

## Armstrong City

1	General
<p>Incorporated in 1913, Armstrong has a total land area of 5.24 square km (2006 Census). By highway the City is 23 km north of Vernon. It is completely surrounded by the District of Spallumcheen. Armstrong is in the North Okanagan Regional District.</p>	

2	Population Estimates				Age Distribution				
Annual Estimates					2011 Census			% Distribution, 2011 *	
Year	Armstrong	% Change Prev. Year	BC	% Change Prev. Year	Armstrong	Male	Female	Armstrong	BC
					All ages	2,240	2,575	100.0	100.0
2007	4,350	n/a	4,309,632	n/a	0 - 14	395	405	16.6	15.4
2008	4,468	2.7	4,384,047	1.7	15 - 24	265	285	11.3	12.6
2009	4,539	1.6	4,459,947	1.7	25 - 44	470	520	20.6	26.3
2010	4,513	-0.6	4,529,647	1.6	45 - 64	630	760	28.8	30.0
2011	4,413	-2.2	4,573,321	1.0	65 +	490	605	22.7	15.7

Source: Statistics Canada (as of July 1, includes estimate of Census undercount)

\* based on published totals, both sexes

**2006 Census Profiles can be found on our Website at <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.asp>**

3	Selected Census Characteristics					
Characteristics	Armstrong			British Columbia		
	2001	2006	% Change	% Change	2001	2006
Population	4,256	4,241	- 0.4	5.3	3,907,738	4,113,487
Population (by citizenship)	4,175	4,145	- 0.7	5.3	3,868,875	4,074,385
Non-immigrant	3,880	3,800	- 2.1	2.9	2,821,870	2,904,240
Immigrant	295	340	15.3	10.8	1,009,820	1,119,215
Labour force (15+ yrs.)	1,925	2,045	6.2	8.1	2,059,950	2,226,380
Employees	1,630	1,730	6.1	9.2	1,715,600	1,873,050
Self-employed	250	305	22.0	7.4	291,455	313,000
Participation rate [ppt.=percentage points]	58.0%	60.1%	2.1 ppt.	0.4 ppt.	65.2%	65.6%
Unemployment rate	10.1%	7.6%	-2.5 ppt.	-2.5 ppt.	8.5%	6.0%
Total population 25 to 64 years	2,065	2,110	2.2	6.5	2,144,050	2,284,465
No certificate, diploma or degree	500	350	- 30.0	- 40.1	471,470	282,200
High school certificate or equivalent	580	595	2.6	27.7	462,925	591,275
Apprenticeship/trades certificate or diploma	445	405	- 9.0	- 7.4	295,180	273,450
College, CEGEP or other cert. or diploma	340	515	51.5	11.3	401,760	447,005
University certificate, diploma or degree	200	250	25.0	34.7	512,715	690,535
Bachelor's degree	100	155	55.0	23.0	282,800	347,715
Census families	1,225	1,265	3.3	6.9	1,086,030	1,161,420
Lone-parent families	215	220	2.3	4.0	168,420	175,165
Households	1,710	1,775	3.8	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150
1-family households	1,175	1,225	4.3	6.1	1,012,925	1,074,850
Multi-family households	25	20	- 20.0	18.4	35,050	41,510
Non-family households	510	530	3.9	8.3	486,355	526,785
Median Income (2000 & 2005)	\$ 18,496	\$ 22,528	21.8	12.5	\$ 22,095	\$ 24,867
Males	\$ 26,123	\$ 30,554	17.0	9.0	\$ 28,976	\$ 31,598
Females	\$ 15,810	\$ 16,680	5.5	14.0	\$ 17,546	\$ 19,997
Median Family Income (2000 & 2005)	\$ 42,768	\$ 53,544	25.2	20.0	\$ 54,840	\$ 65,787
Economic Families	1,215	1,245	2.5	6.5	1,044,850	1,112,810
2001 Incidence, low income    2006 Prevalence, low income	12.4%	7.2%	-5.2 ppt.	-0.6 ppt.	13.9%	13.3%
Unattached persons, 15+	575	590	2.6	4.7	576,825	603,880
Incidence, low income	25.9%	33.1%	7.2 ppt.	-1.4 ppt.	38.1%	36.7%
Population in private hh.	4,155	4,135	- 0.5	5.1	3,785,270	3,978,215
Incidence, low income	14.6%	10.9%	-3.7 ppt.	-0.5 ppt.	17.8%	17.3%
Dwellings	1,710	1,775	3.8	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150
Owned	1,335	1,420	6.4	12.5	1,017,485	1,145,045
Rented	380	355	- 6.6	- 3.6	512,360	493,995
Average gross rent	\$ 635	\$ 709	11.7	10.4	\$ 750	\$ 828
Average owners' payments	\$ 700	\$ 771	10.1	17.1	\$ 904	\$ 1,059
Avg. value, owned dwell.	\$ 140,520	\$ 260,457	85.4	81.5	\$ 230,645	\$ 418,703

Source: Statistics Canada. Notes: incomes are for 2005 and 2000; rent/owner's payments are restricted to non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings.

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4		Labour Force by Industry (NAICS)					
		Armstrong			BC	% Distribution, 2006	
Industry	2001	2006	% Change	% change	Armstrong	BC	
Total labour force	1,925	2,050	6.5	8.1	100.0	100.0	
Industry - Not applicable	30	10	- 66.7	- 26.6	0.5	1.5	
<b>All industries (Experienced LF)</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>2,035</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>98.5</b>	
111-112 Farms	35	50	42.9	5.2	2.4	1.8	
113 Forestry and logging	15	35	133.3	- 10.0	1.7	1.0	
114 Fishing, hunting and trapping	-	-	-	1.3	-	0.2	
1151/2 Support activities for farms	-	-	-	11.3	-	0.1	
1153 Support activities for forestry	50	-	- 100.0	- 21.5	-	0.3	
21 Mining and oil and gas extraction	10	20	100.0	42.6	1.0	0.9	
22 Utilities	15	10	- 33.3	- 3.4	0.5	0.5	
23 Construction	125	170	36.0	39.9	8.3	7.5	
31-33 Manufacturing	425	355	- 16.5	- 2.7	17.3	8.5	
311 Food manufacturing	70	85	21.4	3.6	4.1	1.0	
321 Wood product manufacturing	160	110	- 31.3	- 16.1	5.4	1.7	
322 Paper manufacturing	-	-	-	- 13.5	-	0.6	
41 Wholesale trade	80	35	- 56.3	11.6	1.7	4.1	
44-45 Retail trade	280	305	8.9	6.9	14.9	11.2	
441 Motor vehicle and parts dealers	50	25	- 50.0	9.0	1.2	1.1	
445 Food and beverage stores	70	95	35.7	8.4	4.6	2.9	
448 Clothing & clothing accessories	15	-	- 100.0	9.2	-	1.1	
452 General merchandise stores	20	30	50.0	6.5	1.5	1.2	
48-49 Transportation & warehousing	55	75	36.4	0.6	3.7	5.2	
51 Information and cultural industries	25	10	- 60.0	- 5.3	0.5	2.6	
52 Finance and insurance	55	80	45.5	4.5	3.9	3.8	
53 Real estate & rental/leasing	40	30	- 25.0	22.1	1.5	2.3	
54 Prof'sonal, scientific & tech. serv.	60	60	-	18.6	2.9	7.3	
55 Mgmt. of companies/ent'prises	-	-	-	126.6	-	0.1	
56 Admin+support, waste mgmnt srv.	70	50	- 28.6	20.4	2.4	4.4	
61 Educational services	90	105	16.7	9.2	5.1	6.9	
62 Health care and social assistance	190	170	- 10.5	6.5	8.3	9.6	
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	25	90	260.0	11.3	4.4	2.3	
72 Accommodation and food services	155	165	6.5	7.7	8.0	8.1	
721 Accommodation services	15	30	100.0	2.5	1.5	1.7	
722 Food services & drinking places	140	135	- 3.6	9.2	6.6	6.4	
81 Other services (excl. public admin.)	70	145	107.1	11.8	7.1	4.9	
91 Public administration	40	65	62.5	- 2.0	3.2	5.0	
Special Aggregations							
Agriculture, Food and Beverage	110	145	31.8	5.8	7.1	2.9	
Fishing and Fish Processing	-	-	-	- 3.3	-	0.5	
Logging and Forest Products	225	155	- 31.1	- 14.7	7.6	3.7	
Mining and Mineral Products	45	35	- 22.2	17.1	1.7	2.1	

Source: Statistics Canada. Industry according to NAICS version used in each census. Unpublished data.

5		Business Locations- Number of Firms by Employment Size Range								
		Firms with no employees		Firms with employees		% change	Vernon CA			
		Vernon CA	BC	Vernon CA	BC	Vernon CA	1 to 19	20 to 49	50-199	200 Plus
2008		2,455	185,879	2,501	175,003	-	2,240	163	87	11
2009		2,510	186,541	2,508	176,124	0.3	2,243	169	85	11
2010		2,611	194,349	2,468	175,913	- 1.6	2,199	180	78	11
2011		2,587	195,290	2,464	173,589	- 0.2	2,215	168	70	11

Source: Business Register, Statistics Canada. In some areas, boundary changes/geocoding changes may cause large changes.

6		Municipal Residential Taxes and Charges on a Representative House					
		Armstrong					
		House Value		Taxes & Charges			
Year	\$	% change	\$	% change			
2008	293,938		2,148				
2009	298,667	1.6	2,234	4.0			
2010	309,729	3.7	2,355	5.4			
2011	309,868	0.0	2,380	1.1			
2012	299,236	-3.4	2,399	0.8			

Year	House Value	Taxes & Charges
2008	100	2,148
2009	101.6	2,234
2010	103.7	2,355
2011	103.8	2,380
2012	102.8	2,399

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development [http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/statistics\\_index.htm](http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/statistics_index.htm) (No RD level figures)

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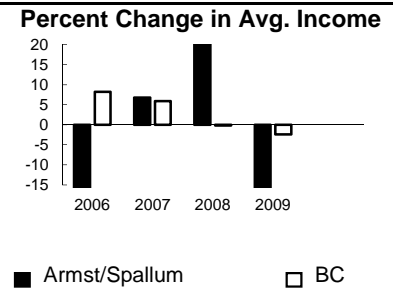
7	Values of Building Permits									Year
	Residential				Non-Residential		Total			
	Number of Units		Value \$'000		Value \$'000		Value \$'000			
Year	Armstrong	BC	Armstrong	BC	Armstrong	BC	Armstrong	BC	Year	
2007	71	40,932	15,844	8,611,723	8,754	3,932,968	24,598	12,544,691	2007	
2008	28	30,110	6,492	6,899,289	1,158	3,677,866	7,650	10,577,155	2008	
2009	26	18,607	6,114	4,491,075	1,683	3,138,810	7,797	7,629,885	2009	
2010	116	28,984	15,910	6,705,888	1,534	3,017,921	17,444	9,723,809	2010	
2011	15	25,745	3,067	6,113,406	1,425	3,136,361	4,492	9,249,767	2011	

Source: Statistics Canada

Note: Detailed non-residential permits data can be found on our Website: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

A dash can indicate a nil report, a value of less than \$500, or non-reporting. P indicates 'preliminary'.

8	Personal Taxation Statistics						Percent Change in Avg. Income	
	Total Income of All Returns							
	Year	All Returns (number)		Average Income (\$)		% Change avg. income		
	Armst/Spallum	BC	Armst/Spallum	BC	Armst/Spallum	BC		
2005	5,500	3,154,090	55,808	35,601	n/a	n/a		
2006	5,480	3,165,750	33,972	38,523	-39.1	8.2		
2007	5,710	3,287,750	36,262	40,802	6.7	5.9		
2008	5,840	3,383,640	65,619	40,736	81.0	-0.2		
2009	5,860	3,406,860	35,344	39,754	-46.1	-2.4		



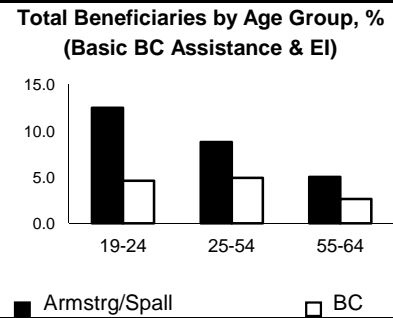
Taxation data available at: <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/dd/income.asp>

9	Source of Total Income 2009				% Distribution, Total Income					
	Armst/Spallum		BC							
	\$Thousands	% of Total	% of Total							
Employment	123,729	59.7	63.7							
Pension	33,128	16.0	13.8							
Investment	23,065	11.1	9.8							
Self-Employed	8,664	4.2	5.3							
Other	13,946	6.7	5.3							
Tax Exempt	4,455	2.2	2.0							
Total	207,115	100.0	100.0							



Source: Canada Revenue Agency. Areas are defined by postal codes and may not match municipal boundaries.  
Note: Includes Spallumcheen

9	Dependency on the Safety Net						Total Beneficiaries by Age Group, % (Basic BC Assistance & EI)		
	Percentage of Population by Age Receiving Benefits - September 2009								
	Age Group	BC Basic* Income Assistance Recipients (%)		Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%)		Total of BC Basic Income Assistance & EI Beneficiaries (%)			
	Armstrg/Spall	BC	Armstrg/Spall	BC	Armstrg/Spall	BC			
Under 19	3.9	2.7							
19-24	3.9	2.1	9.0	2.6	12.5	4.6			
25-54	2.4	1.9	6.5	3.1	8.8	4.9			
55-64	1.3	0.7	4.0	2.0	5.0	2.6			
19-64	2.3	1.7	6.2	2.8	8.3	4.4			



\* On temporary assistance only. Excluded are those on Continuous Assistance, aboriginals living on reserve, seniors/OAS, & children living with relatives.

Source: BC Stats (using administrative files from the BC Ministry of Housing & Social Development, and Human Resources & Social Development Canada)

Note: EI Beneficiaries reports now include regular, fishing and employment benefits, work sharing and support measures. The reports exclude sickness, maternity and parental benefits.

10	Business Formations and Failures								
	Incorporations			Bankruptcies					
	Number		Year	Vernon		Thompson/Okanagan DR		BC	
Armstrong	BC	Business		Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	
2007	45	34,036	2005	17	120	n.a.	n.a.	786	8,168
2008	35	30,085	2006	20	93	120	913	585	7,020
2009	14	26,431	2007	10	107	97	874	470	6,651
2010	27	30,305	2008	14	119	92	1,014	454	7,293
2011	24	30,844	2009	5	181	66	1,573	380	10,639

Source: BC Ministry of Finance

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada

Incorporations are counted in municipality of the registered office address which may differ from the actual business location.

Note: Bankruptcy is by urban postal code forward sortation area and is counted where it is filed.