

Kicking Horse Country Fast Facts...

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Golden is a vibrant community on the move, rapidly diversifying, with tourism playing an increasingly important role which attracts people who want to experience a real community in a natural and unspoiled outdoor arena.

POPULATION

Population density per square kilometre - 0.2
 82.6% of the population is age 15 and over
BC Statistics - Population Estimate 2006, - 4,498
CSRD Area A - Population Estimate 2006 - 3,097
 Land area (square km) - Golden - 11 sq. miles
 Land area (square km) - Area A - 13,514.74 sq. miles

Median income (all households)	\$50,000+
Median income	\$43,000+

TRANSPORTATION

Golden is connected to the east and west on the Trans Canada Highway.
 Air: Small airstrip in town limits 250-344-2271
 Rail: CP Rail main line 1-800-795-7851
 Bus: Scheduled Greyhound Service 250-344-2912
 Local transit system to begin in November 2007.

UTILITIES

BC Hydro 1-888-769-3766
 Heating Oil Jepson Petroleum 250-344-6161
 Propane Jepson Propane 250-344-6158
 Superior Propane 1-800-873-7467
 Cal Gas 250-344-6102
 ESSO (Imperial Oil) 1-800-567-3776

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers: The Golden Star, (www.thegoldenstar.net)
 The Force (www.theforcegazette.com)
 Radio: EZ Rock 1400AM 250-344-7177
 Telephone: Telus www.telus.com
 Internet: Telus, www.telus.com or Uniserve 1-877-864-7378

EMERGENCY SERVICES

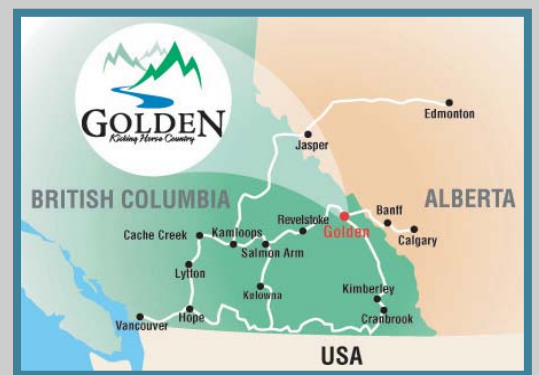
Ambulance, Fire, Police 911
 Golden RCMP 250-344-2221
 Golden Fire Rescue 250-344-6401
 Golden Ambulance 250-344-6066
 Golden Search & Rescue 250-344-5902 (emergency only)

EDUCATION

Rocky Mountain School District #6 www.sd6.bc.ca
 1 high school
 3 elementary schools
 College of the Rockies, Golden campus www.cotr.bc.ca/golden

MEDICAL SERVICES

Golden District Hospital 250-344-5271
 Golden Medical Clinic 250-344-2211
 Golden Health Unit 250-344-7555
 Full range of medical services: massage therapists, chiropractor, physical therapy, naturopath, etc.



Golden is located in the southern Rocky Mountain Trench, flanked to the west by the Purcell Mountain Range, and to the east by the Canadian Rockies and is famous as a year-round outdoor recreation destination.

From Golden to:

Town	Driving Time	Miles/Km
Banff	1.5	85/137
Lake Louise	1.25	50/80
Calgary	3.0	166/267
Cranbrook	3.0	250/155
Edmonton	6.25	349/562
Invermere	1.75	79/127
Kamloops	4.5	222/357
Spokane	7.25	345/555
Vancouver	9.25	443/690

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LODGING

Golden offers all types of accommodations from bed and breakfasts, hotels, motels, hostels, lodges as well as backcountry lodges. Go to www.tourismgolden.com

TRADE AREA (2007)

Golden's trading area is estimated at 10,000. This includes small rural areas within 30 minutes of Golden.

INDUSTRY

Forestry, education, construction, transport, trade, professional services, retail, home-based business, tourism.

Total experienced labour force - 2200	% of Labour Force
Forestry, Logging	6.0%
Manufacturing	12.0%
Wholesale, retail trade	10.4%
Finance & insurance	1.4%
Health & Social services	6.0%
Educational services	5.6%
Construction	6.9%

FUTURE GROWTH SECTORS

The area continues to show excellent stability in its core/traditional sectors of: rail operations and maintenance; added value lumber production and regional services. Strong growth is planned for in: tourism operations and services; speciality timber-frame construction; and eco-friendly building products. Light manufacturing processes which are "green friendly" are actively encouraged.

REAL ESTATE

As a potential investor/developer or user, the region has a solid variety of commercial stock to choose from with many buildings providing opportunity for "adaptive re-use".

Average Selling Prices 2008	New	Existing
3 bdrm, 2500 sq. ft.	\$400,000	\$275,000
3 bdrm, 3500 sq.ft.	\$550,000	\$450,000+
Condominiums	\$200,000	\$274,000+
Townhouse, Condo 1500 sq.ft.	\$300,000	\$325,000+
3 bdrm, 2500 sq. ft. (KHMR)	\$1.8m	
Commercial Property		
Price per acre (industrial)	\$275,000	
Average office rent (per sq. ft.)	\$11 +	
Av. warehouse rent (per sq. ft.)	\$9 +	

Development in the CSRD Area "A" (our rural component) shows strong growth also. Over the last 10 years (1996-2006), there has been over an average 700% increase in the number of proposed "Lots".

Remax of Golden	www.remaxgolden.com
Century 21	www.century21golden.com
Ultimate Properties	www.realestate-goldenbc.com

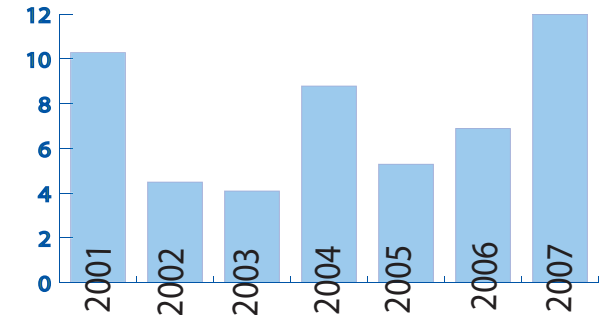
TOWN OF GOLDEN GUIDES, PERMITS

To find information on building and development permits, and the official community plan go to the Town of Golden website: www.town.golden.bc.ca, town hall, document library and brochures and guides.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT VALUES (TOWN)

2002	\$4,518,345
2003	\$4,192,974
2004	\$8,846,891
2005	\$5,343,327
2006	\$6,909,663
2007	\$4,944,689

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING STARTS (TOWN)



WEATHER

Average Daily Temperature	F	C
January	13.8	-10.1
July	63.0	17.2
Average Annual Rainfall	306.3 mm	12.1 inches
Average Annual Snowfall	184 cm	72.4 inches

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Economic Development	www.kickinghorsecountry.com
Town of Golden	www.town.golden.bc.ca
Tourism	www.tourismgolden.com
Cultural/Event	www.kickinghorseculture.com
Chamber of Commerce	www.goldenchamber.bc.ca