

Chilliwack General Hospital



ECONOMIC SECTOR PROFILE: HEALTH CARE

CHILLIWACK, BRITISH COLUMBIA

...keeping the community healthy.

"Chilliwack physicians provide comprehensive medical care. I have enjoyed opportunities to practice obstetrics, emergency and ambulatory medicine. The work environment is friendly, collegial and supportive."

Dr. John Hamilton, Medical Director, Chilliwack General Hospital

In British Columbia, the Ministry of Health is responsible for providing a sustainable, affordable and publicly funded healthcare system.

The health care sector in Chilliwack is as diverse as the government agencies, NGOs, volunteers and private sector businesses that keep the community well served and healthy. This sector is responsible for employing more than 10 per cent of the local workforce while generating eight per cent of all community income.

Chilliwack Healthcare

Hospitals	Chilliwack General
No. of Acute Care Beds	138 (CGH)
No. of Out-Patient Clinics	3
No. of Physicians	235*
No. of Dentists	43

* GP's, specialists, Emergency Room & locum physicians
Source: Fraser Health Authority, 2011

FRASER HEALTH (FH)

FH serves the healthcare needs of about 1.5 million people from Burnaby to White Rock to Hope, or one-third of the BC population. For more information, visit www.fraserhealth.ca.

CHILLIWACK GENERAL HOSPITAL (CGH)

Chilliwack has a fully functional General Hospital with about 1,400 employees and approximately 55 general practitioners and 25 specialists.

In February 2007, the Regional Health District approved \$30M for the comprehensive redevelopment of CGH. This was combined with a \$5M contribution raised in the community of Chilliwack by the Chilliwack Campaign Committee and Chapter of the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation. The redevelopment project included the entire outpatient care module, which encompasses the emergency department, ambulatory care, diagnostics and laboratory services (completed in 2011).

In-Patient Services include intensive care, coronary care, maternity, medicine, palliative care, psychiatry, surgical, sub acute and transitional care.

Out-Patient Services include ambulatory day care, critical care unit, diagnostic imaging, emergency 24/7, gynecology/urology, healthy heart, diabetes program, IV therapy, laboratory services, medical and surgical day care, nutrition counseling, cancer care, physiotherapy, pre-admission clinic, respiratory clinic and speech/language pathology. For more information, contact CGH at (604) 795-4141.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Health Prevention/Early Intervention focuses on the well being of our communities through promoting healthy choices and preventing disease.

Services and programs include infant/maternal health, child health (0-5 years and 5-19), immunization, adult flu clinics, sexual disease clinic, youth clinic, adult health information and education and communicable disease control. For more information, contact (604) 702-4900.

HOME HEALTH

Professional support is provided for individuals in our community with acute, rehabilitation, chronic or palliative care needs. Home Health consists of the following:

- **Fraser Health Home Support** provides in-home personal care to people who need assistance with daily living.
- **Assisted Living** is available for those who are able to live independently, but require some regular on-site personal support. Funded sites include The Waverly and The Cascades.
- **Residential Care** facilities that provide 24-hour complex health care services are available to those requiring long-term care and professional support.

For more information on Home Health programs, contact (604) 702-4800.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

Support is provided for individuals who have a chronic and persistent mental illness or an addiction issue. For more information, contact (604) 702-4860.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

There are about 43 dentists and 68 physicians in Chilliwack. There are specialists in pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, orthopedics, plastic and cosmetic surgery, ear, nose and throat, neurology, urology, ophthalmology and oral surgery, periodontics, orthodontics, etc.

DOCTORS' SATELLITE CLINICS

The three satellite clinics were established to provide healthcare after hours and on weekends. An additional purpose is to provide relief for the Emergency Room of Chilliwack General Hospital.

CHILLIWACK HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE

Major Employers

Chilliwack General Hospital (CGH)	1400
Chilliwack Society for Community Living	230
Residential Care Facilities	106

Source: Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation, 2010

FOUNDATION (CHHCF)

The Chilliwack Hospital and Health Care Foundation (CHHCF) is an innovative model dedicated to raising funds for the Chilliwack General Hospital and for the improvement of healthcare in the community. Funds raised help to ensure state-of-the-art equipment, facilities and programs for over 90,000 residents of Chilliwack and adjacent communities. For more information or to make a donation, please contact:

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For more information on Chilliwack or health care opportunities, contact Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation at 604-792-7839 or visit www.chilliwackhealthcare.com.

CHILLIWACK, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Population Est. 92,308

...everything a business needs to succeed!

EFFICIENT GLOBAL ACCESS AND A WORLD CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

Chilliwack, British Columbia maintains well-established economic, cultural, communications and transportation ties with Asian, American and European markets. Located on the Trans Canada Highway, the city is only 20 minutes away from a USA border crossing and Abbotsford's International Airport, 90 minutes from Vancouver's International Airport and one hour from the nearest shipping sea port.



DYNAMIC AND DIVERSE ECONOMY

Chilliwack's economic strength is based on the success of established resource sectors such as agriculture, food processing and forestry. However, recent dramatic growth in technology and knowledge-based industries is bringing new diversity and energy to the community, creating numerous investment and business opportunities.

UNBEATABLE QUALITY OF LIFE

Chilliwack is one of the world's most desirable places to live and work... with the country life and proximity to major urban centers, a mild climate, gorgeous scenery and a low cost of living.

QUALIFIED WORKFORCE

Chilliwack's first rate education system, supported by the University of the Fraser Valley and other advanced education opportunities, provide a wealth of qualified local talent. In fact 66 percent of British Columbia's employees have post secondary education with 21 percent holding a university degree.

BUSINESS - FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT

Chilliwack holds a reputation for being the most business-friendly community in the province. Our Municipal Government believes that the strength of our local economy is a direct result of assistance to business. They have a commitment to satisfy the needs of business, to reduce tax costs and go the extra mile to ensure quick approvals.

COMPETITIVE BUSINESS COSTS AND INCENTIVES

Chilliwack is one of the most cost-competitive locations for business. Municipal taxation and provincial tax cuts are reducing business costs and increasing Chilliwack's competitiveness. Since 2001, the provincial government has introduced dramatic changes designed to strengthen the economy and make British Columbia the best place to invest in North America.

REDUCING TAXES TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT AND TALENT

- **Thirty-one provincial tax relief measures** including a 30 percent cut in the corporate income tax rate, elimination of the general capital tax and a 25 percent cut in personal income tax rates.
- **New or enhanced tax credits** and exemptions for software development, manufacturing, mining, oil and gas, film and TV production, new media and international financing activities.
- **Employer-paid payroll taxes** average about 50 percent lower than in the US.
- **No property taxes on machinery, equipment** and other non-real estate assets, unlike most US jurisdictions.
- **Federal and provincial research and development tax credit programs.**

Federal Corporate Tax	BC	WA	OR	CA
\$50,000 - \$75,000	11%	25%	25%	25%
\$75,000 - \$100,000	11%	34%	34%	34%
\$100,000 - \$335,000	11%	39%	39%	39%
\$335,000 - \$500,000	11%	34%	34%	34%
\$500,000 - \$10M	15%	34%	34%	34%
Provincial / State Corporate Tax	BC	WA	OR	CA
\$0 - \$250,000	2.5%	N/A	6.6%	8.84%
\$250,000 - \$500,000	2.5%	N/A	7.6%	8.84%
\$500,000 and over	10%	N/A	7.6%	8.84%

Source: Province of BC, 2012 / WA, OR, and CA States, 2012

Provincial Corporate Tax	BC	AB	ON
Income			
General	10%	10%	11.5%
Mfg. & Processing	10%	10%	11%
Small Business	2.5%	3%	4.5%

Source: Province of BC, AB and ON, 2012

UTILITIES

In British Columbia, hydroelectric power is our most reliable (99.923%) and biggest source of energy. BC Hydro (a Provincial Crown Corporation) serves 94% of all of British Columbia's residents including Chilliwack. Gas distribution throughout British Columbia is provided by Fortis BC. Natural gas from the Peace River region is transmitted by pipeline to Chilliwack through to Vancouver.

ELECTRICITY AND GAS RATES

HYDRO RATES	Business (under 35kWh for 2 mo.)
Basic/Minimum Charge:	18.53 cents per day
	All kWh: \$0.0881 kWh
Rate Rider:	2.5% applied to all charges before taxes and levies

*different rates available for different consumption uses.

Source: BC Hydro, 2012

GAS RATES

Small Commercial Rate 2 (less than 2,000 GJ annually)

Basic Charge per day	\$0.8161
Delivery Charge per GJ	\$2.896
Midstream Charge per GJ	\$1.352
Cost of Gas per GJ	\$4.005

*different rates available for different consumption uses.

Source: Fortis BC, 2012



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