



# Fraser Lake and Surrounding Area Community Profile

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## Land Acknowledgement

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) Board and staff would like to open this report by acknowledging that the RDBN conducts its work on the unceded territories of First Nations across the vast Regional District. The Bulkley-Nechako Region covers an area over 70,000 square kilometers, spanning the traditional territories of the Dakelh, Nedut'en, Tse'khene, and Witsuwit'en speaking peoples. The RDBN respects the distinct cultures of the Indigenous Peoples in the Bulkley-Nechako and honours their long-standing relationship with these lands and waters from time immemorial.

The RDBN is further committed to building strong and enduring relationships with the 14 First Nations governments within the boundaries of the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District.

Listed in Alphabetical Order They Are:

- Binche Whut'en
- Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- Lake Babine Nation
- Nadleh Whut'en
- Nak'azdli Whut'en
- Nee-Tahi-Buhn
- Saik'uz First Nation
- Skin Tyee
- Stelat'en First Nation
- Takla Nation
- Tl'azt'en Nation
- Ts'il Kaz Koh (formerly Burns Lake Band)
- Wet'suwet'en First Nation
- Yekooche First Nation





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## Fraser Lake and Surrounding Area

Fraser Lake is located in the heart of some of British Columbia's most beautiful scenery. The lake on which the Village sits is as inviting as the residents themselves. Fraser Lake has a remarkable community spirit, with lively celebrations at Christmas, on Canada Day, Halloween, and many other occasions, and dozens of other groups and activities to get involved in throughout the rest of the year. The town features affordable housing, easy access to endless natural scenery and recreation experiences, and an opportunity to embrace a slower pace of life.

Surrounding the Village of Fraser Lake there are plenty of opportunities for those wishing to start a farm, raise a family, or just breathe their own air. The local zoning bylaws are very favourable to those seeking commercial or industrial space and there is enough skilled labour to support any project. Anyone who is ready to fall in love with where they live and work will find just what they're looking for in Fraser Lake.

## The Regional Profile

This community profile is one of eight such guides, one for each community within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. The profiles contain the latest census data laid out in an easy-to-read format which can help those considering investing in or moving to the RDBN to better understand the region and its value. Each community is paired with information on the rural Electoral Area that surrounds it. While the data is delivered from the Federal Government separately, each municipality and its surrounding area are very closely linked by their people, their land, and their governments.

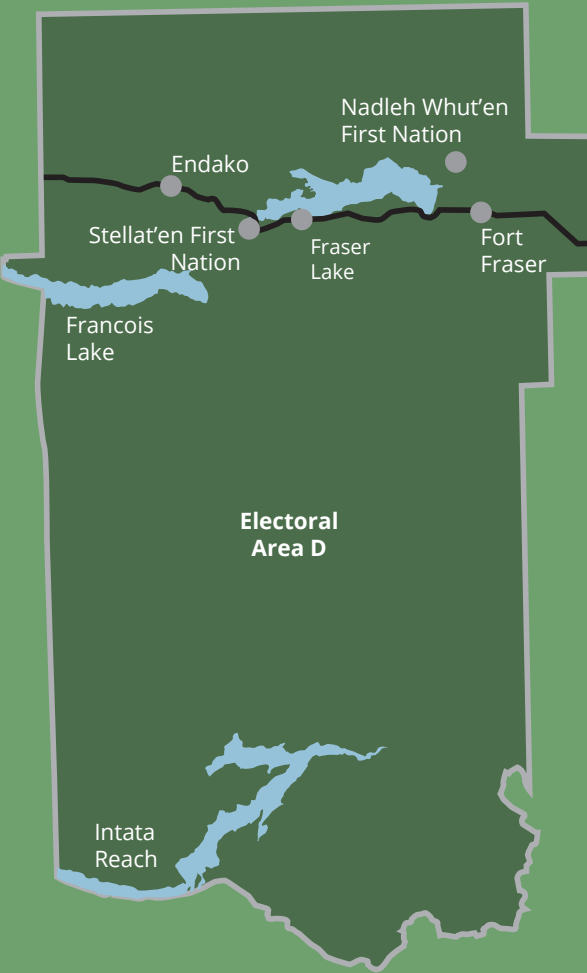
Northern BC is used as a comparative area in many of the profile graphs. In this case, the area of Northern BC is defined as the three northern federal electoral areas in the province, including Skeena-Bulkley Valley, Cariboo-Prince George, and Prince George-Peace River.

# Regional Map



## Distance to Major Centres

PLACE	DISTANCE (KM)	DRIVING TIME (HR)
Prince George, BC	153 km	1 hr 38 min
Kitimat, BC	472 km	5 hr 37 min
Prince Rupert, BC	561 km	6 hr 44 min
Edmonton, AB	896 km	10 hr 6 min
Vancouver, BC	938 km	10 hr 22 min
Calgary, AB	942 km	11 hr 20 min
Seattle, WA	1,052 km	11 hr 38 min
Portland, OR	1,332 km	14 hr 21 min
Whitehorse, YT	1,462 km	19 hr 2 min
Yellowknife, NT	1,762 km	21 hr 7 min
Anchorage, AK	2,593 km	33 hr



**Electoral Area D**  
(Fraser Lake Rural)

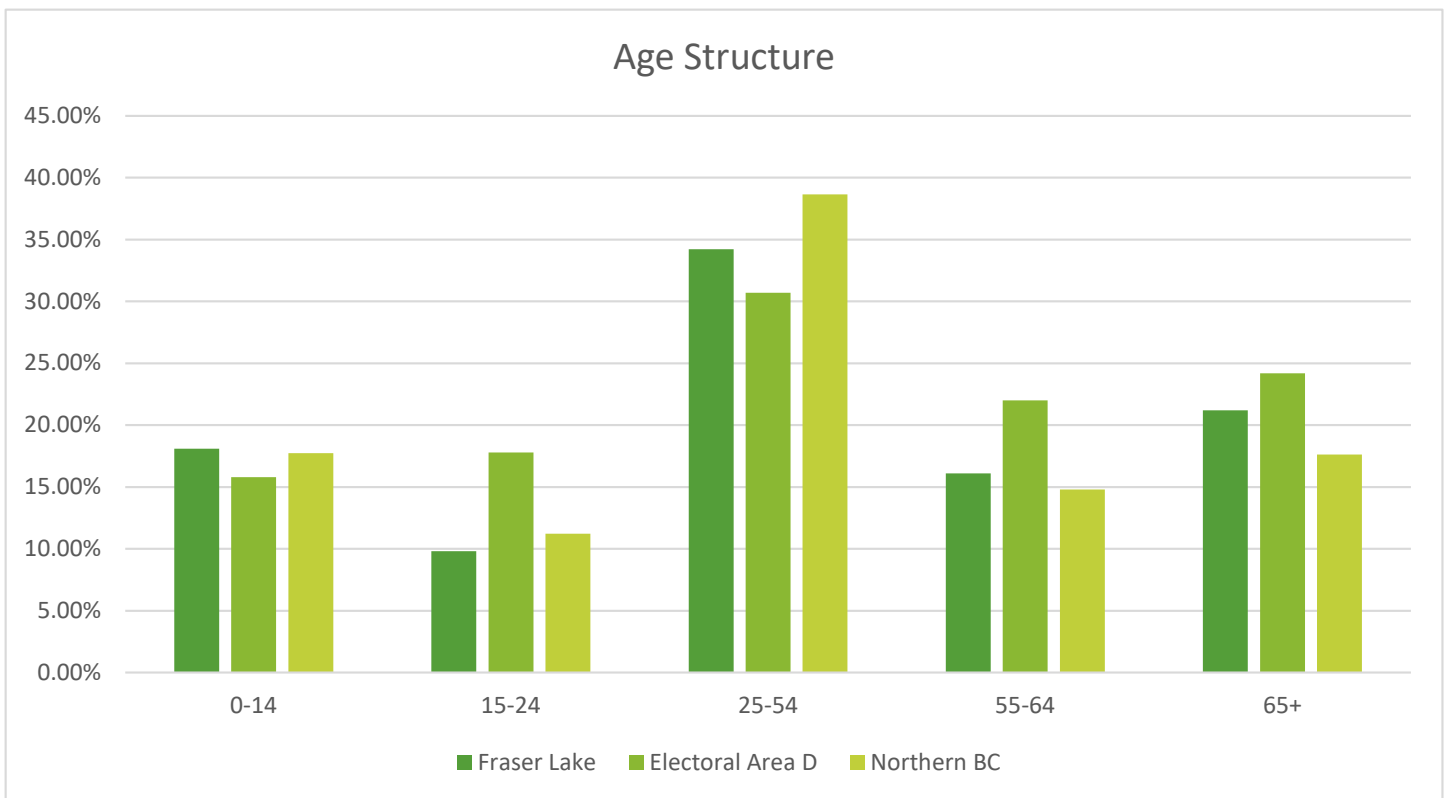
## Population Growth

	2006	2011	2016	2021
Fraser Lake	1,113	1,167	988	965
Area D	1,665	1,734	1,472	1,607
Northern BC	314,771	315,284	318,225	319,628

Sources: Statistics Canada. Census Profile from 2006-2021

The Village of Fraser Lake's population has declined by 2.3% since 2016.

## Age Structure



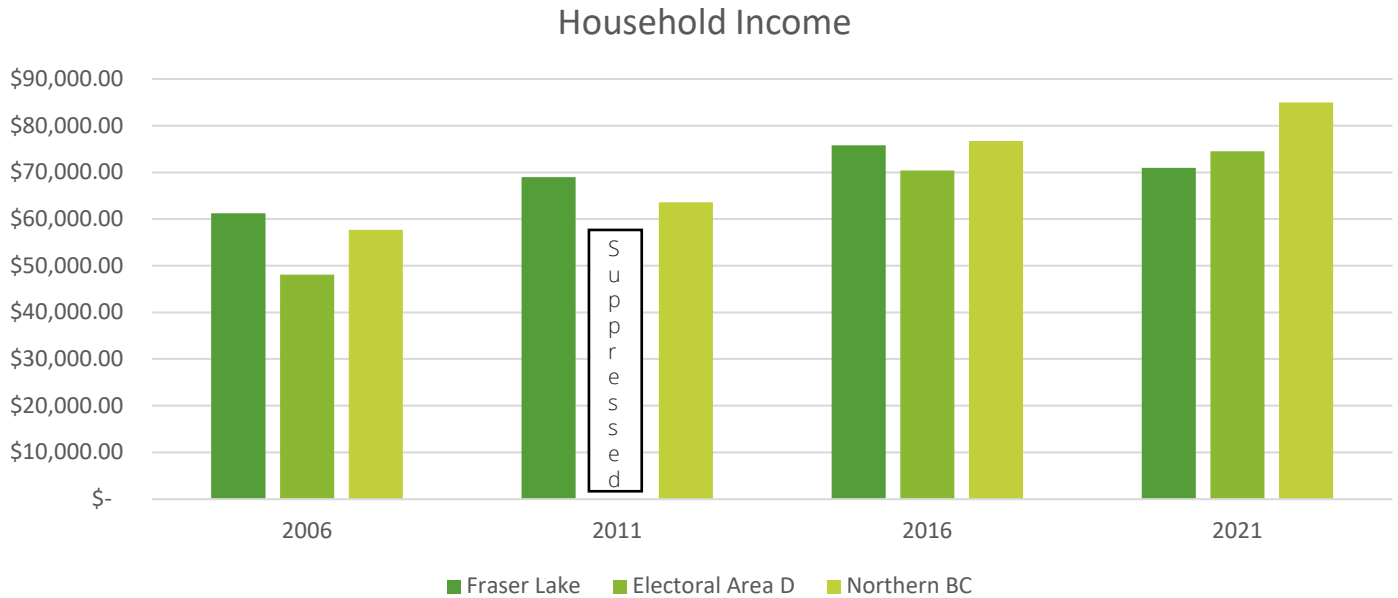
Source: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2021

Fraser Lake had a higher population of residents who were 55 and older than the rest of Northern BC in 2021.

# Demographic Data

## Household Income

Median household income in Fraser Lake and Electoral Area D, 2006-2021



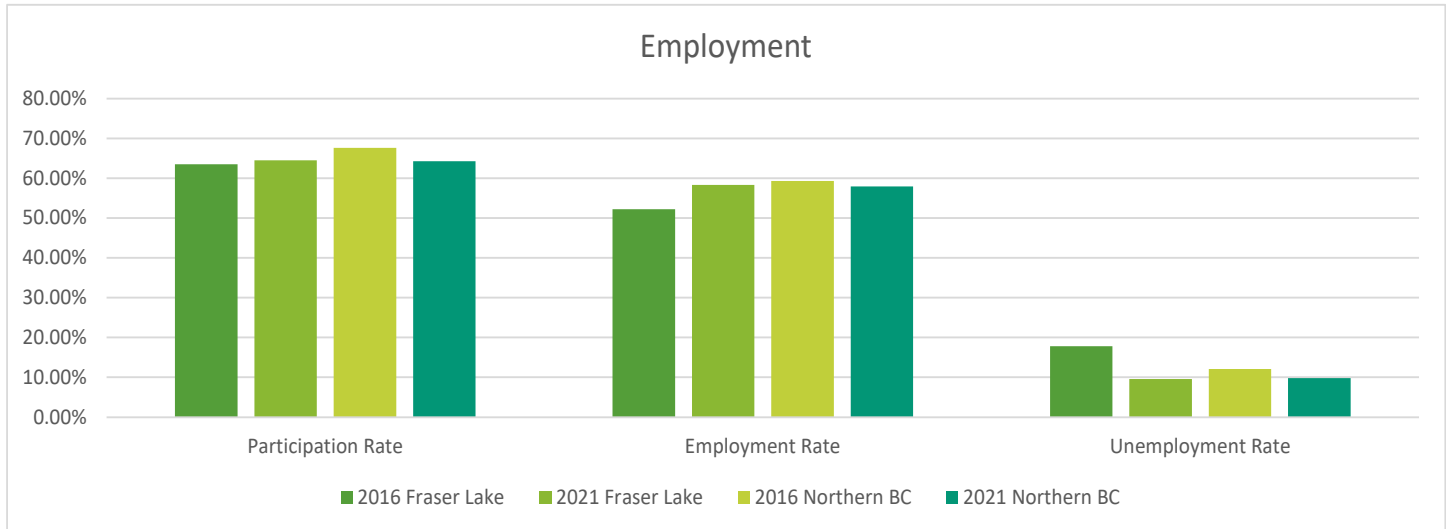
Source: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2021

Household income in Fraser Lake fell slightly between 2016 and 2021, after having risen steadily for the previous ten years.



## Workforce Profile

Employment data in Fraser Lake and Northern BC, 2011-2021



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2021

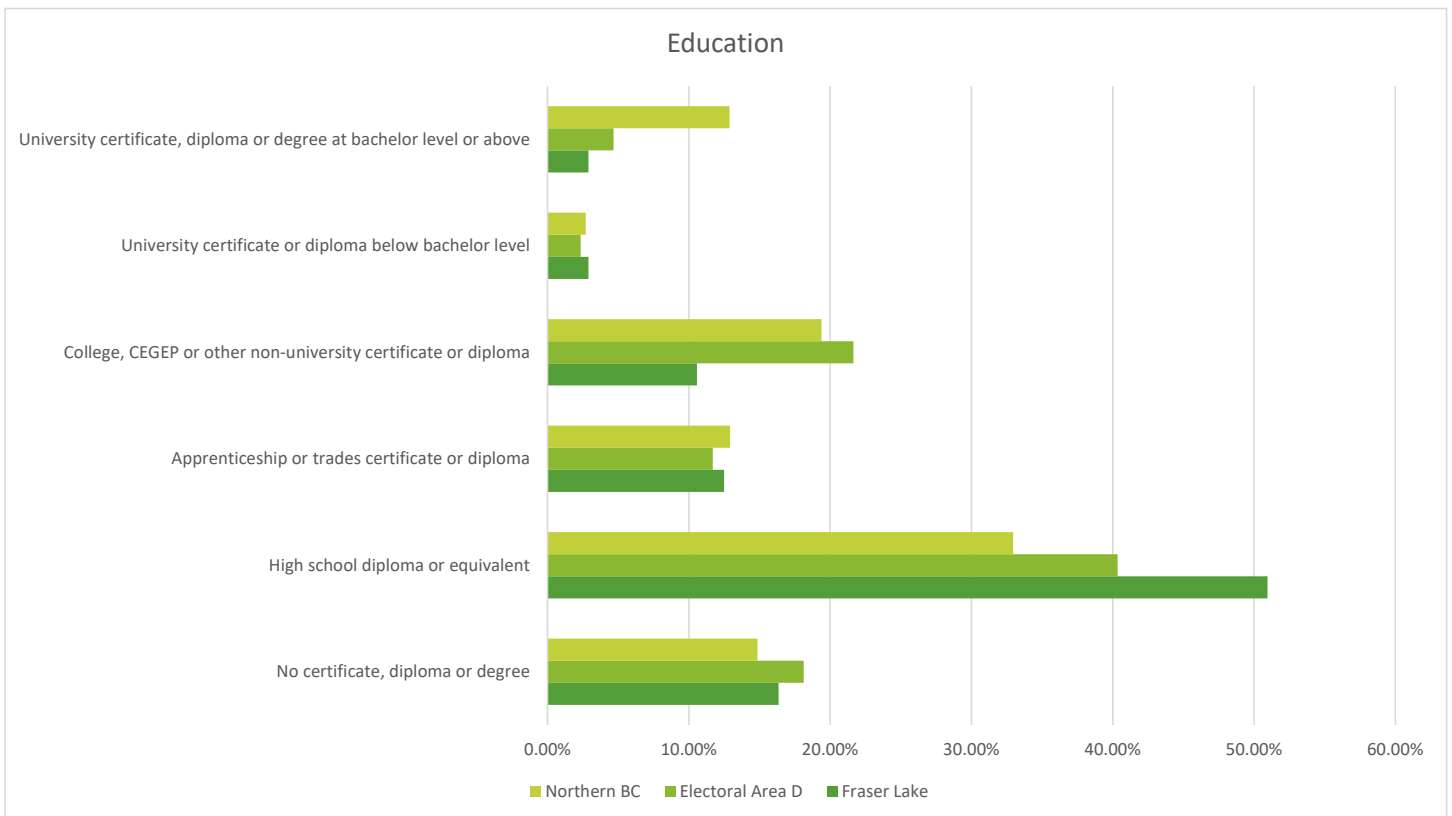
The unemployment rate dropped by nearly half in Fraser Lake between 2016 and 2021.





## Education

Education in Fraser Lake and Bulkley-Nechako, 2021



Sources: Statistics Canada, 2021 National Household Survey

Fraser Lake residents have a higher rate of high school diploma or equivalent than residents of RDBN Area D and the rest of Northern BC.

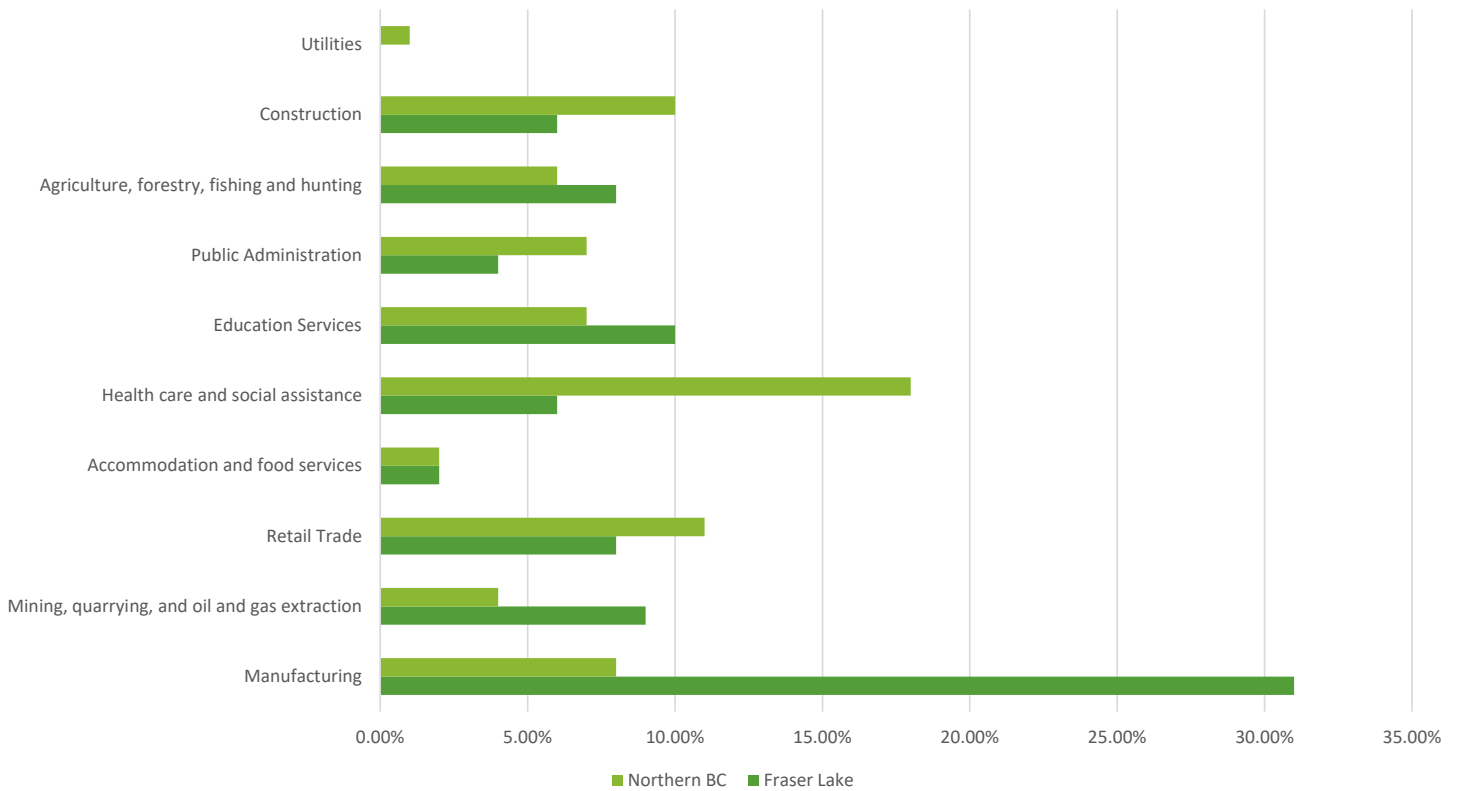
### Local Employment Service Providers

NAME	FACILITY OR SERVICE
Progressive Employment - WorkBC	Employment Service Provider

## Labour Force by Industry

Labour force by industry in Fraser Lake and Northern BC, 2021

Labour Force by Industry



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey

The portion of the labour force in Fraser Lake that works in manufacturing is the highest among the municipalities in the RDBN, while the concentration of employment in education is the second highest.

# Transportation Services

NAME	CATEGORY
Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit System	Bus
VIA Rail Canada Inc.	Rail
Fraser Lake Airport	Airport
Fraser Lake Community Transport Service	Bus

# Water and Waste

## Water

### Source of Water Supply and Means of Access

Name of Provider - Village of Fraser Lake

The Fraser Lake Water Treatment Plant was built in 2009 and commissioned for use in the spring of 2010. The water plant treats lake water drawn from nearby Fraser Lake. An 8 metre deep 250mmx140m line gravity-feeds water from the lake into a wet well at the fresh water pumping station. There are two 1500 litre/min vertical turbine pumps powered by 50hp electric motors that pump water from the wet well to the Water Treatment Plant and subsequently to the distribution system in town and to the Water Reservoir. The Reservoir holds 1 million litres of water. The Water Treatment Plant's flow capacity is 22L/s.

Water Supply Vs. Projected Demand	
Rated Capacity	126m <sup>3</sup> /hour
Average Daily Demand	750 m <sup>3</sup>
Peak Demand	2,333 m <sup>3</sup>

Water Rates	
Residential Rates	\$41.50/month
Commercial Rates	\$41.50/month/1000 gallons

## Solid Waste Disposal Services

Commercial and residential garbage is picked up once a week.

### Capacity of Waste Disposal Site vs. Projected Demand

Local Transfer Station	3366 Fraser Lake Airport Rd.
Landfill Name	Clearview Landfill
Location	22 km North of the Hwy 16 and Hwy 27 Junction
Capacity	Left at Current Site 85% / 90 years
Plans for New Capacity	None

### Recycling

Deposit drink container recycling can be dropped off at the Fraser Lake Bottle Depot. All other recyclables can be brought to the Fraser Lake and Area D Transfer Station and Recycling Depot.

# Local Government Data

## Taxes

The following chart summarizes 2023 tax rates in Fraser Lake. For up to date information, contact the municipality. Tax rates are calculated in dollars of tax per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

PURPOSE OF TAX RATE	RESIDENTIAL	UTILITIES	MAJOR INDUSTRY	LIGHT INDUSTRY	BUSINESS / OTHER	MANAGED FOREST LAND	RECREATION / NON-PROFIT	FARM
Municipal	7.25380	49.34730	39.81240	39.81240	25.20090	0.00000	9.67490	0.00000
Regional District	0.84398	2.95393	2.86953	2.86953	2.06775	0.00000	0.84398	0.00000
Hospital District	1.23321	4.31622	4.19290	4.19290	3.02135	0.00000	1.23321	0.00000
School	2.65880	12.57000	1.33000	3.33000	3.33000	1.95000	1.99000	7.29000
Other	0.34440	1.54280	1.51170	1.15310	0.85780	1.17040	0.34440	0.34440
Total	12.56400	71.00982	52.03272	51.67012	34.75793	3.04050	14.16160	7.31660

## Sewer Connection

SEWER CONNECTION TYPE	RATE
Single Family Residence	\$19.97
Business and Commercial Establishment	\$19.97
Sewer Connection and Rental Charges	Installed at Cost

## Economic Development Services

### Village of Fraser Lake

210 Carrier Cres, PO Box 430  
Fraser Lake, BC V0J 1S0  
Email: [edo@fraserlake.ca](mailto:edo@fraserlake.ca)  
Phone: 250-699-6257

### Fraser Lake & District Chamber of Commerce

[www.fraserlake.ca/business/chamber-of-commerce/](http://www.fraserlake.ca/business/chamber-of-commerce/)  
Phone: 250-699-6257

### Mayor Sarrah Storey

210 Carrier Cres, PO Box 430  
Fraser Lake, BC V0J 1S0  
Email: [sstorey@fraserlake.ca](mailto:sstorey@fraserlake.ca)  
Phone: 250-699-1681

## Incentive Programs

### Business Support Services

- Community Futures Stuart-Nechako
- Fraser Lake and District Chamber of Commerce

### Business Funding Services

- Community Futures Stuart-Nechako
- Fraser Lake Business Facade Program
- Fraser Lake Community Endowment Society
- Northern Development Initiative Trust



## Housing

(According to 2021 Census)

DESCRIPTION OF TYPICAL HOUSING STOCK	# OF UNITS
Total Private Dwellings	543
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents	444
Single detached houses	295
Row Houses	65
# of owned dwellings	300
# of rented dwellings	150

HOUSING	COST
Average value of dwelling	\$218,000

### Accommodations

- Cataline Motor Inn
- Fraser Lake Inn
- White Swan Park Campground

### Restaurants

- New Fraser Lake Restaurant
- Subway
- Tony's Restaurant
- Senior Duggies

### Other Facilities with Capacity for Hosting Events

- The Fraser Lake C.H. Foote Memorial Arena
- Fraser Lake Legion
- Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School
- Mouse Mountain Elementary School
- Fraser Lake Public Library Meeting Room
- Fraser Lake Professional Building
- Autumn Services
- Fraser Lake Small Event Centre

### Shopping

- Fraser Lake Shopping Center
- Fraser Lake Supermarket
- Everyday Grocery Store & More
- Signature Creations
- LePoidevin's Greenhouse
- Fields
- Auto Sense
- Ace Hardware
- Fraser Lake Men's Shed
- Fraser Lake Community Market (Seasonal)

### Financial Services

- Integris

### Media

- Phraser Connector
- The Local Connector Northwest
- The Goat Radio
- CFNR
- Village of Fraser Lake Facebook
- Heck Yeah Fraser Lake Facebook

### Schools

- Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School (4-12)
- Mouse Mountain Elementary (K-3)

# Quality of Life Factors

## Local Community Organizations

- Fraser Lake & District Chamber of Commerce
- The Fraser Lake Quilters Guild
- Fraser Lake & District Historical Society
- Autumn Services
- Fraser Lake Crisis Centre
- Fraser Lake Saddle Club
- Fraser Lake Shotokan Karate Club
- Fraser Lake Minor Hockey
- Fraser Lake Slow Pitch
- Fraser Lake Youth Soccer
- Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Training Society
- Fraser Lake Community Market
- Fraser Lake & Area Men's Shed
- Mom's & Tot's indoor playground
- Mouse Mountain School PAC
- Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School PAC
- Fraser Lake Early Childhood Development
- Fraser Lake Curling Club
- Silver Birch Society

## Local Community Assets

- Fraser Lake Curling Rink
- Fraser Lake Arena
- Fraser Lake Complex
- Fraser Lake Public Library
- Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Hall
- Fraser Lake Museum & Visitor Information Center
- Fraser Lake Professional Building
- Fraser Lake Small Events Centre
- Royal Canadian Legion #274
- Village of Fraser Lake Municipal Office
- Department of Public Works
- Community Soccer Fields/Baseball Diamond
- Fraser Lake Skate Park
- White Swan Park
- White Swan Campground

## Health Services

### Fraser Lake Community Health Centre

The Community Health Centre is operated by the Northern Health Authority. This facility offers four doctor's offices, X-ray facilities, Laboratory, Emergency Department, Public Health and Northern Health Connections bus services.



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Area D  
Fraser Lake Rural





## Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

Anglers, bird watchers, boaters and hikers will enjoy the abundance of lakes and rivers that Electoral Area D has to offer. Fraser Lake Rural has a population of just over 1,600 people and includes the unincorporated communities of Endako and Fort Fraser.

The Nadleh Whut'en and Stellat'en Indigenous communities are located in Electoral Area D.

## Population

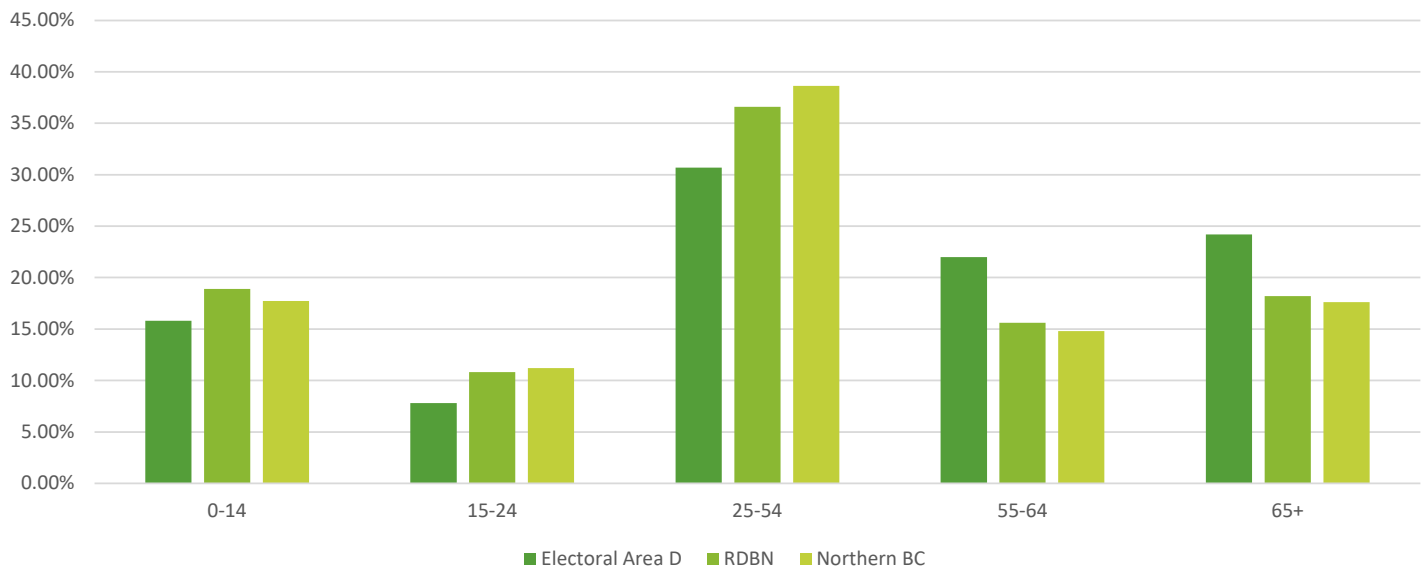
POPULATION GROWTH	2006	2011	2016	2021
Electoral Area D	1,665	1,734	1,472	1,607
Regional District Bulkley-Nechako	38,243	39,208	37,896	37,737
Northern BC	314,771	315,284	318,225	319,628

Sources: Statistics Canada. Census Profile from 2006-2021

The population of Electoral Area D dipped in 2016, and rebounded again in 2021 to just over 1600 residents.

## Age Structure

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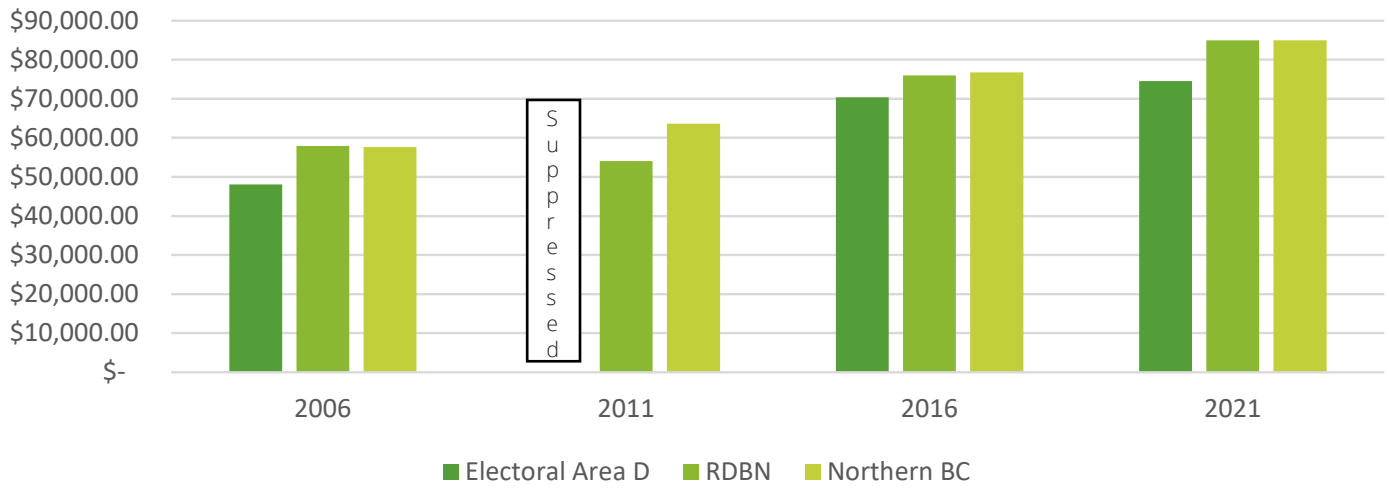


Sources: Statistics Canada. National Household Survey 2021.

The population of Electoral Area D tended to be older than the RDBN and Northern BC in 2021. The age structure reveals a lower youth population (ages 0-14) and people between the ages of 25-54, as compared to the RDBN and Northern BC.

## Household Income

Household Income

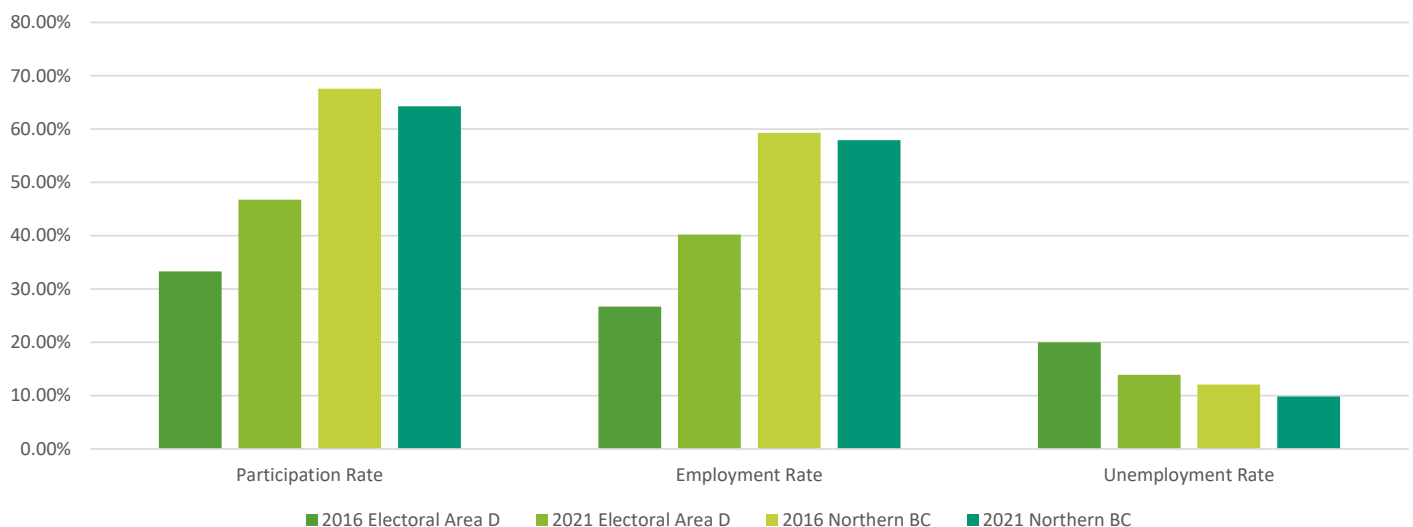


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The median household income in Electoral Area D has been lower since 2006, but has increased steadily over time.

## Employment

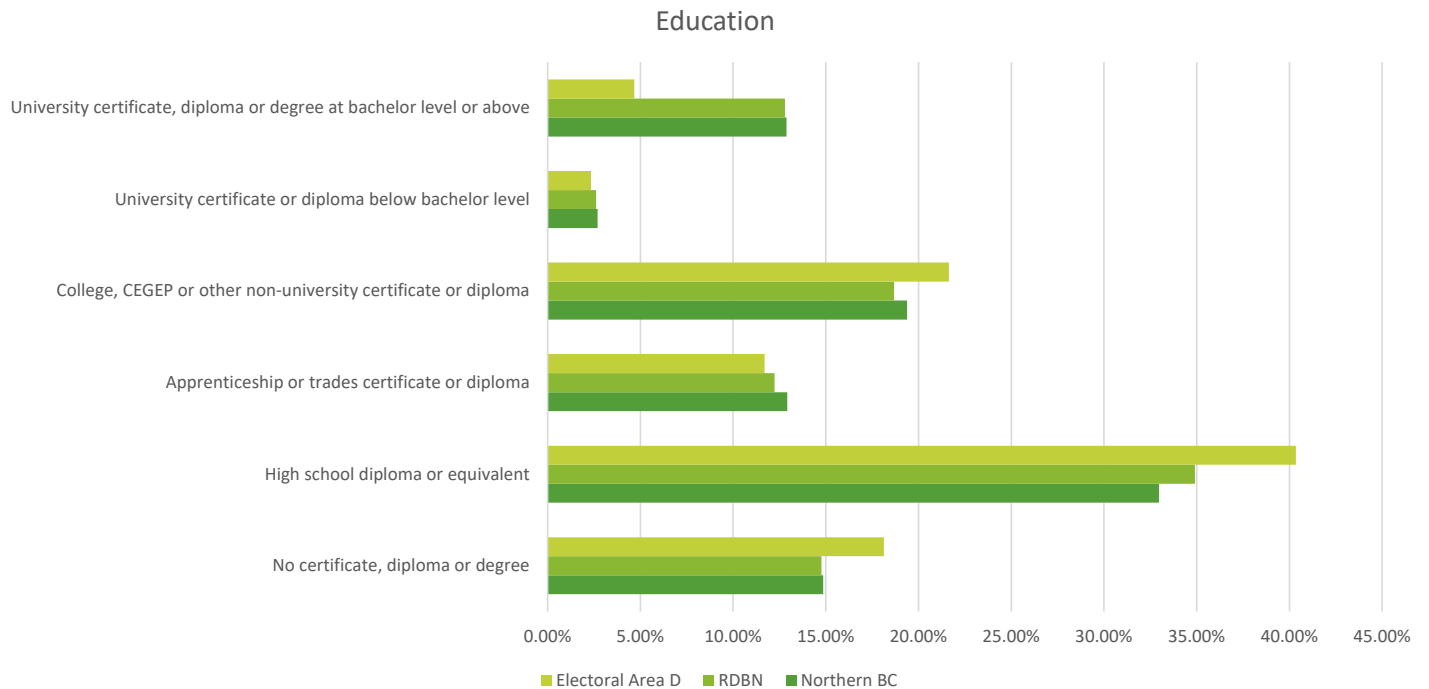
Employment



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The unemployment rate in Electoral Area D fell between 2016 and 2021.

## Education



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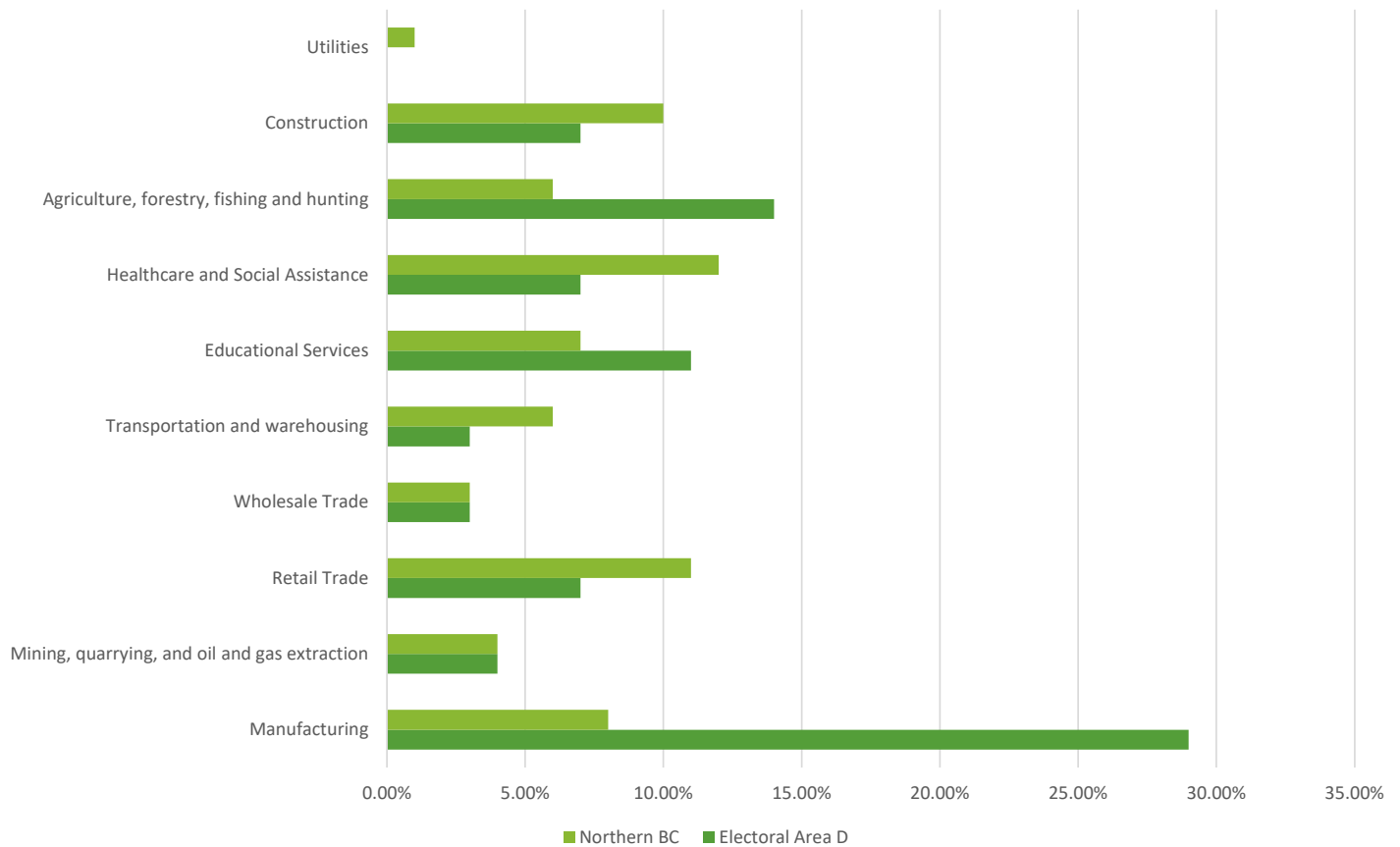
Electoral Area D had a slightly higher percentage of residents with a high school diploma or equivalent in 2021 than the RDBN and Northern BC.



## Labour Force by Industry

Labour force by industry in Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) and the RDBN, 2021

Labour Force by Industry



Sources: Statistics Canada. 2021 National Household Survey, Census Profile 2021.

The largest employers in Electoral Area D are the manufacturing industry and the agriculture and forestry industry.

## Economic Development

For any further assistance with local economic development services please contact the regional economic development department:

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
Email: [nellie.davis@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:nellie.davis@rdbn.bc.ca)  
Phone: 250-692-3195 / 1-800-320-3339

### Director Mark Parker

Phone: 250-699-1014  
Email: [mark.parker@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:mark.parker@rdbn.bc.ca)

# Water and Waste

## Water and Wastewater Service

The RDBN Environmental Services Department works in conjunction with the Fort Fraser Local Commission, Northern Health, and the Ministry of Environment to manage and operate the drinking water and wastewater (sewage) services for the community of Fort Fraser. The water system includes two ground water wells, pump station, reservoir and distribution network, while the sewage treatment system includes a series of three lagoons which act to filter, treat and polish the effluent prior to discharge to the Nechako River.

# Quality of Life Factors

## Local Community Organizations

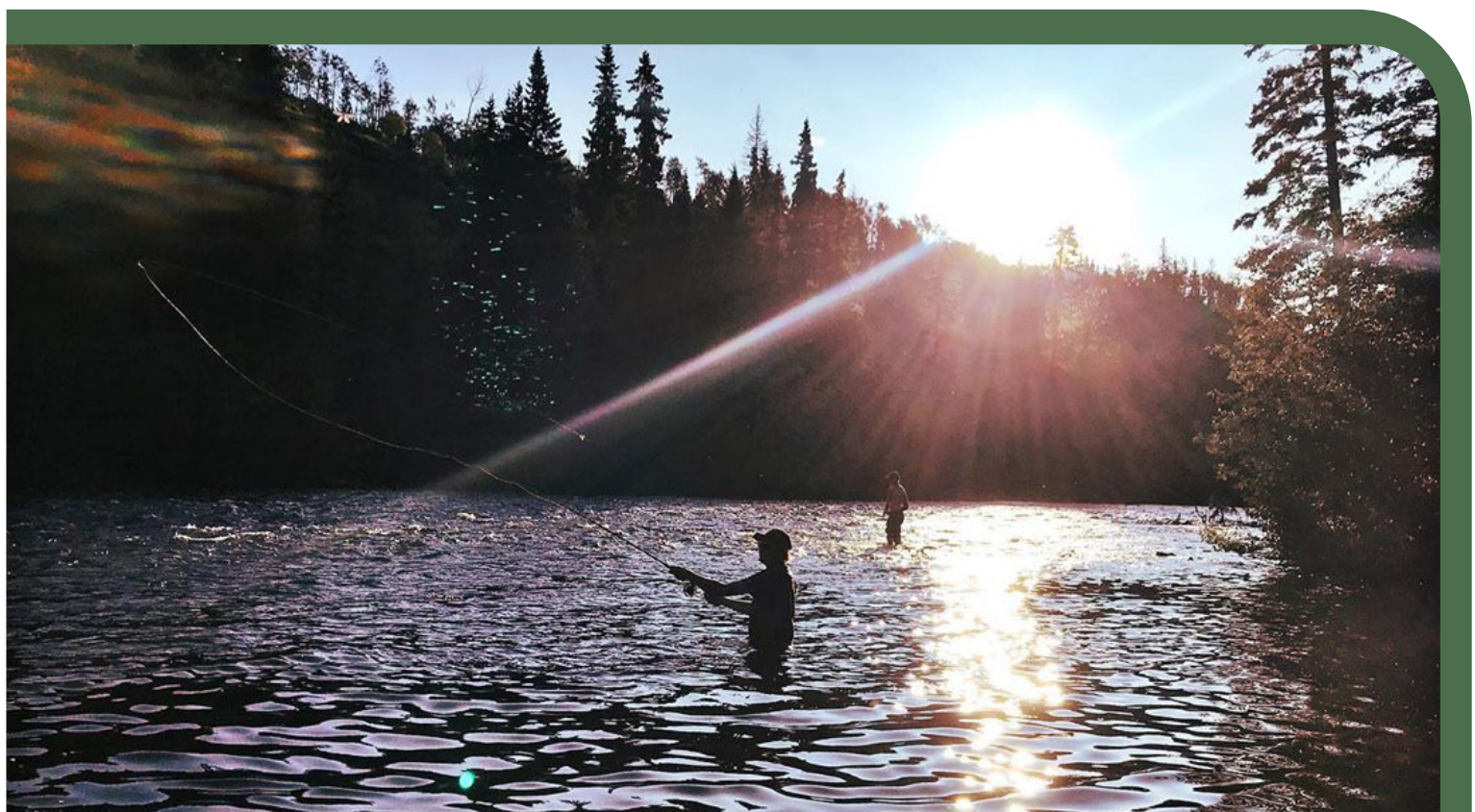
- Fort Fraser Local Community Commission
- Fort Fraser Recreation Society

## Local Community Assets

- Endako Community Hall
- Fort Fraser Community Hall

## Accommodations

- Pipers Glen Campground
- Beaumont Park Campground
- The Last Spike Motel



## Stellat'en First Nation

The Stellat'en First Nation (SFN) has existed and stewarded the land since time immemorial. Stellat'en translates to the 'People of Stella'. SFN serves the wellbeing of 556 registered members as of August 2021, with 28% of membership on-reserve and 72% off-reserve. SFN exists to provide programs and services in an equitable manner to all members while striving to build a safe and healthy community. SFN works to represent the interests of our Nation with government and industry, to protect our territory, support our language and culture and ensure our future generations have healthy land, water, air, and resources.

The Stellat'en First Nation territory exudes beauty and abundance. The community of Stellaquo is located 160 kms west of Prince George, B.C. and sits on fertile land which was the basin of a glacial lake. Stellaquo is located at the confluence of two rivers: the Stellaquo and Endako. Stellaquo River is a world-renowned trout fishing location.

### Stellat'en First Nation Business

- Atsiyan Services LP
- Neyun Properties LP
- Slenyah Store LP
- Stellat'en Duchun Forestry LP

### Administration Office

P.O. Box 760  
Fraser Lake, BC V0J 1S0  
Phone: 250-699-8747  
Fax: 250-699-6430  
Website: [www.stellaten.ca](http://www.stellaten.ca)



This information is current as of 2023.

## Nadleh Whut'en

The people of Nadleh Whut'en First Nation are Dakelh people, whose territory is located in the Central Interior of British Columbia around the east end of Fraser Lake. Until 1990, it was referred to as the Fraser Lake Indian Band.

Nadleh Whut'en has a registered population of 531 living on and off reserve. Most of the nation's members reside in Nadleh, the main community, while others (approximately 20) live in Lejac. Nadleh is located along the banks of the Nautley (Nadleh) river, between Fraser Lake and the Nechako River. Lejac is located on the south side of Fraser Lake.

The Nadleh Whut'en speak a dialect of the Carrier language which is part of the Athapaskan language family. Carrier people refer to themselves as Dakelh, which means "people who travel by water."

### Band Office

P.O. Box 36  
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Fax: 250.690.7316  
Website: [www.nadleh.com](http://www.nadleh.com)

This information is current as of 2020.



*“The greatest thing about Fraser Lake is the people. Fraser Lake is not only a place to work and play, it is a community of people who care about each other.”*

*- Local resident*

