

CPABC Regional Check-Up 2016

Mainland/Southwest Development Region (Southwest BC)

HIGHLIGHTS

Population:
2.9 million



International immigrants accounted for 63.2% of the **34,354 new residents**

86 Venture Capital deals worth \$450 million

+ ~13,000 new tech-related jobs

= Growth in high-tech sector

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WORK



New Jobs: **+21,300**

#1 Highest job growth in BC



Industries with the most job gains:

#1 Health Care & Social Assistance (+16,400)

#2 Manufacturing (+7,400) and Professional, Scientific & Technical Services (+7,400)

#3 Information, Culture & Recreation (+5,400)

Unemployment Rate:

6.0% < **6.2%**
Southwest BC BC

INVEST



Capital Investment:

-13% to **\$71.1 billion**



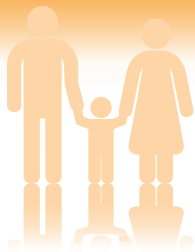
~70% of major projects in Southwest BC were commercial & residential

Business Bankruptcies:

-25.4% to **97 reports**

Data from Q3 2015. Increases/decreases are in comparison to Q3 2014.

LIVE



Educational Attainment:

72.4% of labour force has a post-secondary certificate/diploma or higher



Share of labour force with at least a bachelor's degree has increased by **14%**

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Consumer Insolvencies:

Personal Bankruptcies: 1.2 per 1,000 adults or **-14.3%**

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Consumer Proposals: 1.5 per 1,000 adults or **+15.4%**

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