

# TERRACE, BRITISH COLUMBIA



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**Location:** Northwest B.C. on the Yellowhead Highway

**Key industries:** Business services, health care, education, manufacturing

**High demand occupations:** Construction-related, trades, truck drivers

**Education:** Pre-school through to university

**Population:** 11,486 (2011 Census)



*Terrace is a place with a lot of opportunities on the horizon - you could have a great start into a career. A lot of trades jobs are coming and they're well paid jobs. The cost of living here is so much less than in Vancouver, so you'll have money left over. The childcare is great, the schools are great and I have a three minute commute. If you like the outdoors, you'll love it here.*

*Alex P., originally from Germany*

## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Built along the Skeena River, Terrace is known as the "Gateway to the North." The Northwest region is experiencing a boom in natural gas, solid wood and mining related activity. With its beauty, strategic location and friendly people, Terrace is a wonderful place to live and work. Quality of life is balanced here; housing

### DOING BUSINESS IN TERRACE

The business community in Terrace supports numerous investment projects, developing businesses, and sustainable initiatives. These funds provide financial assistance and advice for shaping your business and helping you plan and start up.

- Invest in Northwest B.C.
- Kitimat Terrace Industrial Development Society
- Terrace Economic Development Authority
- Trade and Invest B.C.

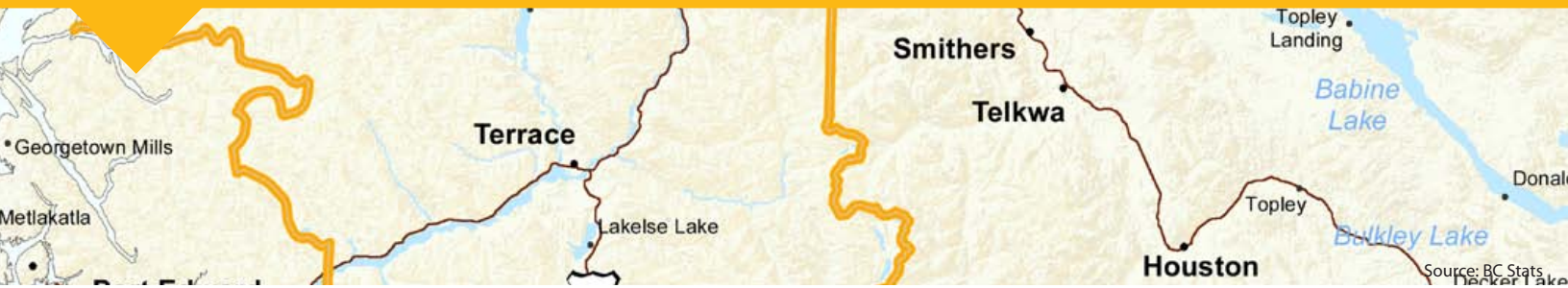
### HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS

Grow with Terrace! Occupations in high demand to 2020 and beyond include:

- **Construction** - Heavy duty equipment operators, heavy duty mechanics, labourers, iron workers, welders, steamfitters and pipefitters, electricians, crane operators, drillers and blasters, cooks, truck drivers
- **Wood** - Machine operators, labourers, sawfilers
- **Professions** - Biologists, mineral technologists and technicians, land survey technicians and technologists

The [Occupational Guides for Immigrants to B.C.](#) provide information on these occupations.





## MAJOR REGIONAL EMPLOYERS

High profile industry players supplement a strong service sector in Terrace and support a growing local economy. In 2011, average weekly rates were \$976.79. Some of the region's larger employers are listed below.

### Manufacturing

- Rio Tinto Alcan

### Public sector

- School District #82 Public Education
- Northern Health Authority
- Northwest Community College

### Retail

- Walmart
- Canada Safeway
- Canadian Tire

### Engineering/ Environmental

- Allnorth Consultants
- McElhanney
- Silverwood Consulting

### Wood sector

- Skeena Sawmills

### Construction

- Valard Construction

## JOB SEARCH

Looking for work? You can check out online postings and also get in-person advice.

- Terrace and District Community Services Society
- Terrace Standard Classified
- Northwest Training Ltd.
- WorkBC

**In 2011, the three most common first languages in Terrace (after English) were Portuguese, Panjabi and French.**

## JOB RELATED TRAINING

In Terrace, you can get much of the training you need locally to move ahead in your career. Study and learn without any of the hassle that comes with life in the big city.

- Northwest Training Ltd.
- Northwest Community College
- University of Northern British Columbia

### English as a Second Language Services

Northwest Community College offers ESL courses at various levels. Northwest Training provides workshops in ESL for job search. Volunteer Terrace provides community based ESL.





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## LIVING IN TERRACE

People in Northwest B.C. are friendly, so becoming part of your new community should happen quickly. Through work, school, sports clubs and recreation, you'll meet neighbors ready to reach out and make you welcome.

### IMMIGRANT RELATED SERVICES

These agencies can help you and your family upon your arrival in Terrace.

- [Skeena Diversity Society](#) organizes events that promote understanding of multiculturalism and diversity.
- [Terrace Service Canada Centre](#)
- [Skills Connect for Immigrants](#)

Terrace has a four-season climate.

### HOUSING

Terrace offers affordable housing and natural splendor that support a balanced lifestyle. You'll be able to buy your own home quickly; in 2013 the average home was assessed at \$220,669, about 75 per cent less than the cost in Vancouver. Renting? In 2013 you could find a three bedroom starting at \$817 per month.

Use the B.C. Government's [Cost of Living Calculator](#) to find out more about costs in Terrace.

### CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION

Terrace is a great place for families. Childcare in various forms, from public to home providers, is available. Visit the [B.C. Government's Childcare Information](#) site to find a suitable option.

Terrace offers excellent primary and secondary schools as well as a highly recognized community college. The college has programs in business, health, technology, skilled trades and a strong continuing education program.

The [Terrace Public Library](#) offers a safe and welcoming environment that fosters a love of reading and life-long learning. Free Internet access is available.

### TRANSPORTATION

Terrace has numerous transportation options. The [Kitimat-Terrace Regional Airport](#) is the largest in the area with daily flights to Vancouver and other communities. The town is also served by passenger rail and intercity and local buses. Located on Highway 16, Terrace is easily accessible by vehicle.

### HEALTH CARE

Professional and affordable healthcare is essential and can be found readily in Terrace. Mills Memorial Hospital serves the town and region. Other health care providers, include a walk-in medical clinic, family doctors, optometrists, chiropractors and naturopaths. A [guide to multicultural health services](#) for residents of Terrace is also available.



## FAITH AND WORSHIP

Terrace welcomes residents from all faiths, religions and cultures. A variety of Christian, Sikh, Baha'i and other places of worship can be found locally.

## LEISURE ACTIVITIES

You and your family can enjoy the Sportsplex, the Aquatic Centre and over 100 hectares of parks complete with nature and hiking trails, picnic areas, ballparks, tennis courts, soccer pitches and more. The Sportsplex offers many programs and activities for adults and families. In winter, try public skating or get wrapped up in the excitement of a hockey game. Summer playground camps for kids are available in July and August.



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You can also explore many shopping and entertainment activities. They include fine dining, gaming, the largest farmers' market in the region and a vibrant arts and cultural community. The areas around Terrace are home to a rich history of Aboriginal culture. Music and culture are also important and the town hosts many festivals throughout the year.

## ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS

An emerging outdoor adventure Mecca, Terrace boasts four seasons of recreational opportunities including:

- world-class fishing
- hiking and biking trails
- backcountry and cross-country skiing
- white water kayaking and rafting
- Shames Mountain – a popular skiing and snowboarding centre

## MEDIA

Terrace has lively and informative newspapers to keep you apprised of local happenings. These include:

- Terrace Standard
- Northern Connector

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Make the move to Terrace and experience the beauty, friendliness and positive future the Northwest Region offers you and your family.

- [Terrace website](#)
- [Visit Terrace](#)
- [LoonLounge](#): Canada's immigration and settlement online community
- [Terrace Chamber of Commerce](#)