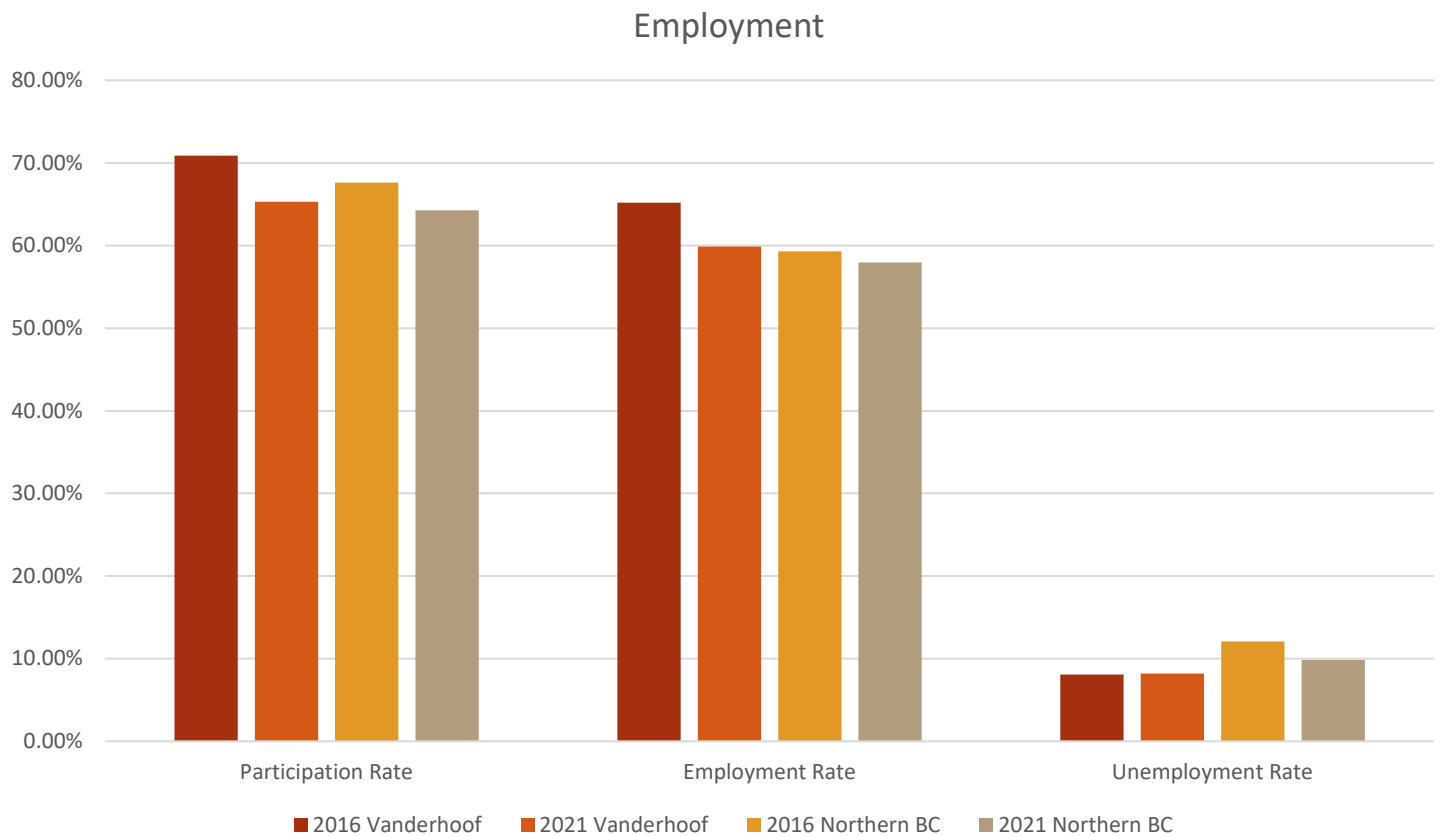
Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2006-2021

The median household income in Vanderhoof was higher than Electoral Area F and the rest of Northern BC in 2021.



Employment Data

Employment Data in Vanderhoof and Northern BC, 2011-2021



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2021

The District of Vanderhoof has had a lower unemployment rate than Northern BC in 2016 and 2021. Vanderhoof's labour market participation rate was also higher than Northern BC in 2016 and 2021.

Local Post-Secondary Education Facilities and Employment Service Providers

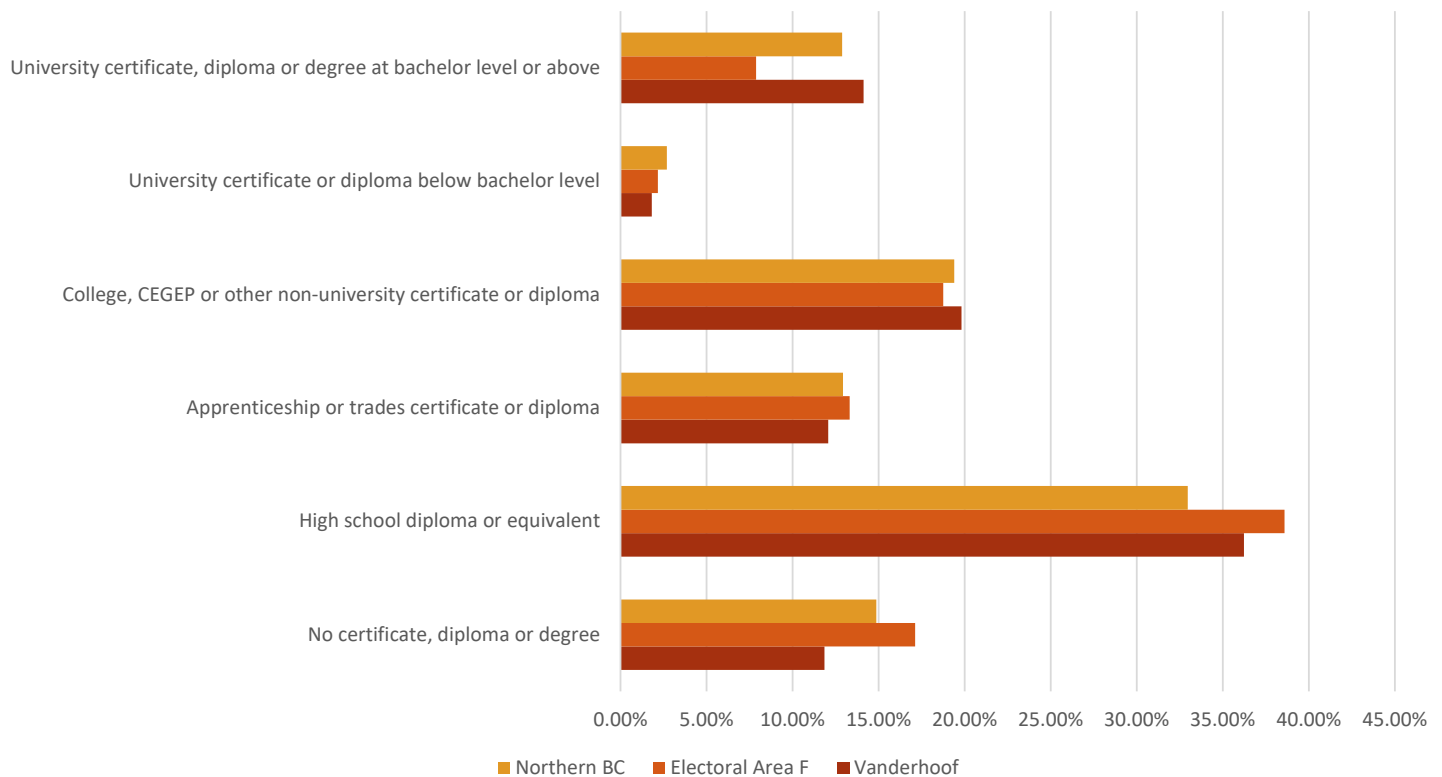
NAME	FACILITY OR SERVICE
College of New Caledonia	Post-Secondary Institution
Progressive Employment Services Ltd	Employment Service
Targeted Skills Shortage Program	Employment Service
Northern Skills Training	Employment Service
WorkBC	Employment Service
Transitions Career Consultants	Employment Service



Education

Education in Vanderhoof and Bulkley-Nechako, 2021

Education



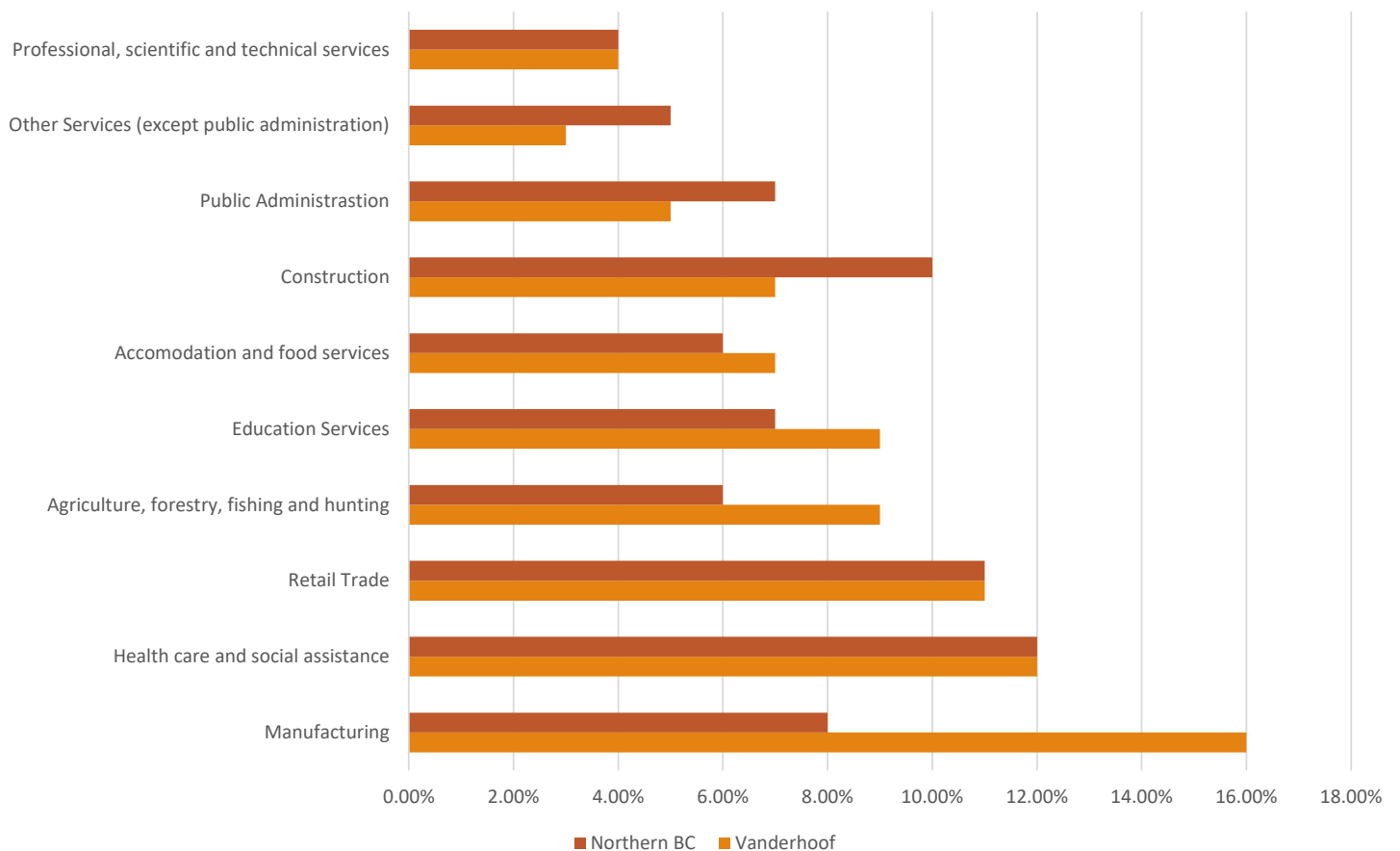
Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey

A high percentage of Vanderhoof's population had a university degree or diploma as compared to Northern BC in 2021. Vanderhoof also has a similar percentage of population with a college education as compared to Northern BC.

Labour Force by Industry

Labour force by industry in Vanderhoof and Northern BC, 2021

Labour Force by Industry



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey

In 2021, agriculture, manufacturing, retail trade, educational service, and health care assistance sectors were the major sources of employment. The two largest sectors in Vanderhoof were manufacturing and retail trade, which employed a greater portion of the labour force than in Northern BC.

Local Transport Services

NAME	CATEGORY
Vanderhoof Airport	Airport
Via Rail	Rail
CN Rail	Train Transport
BC Bus	Bus
BC Transit - Bulkley Nechako Regional Transit System	Bus
Vanderhoof Community Bus	Bus

Vanderhoof Airport

The Vanderhoof Airport is located 2 kms north of downtown Vanderhoof. The Vanderhoof Airport has three runways and offers charter air service and a flying school.



Communication Service Providers

- Telus
- Shaw Communications Inc.
- Bell
- Hwy 16 Internet
- Mascon Cable
- Citywest

Major Employers

EMPLOYERS

School District #91
Sinclair Group Forest Products
St. John Hospital
BID Group
Vanderhoof and District Co-operative Association
Ministry of Forests - Government of British Columbia



Water and Waste

Water

Source of Water Supply and Means of Access

The District of Vanderhoof is responsible for the distribution of Vanderhoof's water supply to areas where lines currently exist. Water originates from an underground artesian water source more than 600 feet below the earth's surface. Vanderhoof's water treatment system was upgraded in 2010 and consists of a pump and a gravity fed system. Water treatment consists of the removal of iron and manganese and meets or exceeds the Canadian drinking water standards. The water volume is projected to be sufficient for the next 20 years.

Water Supply vs. Projected Demand

Rated Capacity	1 million gallons/day
Average Daily Demand	0.3 million gallons per day
Peak Demand	1 million gallons/day

Residential, Commercial and Industrial Water Rates

Residential Cost \$252/year

Solid Waste Disposal Services

Residential waste is picked up once a week.

Capacity of Waste Disposal Site vs. Projected Demand

Transfer Station Name	Vanderhoof and Area F Transfer Station
Location	650 Dump Rd.
Landfill Name	Clearview Landfill
Capacity Left at Current Site	85%/92 years
Plans for New Capacity	None
Transfer Station	650 Dump Rd, Vanderhoof

Recycling

Although no curb side recycling is available at this time several recycling options are available to residents of Vanderhoof. For more information go to www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/environmental-services/recycling

Taxes

The following chart summarizes 2022 tax rates in Vanderhoof. 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	5.03150	33.81160	45.87220	26.21410	15.24530	0.00000	6.33970	1.45910
Regional District	0.82480	2.88660	2.80420	2.80420	2.02060	0.00000	0.82480	0.82480
Hospital District	1.27870	4.47530	4.34740	4.34740	3.13270	0.00000	1.27870	1.27870
School	2.85350	12.72000	3.52000	3.52000	3.52000	1.90000	2.03000	6.98000
Other	0.31490	1.44610	1.41810	1.05550	0.78950	1.07530	0.31490	0.31490
Total	10.30340	55.33960	57.96190	37.94120	24.70810	2.97530	10.78810	10.85750

Development Information

Development Processes and Fees

Business licences in Vanderhoof are normally \$150, with a seasonal retail option available for \$75.

Links to Official Plan and Zoning Documents

Vanderhoof's official community plan and zoning bylaw are available at www.vanderhoof.ca

Incentive Programs

Business Support Service

- **Community Futures Stuart-Nechako**
- **Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce**

Business Funding Programs

- **Community Futures Stuart-Nechako**
- **Northern Development Initiative Trust Prince George RAC**

Local Government Data

Economic Development Services

For any further assistance with local economic development services please contact the Community Development Coordinator and Chamber of Commerce:

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Taxes

Housing in Vanderhoof is primarily residential, with several apartment buildings, town houses, three senior's complexes, and several areas with duplexes/triplexes. The housing stock in the municipality consists of the following:

DESCRIPTION OF TYPICAL HOUSING STOCK	# OF UNITS
Total Private Dwellings (2021 census)	1,885
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents (2021 census)	1,786
Single detached houses (2021 census)	1,220
Row Houses (2021 census)	190
Movable Dwellings (2021 Census)	165
Semi-Detached Houses (2021 Census)	70

TYPE OF HOUSING	COST
Average value of dwelling (2021 census)	\$313,500



Quality of Life Factors

Accommodations

- Coachlight Motel and RV
- North Country Inn
- Siesta Inn
- Hillview Motel
- Homestead Inn & Suites
- Nechako Valley Inn

Restaurants

- North Country Inn
- New Pagoda
- Roshell's Restaurant
- Cozy Corner
- A&W Restaurant
- KFC
- Subway
- Tim Horton's
- Scott's Grille & Pizzeria
- Tasty Tandoori Grill
- Fancy Sushi
- McDonalds
- Bakkerij Lobelle
- The Gifted Chef
- Homestead Brewhouse

Shopping

- Downtown Vanderhoof Shopping District
- Co-Op Shopping Mall

Financial Services

- Integris Credit Union
- CIBC
- Royal Bank of Canada

Legal Services

- Daniel Lyons Law Corporation
- Micheal P.F. Reed
- Heather Sadler Jenkins
- Hope Heinrich

Media

- Omineca Express
- The Valley Wolf
- The Gander
- The GOAT Radio

Local Community Organizations

- Nechako Valley Festival of the Performing Arts
- Vanderhoof Children's Theatre
- Vanderhoof Community Theatre Society
- Northern Orchestra
- BC Trappers Association
- Braeside Community Recreation
- Elks Club of Vanderhoof
- Girl Guides of Canada
- Kinette Club of Vanderhoof
- Vanderhoof Kinsmen Club
- Knights of Columbus
- Vanderhoof Masonic Hall
- Nechako Dairyman's Association
- Nechako Quilters Guild
- Connexus
- Carrier Sekani Family Services
- Good Neighbours Committee
- Nechako Valley Exhibition Society
- Nechako Valley Food Network
- Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association
- Nechako Valley Sporting Association - Wilderness Watch
- Nechako View Seniors Home Society
- NeighbourLink
- Nechako Healthy Community Alliance
- Order of the Eastern Star
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- 899 Vanderhoof Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron
- Scouts Canada - Vanderhoof
- Yellowhead Draft & Driving Horse Association
- Vanderhoof Flying Club
- Arena Riders Club
- Masters Running Club
- Moores Motocross Track
- Nechako Valley Saddle Club
- Vanderhoof Farmers' Market
- Nechako Valley Search and Rescue

Quality of Life Factors

Local Community Assets

- Omineca Golf Course
- Vanderhoof Health and Fitness
- Vanderhoof Arena
- Nechako Valley Exhibition Grounds
- Rip'N the North Bike Park
- Nechako Valley Sporting Association
- Vanderhoof Sportsfield
- Vanderhoof Curling Rink
- Vanderhoof Tennis Courts
- Vanderhoof Aquatic Centre
- YMCA
- Skateboard Park

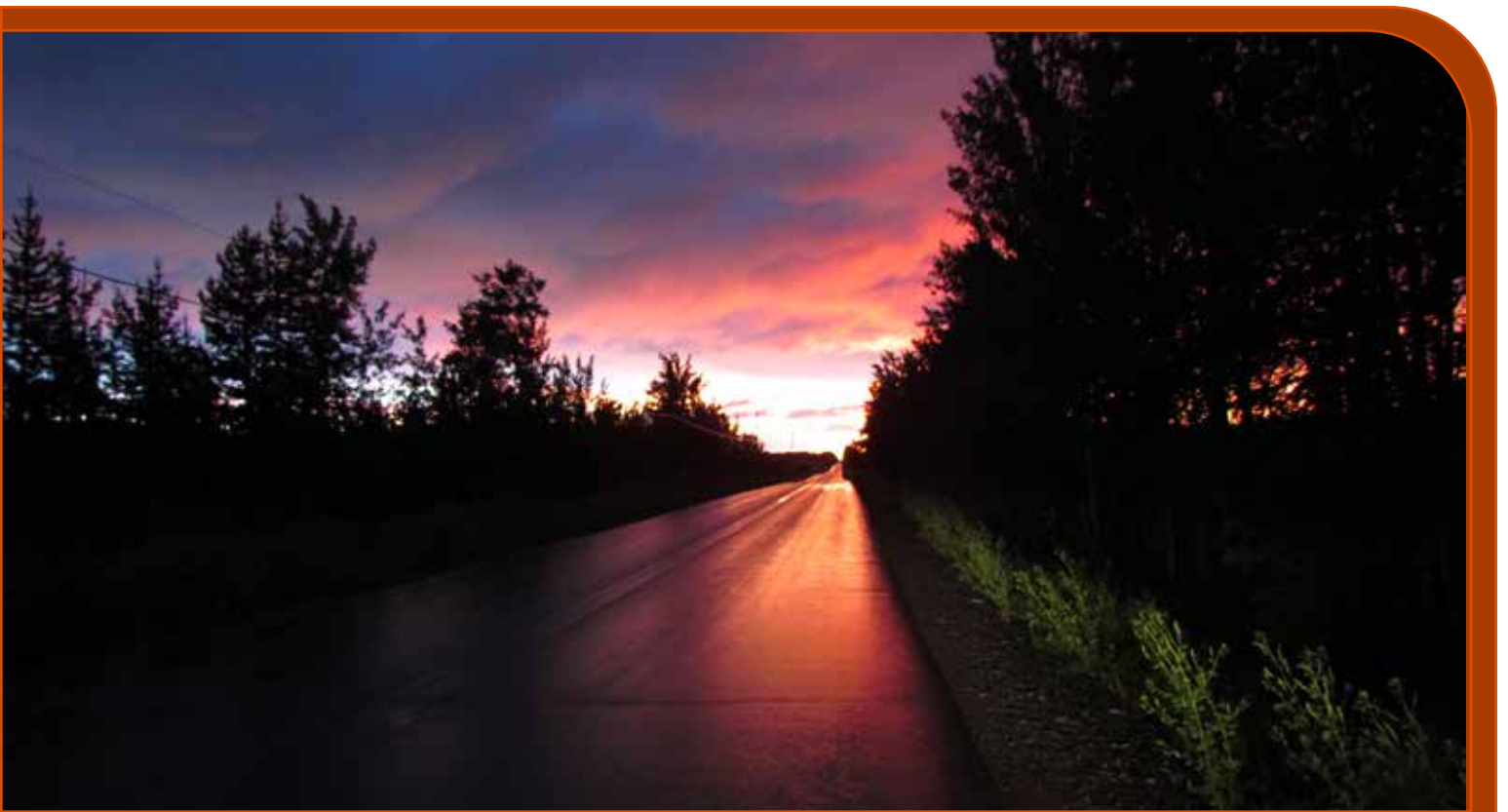
Health Services

Health services available in Vanderhoof include:

- St. John Hospital
- Omineca Health Unit
- Omineca Medical Clinic
- Vanderhoof Dental Health Centre
- Nechako Valley Dental Clinic
- Dr. Chun Wong and Dr. Iris Wong

Schools

- Evelyn Dickson Elementary (K-6)
- Mapes Elementary (K-6)
- EBUS Academy (K-12)
- Nechako Valley Secondary (7-12)
- Sinkut View Elementary (K-6)
- W.L. McLeod École Elementary (K-6)
- Northside Christian School (K-12)





St. John Hospital

The St. John Hospital opened in 1941. The hospital is part of the Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District, servicing a region with a population 5,000 in Vanderhoof and the surrounding area.

St. John Hospital is a 24 acute care bed and eight bassinet facility with a staff base of 180. Services include emergency treatment, labour and delivery, X-ray and ultrasound, blood laboratory, minor orthopedic surgery, minor general surgeries, in-patient recreation, occupational therapy, and physiotherapy.

The hospital is a teaching facility for the University of Northern British Columbia. Visiting specialists are referred for orthopedics, urology, ororhino-laryngology (ENT).

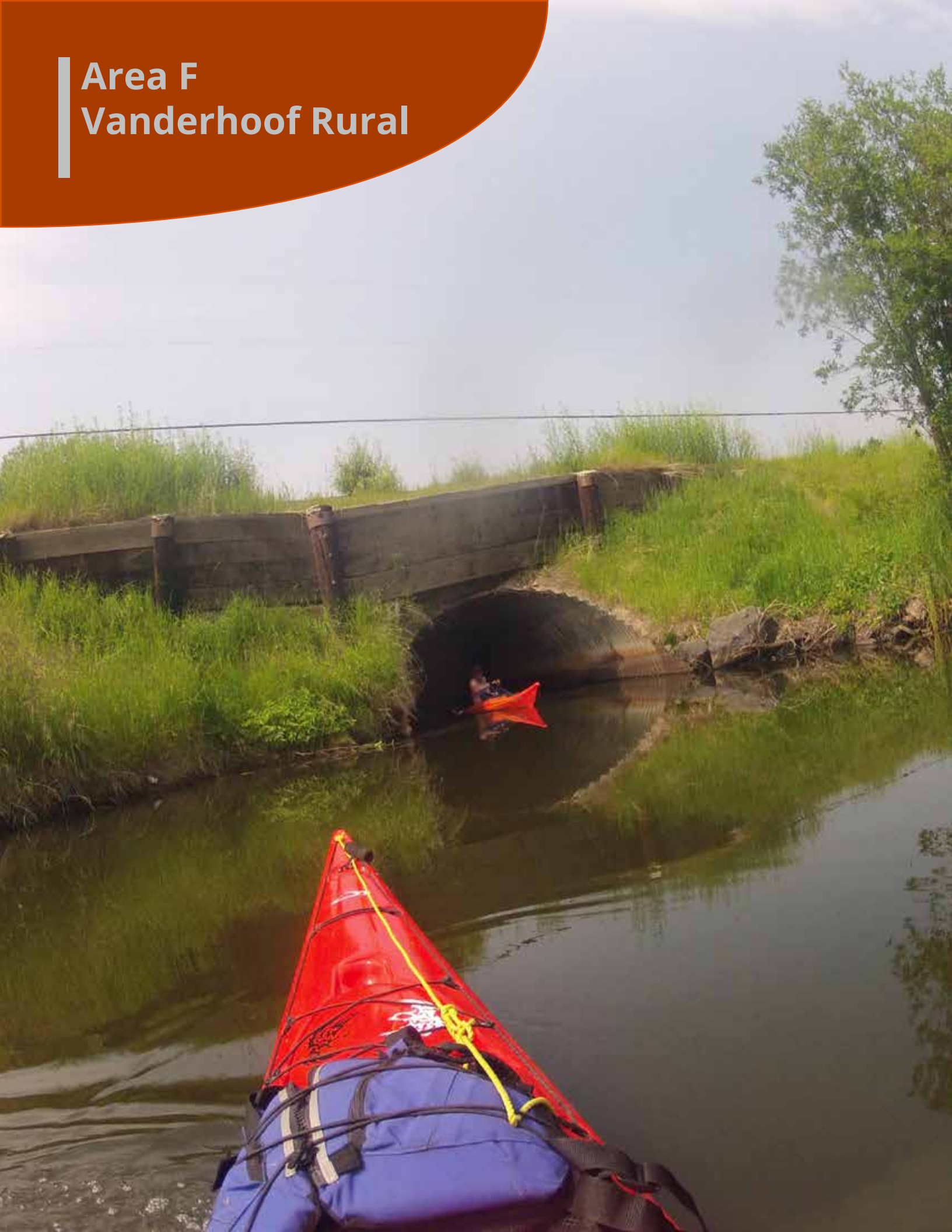
Services that are operated on an outpatient basis from the St. John Hospital include diabetic counseling and daycare, occupational therapy, smoking cessation program, dietetic services and counseling, and healthy heart program.

The Mental Health Unit serves the communities of Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Fort St. James and Burns Lake, providing on-site counselling and outreach services for adults in crisis. A visiting psychiatrist and geriatric psychiatrist provide service for 4-5 days once every four months.



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Area F Vanderhoof Rural





Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

Vanderhoof Rural, or Electoral Area F, is the second most populated Electoral Area in the RDBN, and enjoys proximity to the amenities in Vanderhoof, the largest community within its boundaries. The landscape in the rural area is well suited to agriculture and outdoor recreation, characterized by rolling hills, lakes and rivers.

The population of Electoral Area F is home to over 3,700 people. Due to data suppression by Statistics Canada, many other statistics about the area are unavailable.

The Saik'uz First Nation is located in Electoral Area F.

Population

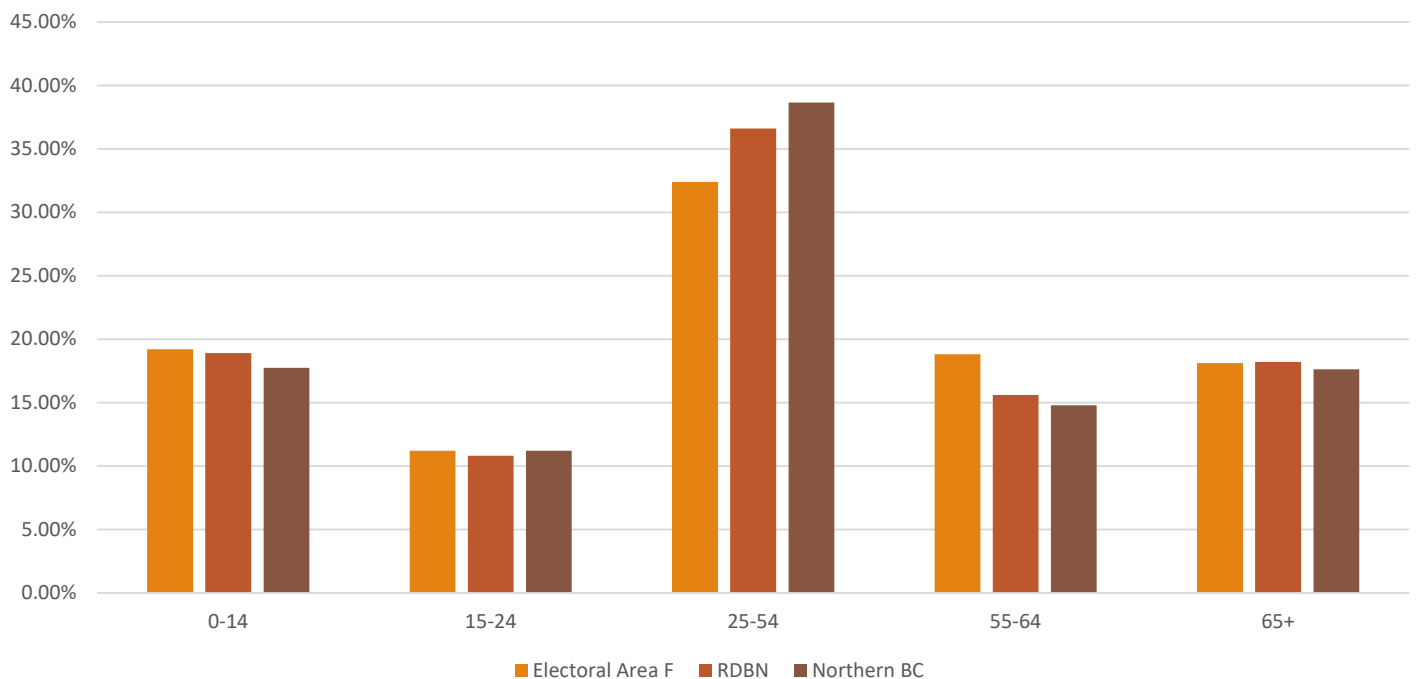
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The population of Electoral Area F has fluctuated since 2006, but has evened out at just over 3,500 residents.

Age Structure

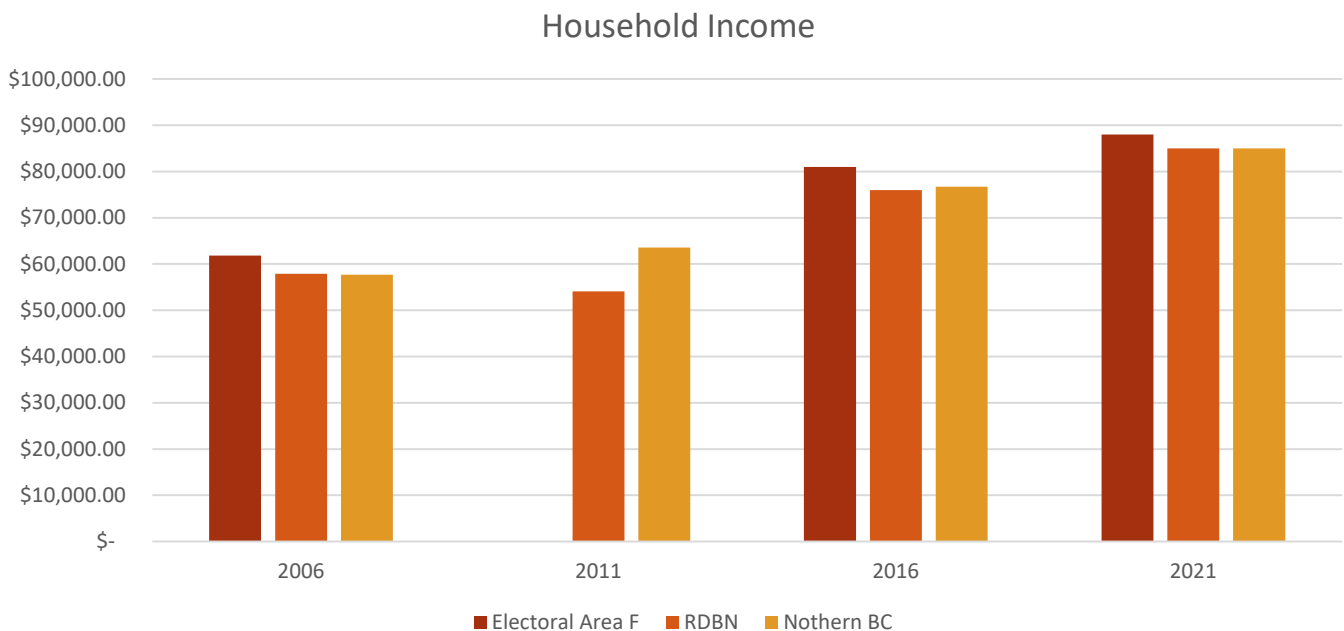
Age Structure



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The population of Electoral Area F had a higher percentage from ages 0-14 than the RDBN and Northern BC in 2021. Its age structure reveals that Electoral Area F had a lower portion of residents between the ages of 25-54 than the RDBN and Northern BC, and a larger portion of residents between the ages of 55-64.

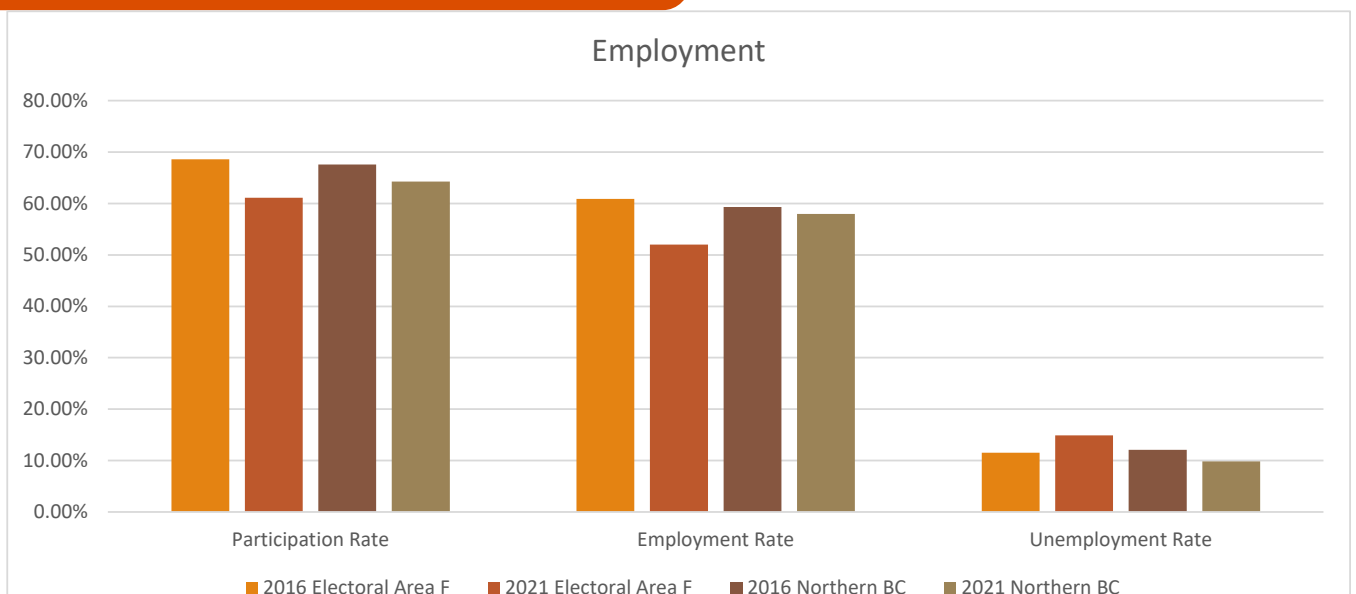
Household Income



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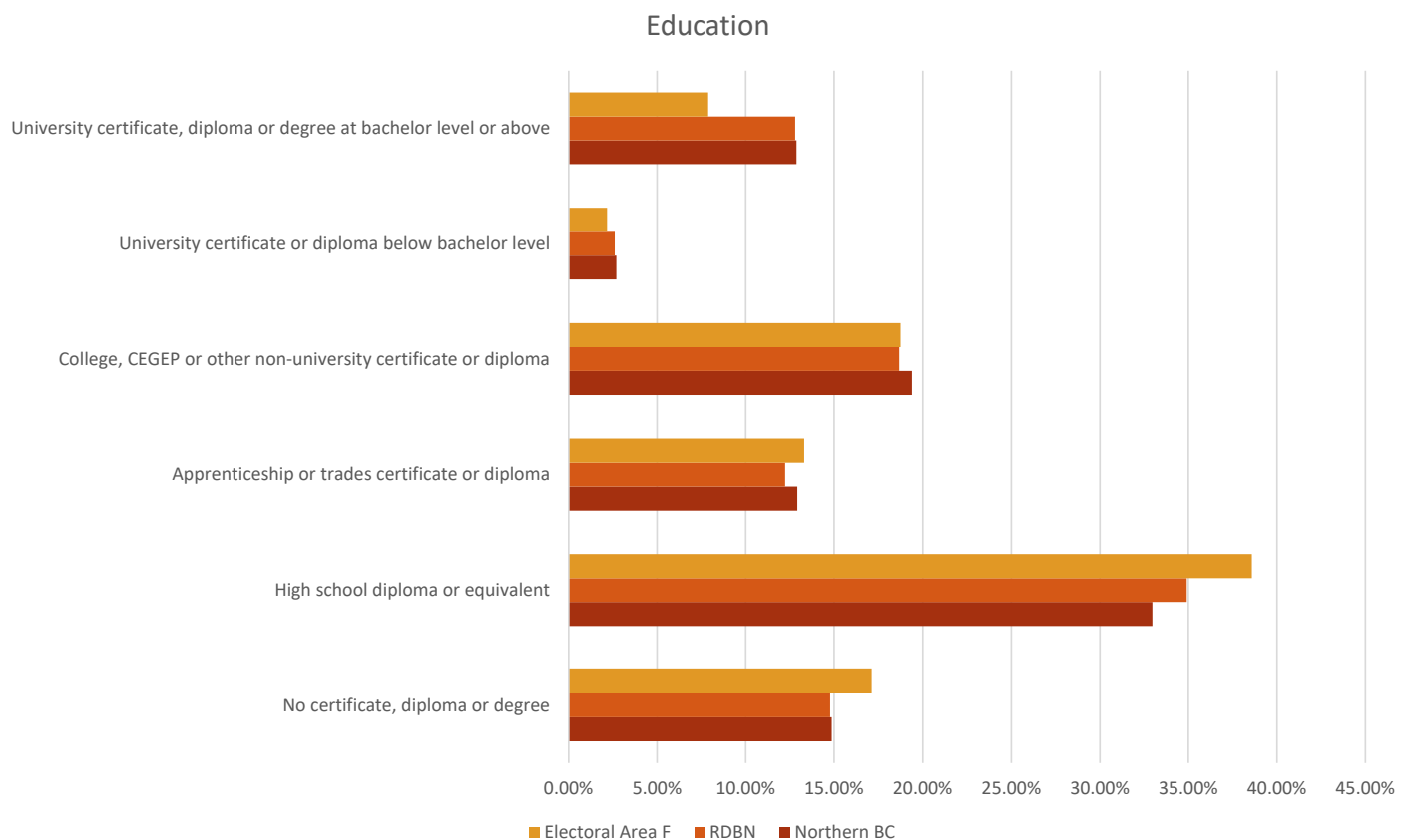
The median household income growth in Vanderhoof Rural was higher than in the RDBN and Northern BC in 2021. Please note that income data for Electoral Area F in 2011 was unavailable as it was suppressed for data quality or confidentiality reasons by Statistics Canada.

Employment Rate





Education

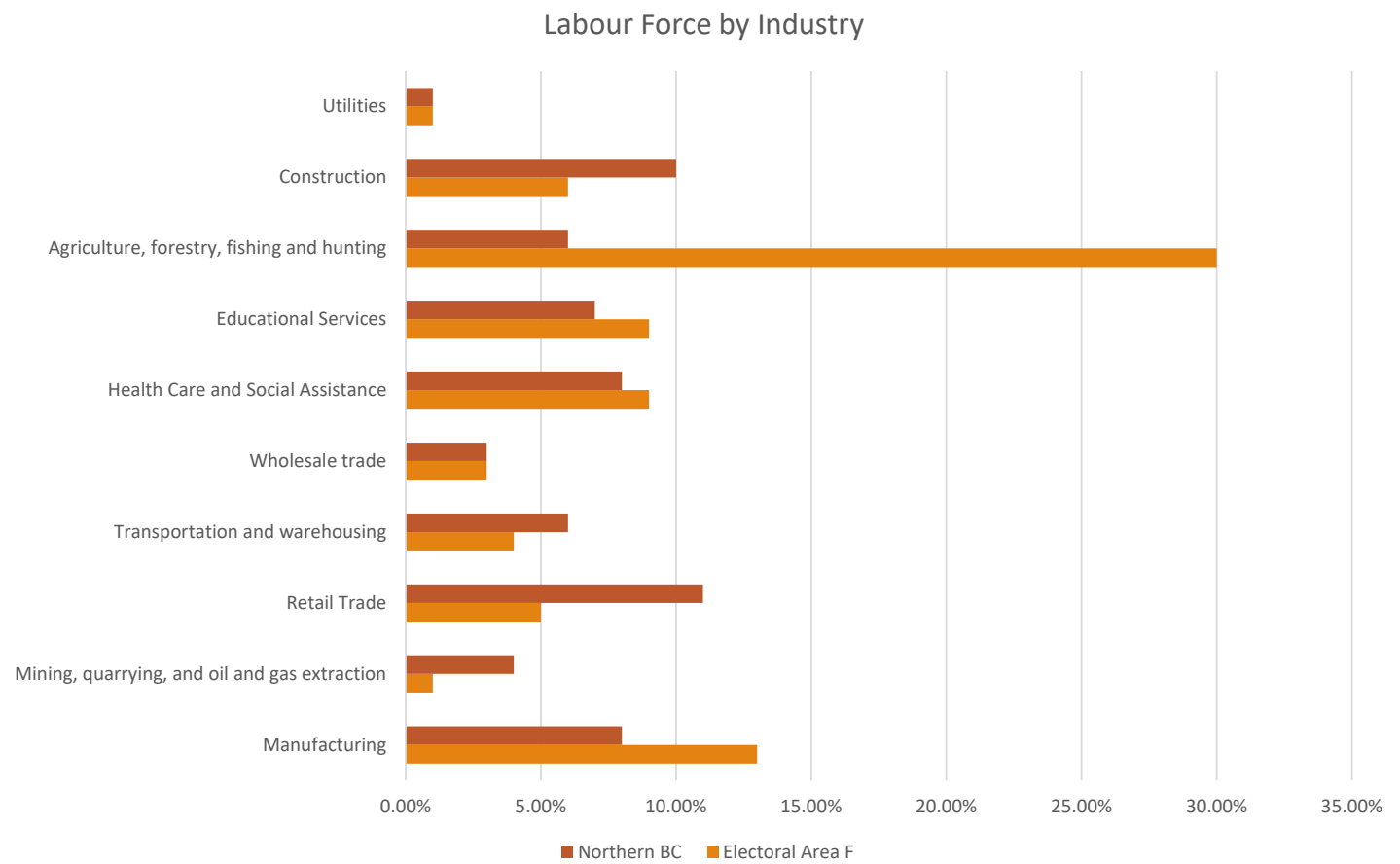


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Education levels in the RDBN are comparable to Northern BC as a whole except in two areas. Electoral Area F has a higher portion of the population with a high school diploma or certificate, and a lower portion of the population with a bachelor level degree.

Labour Force By Industry

Labour force by industry in the Electoral Area F and Northern BC, 2021



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey.

In 2021 in Electoral Area D, agriculture and forestry was the leading sector in employment. This sector employed a greater portion of the labour force as compared to Northern BC.



Government Resources

Links to Official Plan and Zoning Documents

Electoral Area F, Vanderhoof Rural's official community plan is available at www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/planning

Local Economic Development Services

For any further assistance with local economic development services please contact the Manager of Regional Economic Development:

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Local Community Assets

- MBS Community Hall (Mapes Hall)
- Cluculz Lake Hall
- Sinkut Lake Community Hall
- Braeside Hall

Indigenous Communities

Saik'uz First Nation

Saik'uz First Nation (translated as "on the sand") or Stoney Creek is a Dakelh nation whose main community and office is located 9 km south-east of Vanderhoof, British Columbia, along Kenney Dam Road.

A member of the Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council, the Saik'uz First Nation lends its voice to advocating for and representing the needs of the member nations.

The Saik'uz First Nation has a registered population of 948 living on or off reserve.

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