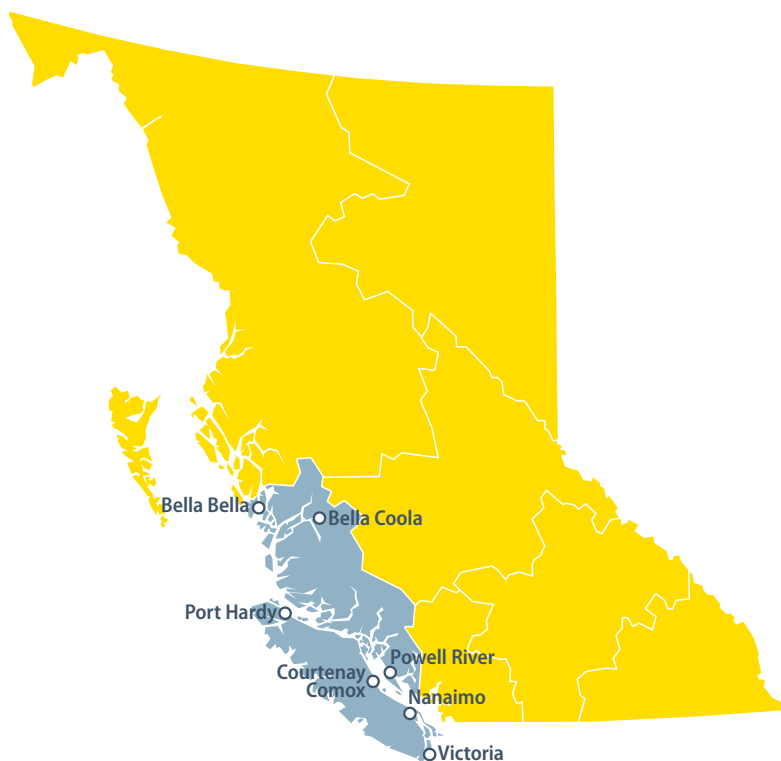


APPENDIX 2: Detailed Regional Outlook



VANCOUVER ISLAND/COAST

This region encompasses all of Vancouver Island and the coastal region spanning from Powell River to Bella Coola and Bella Bella in the north.

Despite being British Columbia's second most populated region, much of this pristine area remains rural and sparsely populated. The vast majority of residents live in the capital region around Victoria and in the mid-island region stretching from Nanaimo north to Campbell River.

In part because of the temperate coastal climate, the region is known to be popular among retirees and its labour market numbers reflect this. The region's population is older than the province average overall and labour force participation here is the lowest among regions (at 60.8 percent in 2017).

About 15.7 percent of B.C.'s workers are employed in the Vancouver Island/Coast region, with the unemployment rate in 2017 (5 percent) just slightly below the B.C. average.

The main sources of employment are in the Health Care and Social Assistance, Wholesale and Retail Trade and Construction sectors.

Over the 10-year forecast horizon, the Vancouver Island/Coast economic region is expected to have 153,820 job openings, of which 71 percent will replace retiring workers. Employment demand is projected to increase by an annual average of 1.1 percent, at the same pace as the provincial average.

Employment in the region remains heavily weighted toward services-based employment and this is reflected in the top 10 industries with forecast job openings through 2028:

Industry	Employment 2018	Employment Growth (average annual %)			Job Openings 2018-2028		
		2018-2023	2023-2028	2018-2028	Expansion	Replacement	Total
Construction	37,520	-1.8%	-0.6%	-1.2%	-4,820	9,400	4,580
Other retail trade (excluding cars and personal care)	38,710	1.0%	0.5%	0.7%	2,880	8,890	11,780
Hospitals	19,220	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	2,740	5,520	8,260
Ambulatory health care services	17,820	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	3,800	5,410	9,200
Provincial and territorial public administration	15,730	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	1,300	5,390	6,690
Repair, personal and non-profit services	18,490	3.0%	1.9%	2.5%	5,180	5,160	10,340
Management of companies and enterprises & administrative and support	16,120	1.3%	1.1%	1.2%	2,030	4,790	6,820
Elementary and secondary schools	14,050	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	1,500	4,220	5,720
Legal, accounting, design, research and advertising services	13,130	2.0%	-0.9%	0.6%	710	4,180	4,890
Nursing and residential care facilities	12,210	2.8%	3.1%	2.9%	4,190	3,610	7,800