

Fort Nelson Town

1	General
<p>Incorporated in 1971, Fort Nelson has a total land area of 13.26 square km (2006 Census). By highway the town is 408 km north of Fort St. John and 975 km southeast of Whitehorse, Yukon. Fort Nelson is in the Northern Rockies Regional District.</p>	

2	Population Estimates				Age Distribution				
Annual Estimates					2006 Census			% Distribution, 2006 *	
Year	Fort Nelson	% Change Prev. Year	BC	% Change Prev. Year	Fort Nelson	Male	Female	Fort Nelson	BC
					All ages	2,385	2,130	100.0	100.0
2004	4,530	-	4,155,170	-	0 - 14	535	515	23.4	16.5
2005	4,601	1.6	4,196,788	1.0	15 - 24	390	340	15.9	13.1
2006	4,612	0.2	4,243,580	1.1	25 - 44	850	780	36.0	27.4
2007	4,680	1.5	4,310,305	1.6	45 - 64	540	425	21.5	28.4
2008	4,664	-0.3	4,381,603	1.7	65 +	75	75	3.2	14.6

Source: Statistics Canada (as of July 1, includes estimate of Census undercount)

* based on published totals, both sexes

2006 Census Profiles can be found on our Website at <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.asp>

3	Selected Census Characteristics						
			Fort Nelson			British Columbia	
Characteristics	2001	2006	% Change	% Change	2001	2006	
Population	4,188	4,514	7.8	5.3	3,907,738	4,113,487	
Population (by citizenship)	4,180	4,475	7.1	5.3	3,868,875	4,074,385	
Non-immigrant	4,000	4,170	4.3	2.9	2,821,870	2,904,240	
Immigrant	175	255	45.7	10.8	1,009,820	1,119,215	
Labour force (15+ yrs.)	2,595	2,980	14.8	8.1	2,059,950	2,226,380	
Employees	2,345	2,675	14.1	9.2	1,715,600	1,873,050	
Self-employed	240	285	18.8	7.4	291,455	313,000	
Participation rate [ppt.=percentage points]	83.5%	87.2%	3.7 ppt.	0.4 ppt.	65.2%	65.6%	
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.9%	0.1 ppt.	-2.5 ppt.	8.5%	6.0%	
Total population 25 to 64 years	2,275	2,600	14.3	6.5	2,144,050	2,284,465	
No certificate, diploma or degree	685	440	-35.8	-40.1	471,470	282,200	
High school certificate or equivalent	430	735	70.9	27.7	462,925	591,275	
Apprenticeship/trades certificate or diploma	500	380	-24.0	-7.4	295,180	273,450	
College, CEGEP or other cert. or diploma	435	640	47.1	11.3	401,760	447,005	
University certificate, diploma or degree	230	405	76.1	34.7	512,715	690,535	
Bachelor's degree	120	220	83.3	23.0	282,800	347,715	
Census families	1,160	1,240	6.9	6.9	1,086,030	1,161,420	
Lone-parent families	210	170	-19.0	4.0	168,420	175,165	
Households	1,525	1,705	11.8	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150	
1-family households	1,115	1,175	5.4	6.1	1,012,925	1,074,850	
Multi-family households	25	35	40.0	18.4	35,050	41,510	
Non-family households	385	495	28.6	8.3	486,355	526,785	
Median Income (2000 & 2005)	\$ 30,002	\$ 38,508	28.4	12.5	\$ 22,095	\$ 24,867	
Males	\$ 44,910	\$ 52,825	17.6	9.0	\$ 28,976	\$ 31,598	
Females	\$ 19,399	\$ 24,196	24.7	14.0	\$ 17,546	\$ 19,997	
Median Family Income (2000 & 2005)	\$ 70,034	\$ 95,676	36.6	20.0	\$ 54,840	\$ 65,787	
Economic Families	1,150	1,230	7.0	6.5	1,044,850	1,112,810	
Incidence, low income	7.8%	2.8%	-5.0 ppt.	-0.6 ppt.	13.9%	13.3%	
Unattached persons, 15+	485	585	20.6	4.7	576,825	603,880	
Incidence, low income	16.7%	13.7%	-3.0 ppt.	-1.4 ppt.	38.1%	36.7%	
Population in private hh.	4,170	4,455	6.8	5.1	3,785,270	3,978,215	
Incidence, low income	8.3%	4.4%	-3.9 ppt.	-0.5 ppt.	17.8%	17.3%	
Dwellings	1,525	1,705	11.8	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150	
Owned	995	1,175	18.1	12.5	1,017,485	1,145,045	
Rented	530	530	-	-3.6	512,360	493,995	
Average gross rent	\$ 672	\$ 766	14.0	10.4	\$ 750	\$ 828	
Average owners' payments	\$ 908	\$ 1,193	31.4	17.1	\$ 904	\$ 1,059	
Avg. value, owned dwell.	\$ 122,454	\$ 203,389	66.1	81.5	\$ 230,645	\$ 418,703	

Source: Statistics Canada. Notes: incomes are for 2005 and 2000; rent/owner's payments are restricted to non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings.

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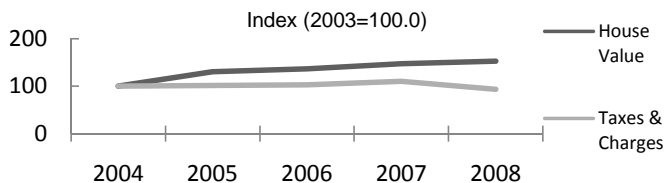
4		Labour Force by Industry (NAICS)					
		Fort Nelson			BC	% Distribution, 2006	
Industry		2001	2006	% Change	% change	Fort Nelson	BC
Total labour force		2,600	2,980	14.6	8.1	100.0	100.0
Industry - Not applicable		10	10	-	-26.6	0.3	1.5
All industries (Experienced LF)		2,595	2,960	14.1	8.9	99.3	98.5
111-112 Farms		-	-	-	5.2	-	1.8
113 Forestry and logging		45	50	11.1	-10.0	1.7	1.0
114 Fishing, hunting and trapping		-	-	-	1.3	-	0.2
1151/2 Support activities for farms		10	10	-	11.3	0.3	0.1
1153 Support activities for forestry		35	25	-28.6	-21.5	0.8	0.3
21 Mining and oil and gas extraction		180	255	41.7	42.6	8.6	0.9
22 Utilities		140	80	-42.9	-3.4	2.7	0.5
23 Construction		150	210	40.0	39.9	7.0	7.5
31-33 Manufacturing		450	395	-12.2	-2.7	13.3	8.5
311 Food manufacturing		-	-	-	3.6	-	1.0
321 Wood product manufacturing		430	385	-10.5	-16.1	12.9	1.7
322 Paper manufacturing		-	-	-	-13.5	-	0.6
41 Wholesale trade		90	155	72.2	11.6	5.2	4.1
44-45 Retail trade		225	310	37.8	6.9	10.4	11.2
441 Motor vehicle and parts dealers		20	60	200.0	9.0	2.0	1.1
445 Food and beverage stores		70	100	42.9	8.4	3.4	2.9
448 Clothing & clothing accessories		15	15	-	9.2	0.5	1.1
452 General merchandise stores		-	20	-	6.5	0.7	1.2
48-49 Transportation & warehousing		215	255	18.6	0.6	8.6	5.2
51 Information and cultural industries		15	40	166.7	-5.3	1.3	2.6
52 Finance and insurance		75	30	-60.0	4.5	1.0	3.8
53 Real estate & rental/leasing		30	110	266.7	22.1	3.7	2.3
54 Prof'sonal, scientific & tech. serv.		35	75	114.3	18.6	2.5	7.3
55 Mgmt. of companies/ent'prises		-	-	-	126.6	-	0.1
56 Admin+support, waste mgmnt srv.		55	105	90.9	20.4	3.5	4.4
61 Educational services		105	180	71.4	9.2	6.0	6.9
62 Health care and social assistance		120	110	-8.3	6.5	3.7	9.6
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation		20	15	-25.0	11.3	0.5	2.3
72 Accommodation and food services		275	265	-3.6	7.7	8.9	8.1
721 Accommodation services		125	105	-16.0	2.5	3.5	1.7
722 Food services & drinking places		150	155	3.3	9.2	5.2	6.4
81 Other services (excl. public admin.)		165	140	-15.2	11.8	4.7	4.9
91 Public administration		165	145	-12.1	-2.0	4.9	5.0
Special Aggregations	Agriculture, Food and Beverage	10	-	-100.0	5.8	-	2.9
	Fishing and Fish Processing	-	-	-	-3.3	-	0.5
	Logging and Forest Products	510	460	-9.8	-14.7	15.4	3.7
	Mining and Mineral Products	180	265	47.2	17.1	8.9	2.1

Source: Statistics Canada. Industry according to NAICS version used in each census. Unpublished data.

5		Business Establishments - Number of Firms by Employment Size Range							
December (or June)	Firms with no employees		Firms with employees		% change	Fort Nelson			
	Fort Nelson	BC	Fort Nelson	BC		Fort Nelson	1 to 19	20 to 49	50-199
2004	304	187,895	354	158,421	-	280	50	20	4
2005	289	182,495	366	162,732	3.4	286	52	26	2
2006	261	182,599	402	167,845	9.8	319	54	26	3
2007	n/a	188,565	n/a	168,473	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2008 (Jun)	n/a	193,848	n/a	170,692	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: Business Register, Statistics Canada. In some areas, boundary changes/geocoding changes may cause large changes.

6		Municipal Residential Taxes and Charges on a Representative House				
		Fort Nelson				
Year	House Value		Taxes & Charges			
	\$	% change	\$	% change		
2004	116,976	-	2,212	-		
2005	152,112	30.0	2,250	1.7		
2006	159,606	4.9	2,269	0.8		
2007	171,864	7.7	2,436	7.4		
2008	178,258	3.7	2,071	-15.0		



Source: Ministry of Community Development http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/tax_rates/tax_rates2007.htm (No RD level figures)

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7	Values of Building Permits								
	Residential				Non-Residential		Total		Year
	Number of Units		Value \$'000		Value \$'000		Value \$'000		
Fort Nelson	BC	Fort Nelson	BC	Fort Nelson	BC	Fort Nelson	BC		
2004	-	34,898	-	5,868,937	-	2,069,790	-	7,938,727	2004
2005	-	37,452	-	6,978,962	-	3,212,137	-	10,191,099	2005
2006	-	38,835	-	7,620,696	-	3,920,836	-	11,541,532	2006
2007	-	40,932	-	8,611,723	-	3,932,968	-	12,544,691	2007
2008	10	30,110	-	6,899,289	-	3,677,866	-	10,577,155	2008

Source: Statistics Canada

Note: Detailed non-residential permits data can be found on our Website: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

A dash can indicate a nil report, a value of less than \$500, or non-reporting. P indicates 'preliminary'.

8	Personal Taxation Statistics						Percent Change in Avg. Income	
	Total Income of All Returns							
	All Returns (number)		Average Income (\$)		% Change avg. income			
Year	Fort Nelson	BC	Fort Nelson	BC	Fort Nelson	BC		
2002	4,380	2,980,110	37,255	31,316	n/a	n/a		
2003	4,400	2,981,790	41,407	32,187	11.1	2.8		
2004	4,370	3,053,420	44,645	33,766	7.8	4.9		
2005	4,420	3,154,090	46,795	35,601	4.8	5.4		
2006	4,300	3,165,750	53,057	38,523	13.4	8.2		

Note: This section is now based on All Returns, not Taxable Returns

Source of Total Income 2006				% Distribution, Total Income					
	Fort Nelson		BC						
	\$Thousands	% of Total		% of Total					
Employment	194,872	85.4	65.9						
Pension	4,773	2.1	12.5						
Investment	11,516	5.0	8.6						
Self-Employed	8,687	3.8	6.0						
Other	6,492	2.8	5.0						
Tax Exempt	1,544	0.7	2.0						
Total	228,145	100.0	100.0						

Source: Canada Revenue Agency. Areas are defined by postal codes and may not match municipal boundaries.

9	Dependency on the Safety Net						Total Beneficiaries by Age Group, % (Basic BC Assistance & EI)	
	Percentage of Population by Age Receiving Benefits - September 2008							
	Age Group	BC Basic* Income Assistance Recipients (%)		Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%)		Total of BC Basic Income Assistance & EI Beneficiaries (%)		
N Rockies		BC	N Rockies	BC	N Rockies	BC		
Under 19	1.8	2.1	-	-	-	-		
19-24	0.9	1.5	2.7	1.0	3.6	2.4		
25-54	-	1.4	2.3	1.4	-	2.7		
55-64	-	0.5	4.4	0.9	-	1.4		
19-64	0.6	1.2	2.6	1.2	3.2	2.4		

* On temporary assistance only. Excluded are those on Continuous Assistance, aboriginals living on reserve, seniors/OAS, & children living with relatives.

Source: BC Stats (using administrative files from the BC Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance, and Human Resources & Social Development Canada)

Note: EI Beneficiaries reports now include regular, fishing and employment benefits, work sharing and support measures. The reports exclude sickness, maternity and parental benefits.

Note: Data is for Northern Rockies Regional District

10	Business Formations and Failures								
	Incorporations				Bankruptcies				
	Number		Year		Ft St John		Northeast DR		BC
Year	Fort Nelson	BC	Year	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer
2004	29	24,703	2004	9	40	n.a.	n.a.	922	8,373
2005	31	30,937	2005	8	33	n.a.	n.a.	786	8,168
2006	51	33,273	2006	4	27	9	71	585	7,020
2007	34	34,036	2007	3	34	10	78	470	6,651
2008	35	30,085	2008	0	45	7	82	454	7,293

Source: BC Ministry of Finance

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada

Incorporations are counted in municipality of the registered office address which may differ from the actual business location.

Note: Bankruptcy is by urban postal code forward sortation area and is counted where it is filed.