

Apprenticeship Trends

Economic Services, BC & Yukon Region, Employment & Immigration Canada

BC Gov. Stats

Apprenticeship Trades in British Columbia by Gender

	1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991 August		1998		1999	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Carpenter	1262	16	974	16	875	24	1024	25	1148	20	1622	23	1902	20	1912	22	1677	31	627	15
Ind/Com Electrician			949	21	848	17	949	14	1154	18	1598	17	2073	20	2009	21	1880	46	682	19
Plumber	454	4	393	1	367	0	390	1	496	2	727	2	873	3	943	4	844	10	294	5
Steam/Pipefitter	205	1	148	1	116	1	129	0	166	1	206	1	249	2	245	4	82	0	41	2
Machinist	259	1	214	0	214	4	271	4	326	3	380	2	379	4	329	4	211	14	81	1
Sheet Metal Worker	331	3	267	2	241	0	225	1	250	1	358	3	449	3	432	2	229	2	157	2
Welder	56	0	66	0	53	1	59	3	92	2	99	1	120	0	1103	0	0	0	33	2
Boilermaker	129	3	121	3	110	3	92	3	113	2	107	2	114	1	105	4	73	6	29	0
Industrial Mechanic	476	2	353	1	283	0	311	0	400	1	565	4	673	4	635	4	51	1	19	0
Heavy Equip. Repair	579	2	463	3	459	3	462	1	460	0	546	0	581	0	512	0	375	1	118	0
Motor Vehicle Mech	1016	8	1012	9	1180	13	1336	16	1366	10	1446	11	1527	9	1502	7	1403	20	505	12
Vehicle Body Repair	308	3	263	4	282	5	308	1	299	0	315	2	307	2	290	1	406	0	163	2

The Federal Government in Canada withdrew from responsibility for providing in-school training for apprentices in the early 1990s, reducing the availability of quality statistics. Between 1991 and 1997, it was extremely difficult to access information disaggregated by sex through the Provincial Government information systems, regardless of requests I made as Chair of the Provincial Apprenticeship Board Equity Committee. It became even more difficult when the private sector Industrial Training and Apprenticeship Commission (ITAC) took over the system, even though they were responsible under a legislated mandate to increase the participation of under-represented groups. After 1999, ITAC included the additional category of unknown when requesting identification by sex, i.e. Male, Female, Unknown. It is now impossible to determine progress on equity integration in apprenticeship. The new Industrial Training Authority took over in 2004, which eliminated any legislated requirement to pursue equity in apprenticeship. Compiled by EIC and Marcia Braundy.

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