

Squamish Education & Training Sectors

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INDUSTRY STATISTICS

Labour Force

660

Post-Secondary Trained Educators

Source: 2016 Statistic Canada Census

International Students

25%

of total secondary student population annually

Source: SD-48

Public Institutions

- 6 Elementary
- 2 Middle/Secondary
- 1 University

Private Institutions

- 2 Elementary
- 2 Middle/Secondary
- 1 University



Education facilities include a network of primary, elementary and secondary schools, the School District No 48 School Board Offices and post-secondary institutions. Capilano University offers programming within the District.

WHY SQUAMISH

ADVENTURE AMENITIES

With an ocean-meets-mountain lifestyle, Squamish has a small town feel with big city amenities. Nestled along the world-famous Sea-to-Sky highway, Canada's outdoor recreation capital is welcoming and safe for all.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Innovation, research & development and internship opportunities abound, with strategic growth in the sectors such as clean tech, green building, sporting tech and performance apparel design.

STRATEGICALLY LOCATED

Squamish is adventurous, youthful and active, with world-class outdoor adventures on its doorstep. It is well positioned, only 45 minutes from both the world-class resort of Whistler and Vancouver, with over 25 million arrivals and departures from its International Airport each year.

YOUTHFUL AND HIGHLY EDUCATED

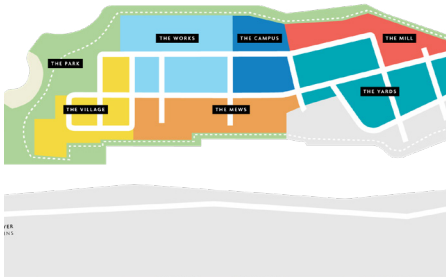
With more than 24,000 residents and growing at an average annual rate of three percent, Squamish's population has a median age of 37 versus the B.C. average of 41. Highly educated, 68.5% of the population (25-64 years of age) holds a post-secondary certificate, degree or diploma, 6.5% higher than the B.C. average.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Co-operative and internship opportunities abound. Squamish is the #1 mid-sized community in Canada for Entrepreneurial Presence – Canadian Federation of Independent Business, 2018

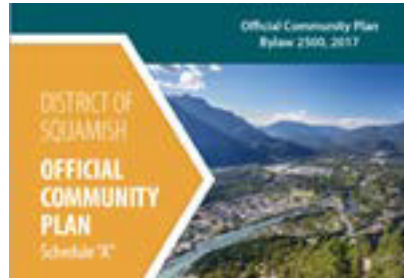
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Oceanfront Peninsula



The Oceanfront Peninsula Sub Area Plan includes 5.4 hectares of land dedicated to education use; these lands are intended to support a range of outdoor, environmental and fine arts programs along with a traditional post-secondary or university curriculum.

Official Community Plan



There are resources and policy in place to support and enhance the long-term growth of education and lifelong learning in Squamish, such as the planning and development of education centres.

Research Development and Demonstration



The District of Squamish, Squamish Nation, Carbon Engineering (leading developer of Direct Air Capture technology) and Newport Beach Developments have formed the Squamish Clean Technology Association (SCTA) to position Squamish as a world leader in climate change initiatives. In 2016, the UBC Clean Energy Research Centre signed a Statement of Cooperation outlining the possibility of expanding in Squamish.



"Capilano University is committed to partnering with communities for the greater good and for generations to come. As a University that inspires imagination, prioritizes health and well-being and positively contributes to people and the planet, we're excited to continue to expand our collaborations in Squamish. Our partnerships will help us meet the needs of the region and strengthen the distinct university experience we offer students." Paul Dangerfield, President & Vice-Chancellor, Capilano University.

CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- As one of Canada's fastest growing municipality, Squamish has a growing infant population and a strong need for more childcare facilities, with licensed full-time facilities available for only one in five children aged 12-30 months, and licensed full-time spaces for fewer than half of children 3-5.
- In 2021, the Government of Canada and the Province of BC made significant investments in early learning and child care programs, with \$30B invested to create a universal, \$10 per day childcare program.
- Through the [Childcare Action Plan](#), the District of Squamish is committed to supporting the creation of new childcare facilities. To get started, view our guide, Squamish Child Care Facility Requirements: squamish.ca/assets/Child-Care-Facility-Requirements-Guideline-FINAL.pdf

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- More than 180K international students of all ages choose to study in British Columbia each year.
- Squamish offers an incredible setting for students, with high-quality educational opportunities and an inspiring environment to safely explore.
- BC and Squamish continuously rank as top destinations to live and visit.

Sources: District of Squamish May 2020 Childcare Action Plan, Government of Canada.