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B.C.'s Labour Market Outlook: A Decade of Economic Expansion

B.C.'s latest Labour Market Outlook projects more than one million job openings between 2025 and 2035, reflecting sustained economic growth and rising labour demand across the province. The strongest opportunities continue to emerge in health care, technology, construction, retail, and finance, supported by a highly increased emphasis on post-secondary education and skilled training.



Click on the image on the right to read the in-depth 79-page report.

WorkBC New Westminster Collaborates with Meridian North Contracting

WorkBC New Westminister recently collaborated with Meridian North Contracting to host an exclusive hiring event for registered clients on February 18. The session focused on recruitment for roofing technician positions and offered participants the chance to interview directly with the employer. More than 18 clients registered to attend, and Meridian North Contracting ultimately moved forward with hiring seven candidates from WorkBC New Westminister.

If you are a WorkBC New Westminister client and would like to participate in future hiring events, please speak with your case manager.



Career Exploration Insight

When you receive a job offer, what's the one thing you look at first? (If you had to choose one)

- Salary and total compensation
- Growth Opportunities
- Location and Commuting
- Remote/Hybrid Work Options

Clarifying your career direction helps you focus your job search with purpose and confidence. If you're still exploring options, try this career quiz: [What Career Is Good for Me?](#)

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Pulse Question: How to build a resilient mindset during job search?

Most people feel defeated and anxious during a job search when we don't hear back from employers, and some might blame themselves or lose confidence. This is normal, but how can we stay resilient after being "ghosted"?

Rejections are hard to take, but here's a small tip to shift your mindset: maybe it's a "not now," not "never." Opportunities come in many forms, and timing matters. So what else can you do? Keep preparing and sharpening your job-search skills so that when opportunities knock, you're ready to answer them!

Interested in group workshops like résumé building and interview preparation? Click the photo to learn more. (Written by: Cynthia He, Facilitator, WorkBC New Westminster)



WorkBC New Westminster Resource Room

The WorkBC New Westminster Centre offers a public resource room that anyone can use. Similar to a library space, visitors can access computers or bring their own laptops to study, search for jobs, or work on applications. Free printing and photocopying services are also available. To plan your visit, check the hours of operation on the [WorkBC New Westminster website](#).

Google Reviews

Wonderful people, everyday efforts and follow-ups, what more could anyone ask for, and my case manager, Zahra, is someone I would choose to be friends with

-Bijan S., WorkBC New Westminster Client

Very thankful to my case manager Anurag and WorkBC staff for helping me get back into the workforce. They helped and inspired me in so many ways; from the workshops, resumé building, one-one meetings. I'm incredibly thankful to WorkBC!

-Duane R., WorkBC New Westminster Client

My case manager and WorkBC staff were very helpful and listened to what my career aspirations were. They helped me a lot with my employment goals and I secured a job! I highly recommend WorkBC.

-Megan W., WorkBC New Westminster Client

Read more success stories from clients [here-WorkBC New Westminster Success Stories](#)

Navigate the WorkBC Job Board

The WorkBC Job Board makes it easy for job seekers to find opportunities by searching with keywords or postal codes. The listings are updated regularly, ensuring you have access to the most current job openings. [Click here](#) to view the Job Board. It's a simple and reliable way to stay connected to new employment opportunities as they become available.



Fully Funded Training Opportunities

Funded training programs provide free or low-cost opportunities to build valuable skills. They help job seekers find work, transition into new careers, or upgrade for in-demand jobs. Each program offers practical training and clear pathways to employment across sectors.



Building Service Worker Training (BSW) is a free, government-funded program that helps newcomers and English-language learners gain skills for janitorial and building maintenance roles. Now accepting applications for 2026 cohorts: Mar 16 (Spanish only), Jul 6 (Tigrinya only), and Sept 28 (all languages). Training includes industry skills, occupation-specific English, hands-on work experience, and support to prepare for entry-level employment. Read more: <https://mosaicbc.org/our-programs/bsw/>



EMBERS' PBLMT Construction Industry Training Program is launching its second cohort on April 24 and is now seeking referrals for eligible WorkBC clients. This free 11-week program is designed for individuals with some construction experience who are ready to advance their skills through structured training, certifications, and work experience. Case managers are encouraged to refer clients who meet the criteria and can contact the EMBERS team at training@emberscanada.org for more information.



The Medical Administrative Assistant Program is a free, 21-week training opportunity that prepares participants for administrative roles in clinics, medical offices, and other healthcare settings. The program includes essential skills training, employment preparation, hands-on experience with Electronic Medical Records (EMR) systems, and a supervised work placement. Eligible applicants must be WorkBC-approved and meet program requirements, including computer proficiency and English-language benchmarks. Read more: [Medical Administrative Assistant](#)



The Admin & Accounting Works program is a free 12-week virtual training for job seekers aged 50+ to build skills for entry-level administrative and accounting roles. Training covers Word, Excel, bookkeeping, QuickBooks, job-readiness skills, and includes a work practicum. It supports “mature workers 50+ who aspire to return to the workforce with newfound knowledge, skills and confidence.” The next cohort begins May 4, 2026. For details, email eeinfo@sourcesbc.ca.



The Social & Community Service Worker Certificate Program is a free 30-week training for eligible WorkBC-referred applicants in the Lower Mainland. Delivered by AWARE Society and Discovery Community College, it includes foundation certificates, theory courses, and a 100-hour practicum to prepare participants for community-support roles. The next cohort begins on June 29, 2026. For eligibility details, contact kthompson@awaresociety.bc.ca or your local WorkBC Centre.



WorkBC New Westminster collaborates with Surrey Foundry

On February 26, 2026, a WorkBC New Westminster staff member attended the Trauma-Informed Workshop hosted by Foundry Surrey Central. The session highlighted how trauma-informed practices strengthen how WorkBC Centres integrate employment support into broader youth care. Foundry Surrey Central, operated by Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS), brings multiple providers together under one roof, offering youth ages 12–24 coordinated access to mental health, primary care, substance-use support, and social services. WorkBC New Westminster will also begin offering weekly drop-in employment services at Foundry every Thursday from 2:30–4:30 p.m. starting March 19, 2026, at 10280 City Pkwy, Surrey. Click on the photo to learn more about the Foundry.



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Upcoming WorkBC New Westminster Events

April 17- Info Session with Make A Future- Careers in BC Education

WorkBC New Westminster will be hosting an information session in partnership with Make A Future- Careers in BC Education to provide an overview of B.C.'s education sector and walk participants through the process of applying for roles on the Make A Future job board. This session is great for anyone exploring careers in education, including positions such as teachers, instructors, and support staff. The event is open to the public at no cost. Interested participants can register on Eventbrite- [Click to Register](#).

April 17- June 18- In Motion & Momentum+ (IM&M+) Program

WorkBC New Westminster will start the In Motion & Momentum+ (IM&M+) pre-employability program on April 13, running from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This free 10-week program helps participants rebuild confidence, build motivation, and move toward their employment goals. Supports include \$25 per day, a \$15 daily lunch card, and transportation assistance. To join, please contact your WorkBC Case Manager to register.

June 3- Hiring Session with Polar Electric Inc.

WorkBC New Westminster will collaborate with Polar Electric Inc. to host an exclusive hiring event for registered WorkBC New Westminster clients. Polar Electric is a well-established provider of electrical services across British Columbia. This session will offer clients the opportunity to interview for electrician and electrician-apprentice positions in a focused, one-on-one setting. This event is open only to WorkBC New Westminster clients. If you are interested in attending, please speak with your case manager.

Upcoming Job Fairs for the Public

March 26- Van Expo + Networking Hub 2026

Cornerstone Community College is hosting its much-anticipated job fair at the downtown Granville campus. The event will feature employers from a wide range of industries, including food and beverage, tourism, and technology. Registration is free, meet recruiters, explore current opportunities, and build valuable connections- [Cornerstone Vancouver Expo + Networking Hub](#)

April 9- Vancouver Tech Community Networking

The Vancouver Tech Community: Connect with Tech Companies event is a networking-focused gathering designed for tech professionals looking for new work opportunities. Hosted by the Careerin Tech Society, the event brings together hiring managers, recruiters, founders, and local tech companies that are actively recruiting. Unlike a traditional job fair, it offers a more grounded, conversational environment where attendees can hear company spotlights, learn about open roles, ask questions directly, and make meaningful connections within Vancouver's tech ecosystem. The event is open for the public, if you are interested, [register on Eventbrite](#).

April 16- Vancouver Career Fair and Expo

Career Fair Canada will host its Vancouver Job Fair on April 16 at the Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver, featuring booths from excellent companies such as Securities Canada Ltd., Heidelberg Materials and British Columbia Institute of Technology to name a few. The event provides job seekers the opportunity to speak with recruiters, explore career pathways, and expand their professional network in a dynamic, supportive environment. To learn more and register, please visit [Career Fair and Training Expo](#)



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