



2019 BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES

VITALSIGNS



TAKING
THE PULSE
OF OUR
COMMUNITY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU BOUNDARY RESIDENTS FOR LENDING YOUR VOICE



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities, it is my pleasure to present the 2019 Vital Signs Report. This report builds on the previous Vital Signs reports that were completed in 2009 and 2014. The purpose of this report is a snapshot of the Boundary Communities that highlights 9 key areas of interest. The Vital Signs Advisory Committee has engaged the citizens of the Boundary with an online survey and attended various events over several months. In addition, research was conducted on the 9 key areas of interest.

Moving forward, the Phoenix Foundation will use this report to inform its granting decisions. It is also hoped that it will spark discussions and influence the decisions of grant recipients, non-profits, community groups, service clubs and all levels of government, with the intent of benefiting the residents of the Boundary.

I wish to thank those who have provided financial and in-kind contributions as well as those who completed the survey.

Please take the time to read this report; let it spur you into action, to improve the quality of life for all those who reside in the Boundary.

*Gary Smith, President,
Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities*

THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION

In 1997, the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities was created and is a member of the Community Foundations of Canada. The Phoenix Foundation was established as a reflection of the great values that individuals, families and businesses place on the Boundary area, its heritage, its people and its communities. Since its inception, the Phoenix Foundation has been dedicated to making the Boundary a better place to live, work, raise families and age gracefully. The Phoenix Foundation has granted more than \$600,000 to local organizations, groups and individuals for the purpose of building a better Boundary. The Foundation also gives money through scholarships, agency endowments and donor directed funds.

ABOUT VITAL SIGNS

Vital Signs® is a national program led by local community foundations and coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada that leverages local knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities and supports action towards improving our quality of life.

communityfoundations.ca/vitalsigns

METHODOLOGY

RESEARCH AND DATA

Intended as a periodic checkup, Vital Signs provides a snapshot of our communities' vitality; gives clarity around the current, potential and perceived issues facing residents; and identifies opportunities for action. This report builds on the 2009 and 2014 Boundary Communities Vital Signs reports. Most figures have been rounded to the nearest percentage; therefore, some figures may add up to 99% or 101%. The number of respondents for each question ranges from 348 to 452. In cases, where the data mentions Area E it includes Big White.

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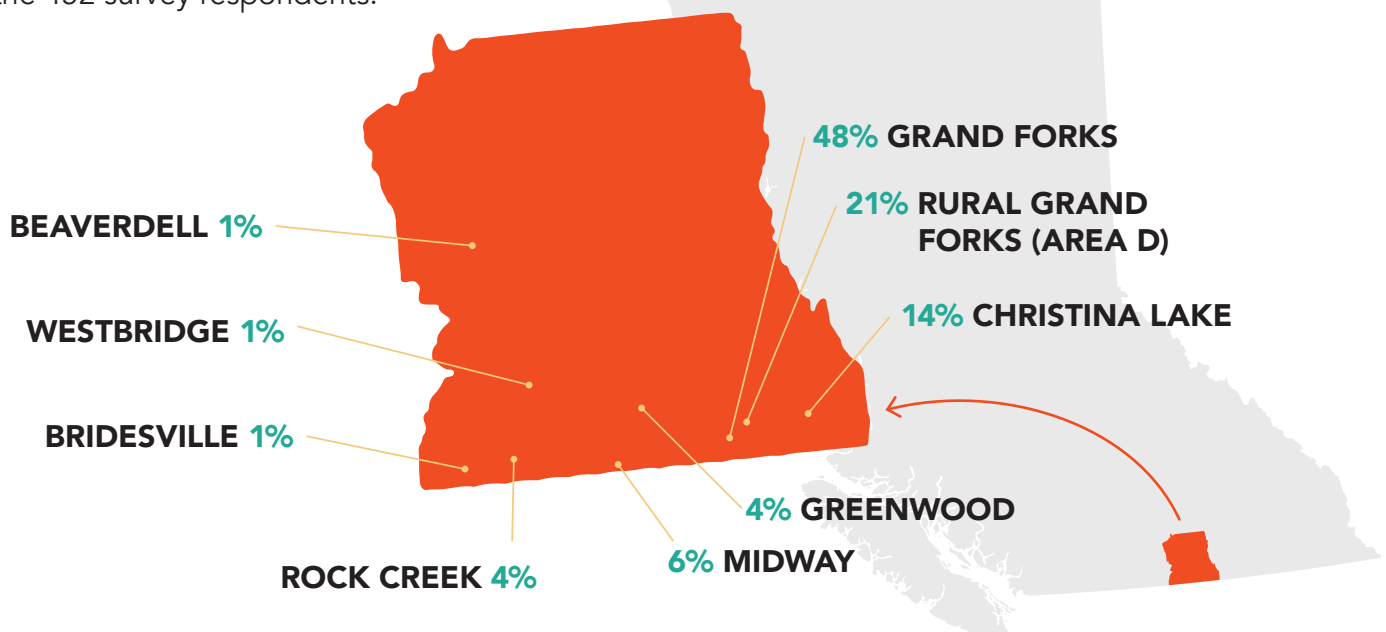
- BC Assessment 2016
- BC Housing 2016
- BC Ministry of Education 2016
- BC Surgical wait times 2016
- BC Plant zone hardiness
- Boundary and Communities' Vital Signs 2014
- Civic Info BC
- Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute
- Elections BC
- Elections Canada
- Grand Forks Local Health Authority Life Expectancy
- Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
- Regional District Kootenay Boundary
- State of the Basin Report 2016
- Stats Canada
- Whispers of Hope
- Vital Signs Canada

SURVEY

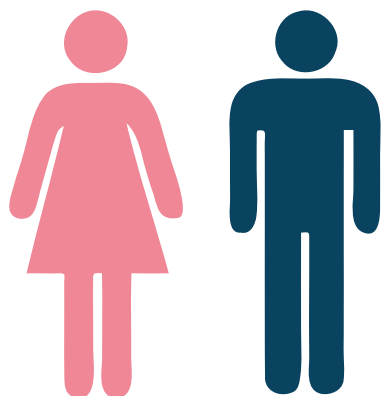
The community survey was online from June to September 2019. This survey was developed with input from the Advisory Committee and Project Coordinator. The community survey resulted in identifying the 9 key areas of focus, which are listed in the report in order of importance based on the survey respondents.

PROFILE OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Of the 452 survey respondents:



PROFILE OF COMMUNITY RESPONDENTS



GENDER

1% Non binary

2% Prefer not to say

69%

28%

AGE

3% Under 18

2% 19–24

8% 25–34

16% 35–44

20% 45–54

23% 55–64

27% Over 65

1% Prefer not to say



7%

IDENTIFY AS INDIGENOUS

(FIRST NATIONS, METIS, INUIT)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY

2% Less than 1 year

18% 1–5 years

15% 6–10 years

17% 11–16 years

48% More than 17 years

MARITAL STATUS

55% Married

17% Single

15% Common Law

6% Divorced

4% Separated

4% Prefer not to answer

"I WAS IMPRESSED BY HOW RESIDENTS AND NON-PROFITS IN THE CITY CARED ABOUT ITS LESS-FORTUNATE RESIDENTS."

Community Survey respondent

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS & VITAL SIGNS

THE GRASSROOTS APPROACH OF VITAL SIGNS IS TO COLLECT DATA, SPARK CONVERSATION AND INSPIRE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. IT OFFERS A UNIQUE TOOL TO BENCHMARK THE PROGRESS OF WELL-BEING IN COMMUNITIES AGAINST A SET OF GLOBAL TARGETS.



BASED ON OVER 450 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONDENTS,
OUR FINDINGS ACROSS THE 9 ISSUE AREAS OF THIS
REPORT ARE, IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

BELONGING AND QUALITY OF LIFE



HEALTH AND WELLNESS



ENVIRONMENT



WORK AND EARNING



HOUSING



LEARNING AND EDUCATION



EMERGENCY PLANNING AND SAFETY



FOOD SECURITY



TRANSPORTATION/ GETTING AROUND



Where possible, indicators from the 2014 report were included.

Interestingly, the ranking priority from 2014 and 2019 has shifted somewhat.

2014 PRIORITY LIST

Work and Earnings
Health and Wellness
Gap between rich and poor
Arts and Culture
Housing
Transportation
Learning
Belonging and Leadership
Environment
Safety
Food Security

ABOUT THE BOUNDARY

THE BOUNDARY IS A 7,000 SQUARE KILOMETRE REGION NESTLED BETWEEN THE OKANAGAN VALLEY ON THE WESTERN SIDE AND THE WEST KOOTENAYS ON THE EASTERN SIDE, SITTING ON THE CANADA-U.S. BORDER.



UNIQUE COMMUNITIES

There are nine individual communities across Kootenay Boundary, each with its own history, lore, vibrancy, and concerns.

3 MUNICIPALITIES

Grand Forks, Greenwood, and Midway

3 ELECTORAL AREAS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

Area D: Rural Grand Forks,

Area E: Rock Creek, Westbridge, Bridesville and Beaverdell

Area C: Christina Lake

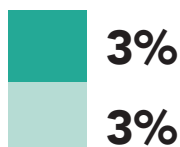
COMMUNITY	2016	2011	CHANGE
Grand Forks	4,049	3,985	▲ 1.6% increase
Greenwood	665	705	▼ 6.1% decrease
Midway	649	674	▼ 3.7% decrease
Area C	1,337	1,391	▼ 3.9% decrease
Area D	3,225	3,187	▲ 1.2% increase
Area E	2,155	1,970	▲ 8.6% increase

THE REGION IS BOUND BY THE KETTLE RIVER, WHICH FLOWS 280 KILOMETRES FROM ITS SOURCE IN THE MONASHEE MOUNTAINS. THE KETTLE AND GRANBY RIVERS JOIN IN GRAND FORKS, THEN FLOW INTO CHRISTINA LAKE.

IDENTIFY AS A VISIBLE MINORITY

2016 2011

BOUNDARY



BC



CANADA

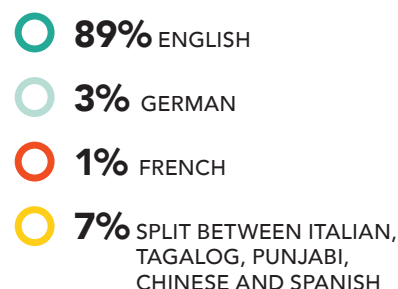
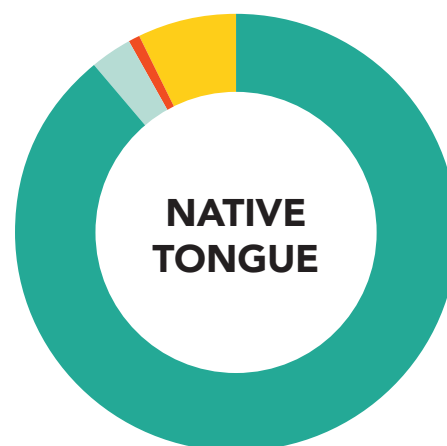


FAMILY TYPES

IN 2016, THE BOUNDARY HAD MORE FAMILIES LED BY 2 PARENTS THAN THE PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL AVERAGES.

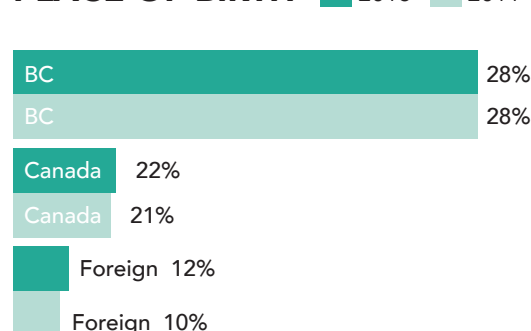


POPULATION STRUCTURE



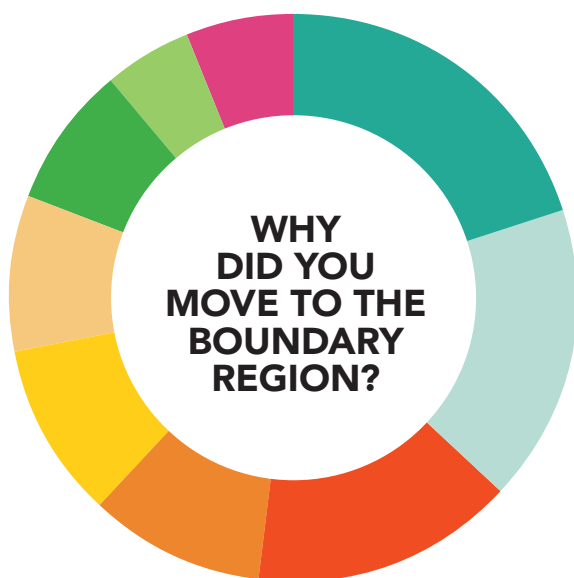
ARE LANDED IMMIGRANTS (2016)

PLACE OF BIRTH



WHEN WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY BY VOLUNTEERING, VOTING, OR PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY EVENTS, WE FEEL MORE CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



- 20% LIFESTYLE
- 17% TO BE NEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- 15% FOR A JOB OPPORTUNITY
- 10% FOLLOWED A SPOUSE/PARTNER
- 10% HAVE ALWAYS LIVED HERE
- 9% WERE BORN HERE, MOVED AWAY AND CAME BACK
- 8% FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- 5% FOR THE COST OF LIVING
- 6% OTHER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED: RECREATIONAL, ARTS AND CULTURE, A COMBINATION OF ALL OR SOME OF THE ABOVE

79%

AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT THEY BELONG AND ARE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMUNITY

16%

WOULD CONSIDER LEAVING THE BOUNDARY, REASONS INCLUDE: EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, CLOSER TO FAMILY, LACK OF HOUSING, MEDICAL HEALTH CARE

55%

FELT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN AND INFLUENCE COMMUNITY DECISIONS



Survey respondents were able to select multiple options for this question

VOTER TURNOUT

■ Municipal 2014 ■ Municipal 2018

Area C, D and E candidates were all acclaimed in 2018.



SENSE OF BELONGING (2015/2016)



OF THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOSPITAL REGION POPULATION 12 YEARS & OVER FELT A STRONG AND SOMEWHAT STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING

71% BC 68% CANADA



OF THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOSPITAL REGION POPULATION FROM AGE 12 TO 17 YEARS FELT A STRONG AND SOMEWHAT STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING

85% BC 84% CANADA



OF THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOSPITAL REGION POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER FELT A STRONG AND SOMEWHAT STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING

77% BC 74% CANADA

LIFE EXPECTANCY

The average from 2011 to 2015 was analyzed:.

78.2 YEARS

BC LIFE EXPECTANCY IS 82.6 YEARS

VITALACTIONS

- > CREATE A WELCOME WAGON PROGRAM
- > LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO WRITE A WELCOME LETTER TO NEW RESIDENTS
- > DEVELOP A DATABASE OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- > ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



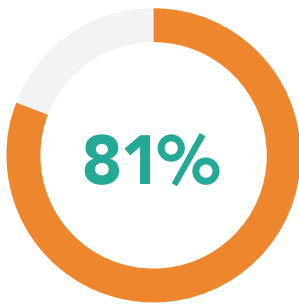
HEALTH & WELLNESS

2



OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ARE AFFECTED BY OUR LIFESTYLE CHOICES. OUR SOCIAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, ALONG WITH ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, ARE KEY FACTORS.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



HAVE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO MEET THEIR CURRENT HEALTH CARE NEEDS



HAVE TRANSIT TO AND FROM MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS IF NEEDED



HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES LOCALLY IF NEEDED



DON'T KNOW IF ADDICTION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY IF NEEDED



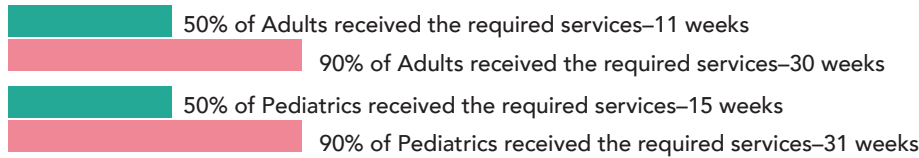
FELT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO SPECIALIST HEALTH CARE SERVICES LOCALLY

75% EXERCISE EITHER EVERY DAY OR A FEW TIMES A WEEK

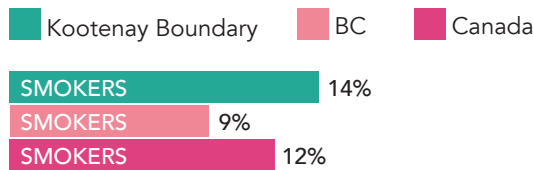
"THERE ARE MANY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR MYSELF AND FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN." *Community Survey respondent*

SURGERY WAIT TIMES (2016)

Average surgery wait time at the Kootenay Boundary Hospital



SMOKERS (2015/2016)



PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

Parks and protected areas protect wild spaces and species, and also provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to connect with nature.

THE BOUNDARY REGION HAS THE FOLLOWING PROVINCIAL PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS:

Boothman's Oxbow Park
Boundary Creek Park
Christina Lake Park
Conkle Lake Park
Gilpin Grasslands Park
Gladstone Provincial Park
Jewel Lake Park
Kettle River Recreation Area
Rock Creek Park

LOCAL GREENSPACES IN KOOTENAY BOUNDARY:

Angus MacDonald Park
Barbara Ann Park Tennis Courts
Big White Mountain Ecological Reserve
Christina Lake Community and Nature Park
Dick Bartlett Park
Entwined Tree Park
Fireman's Expo Park
Frank Carpenter Riverfront Park
George Massey Park
Granby Park
Greenwood Ball Park
Greenwood City Park
Greenwood Lions Park
Gyro Park
James Donaldson Park
James G. McMynn Park
Johnston Creek Park
Lois Hagen Park
Myra-Bellevue Park
O-Hairi Park Campground

DOCTORS (2015/2016)



OF THE POPULATION IN THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AGED 12 AND OVER WERE WITHOUT A REGULAR MEDICAL DOCTOR

15% BC 18% CANADA

MENTAL HEALTH



OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, PEOPLE AGED 12 & OVER SELF-RATED THEIR MENTAL HEALTH EITHER VERY GOOD OR EXCELLENT

69% BC 72% CANADA



OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 12 & 17 SELF-RATED THEIR MENTAL HEALTH EITHER VERY GOOD OR EXCELLENT

79% BC 77% CANADA

VITALACTIONS

- > DOCTOR RETENTION AND ATTRACTION PROGRAM
- > INCREASED PROFILE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
- > MAP OF PARKS, TRAILS AND PROTECTED AREAS
- > SUPPORT/CREATE HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY

ENVIRONMENT

3



THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE FOUNDATION OF MANY ASPECTS OF OUR WELL-BEING. HOW WE DISPOSE OF OUR WASTE AND ADAPT TO CHANGES IN OUR WEATHER PATTERNS ARE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OUR REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY.

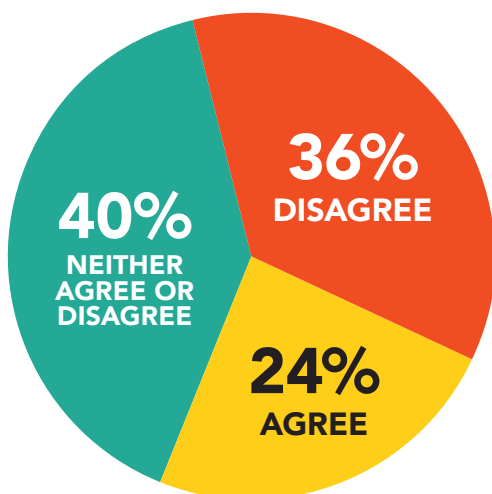
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



TOP PRIORITY TO IMPROVE/ MAINTAIN THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE BOUNDARY REGION

- 19% EDUCATING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO BE RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS
- 12% OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE AND CLEAN ENERGY
- 12% SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE EXTRACTION (FORESTRY AND MINING)
- 11% BACKCOUNTRY, WILDLIFE AND WETLAND MANAGEMENT
- 9% PRESERVATION OF LAND
- 8% RECYCLING AND COMPOST PROGRAMS
- 7% AIR QUALITY
- 6% CLEAN DRINKING WATER
- 4% WASTE MANAGEMENT
- 12% COMBINATION OF ALL OR SOME OF THE ABOVE

ARE BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES DOING ENOUGH TO HELP PRESERVE/ ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT?



91%

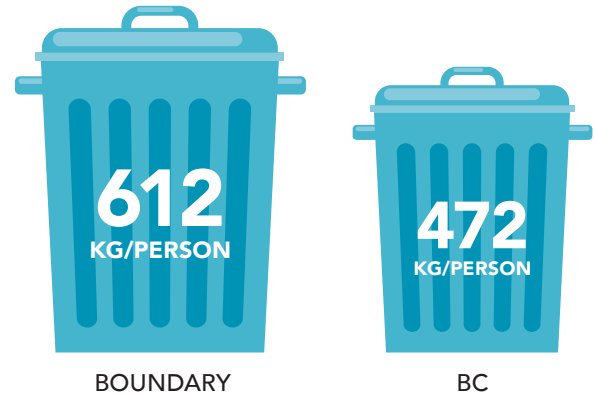
AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TO REGULARLY RECYCLE AND COMPOST WITH THE AIM TO REDUCE WASTE AND ENERGY USE

IN THE 2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, THE BOUNDARY REGION SUPPORTED ESTABLISHING A SERVICE FOR THE PROMOTION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING.

1,534 VOTERS IN SUPPORT VERSUS 1,369 AGAINST

GARBAGE, COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING

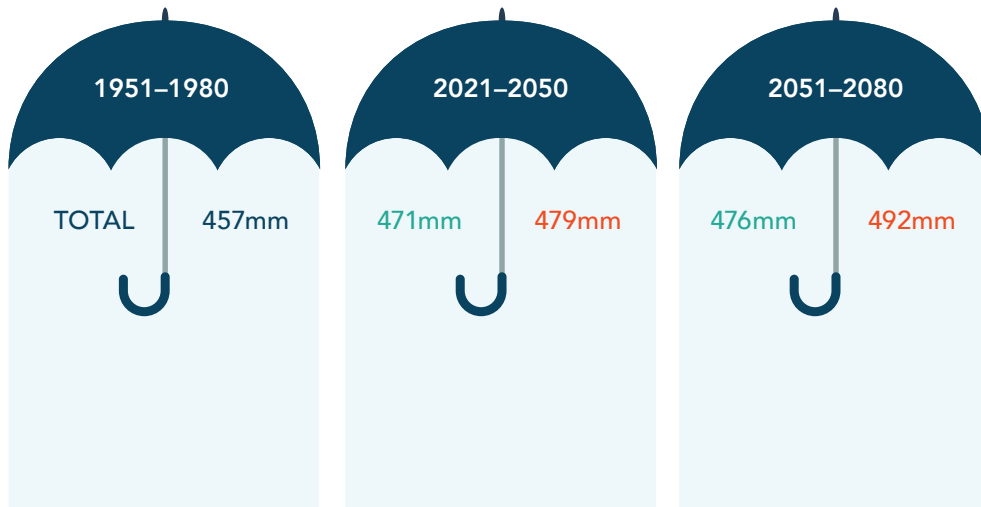
IN 2016, RESIDENTS OF THE BOUNDARY GENERATED 612 KG OF WASTE PER PERSON PER YEAR. IN COMPARISON, THE BC AVERAGE PER PERSON PER YEAR WAS 472 KG.



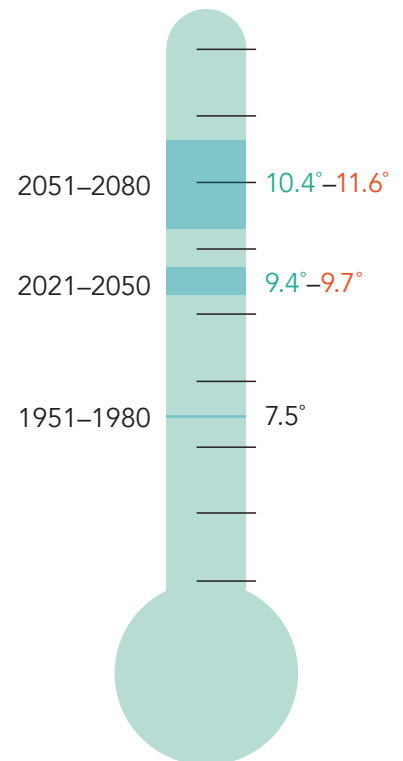
CLIMATE MODELLING (2015)

- Low Carbon** (assuming global greenhouse gas emissions are drastically reduced from current levels)
- High Carbon** (assuming global greenhouse gas emissions continue increasing at current rates)

ESTIMATED PRECIPITATION INCREASES



ESTIMATED TEMPERATURE INCREASES



VITALACTIONS

- > SUPPORT WASTE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PARTICULARLY WITH GARBAGE AND RECYCLING
- > SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
- > SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE AND CLEAN ENERGY
- > ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE EXTRACTION

"PRESERVATION OF LAND, AND EDUCATING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO BE RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS, IS KEY."

Community Survey respondent

THE AVAILABILITY OF WORK AND INCOME REFLECTS THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. SECURE WORK THAT SUPPORTS A LIVING WAGE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LONG-TERM HEALTH AND VITALITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



- 51% WERE EMPLOYED
- 26% RETIRED
- 6% COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER/MENTOR
- 3% STUDENTS
- 2% FULL-TIME PARENT OR CAREGIVER
- 2% RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
- 1% SEEKING EMPLOYMENT
- 9% OTHER, WHICH WERE COMBINATION OF VARIOUS OPTIONS

78% LIVE AND WORK IN THE SAME COMMUNITY

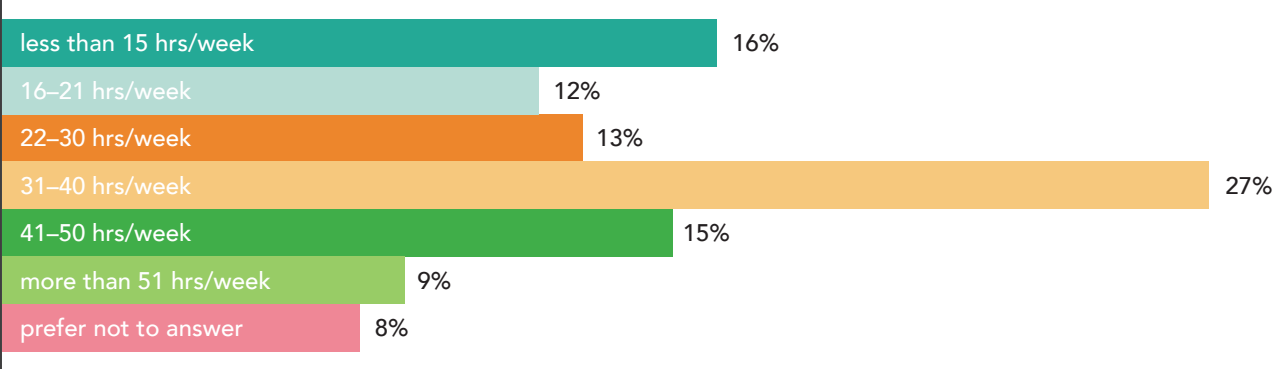
OF THOSE WHO COMMUTE, CHRISTINA LAKE TO GRAND FORKS IS THE MOST COMMON



- 47% EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND
- 14% EMPLOYED PART-TIME YEAR-ROUND
- 14% CASUAL AND/OR ON-CALL
- 13% SELF EMPLOYED, PART-TIME
- 9% SELF-EMPLOYED, FULL TIME
- 5% FULL-TIME SEASONAL
- 5% PART-TIME SEASONAL

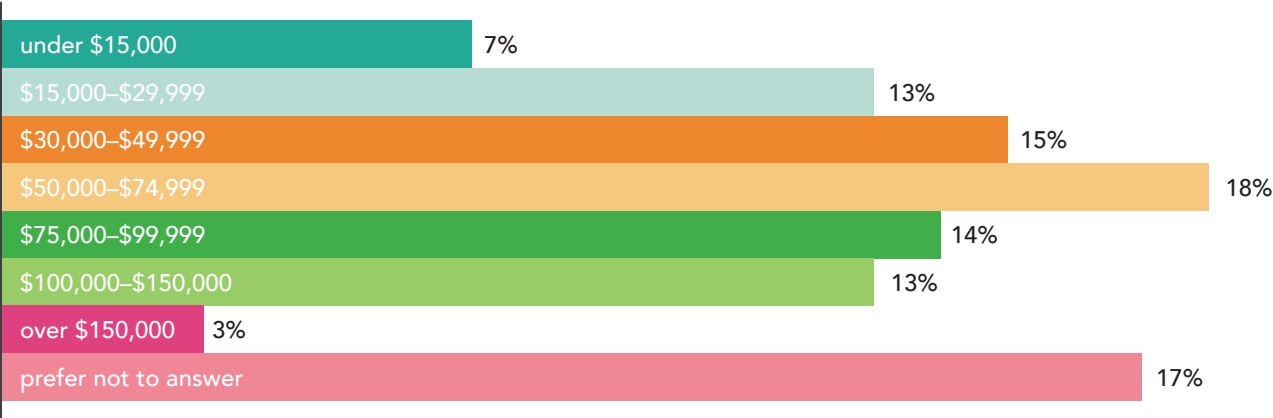
MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE ALLOWED

NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED PER WEEK (2015)



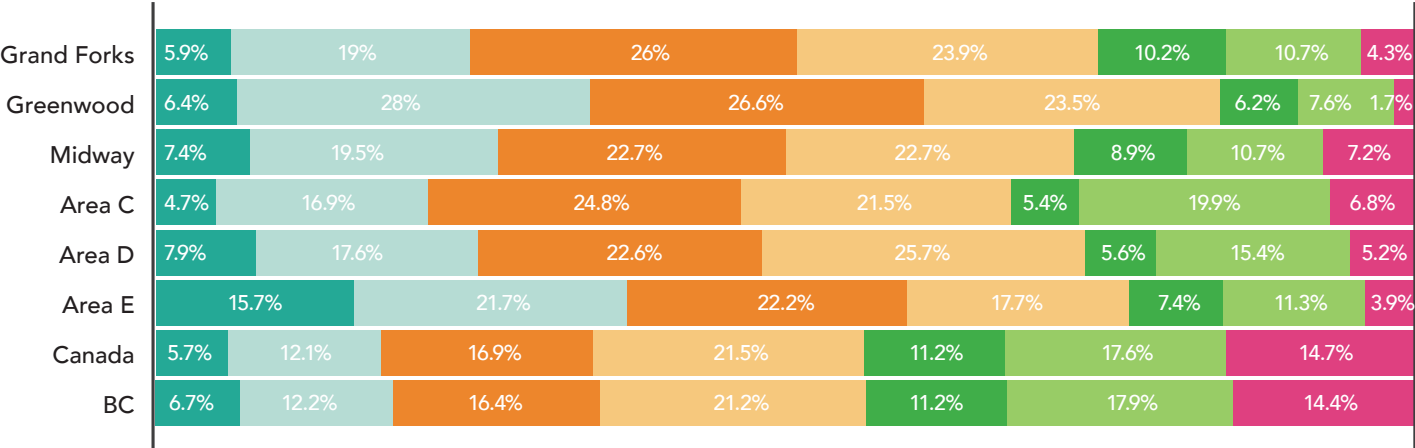
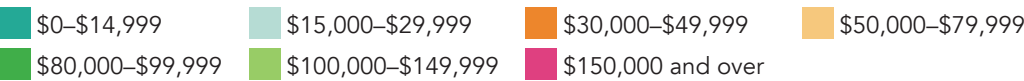
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HOUSEHOLD INCOME (AFTER TAXES, 2015)



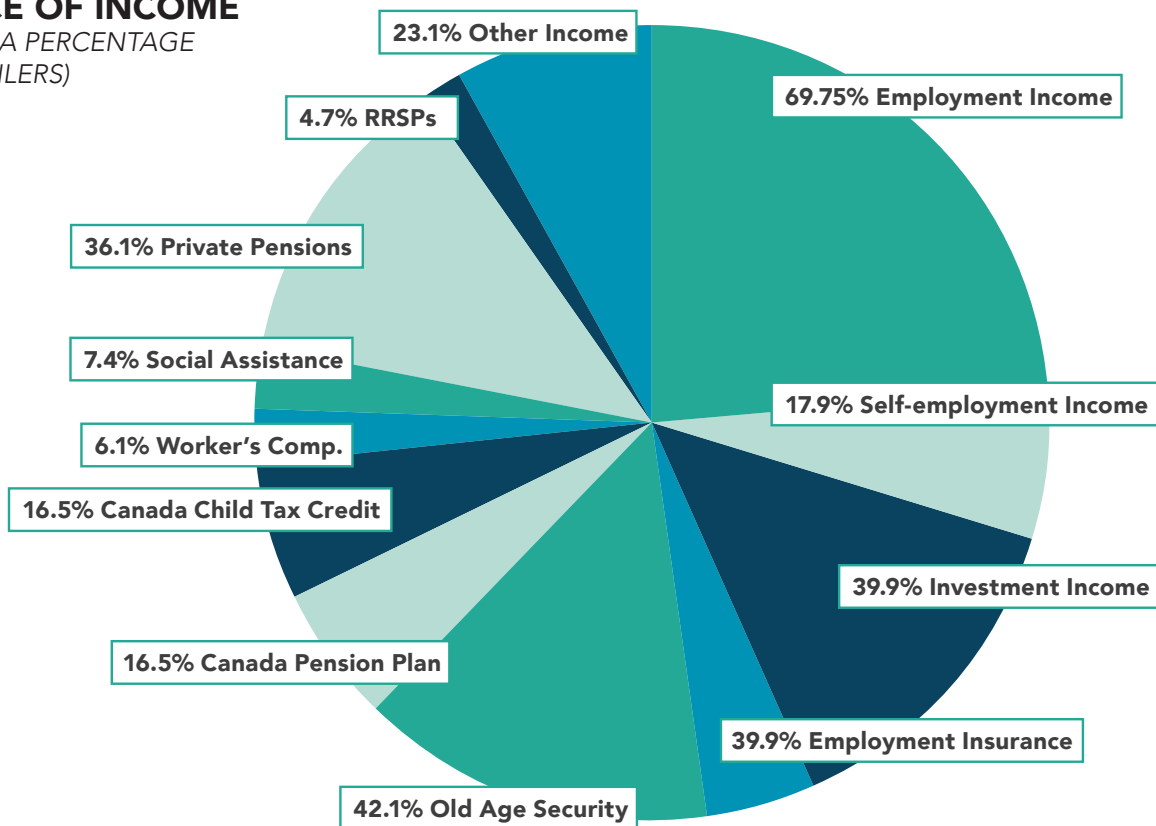
 **62% ARE EMPLOYED IN THEIR PREFERRED CAREER/VOCATION**

HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015)

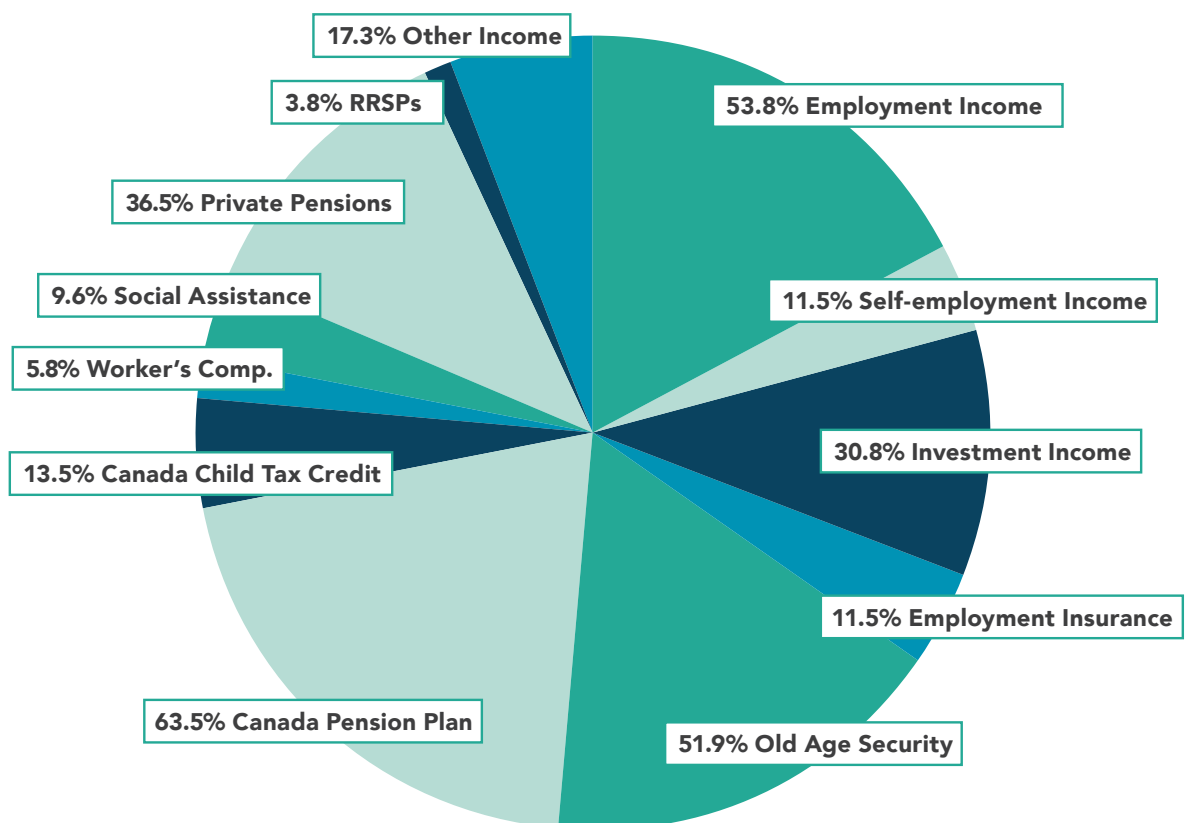


SOURCE OF INCOME

(2015, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TAX FILERS)

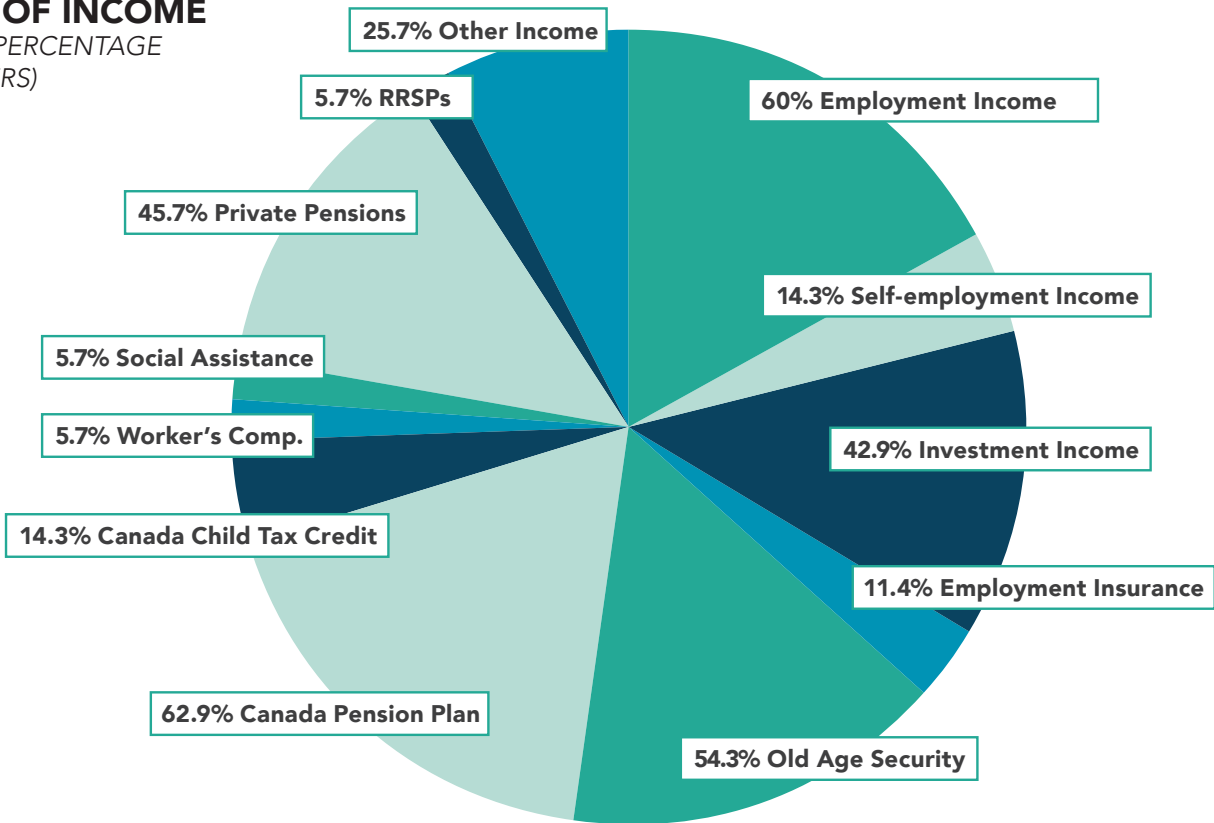


GRAND FORKS

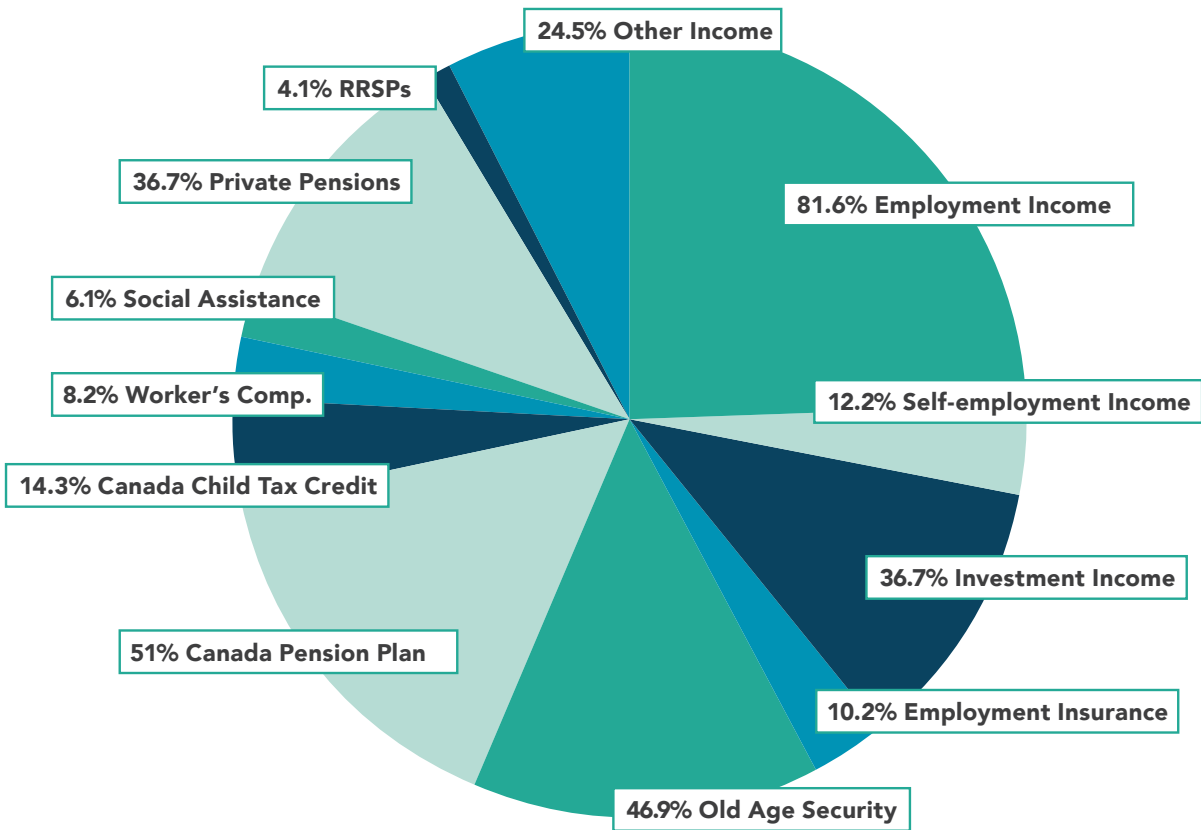


GREENWOOD

SOURCE OF INCOME
 (2015, AS A PERCENTAGE
 OF TAX FILERS)



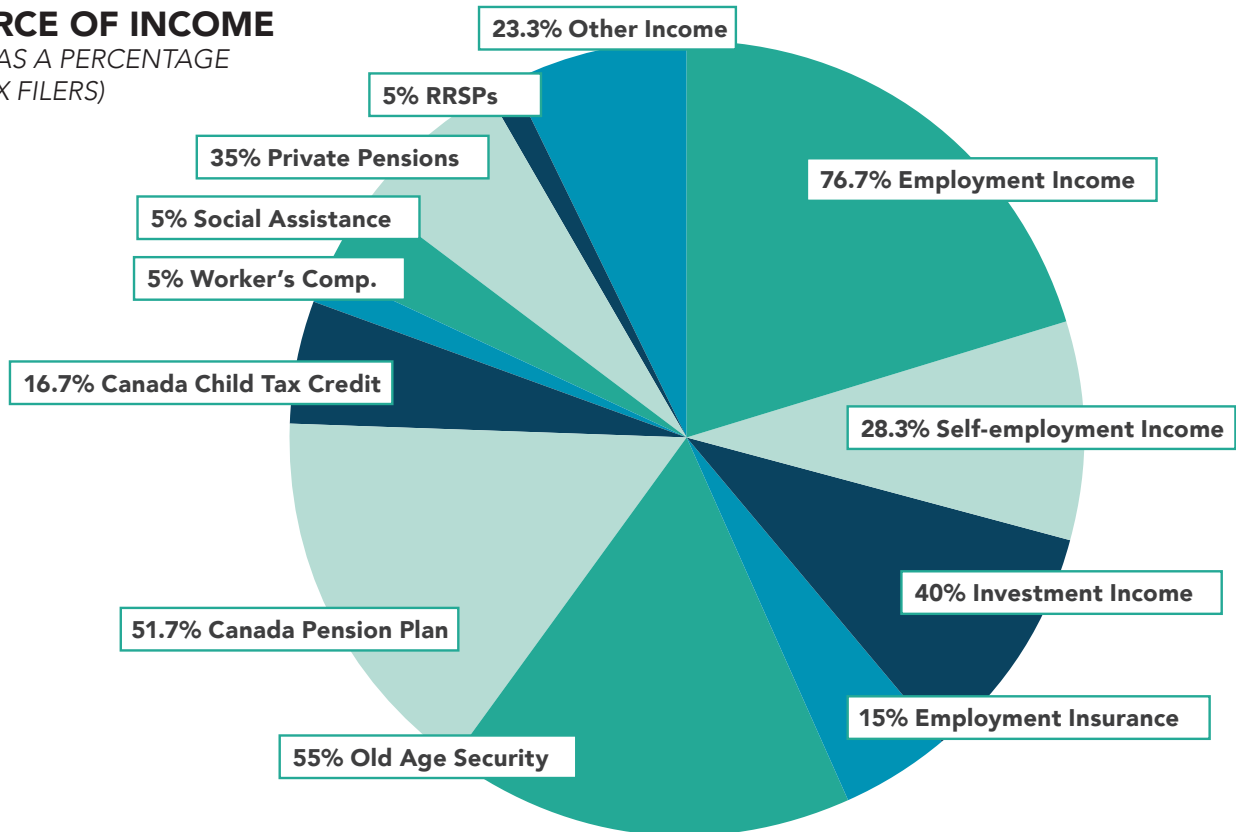
MIDWAY



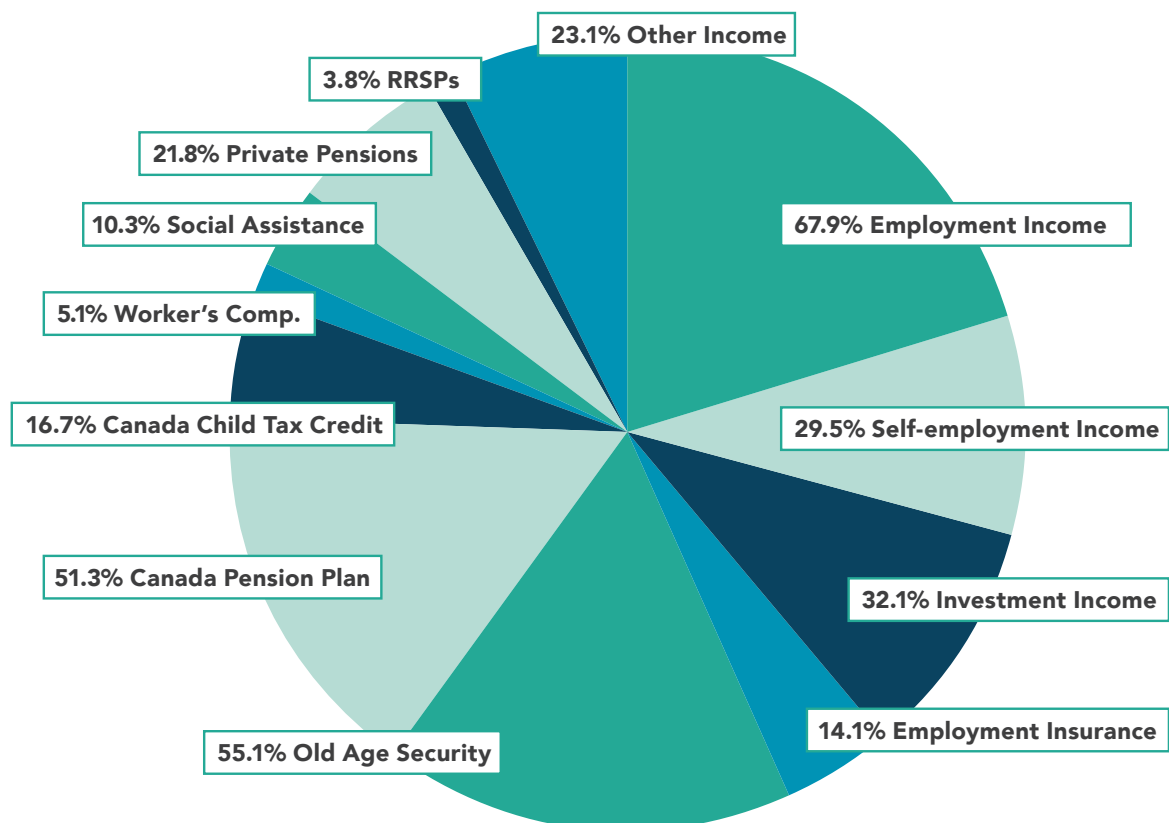
AREA C, CHRISTINA LAKE

SOURCE OF INCOME

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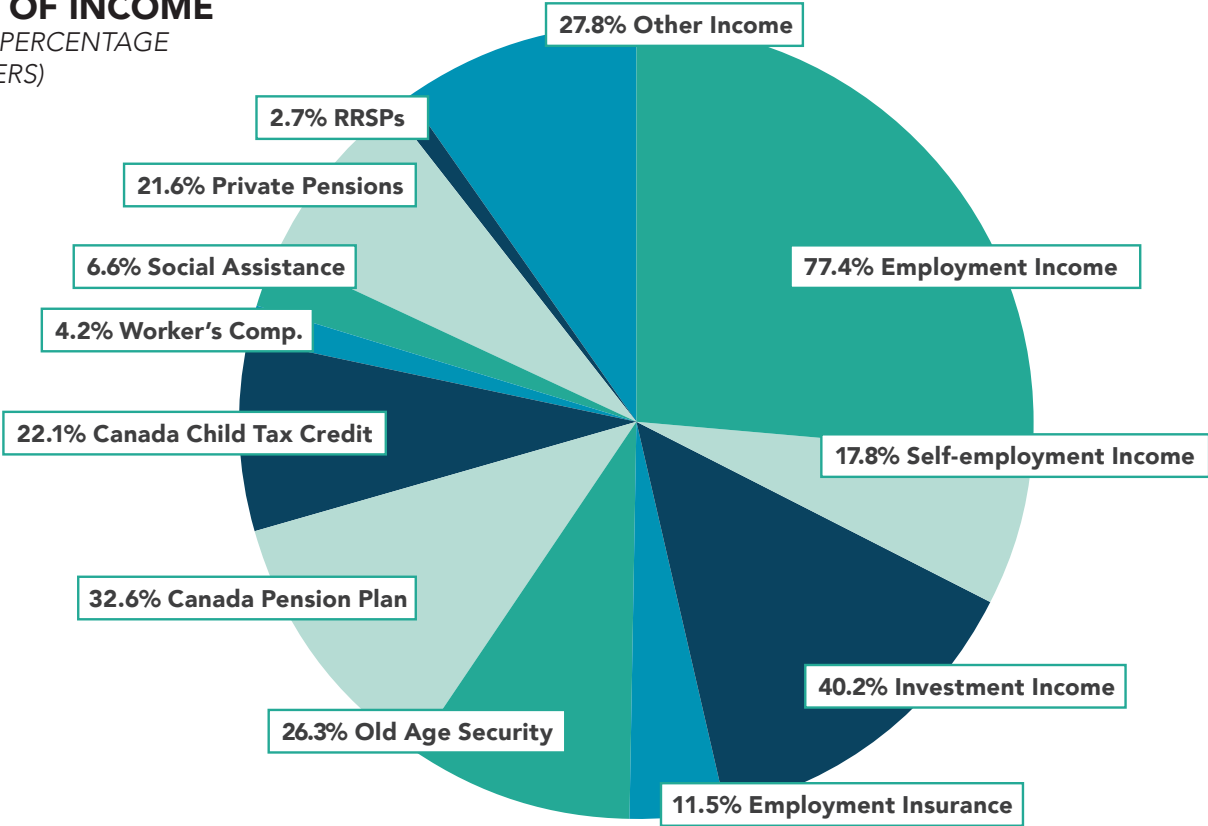


AREA D, RURAL GRAND FORKS

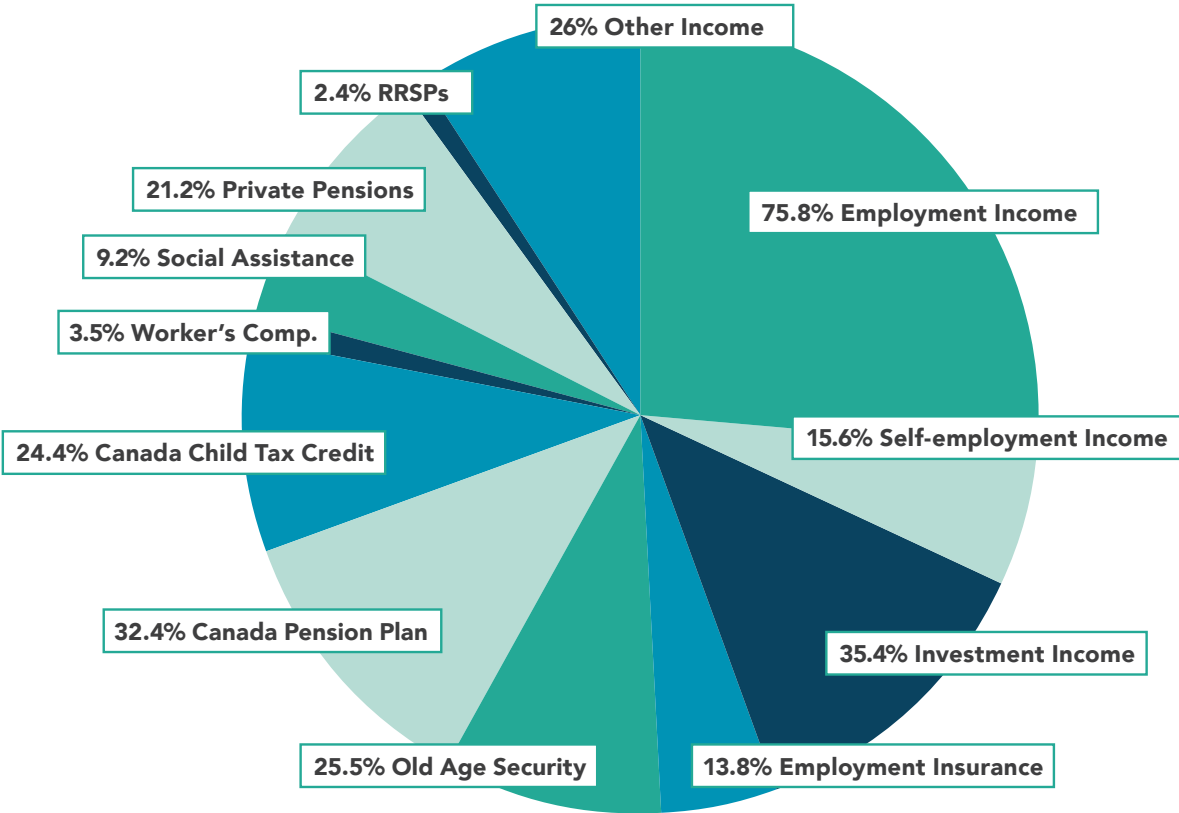


AREA E, WEST BOUNDARY

SOURCE OF INCOME
(2015, AS A PERCENTAGE
OF TAX FILERS)

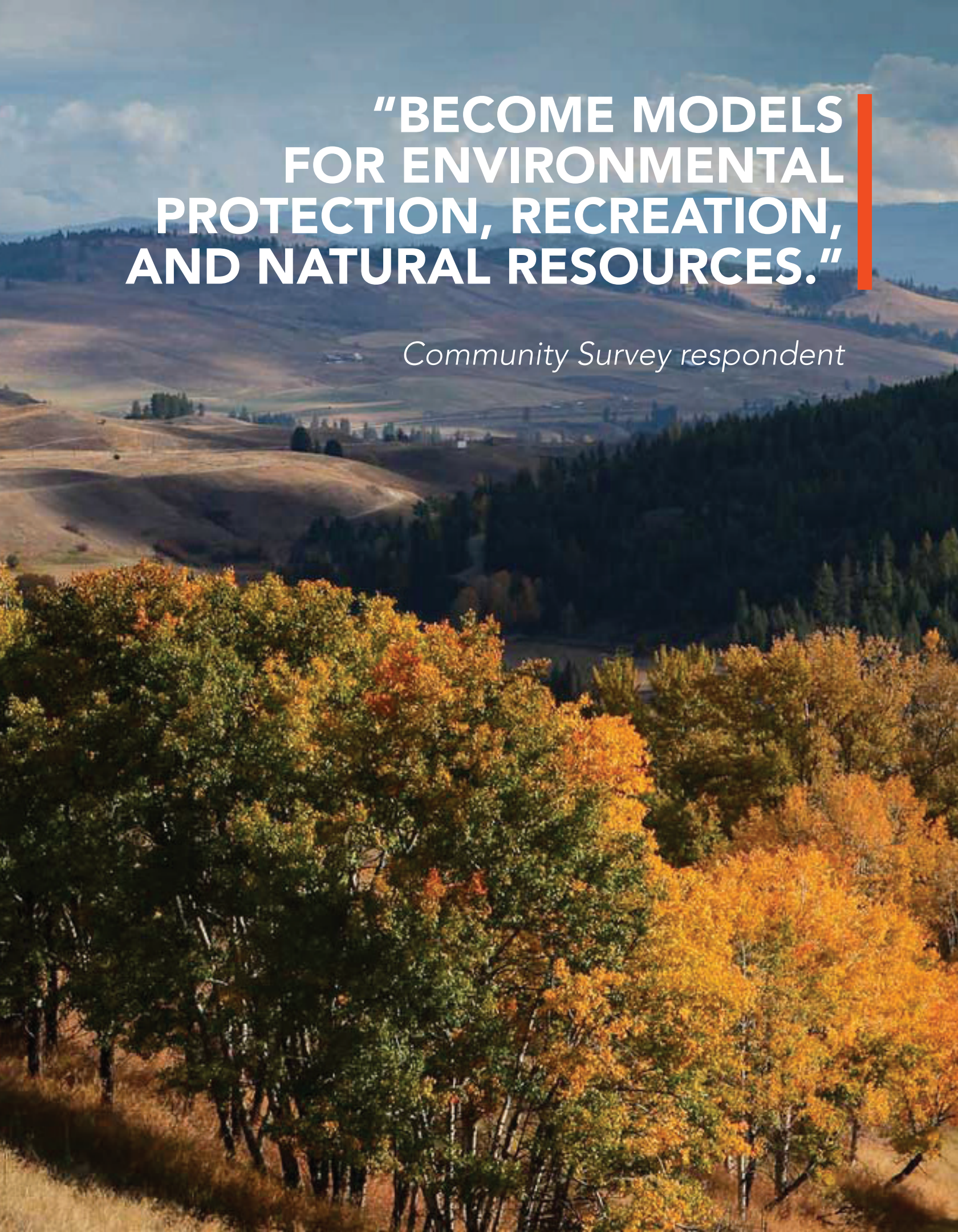


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CANADA

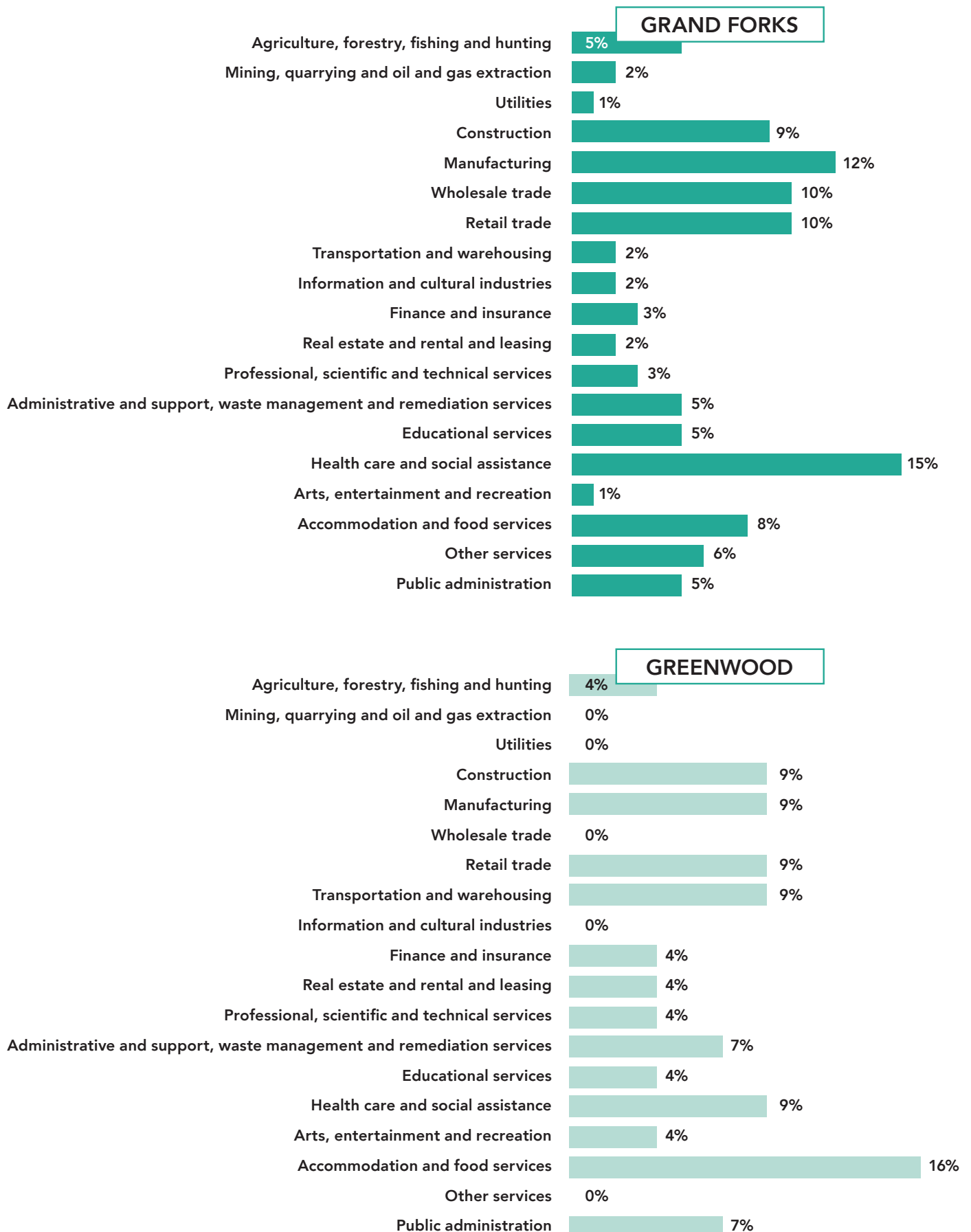




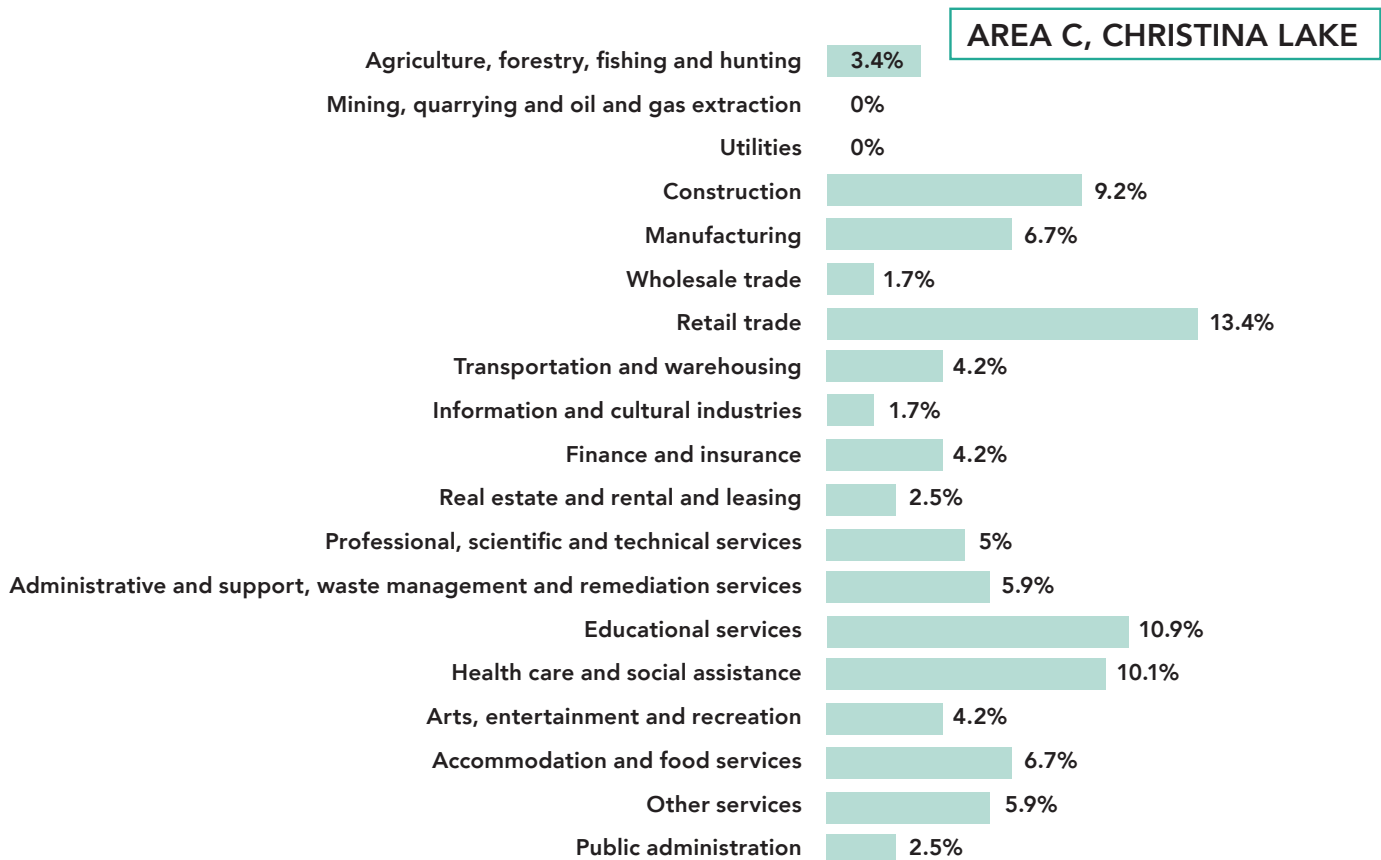
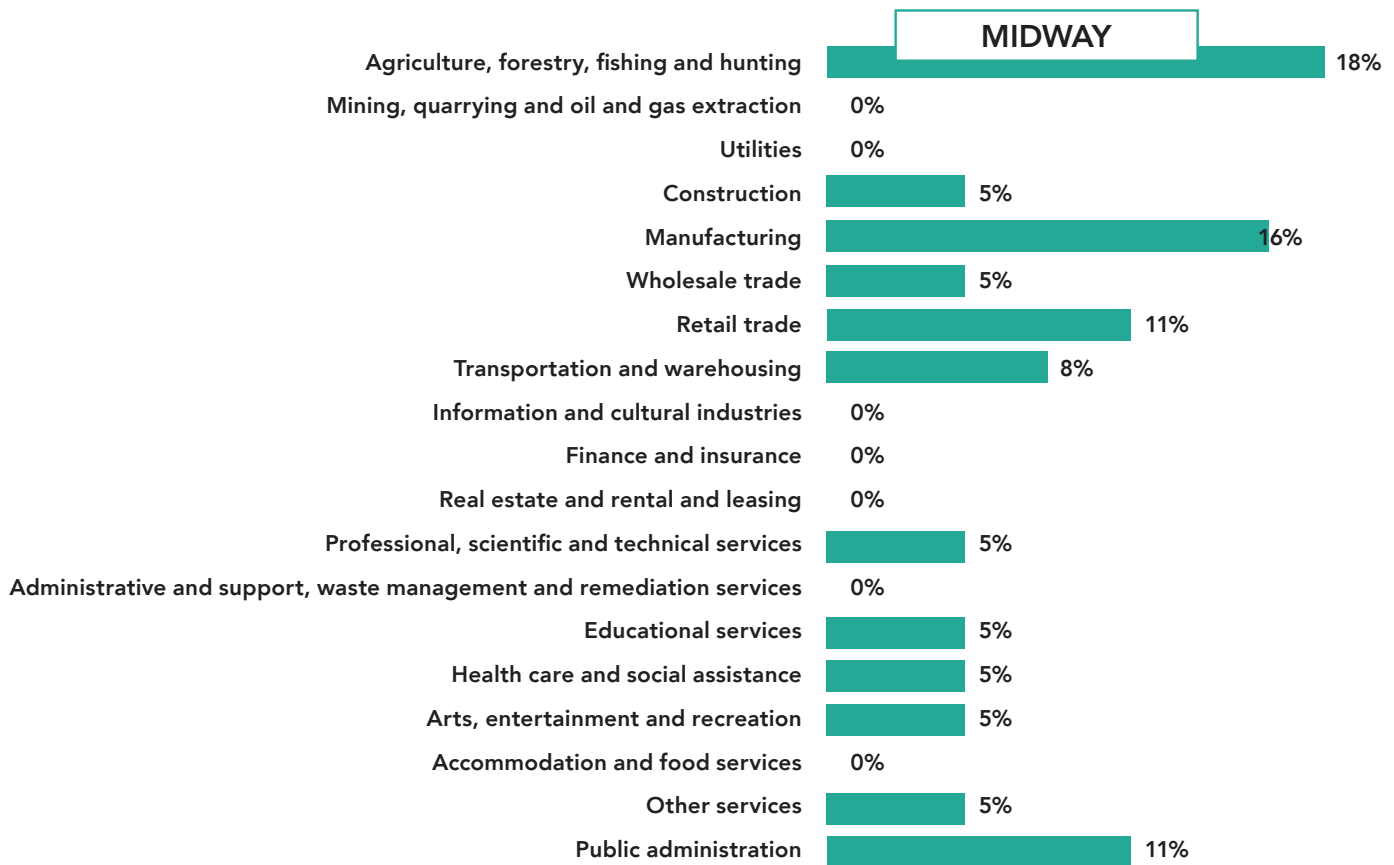
**"BECOME MODELS
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION, RECREATION,
AND NATURAL RESOURCES."**

Community Survey respondent

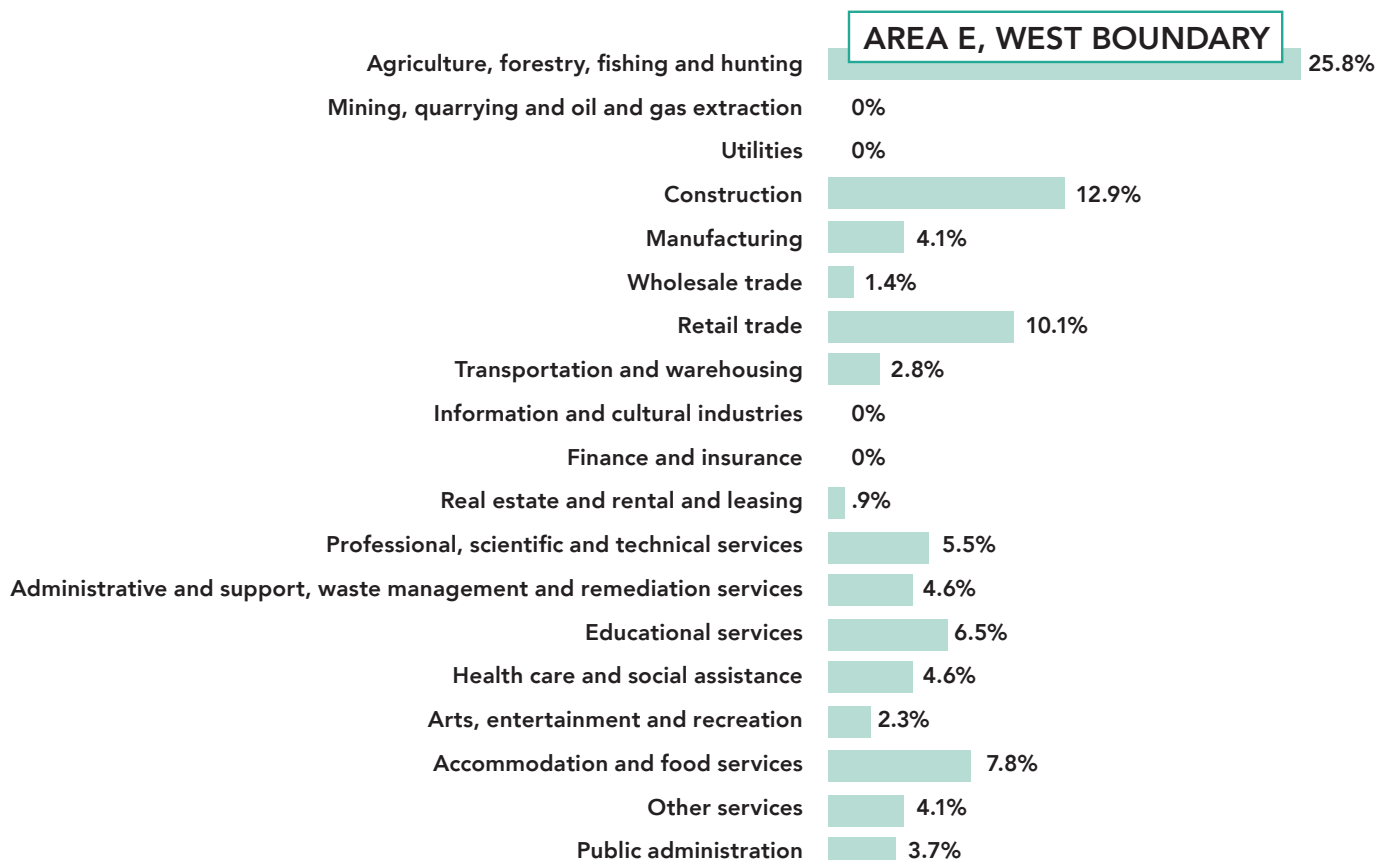
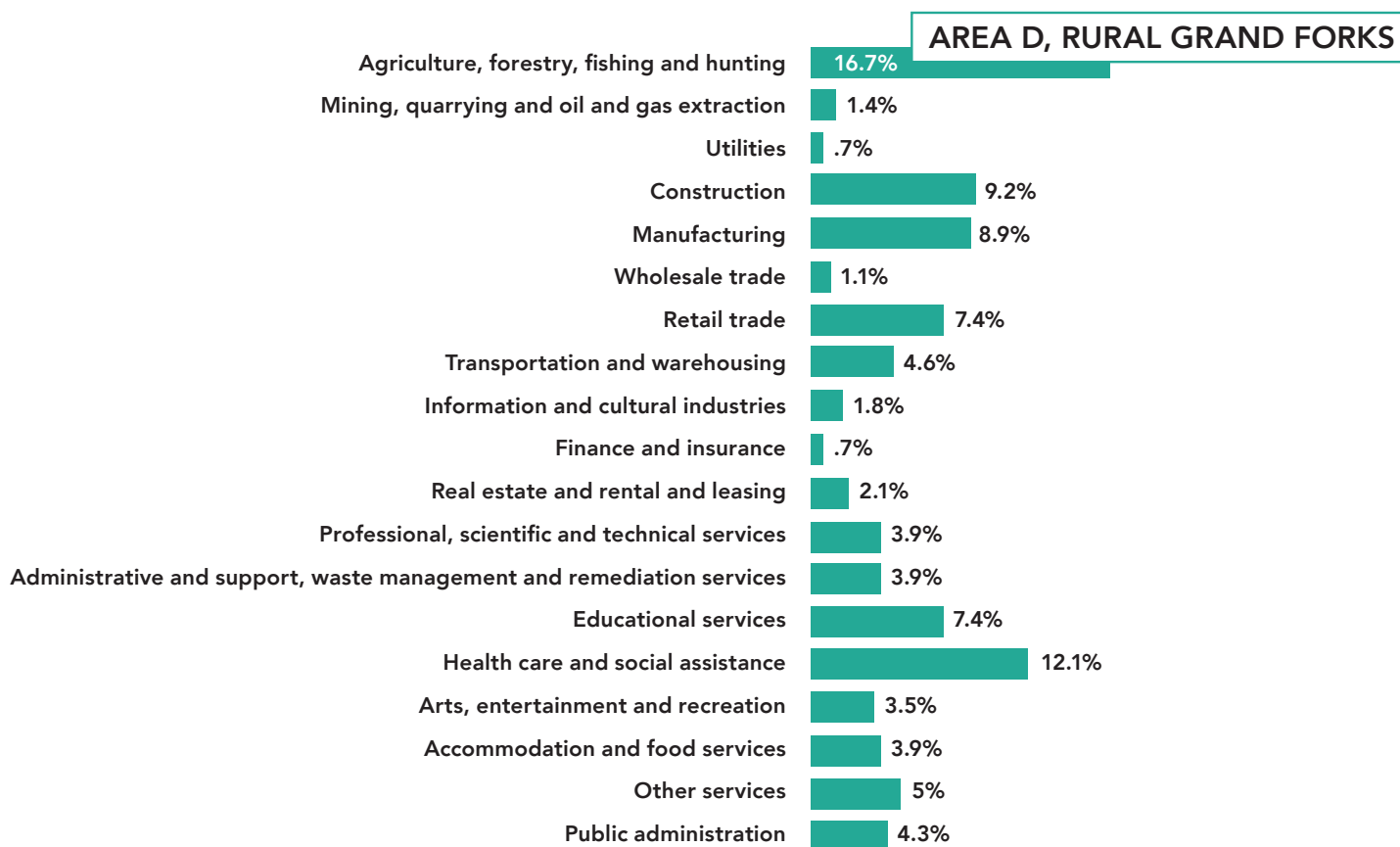
LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY (2016)



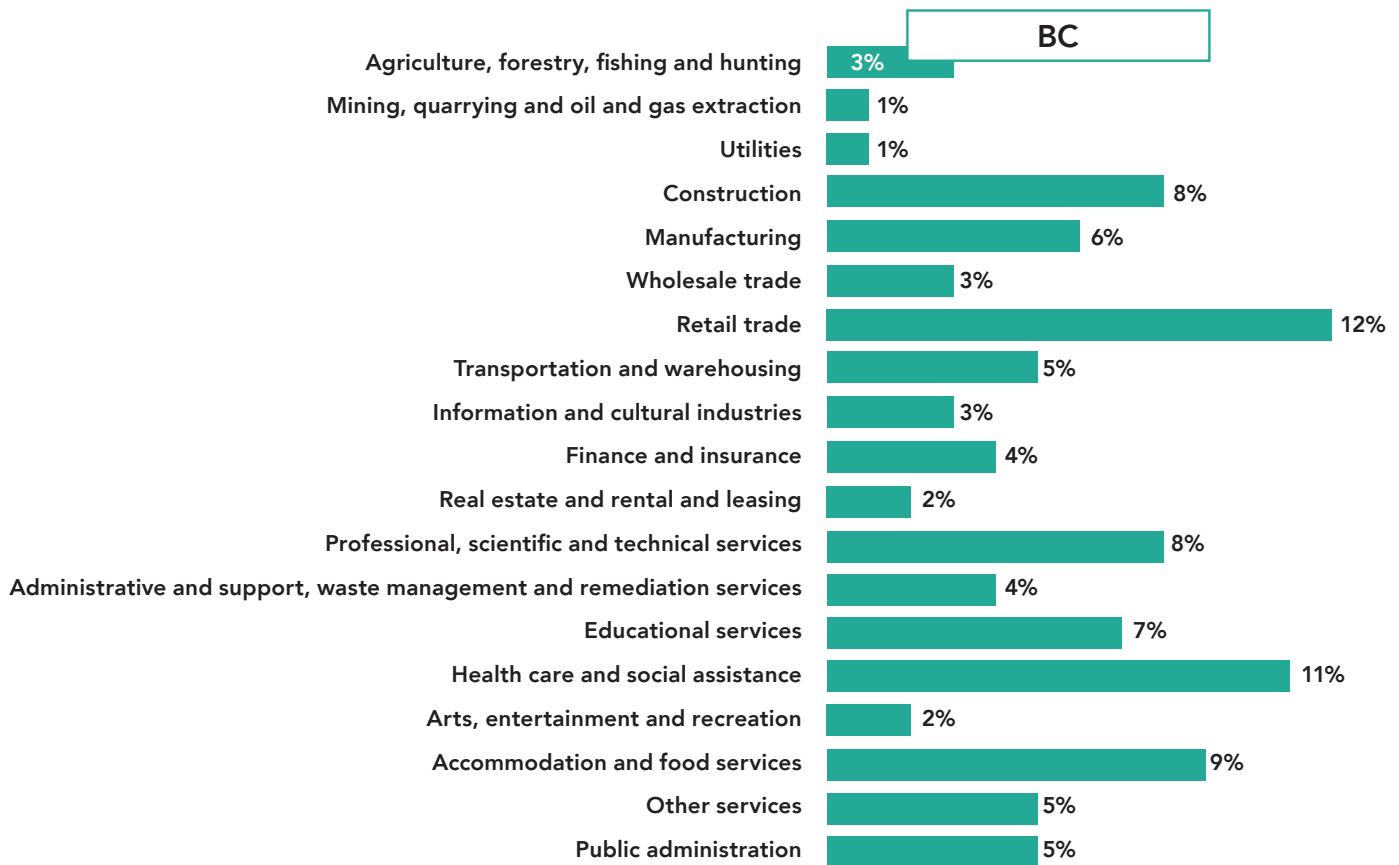
LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY (2016)



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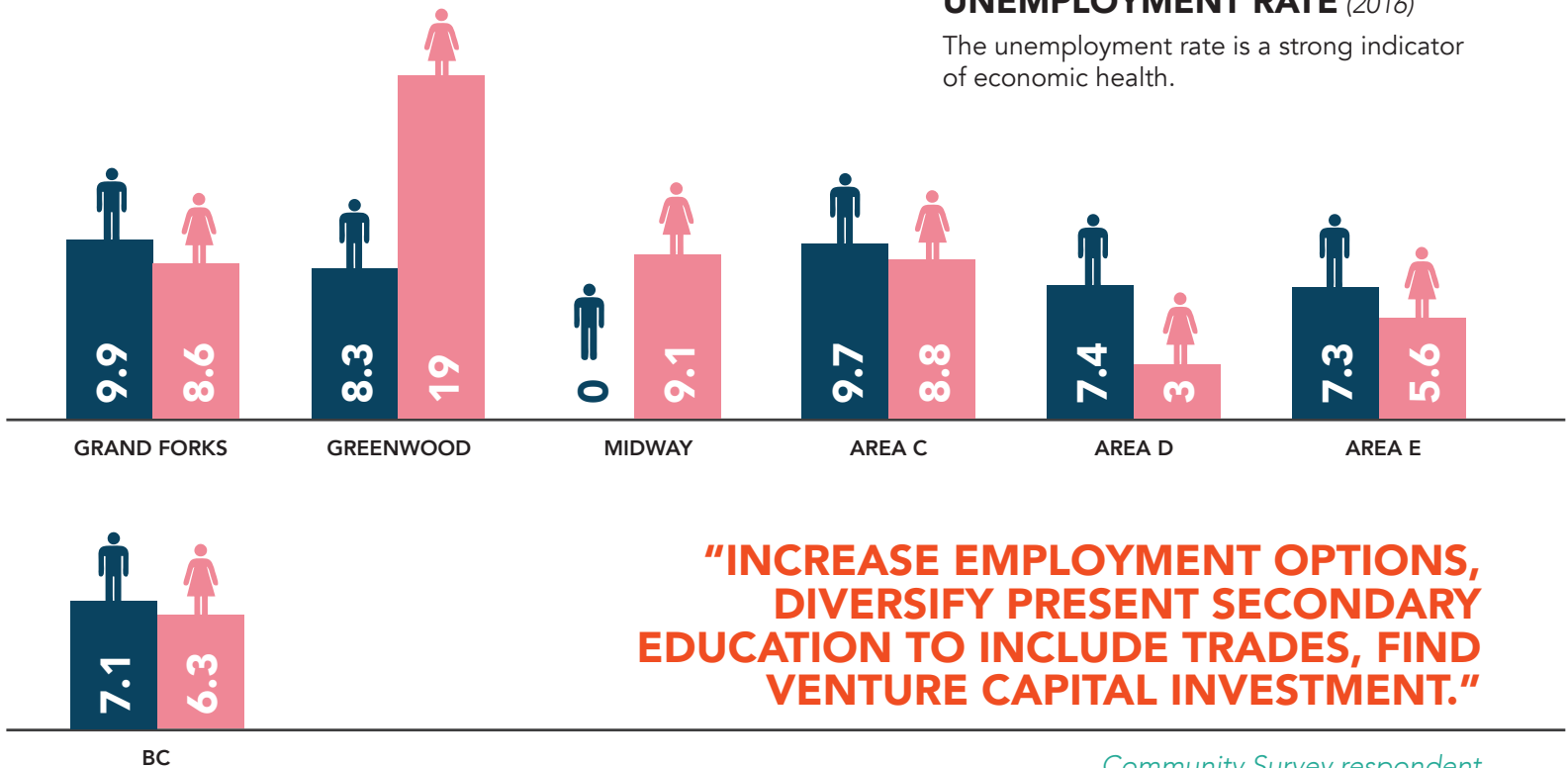


LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY (2016)



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2016)

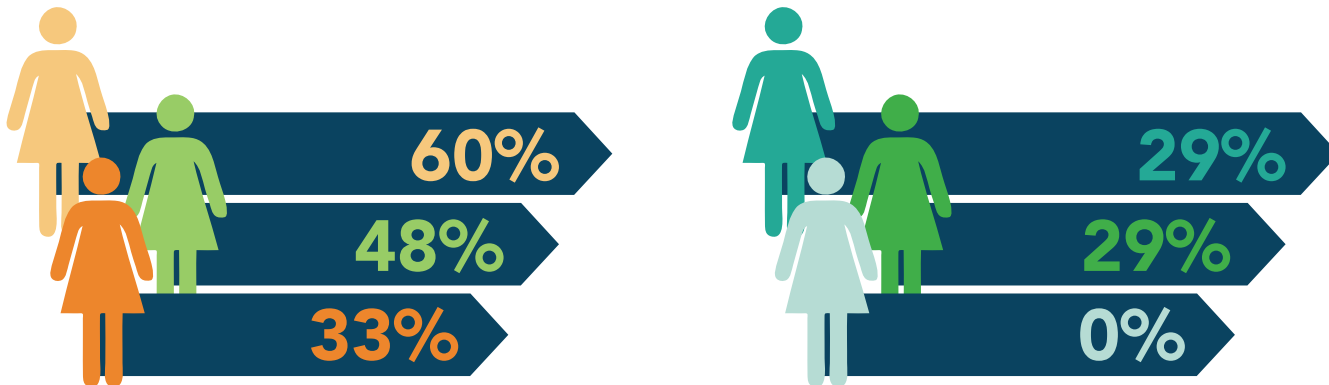
The unemployment rate is a strong indicator of economic health.



MANAGERIAL POSITIONS (2016)

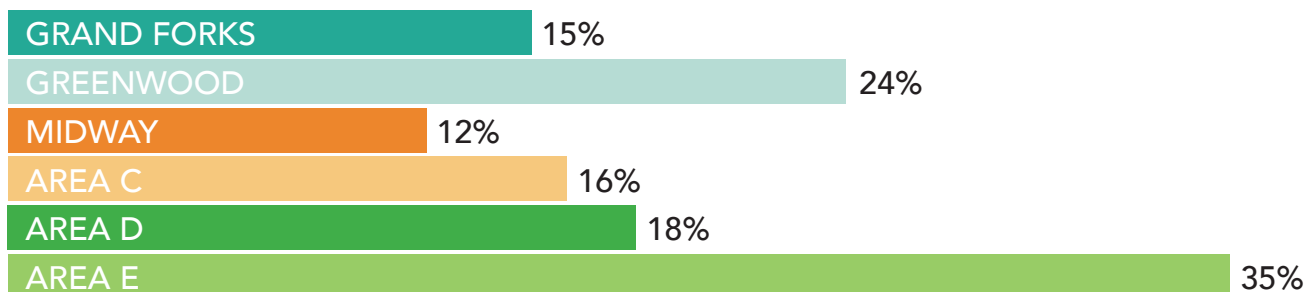
Women Aged 15 & over in Managerial Positions

Grand Forks Greenwood Midway Area C Area D Area E



LOW INCOME (2015)

The low income measure indicates the level of poverty as a percentage of the population.





VITALACTIONS

- > SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES BY CREATING A WELCOME ATMOSPHERE FOR NEW AND ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES
- > SUPPORT A THRIVING BOUNDARY REGION BY PROMOTING SHOPPING LOCAL
- > GET INVOLVED, UNDERSTAND HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS AND DECISIONS ARE MADE; THIS CAN LEAD TO BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS ON DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY
- > CALCULATE A LIVING WAGE



AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EVERYONE IS KEY TO ATTRACTING AND RETAINING RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND CREATING A HEALTHY, VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

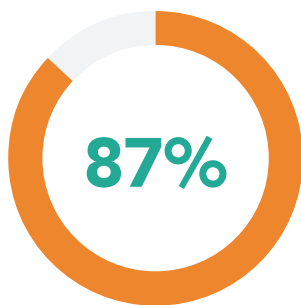


44% LIVED IN THEIR HOME FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS

26% LIVED IN THEIR HOME FROM 2 TO 5 YEARS

19% LIVED IN THEIR HOME FROM 5 TO 10 YEARS

11% LIVED IN THEIR HOME FOR LESS THAN 1 YEAR



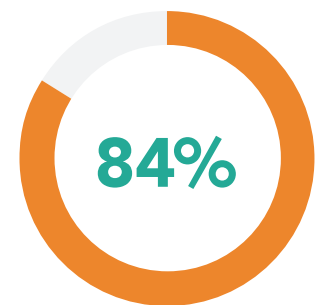
LIVE IN A SINGLE DWELLING

ARE SHORT-TERM RENTALS A THREAT TO HOUSING NEEDS?

16% YES

43% NO

41% DON'T KNOW



EITHER OWN, OR SOMEONE THEY LIVE WITH, OWNS THE HOME

"AFFORDABLE, ATTAINABLE HOUSING, HOUSING FOR RENT WHERE PETS ARE ALLOWED, WOULD BE HELPFUL."

Community Survey respondent

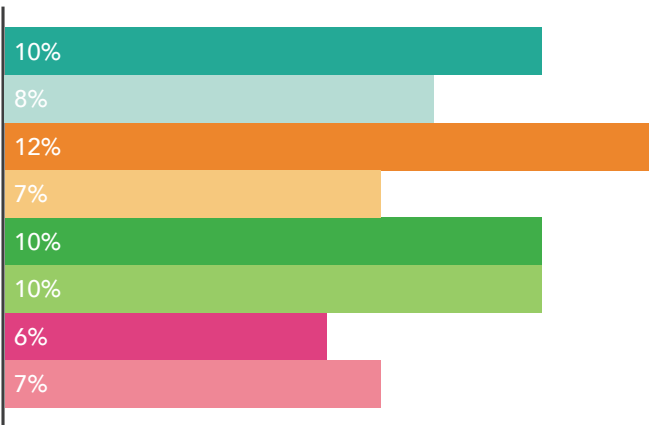
GROSS SHELTER INCOME RATIO (2016)

Percentage of households spending greater than 30% of income on major payments



HOMES REQUIRING CARE

Percentage of dwellings requiring major repair in 2016



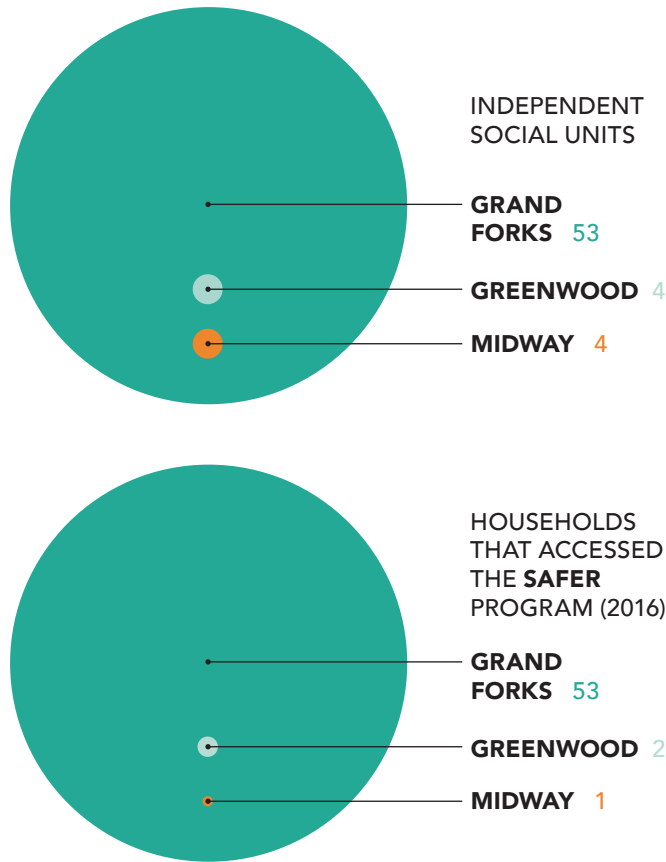
HOME OWNERSHIP

Percentage of homes that were privately owned in 2016



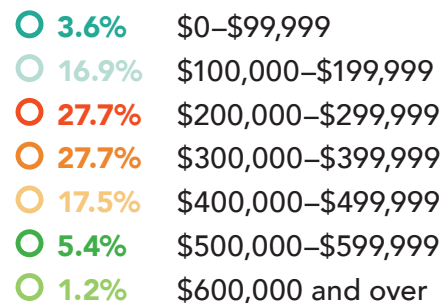
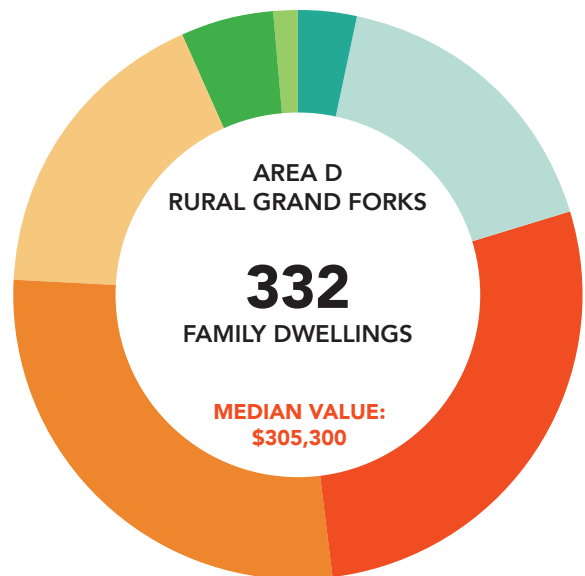
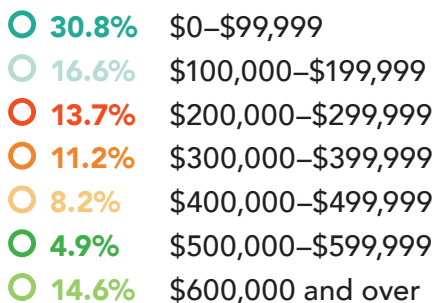
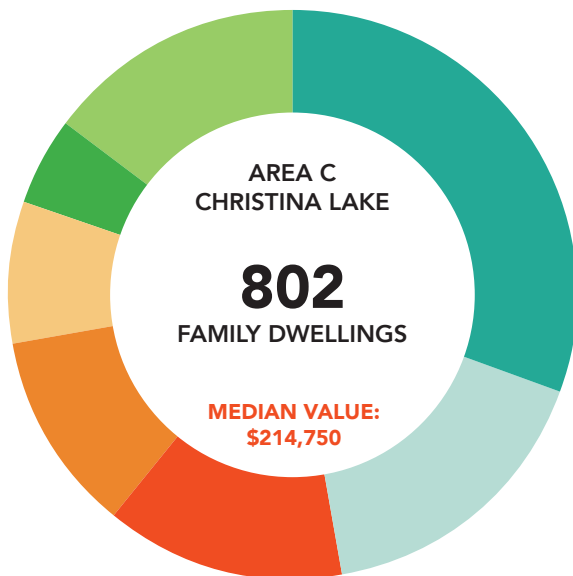
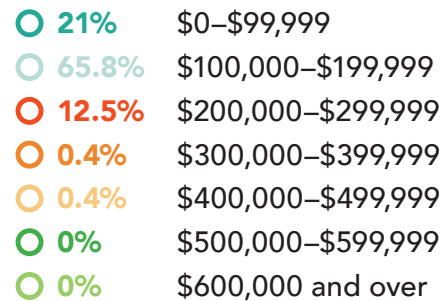
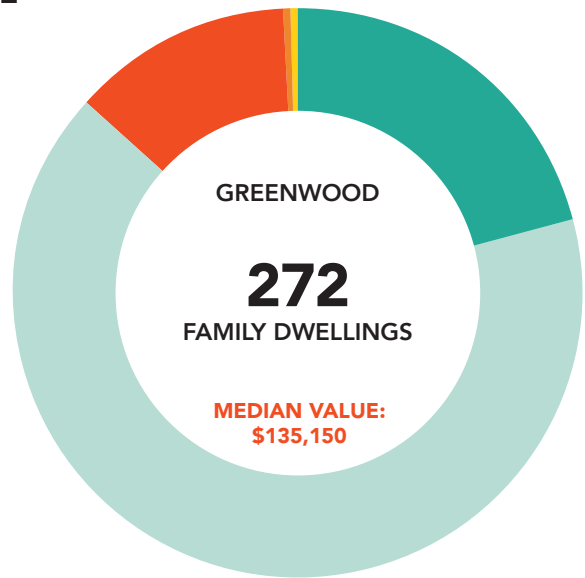
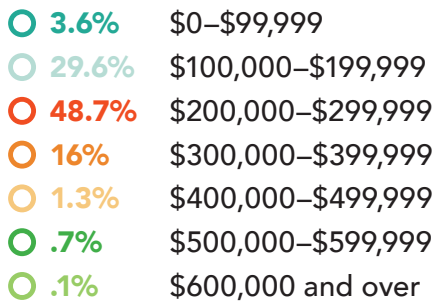
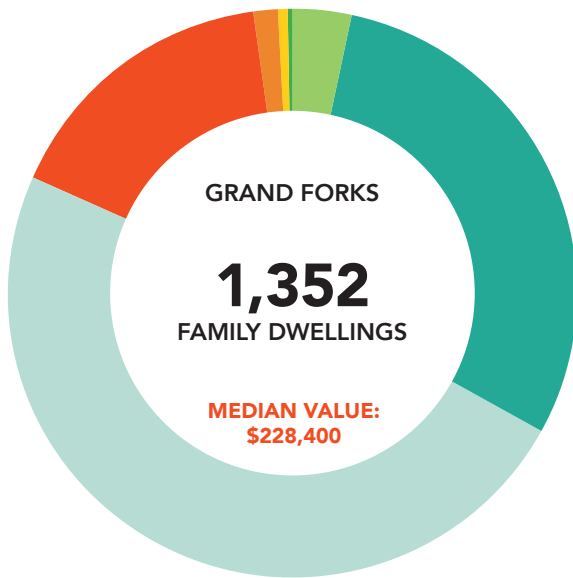
Grand Forks Greenwood Midway Area C
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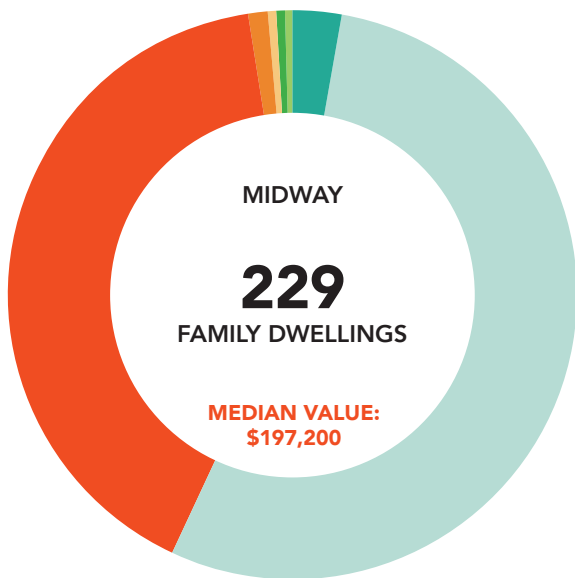
SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS (2016)



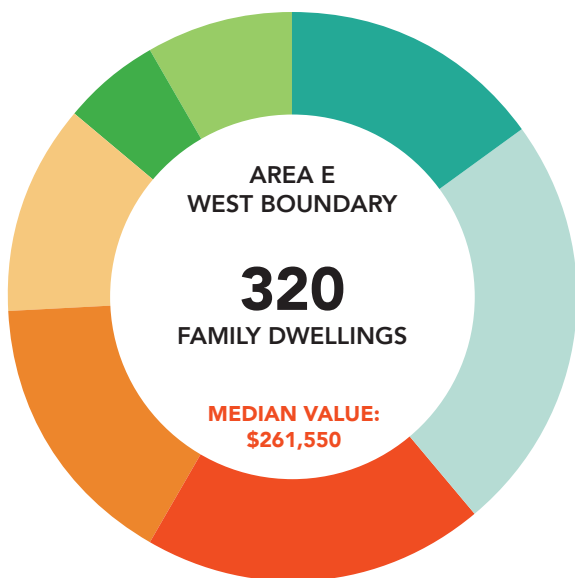
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES

(2018)





2.6%	\$0–\$99,999
50.2%	\$100,000–\$199,999
37.6%	\$200,000–\$299,999
0.9%	\$300,000–\$399,999
0.4%	\$400,000–\$499,999
0.4%	\$500,000–\$599,999
0.4%	\$600,000 and over



15%	\$0–\$99,999
24.1%	\$100,000–\$199,999
19.4%	\$200,000–\$299,999
15.9%	\$300,000–\$399,999
11.9%	\$400,000–\$499,999
5.6%	\$500,000–\$599,999
8.1%	\$600,000 and over



VACANCY RATES

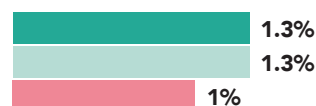
Vacancy rates are an important indicator in the availability of housing.

2017 2016 2015

GRAND FORKS



BC



Data was only available for Grand Forks

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

Between Nov 1, 2013–March 31, 2014
Extreme Weather Shelter provided

546 beds

VITALACTIONS

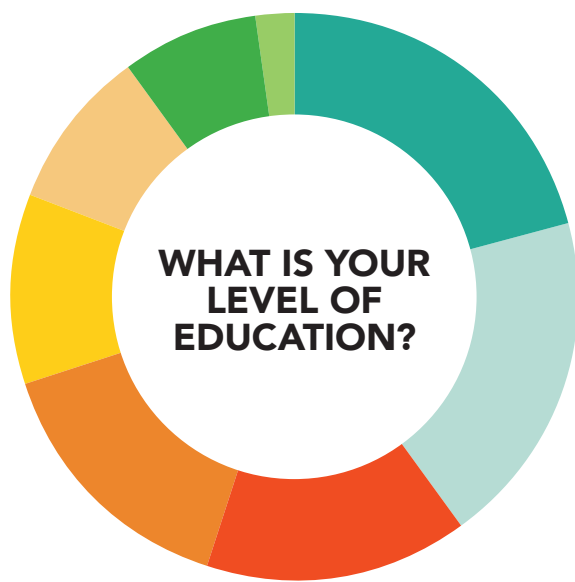
- > SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS
- > ENCOURAGE RETOFITTING EXISTING DWELLINGS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- > ADVOCATE FOR A FAIR RESIDENTIAL TENANCY ACT FOR BOTH RENTER AND LANDLORDS
- > ALLOW PETS IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

LEARNING & EDUCATION 6

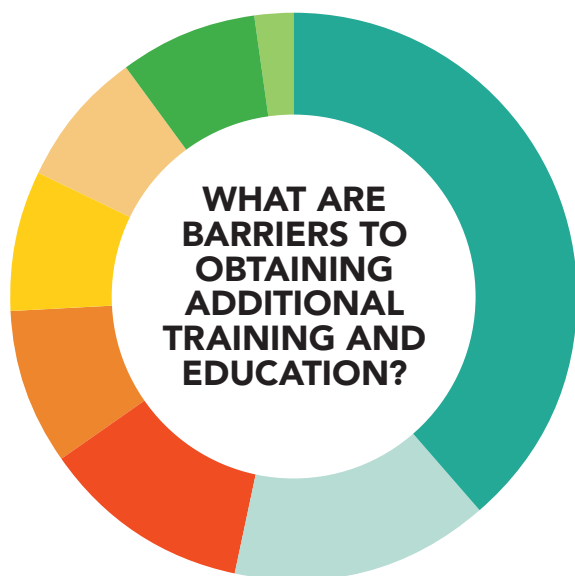


ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



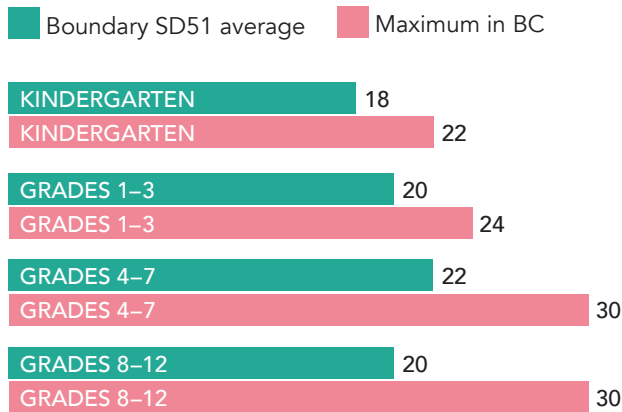
- 21% UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
- 19% COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE
- 15% DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE FROM TRADE, TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- 15% PARTIAL UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE
- 11% HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
- 9% UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE AT THE MASTER'S LEVEL
- 8% GRADE SCHOOL AND/OR PARTIAL HIGH SCHOOL
- 2% PREFER NOT TO ANSWER



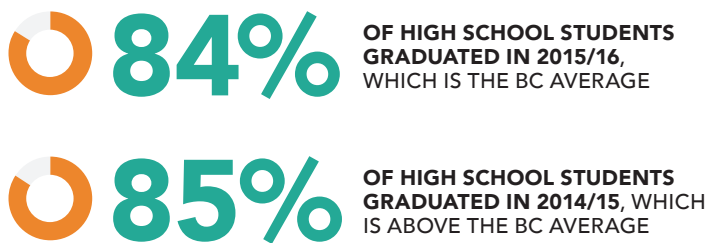
- 39% LIMITED COURSE OFFERINGS AS A BARRIER TO OBTAINING ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION
- 15% DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BARRIERS ARE
- 12% COURSES ARE OFFERED AT LIMITED TIMES AND/OR LOCATIONS
- 9% NO BARRIERS EXIST
- 8% LIMITED PERSONAL TIME AVAILABLE
- 8% AFFORDABILITY
- 8% OTHER, WHICH INCLUDED A COMBINATION OF MULTIPLE BARRIERS
- 2% CHILDCARE

VITAL ACTIONS

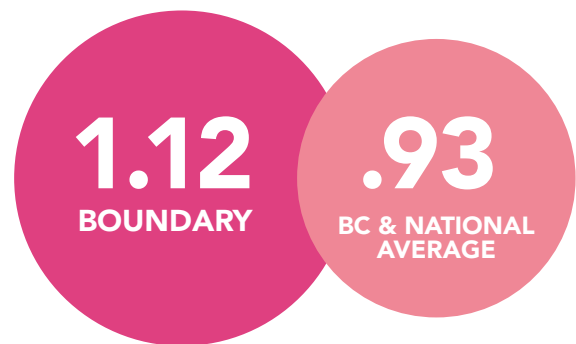
CLASS SIZES (2016)



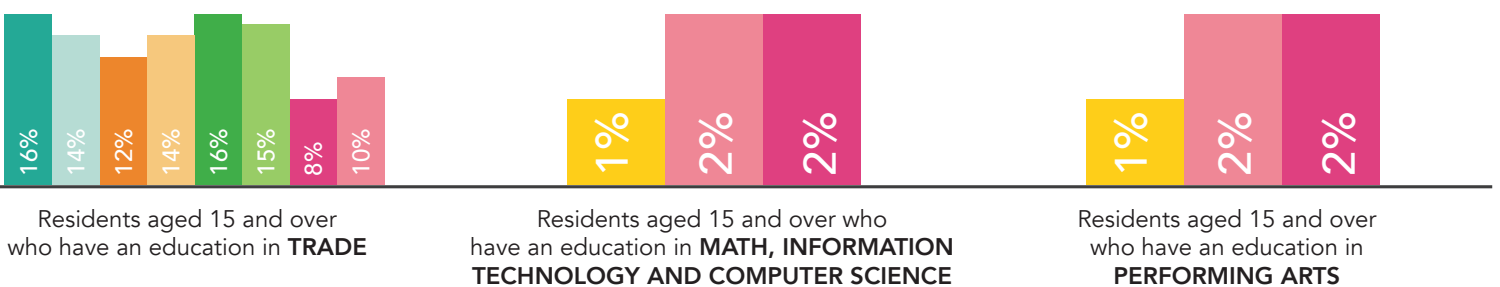
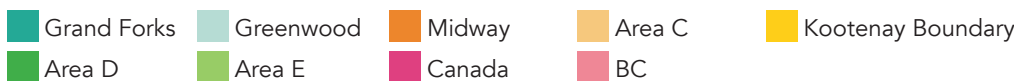
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



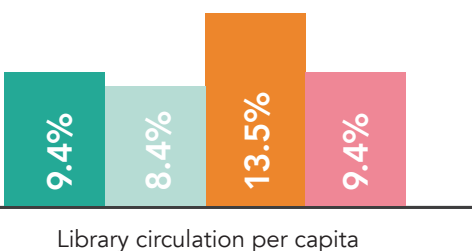
EDUCATIONAL EQUITY RATIO OF MEN TO WOMEN, AGED 15 AND OVER, WHO HAVE A POST-SECONDARY CERTIFICATE DIPLOMA OR DEGREE



EDUCATION (2016)



LIBRARY CIRCULATION (2011-2015 AVERAGE)



LIBRARY HOURS (2016)



BEING PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES WITH PLANS IN PLACE CONTRIBUTES TO THE SENSE OF SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY. A STRONG SENSE OF SAFETY IS ESSENTIAL TO A LIVABLE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

59% AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ARE WELL-PREPARED TO HELP IF THE NEED ARISES

71%

FEEL THEY ARE PREPARED IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION NOTICE

29%

FEEL THE BOUNDARY REGION IS ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

84%

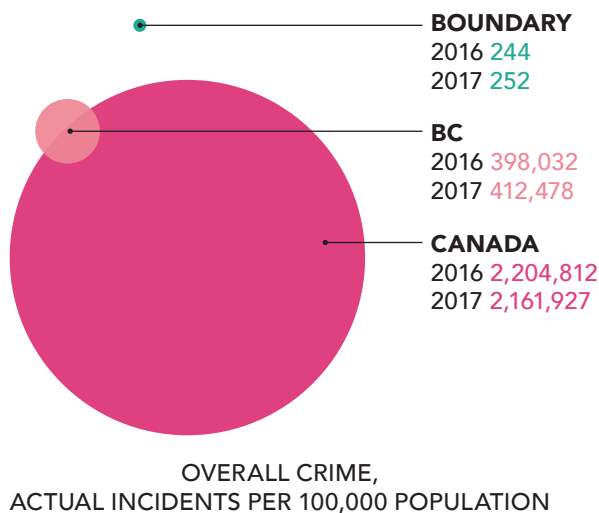
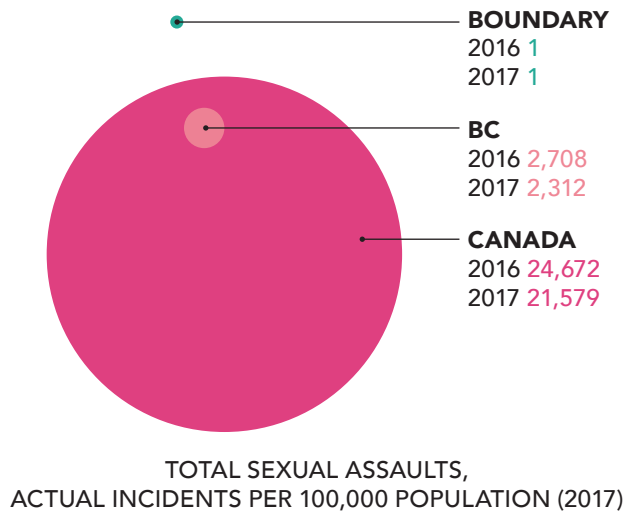
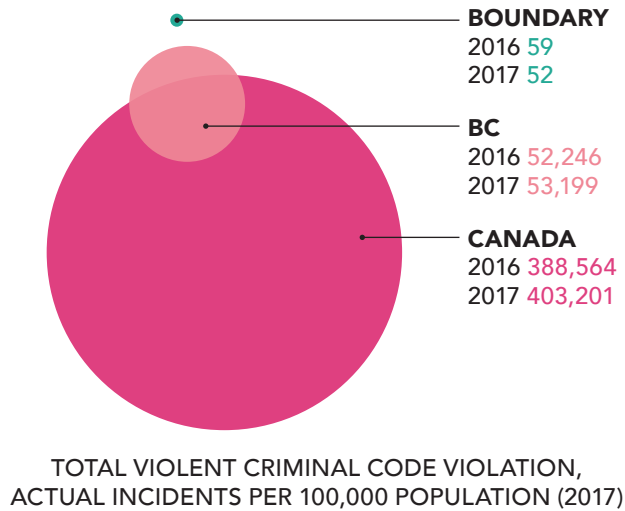
FEEL EITHER SOMEWHAT OR SAFE IN THE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS YOUR MAIN CONCERN OR FEAR, WHEN ASKED?



- 32% NATURAL DISASTERS, FLOODING AND WILDFIRES
- 22% ROBBERY
- 12% OTHER
- 10% NO CONCERNS
- 9% VIOLENT ATTACK
- 7% HARASSMENT/VERBAL ASSAULT/BULLYING
- 6% TRAFFIC/ROAD SAFETY
- 2% SEXUAL ASSAULT, WILDLIFE AND ISOLATION

CRIME RATES



**IN 2016 THERE WERE 2 YOUTH
(AGED 12-17) CHARGED AND 1 IN 2017**

**"IN AN
EMERGENCY,
I AM NOT SURE
WHERE I SHOULD
GO AND WHAT I
SHOULD BRING
WITH ME WHEN
I LEAVE THE
HOUSE."**

Community Survey respondent



VITALACTIONS

- > ENCOURAGE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
- > EDUCATE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND EVACUATION PLANS
- > CREATE AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION STRATEGY



FOOD IS MORE THAN WHAT WE EAT, IT AFFECTS OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND THE RESILIENCE OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT THEY HAVE ADEQUATE NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO MEET THEIR DIETARY NEEDS



AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO AFFORD THE GROCERIES THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE



REGULARLY SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS BY PURCHASING LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD



ARE ABLE TO GROW THEIR OWN VEGETABLES IF THEY CHOOSE TO



RELY ON THE FOOD BANK TO MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS



WHAT IS THE KEY TO INCREASING ACCESS TO ENOUGH NUTRITIOUS FOOD?

55% SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS OF LOCALLY GROWN FOODS

18% PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE FOOD-GROWING SKILLS

13% URBAN GARDENING

14% EDUCATION, SUSTAINING FOOD PROGRAMS OR ALL OF THE ABOVE

THE COST OF FEEDING THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY IS REASONABLE



44% AGREE OF STRONGLY AGREE

37% DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE

19% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE

"INCREASED DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD SECURITY NETWORKS AND REDUCE RELIANCE ON TRUCKED FOOD."

Community Survey respondent



DISTRIBUTION OF CHARITABLE FOOD PROGRAMS

Charitable food programs reflect a community's capacity to address food security at an immediate level.

IN 2017, WHISPERS OF HOPE SERVED OVER 13,000 MEALS.

In 2018, Whispers of Hope served **3,117 MEALS**, a significant drop from 2017 due to being closed for several months as result of flooding.

PLANT HARDINESS

determines where various types of trees, shrubs and flowers will most likely survive, based on the average climatic conditions. Zones range from 1–9. The higher the zone, the longer the growing season with milder winters.

GRAND FORKS

6B

GREENWOOD

5B

MIDWAY

5B

FROST FREE DAYS

GRAND FORKS

140 days between May 7 – Sept. 25

GREENWOOD

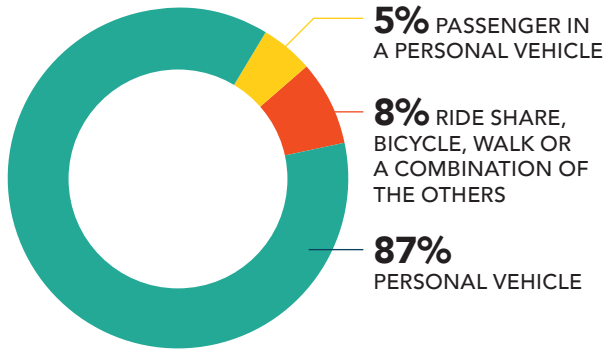
142 days between May 14 – Oct. 14

VITALACTIONS

- > SUPPORT LOCAL AGRICULTURE
- > ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY GARDENS AND LOCAL FARMERS MARKET
- > ENCOURGE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON LOCAL FOOD-GROWING PROGRAMS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

OUR ABILITY TO GET AROUND IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, ENVIRONMENT AND THE HEALTH OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES



65%

OF PEOPLE FEEL THAT A LACK OF TRANSPORTATION DOESN'T AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO GET TO APPOINTMENTS OR WORK.

64%

OF PEOPLE FEEL THAT A LACK OF TRANSPORTATION DOESN'T AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO GET TO SOCIAL/COMMUNITY EVENTS WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS.

BC TRANSIT

The Boundary region is serviced by one fixed route, extending from Greenwood to Grand Forks, with on-request pickup and drop-off service.

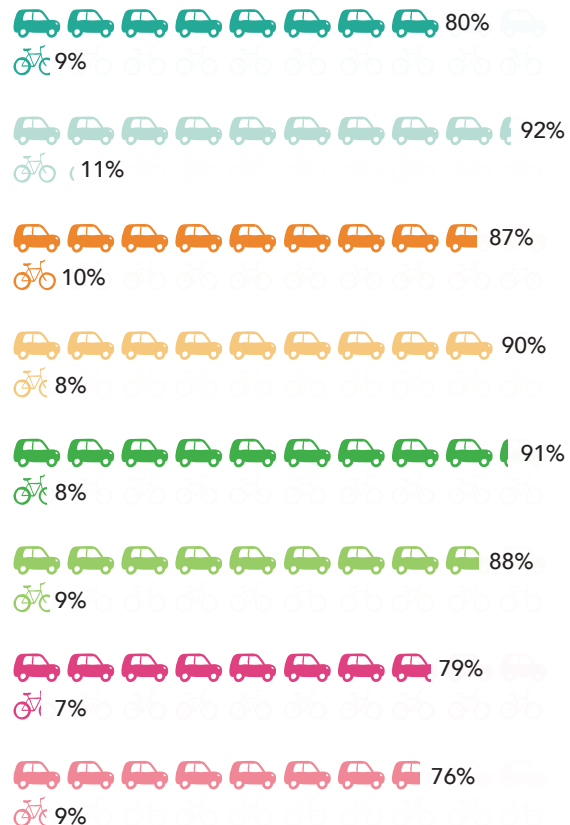


"LACK OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT FOR SENIORS; A SMALL COMMUNITY BUS TWICE A WEEK WOULD BE HELPFUL."

Community Survey respondent

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK (2016)

Personal Vehicle Walked or Biked

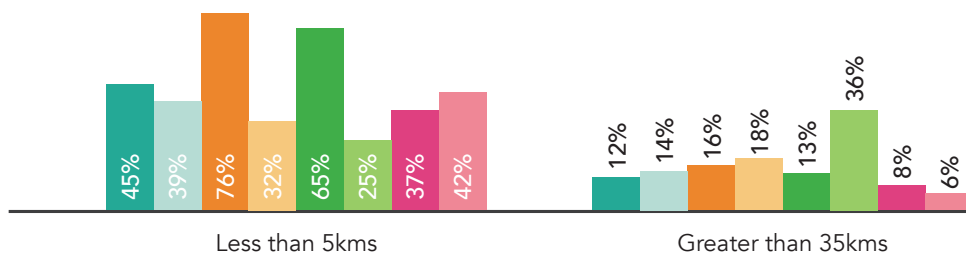




COMMUTING DISTANCE TO WORK

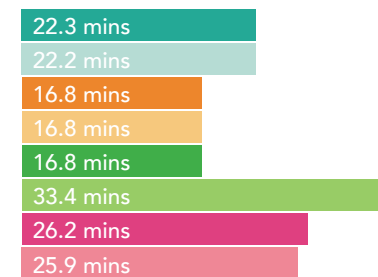
(2016, as percentage of population)

■ Grand Forks
 ■ Greenwood
 ■ Midway
 ■ Area C
■ Area D
 ■ Area E
 ■ Canada
 ■ BC



COMMUTING TIME TO WORK

(2016)



VITALACTIONS

- > USE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
- > SUPPORT RIDE SHARING
- > ENCOURAGE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES THAT INCLUDE WALKING, CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSIT WHERE POSSIBLE
- > CONDUCT A TRANSIT REVIEW TO SEE IF THE SERVICE IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND IS OF GOOD VALUE

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