

Granisle and Surrounding Area Community Profile

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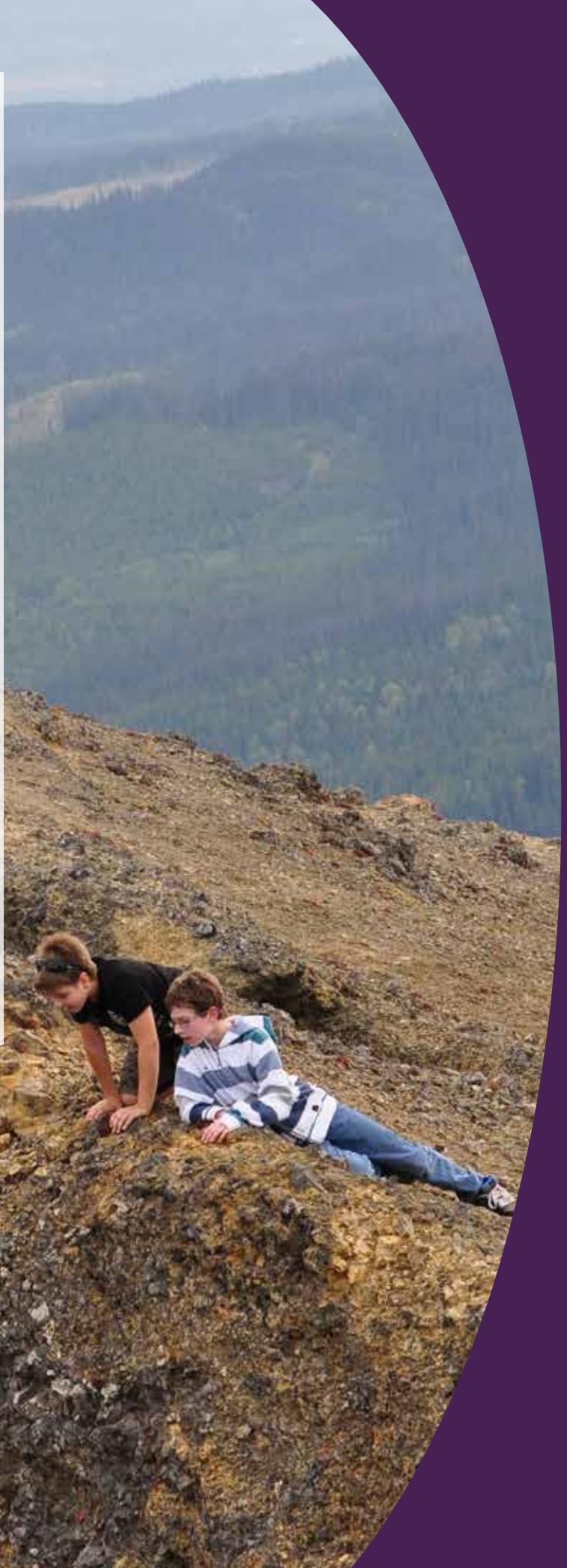
Land Acknowledgement

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
- Stellat'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





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 affordable housing, a strong and reliable water supply, three phase power, paved highway access to hwy 16 and large available buildings.

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 | 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 |



Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural)



Local Area
Maps

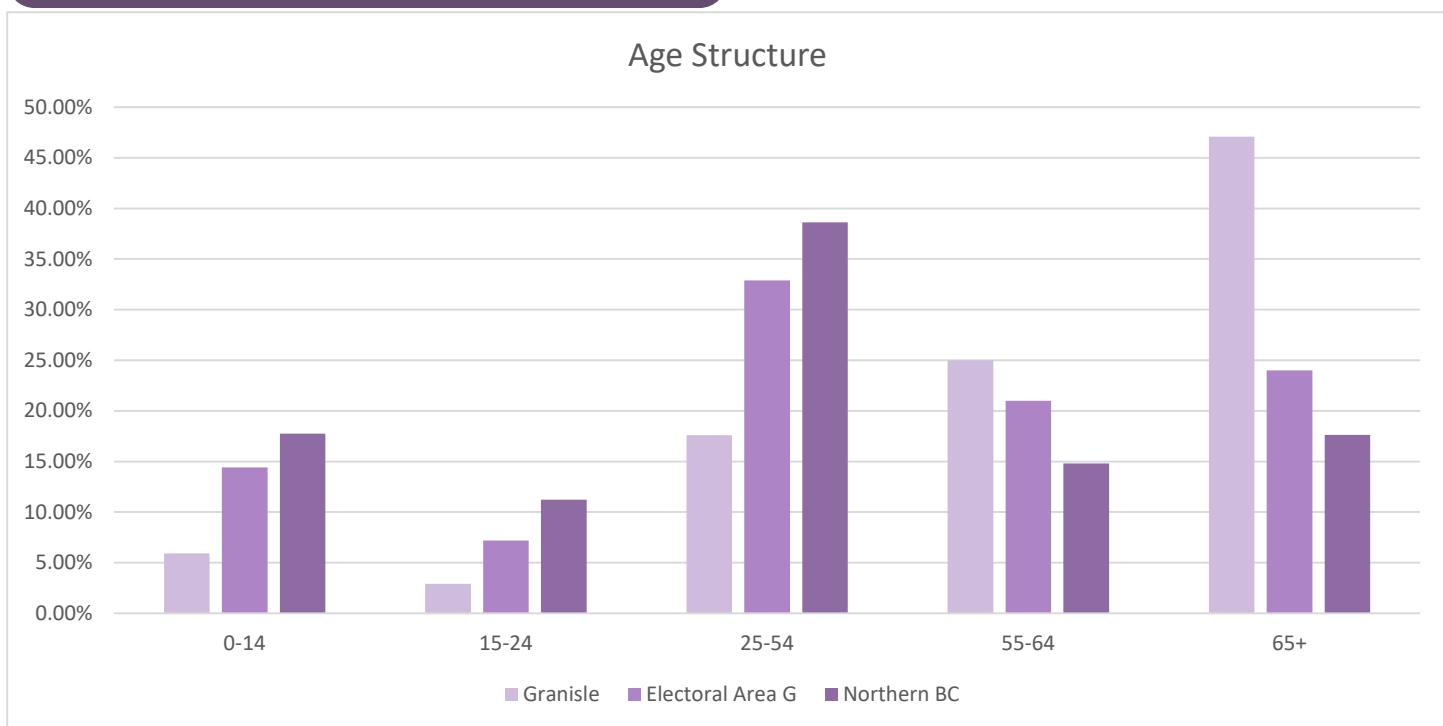
Population Growth

| | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 | 2021 |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Granisle | 364 | 303 | 303 | 337 |
| Electoral Area G | 1,059 | 975 | 903 | 836 |
| Northern BC | 314,771 | 315,284 | 318,225 | 319,628 |

Sources: Statistics Canada. Census Profile from 2006-2021

In 2021, Granisle had a population of 337, which is a ten percent increase over the population in 2016.

Age Structure



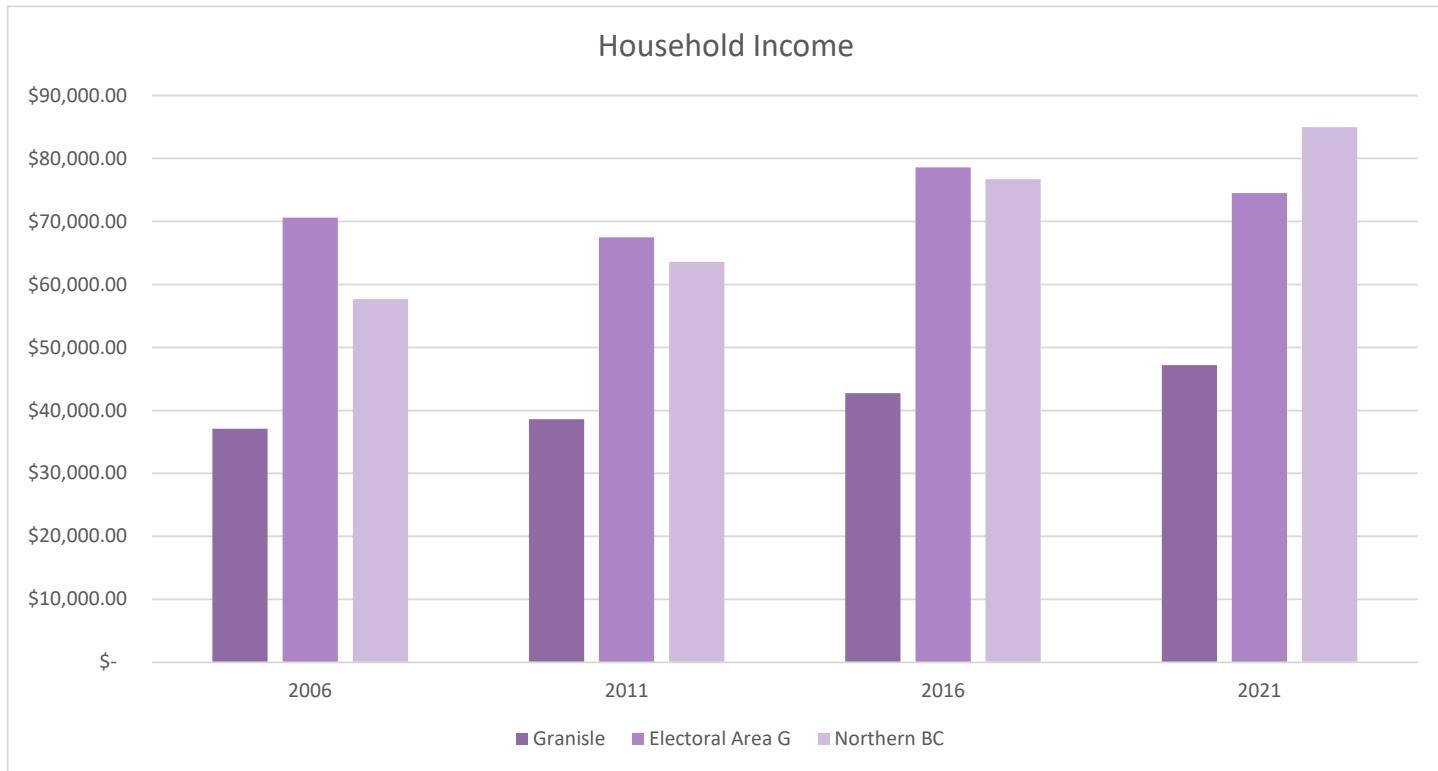
Source: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2021

The age structure of the population reveals that Granisle had a larger percentage of residents aged 55 years and older compared to the Electoral Area and Northern BC. Granisle had significantly smaller portions of their population aged 0-24.

Demographic Data

Household Income

Median household income in Granisle and Electoral Area G, 2006-2021



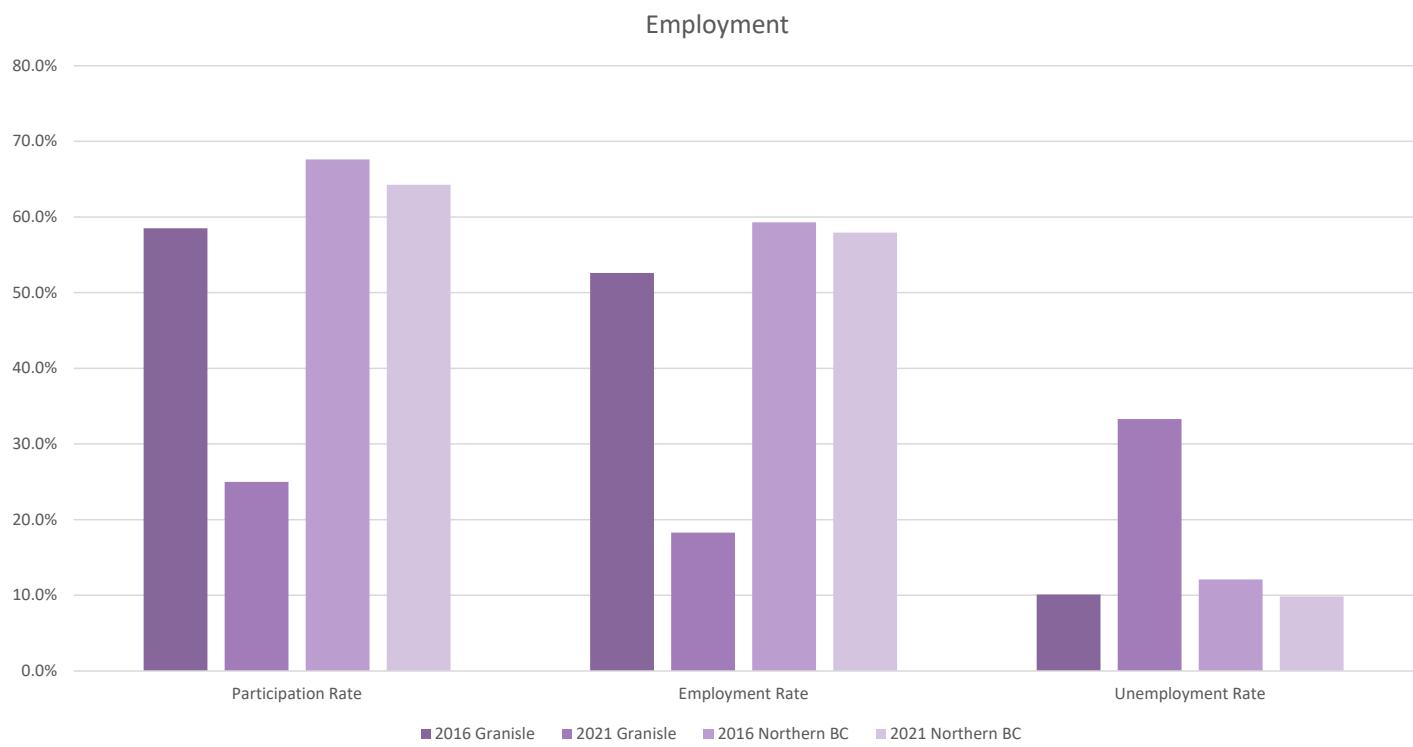
Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2006-2021

The median household income in Granisle has been lower than the Electoral Area and Northern BC from 2006-2021.



Workforce Profile

Employment data in Granisle and Northern BC, 2016-2021



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

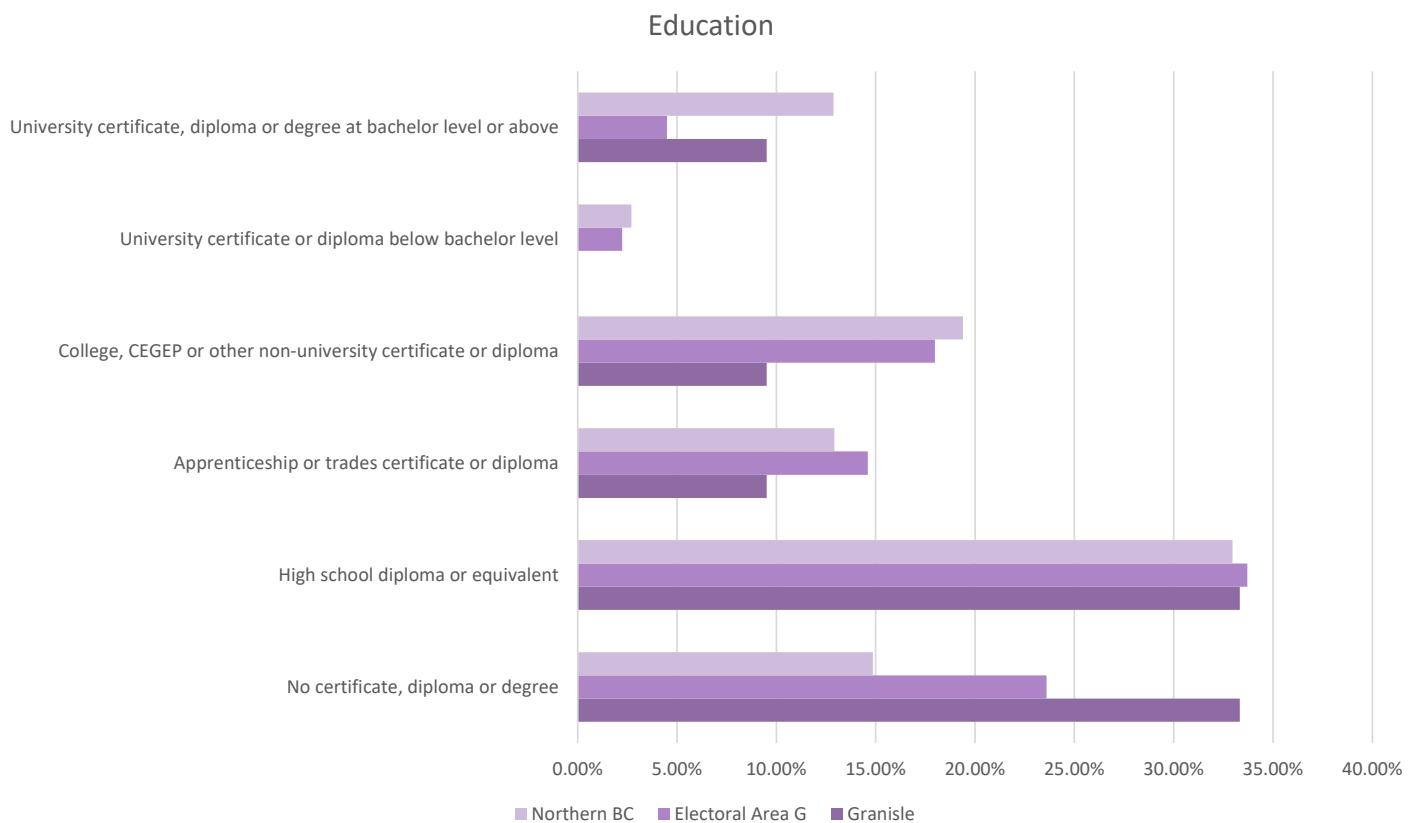
Granisle had a 33% unemployment rate in 2021.

Local Post-Secondary Education Facilities and Employment Service Providers

| NAME | FACILITY OR SERVICE |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| College of New Caledonia | Post-Secondary Institution |

Education

Education in Granisle and Electoral Area G, 2021



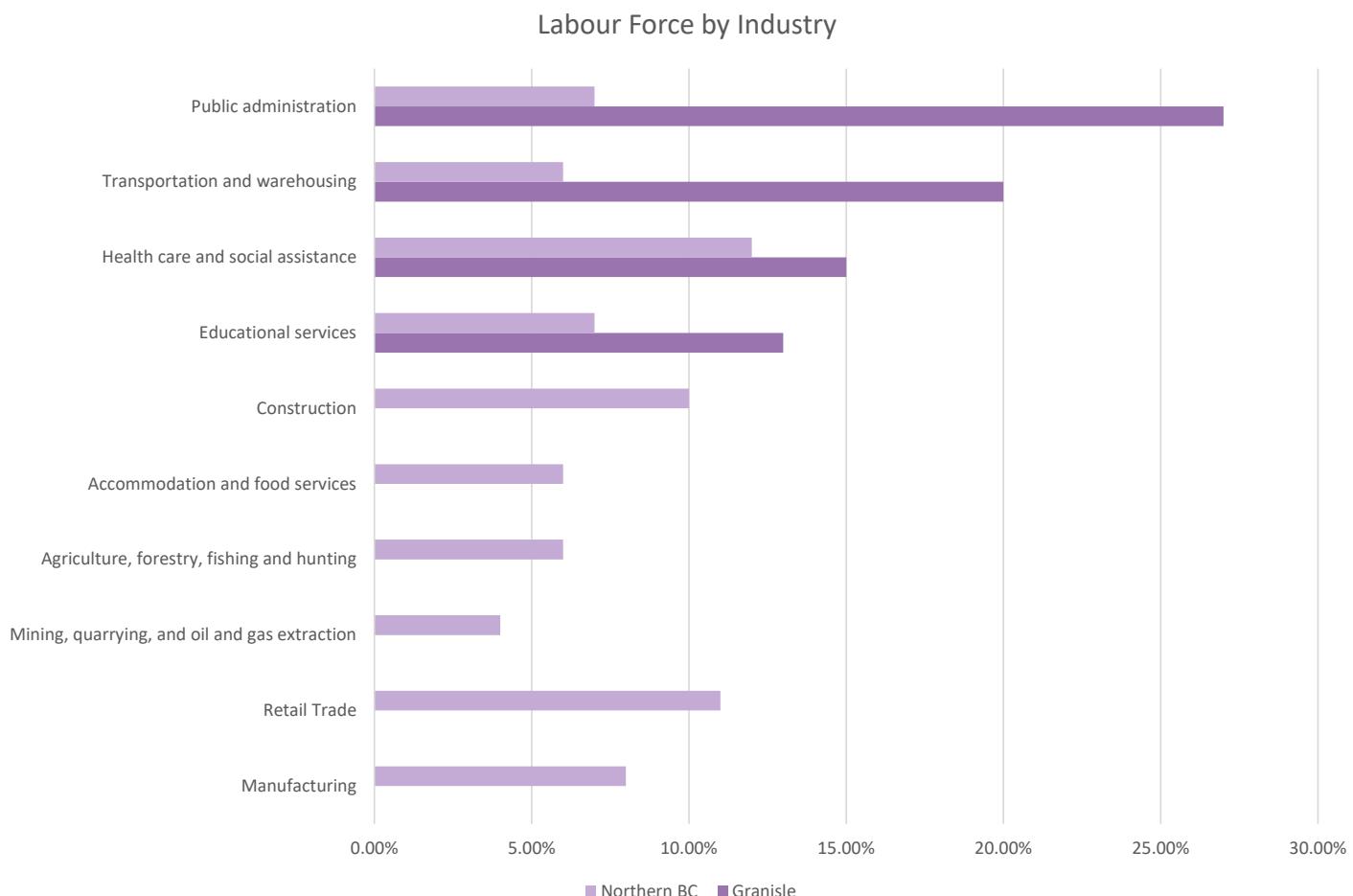
Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS

Telus
Village of Granisle Internet
Xplornet

Labour Force by Industry

Labour force by industry in Granisle and Northern BC, 2021



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey

In 2021, the biggest employment sector in Granisle was Public Administration.



Taxes

The following chart summarizes 2021 tax rates in Granisle. 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 | 19.34800 | 95.00000 | 0.00000 | 55.00000 | 64.50000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| Regional District | 0.74561 | 2.60966 | 0.00000 | 2.53509 | 2.57237 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| Hospital District | 1.23338 | 4.31685 | 0.00000 | 4.19351 | 3.02179 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| School | 2.65880 | 12.57000 | 1.33000 | 3.33000 | 3.33000 | 1.95000 | 1.99000 | 7.29000 |
| Other | 0.56410 | 2.31190 | 2.25890 | 1.90030 | 1.39620 | 1.82960 | 0.56410 | 0.56410 |
| Total | 24.54989 | 116.80841 | 3.58890 | 66.95890 | 74.82036 | 3.77960 | 2.55410 | 7.85410 |

Economic Development Services

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Business Support Services and Funding Programs

Community Futures Nadina
Northern Development Initiative Trust Northwest RAC

Accommodations

• Granisle Rentals

Transportation

• **Granisle Shuttle 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



Water and Waste

| Water Rates | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Residential Cost | \$265.88/year |
| Retail Outlets | \$207.34/washroom |
| Hospitals and Institutions | \$207.34/washroom |
| Hotels | \$1,909/11 |

Solid Waste Disposal Services

Curbside pickup is conducted every Thursday.

Capacity of Waste Disposal Site vs. Projected Demand

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Transfer Station | 2.5km west of Granisle on Babine Drive |
| Landfill Name | Knockholt Landfill |
| Location | 69 km Southwest of Granisle |
| Capacity Left at Current Site | 62 years |

Recycling

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

Community

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

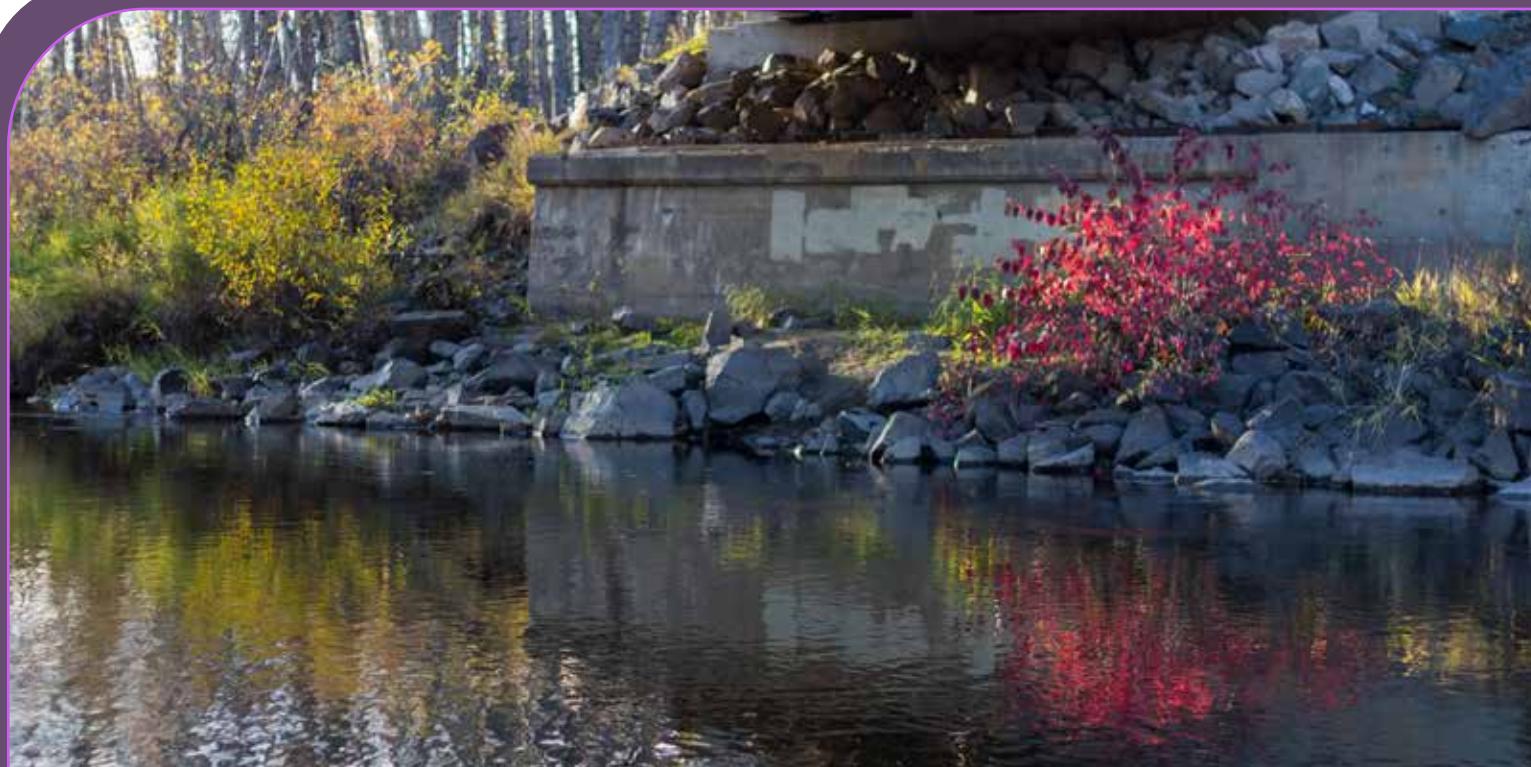
- Crafters Hut & Farmers Market
- Granisle Travel Info Centre
- Granisle Public Library
- Village of Granisle Marina
- New Beach Campground
- Memorial Park
- Copperview Park

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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Area G

(Houston/Granisle Rural)





Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural)

Electoral Area G offers natural landscapes of lakes and rivers, as well as scenic drives that allow travelers 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.



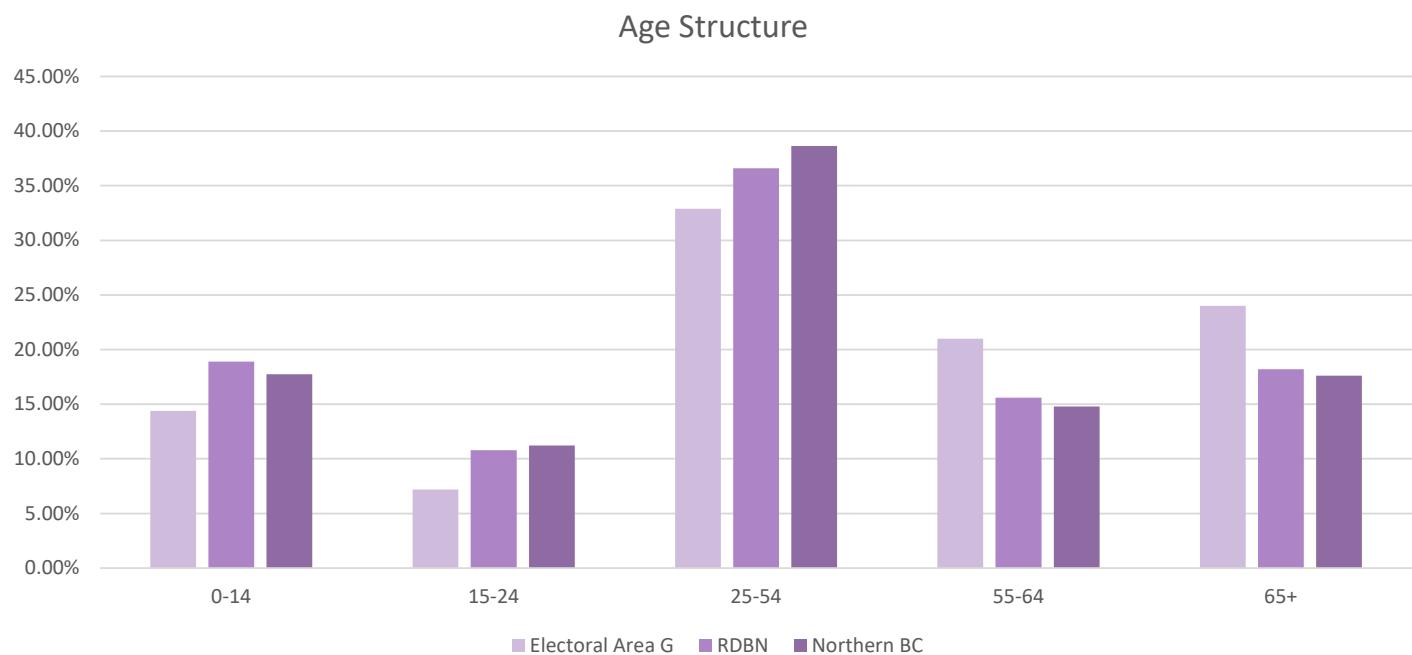
Population

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| Regional District Bulkley-Nechako | 38,243 | 39,208 | 37,896 | 37,737 |
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Sources: Statistics Canada. Census Profile 2006-2021.

From 2016 to 2021, the population of Area G (Houston/Granisle rural) decreased by 67.

Age Structure

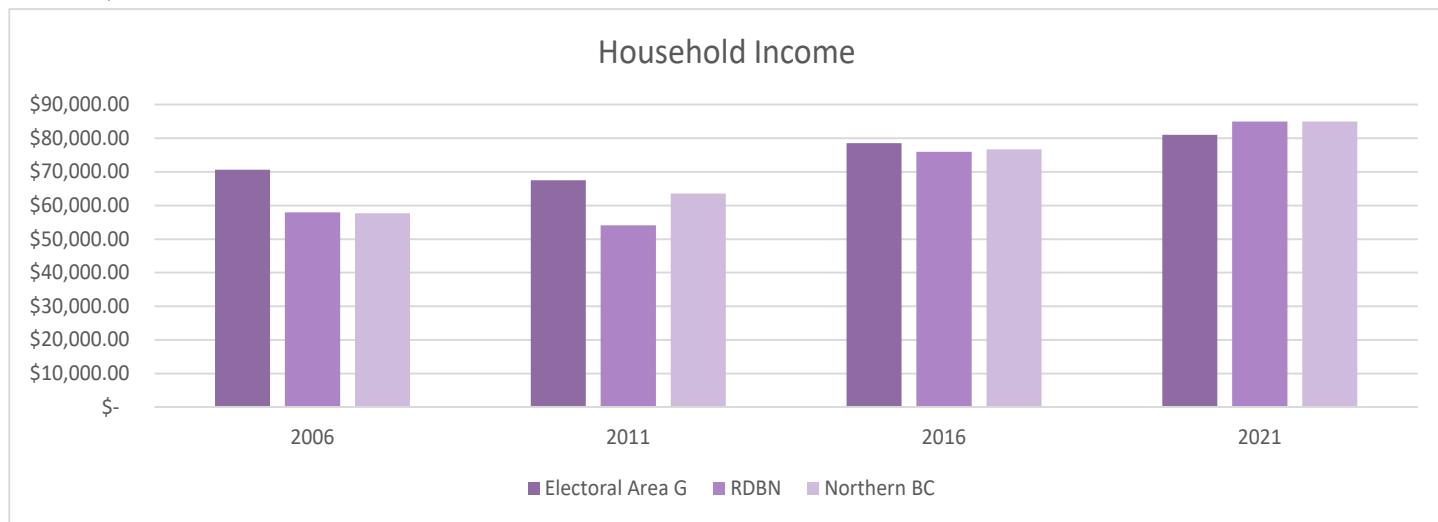


Sources: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2021.

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.

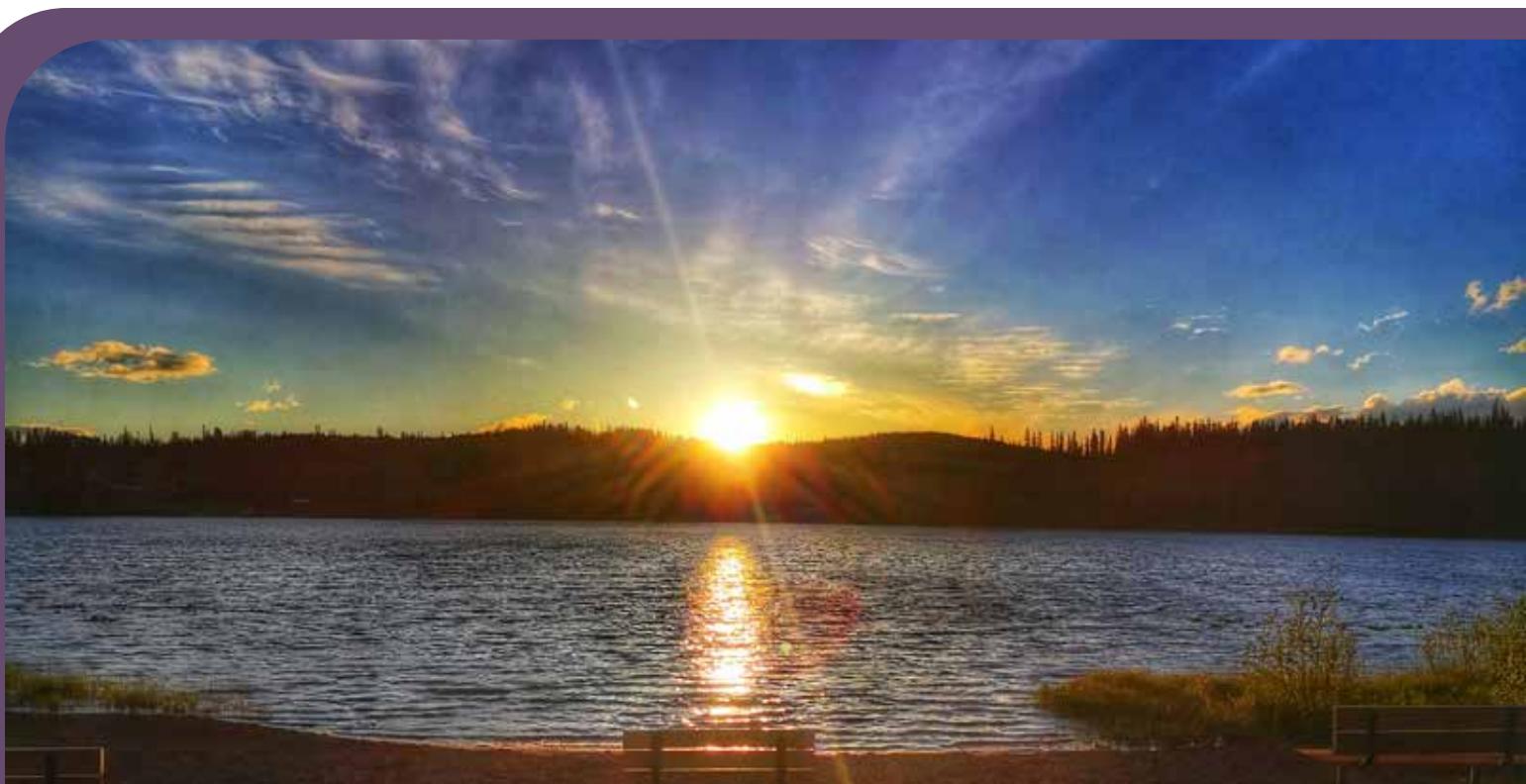
Household Income

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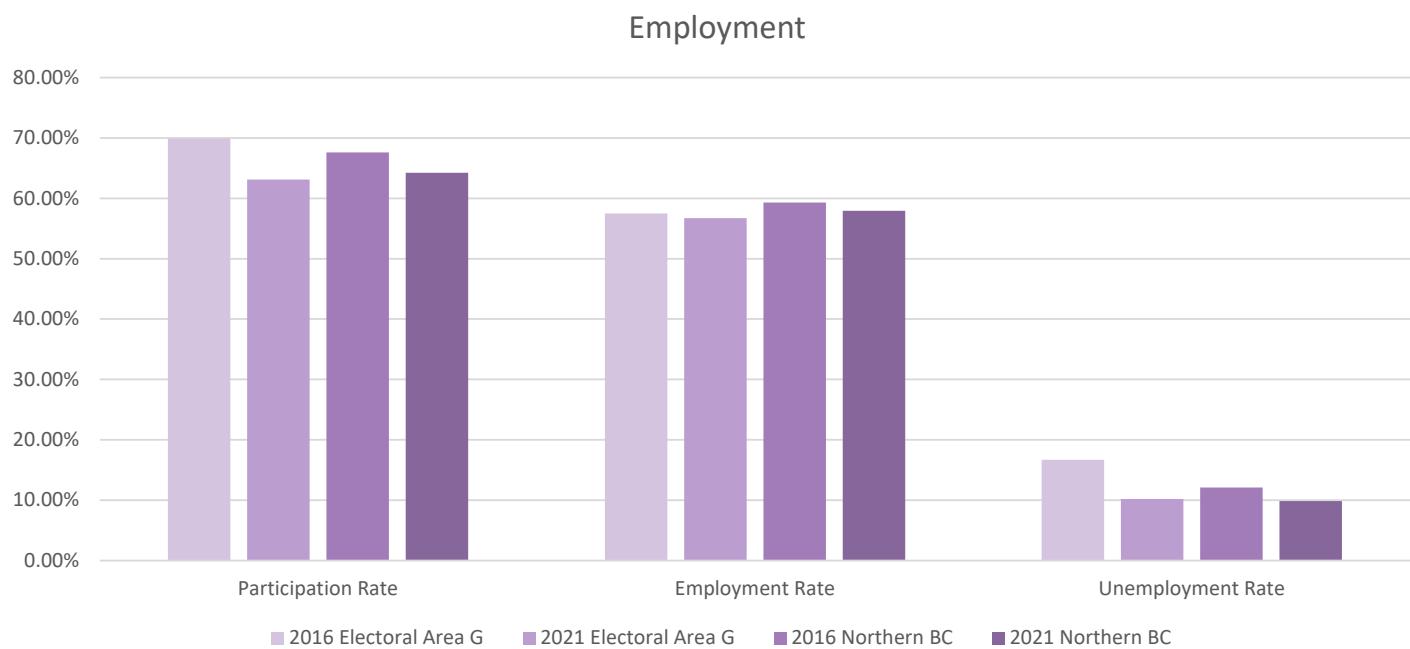
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The median household income in Electoral Area G has increased by 3.1% from 2016-2021.





Employment

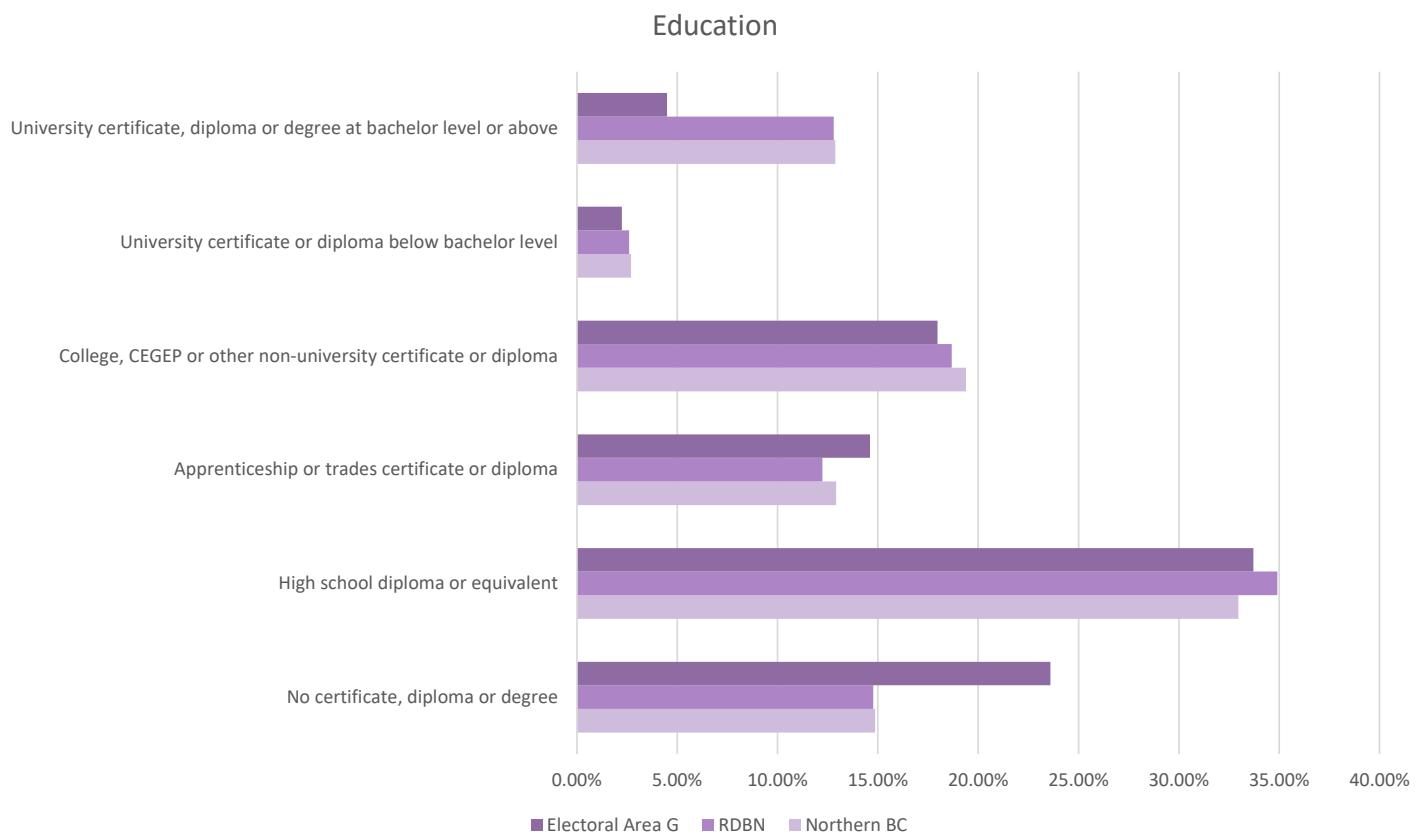


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In 2021, the participation rate in the labour force and the unemployment rate were higher for Electoral Area G than the rest of Northern BC.

Education Level

Education in Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural), and the RDBN, 2021



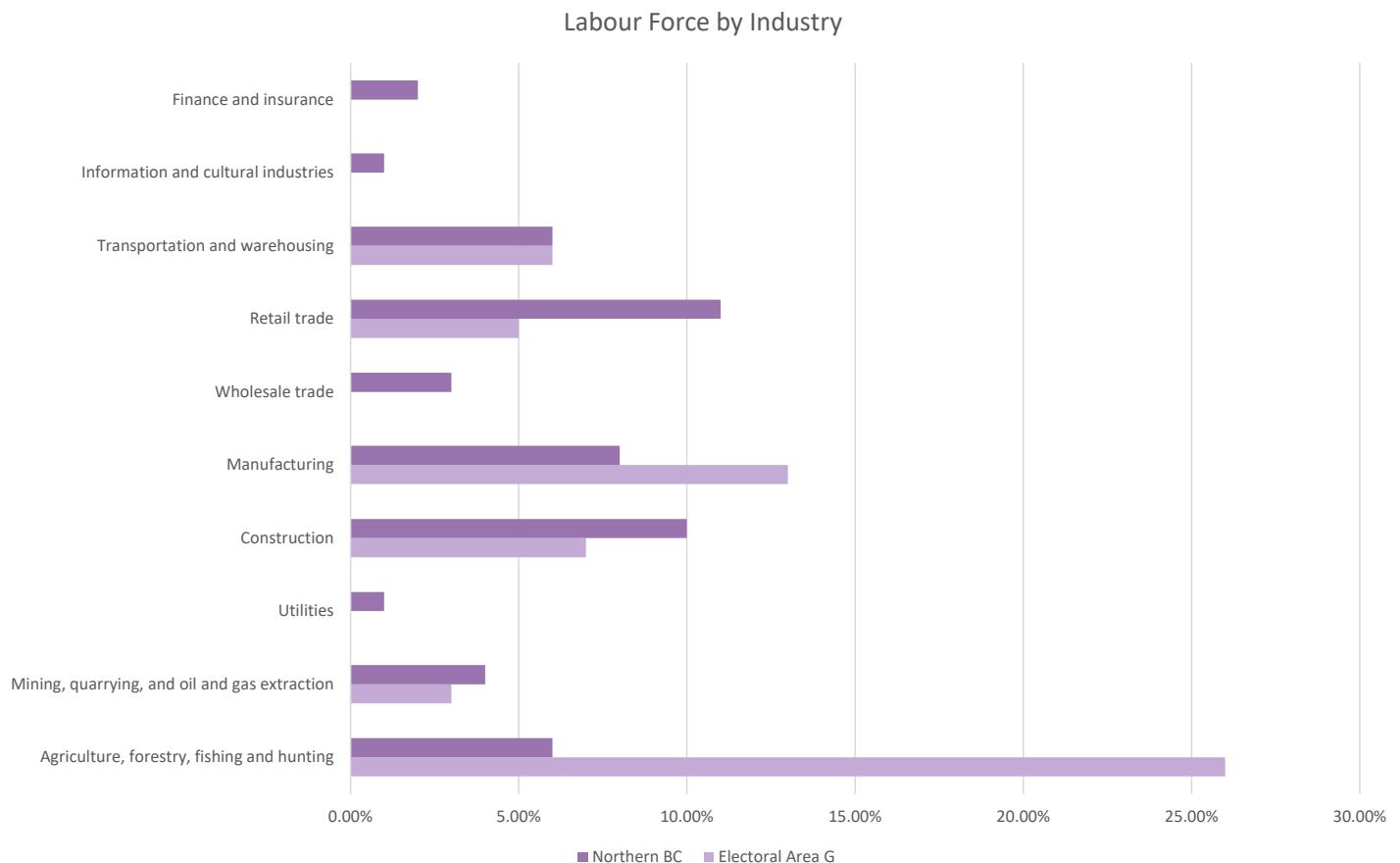
Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey.

The percentage of Area G residents with apprenticeship or trades certificates or diplomas was higher than the RDBN or Northern BC in 2021.

Labour and Workforce

Labour Force by Industry

Labour force by industry in Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural), and the RDBN, 2021



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey.

In 2021 in Electoral Area G, agriculture, forestry, fishing and logging were the biggest employment sectors, followed by manufacturing and construction.

Local Community Organizations

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

Economic Development

For any further assistance with local economic development services please contact:

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Indigenous Communities

Tachet

Tachet is located on the Fulton River near Babine Lake and the town of Granisle. It is part of the Lake Babine Nation band. The community has a child care facility, outdoor sports access, a health clinic, and a community hall. There are approximately 130 permanent residents in Tachet. The band also owns the Eagles Landing Gas Station in Granisle.

Old Fort

Old Fort is a seasonal community on Babine Lake. It is roughly 13km Northwest of Granisle and is only accessible via boat. The community is used for fishing, hunting and gathering during the summer and fall.

Fort Babine

Fort Babine or Wit'at is a community located at the northern tip of Babine Lake. There are sixty permanent residents. The community features treated water service, the Fort Babine Lodge Resort, and year round access via a maintained gravel logging road.



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