

# PROFILE OF SMITHERS, REGIONAL GOVERNMENT REPORT AND OTHER LINKS

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## Town of Smithers

Incorporated as a village in 1921, and then as a town in 1967, the Town of Smithers is situated half way between the cities of Prince Rupert and Prince George along the Yellowhead Highway. Smithers is a regional service center for the Bulkley Valley.

Because of this, Smithers offers many more amenities than you would normally see in a town of this size. From its position in the Bulkley Valley, Smithers is set against the backdrop of the Hudson Bay Mountain to the west and the Babine Mountain range to the east. The main industries include forestry, agriculture, tourism and mining. Smithers is also known as the Gateway to the north. The town has a regional airport as well as a train station where VIA rail stops on the way to Prince Rupert.



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### Local First Nations

Wet'suwet'en First Nation  
Office of the Wet'suwet'en

### Smithers and Surrounding Area Profile

Town of Smithers Population: 5,378  
\*2021 Census Data



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## Regional Information

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 beauty, vibrant small town culture, and exciting business opportunities.

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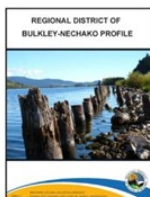
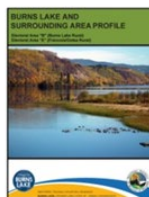
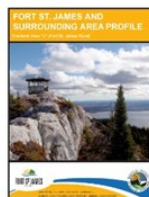
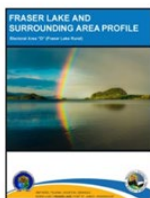
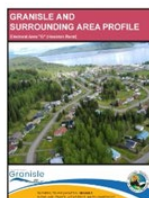
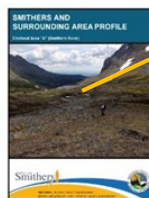
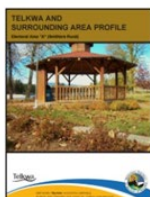
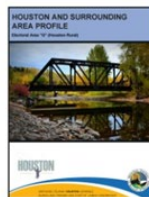
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## SMITHERS AND SURROUNDING AREA PROFILE



Town of  
**Smithers**

SMITHERS | TELKWA | HOUSTON | GRANISLE  
BURNS LAKE | FRASER LAKE | FORT ST. JAMES | VANDERHOOF



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## Smithers and Surrounding Area Profile:

[https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/application/files/1416/0736/7978/Smithers\\_Community\\_Profile.pdf](https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/application/files/1416/0736/7978/Smithers_Community_Profile.pdf)

The Area Profile includes information which can help with planning by some demographics.

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In 2016, the Town of Smithers had a population of 5,401. In addition, Smithers has had a relatively stable population over the past 10 years.

In 2016, residents of Smithers were younger than the population of Northern BC on average. The median age in the

Town was 37, while the median age in Electoral Area A and Northern BC was 42 and 39 respectively.

The age structure

of the region shows that Smithers had a larger youth population (ages 0-14) compared to the surrounding rural area and

Northern BC. Smithers also had a relatively low portion of the population between the ages of 55-64.

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Median household income in the Town of Smithers has generally been higher than in Northern BC from 2011 to 2016, with the exception of 2006. Residents of Electoral Area A had a higher median income than the Town throughout the 10 year period

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Smithers had a lower unemployment rate than Northern BC in 2011 and 2016. The unemployment rate increased from 2011-2016. In 2011, Smithers had the highest level of participation in the labour force. A high participation rate suggests that residents tend to be active in the labour force

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Smithers had a higher portion of the population with a university education and lower portion with no certificate, diploma or degree than the rest of Northern BC in 2016. Compared to Smithers, Electoral Area A had a lower percentage of the population with a university degree and a higher portion with no certificate, diploma or degree.

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In 2016, Smithers and Northern BC, employment is distributed across the economy in a number of sectors. The sectors that employed the most people in Smithers were retail trade and accommodation and food services [see chart]

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Major employers in Smithers are balanced between the private and public sectors. Some major employers in

Smithers include the following:

NAME NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

School District No. 54 425

Northern Health - Smithers 400

Hy-Tech Diamond Drilling 294

Government of British Columbia 278

Pacific Inland Resources 220

Bulkley Valley Credit Union 81

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Pinnacle Renewable Energy 5

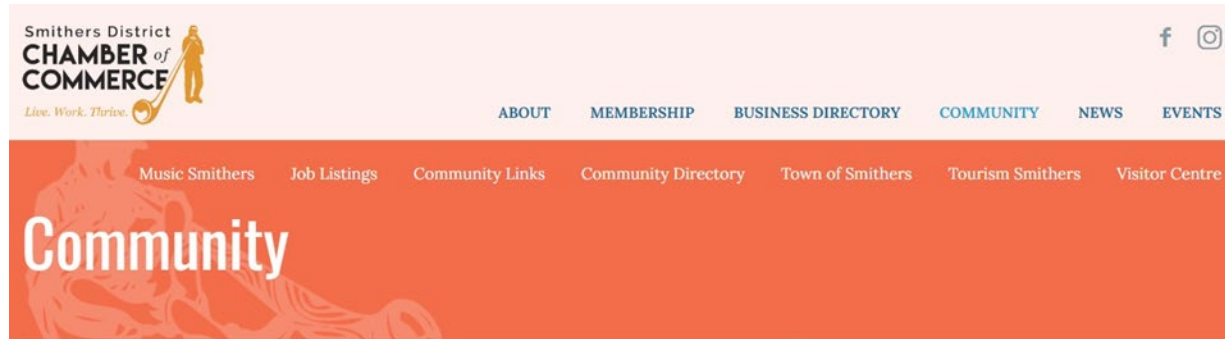
*[see other businesses and organizations in the community]*

Smithers Multicultural Society

<https://smithersmulticultural.ca/about-us/>

Smithers Housing and Community Profile

[https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/news/51751/northern-bc-housing-study/smithers\\_report.pdf](https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/news/51751/northern-bc-housing-study/smithers_report.pdf)



### Music Smithers

A portal and resource for all things music in the Smithers area.

### Job Listings

Browse current job opportunities in Smithers via the Work BC website

### Community Links

A list of links to community organizations in the Bulkley Valley.

### Community Directory

The Bulkley Valley Social Planning Society (BVSPS) maintains a directory of, social service agencies and community care providers that work to address social issues and improve the quality of life of the people living in the Bulkley Valley.

### Town of Smithers

The Town of Smithers website offers more information about our community, business license information, bylaws, council information and more

### Tourism Smithers

The Tourism Smithers website has a wealth of information to help you plan a trip to Smithers or find out more about our community

### Visitor Centre

Brochures, hiking trail maps, town and backroad maps, complimentary internet service, WiFi, a place to walk your dogs, potable water, sewage and garbage disposal, ferry bookings, weather and highway condition info.