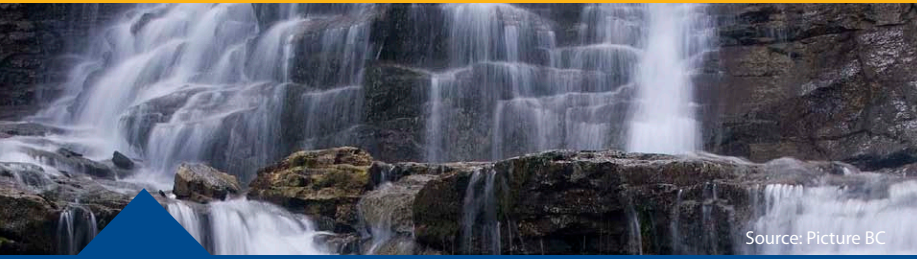


TUMBLER RIDGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA



Source: Picture BC



Location: Northeast B.C., near the Alberta border

Key industries: Mining, construction, wind energy

High demand occupations: Trades, registered nurses, mining jobs

Education: Pre-school through high school

Population: 2,710 (2011 Census) Growth of 46 per cent since 2001

There is less traffic, less stress, less people interrupting your life. You know everybody, you can easily relate to everyone, and you know if you can trust them right away.

Tumbler Ridge is a great place for people who like mountains, skidoos and other sports. It is safe, it is old school. That's good.

Gagandeep S., originally from India



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Tumbler Ridge is booming! With over \$3.5 billion in proposed investments in energy industries like coal and wind, the town is at the start of a long period of sustained growth. Business investors and job seekers will have plenty of opportunities to succeed. You and your family can build a good life here.

DOING BUSINESS IN TUMBLER RIDGE

In Tumbler Ridge, several organizations can help you access funds, finance your investments and support your business as it grows.

- Invest Northeast B.C.
- Invest Tumbler Ridge
- Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce
- Community Futures Peace Liard
- South Peace Economic Development Commission



HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS

As development moves into Northeast B.C., many trades-related jobs will be available to 2020 and beyond throughout the region. Other types of careers are also possible.

Occupations in demand in the region include:

- **Construction** - Heavy duty equipment operators and mechanics, carpenters, electricians, millwrights, mechanics
- **Oil and gas** - Drilling and servicing labourers, petroleum gas and chemical process operators
- **Mining** - Mineral and mineral process control operators
- **Health** - Registered nurses
- **Administration** - Finance and insurance administrators, clerical

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



MAJOR REGIONAL EMPLOYERS

Jobs are available across many industries in Tumbler Ridge and the surrounding area. You'll find many opportunities in the mining and energy sectors. In 2011, the full-time, average weekly wage rate was \$1,090.61. Some of the major employers include:

Coal

- Walter Energy
- Teck Resources
- Peace River Coal

Construction

- LaPrairie Crane

Wind Energy

- Capital Power

Education

- School District Number 59

Retail/Hospitality

- Shop Easy
- Western Steakhouse
- Tumbler Ridge Inn/Kinuseo Cafe

JOB SEARCH

Are you searching for a job or career? These resources are good places to start.

- [WorkBC](#)
- [Job Bank](#)

Between 2001 and 2011 the population of Tumbler Ridge doubled.

JOB RELATED TRAINING

Without the hassle, noise and constant interruption of city life, you can focus on training for the work you want. [Northern Lights College](#) offers workplace safety courses through its satellite campus in Tumbler Ridge and many other courses in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John.





LIVING IN TUMBLER RIDGE

Tumbler Ridge is known as the Shangri-La of the Northern Rockies. The town is a master-planned community, surrounded by four provincial parks and world-class recreation trails. People are friendly and welcoming; this thriving community offers you and your family economic opportunity and a quality lifestyle in Northern B.C.

HOUSING

Tumbler Ridge offers you affordable housing. The average assessed value of a single-family home was \$239,000 in 2012. The same home in Vancouver would be four times more. If you are looking to rent, apartments and houses are available. In 2013, the price for a three-bedroom rental house was \$1,800 per month.

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

“Tumbler Ridge is an excellent place to bring up kids. It’s a land of huge opportunities in terms of recreation.”

Charles H, originally from South Africa

HEALTH CARE

Access to health care is an important part of settling in British Columbia. The Tumbler Ridge Community Health Centre offers health-related services from such professionals as doctors, dentists and optometrists. It also provides emergency care.

CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION

Tumbler Ridge has home-based childcare available. You can search for providers through the B.C. Government's [Childcare Information](#) site. [StrongStart Centres](#) offer free, drop-in early learning programs for young children and their parents.

Education in B.C. is internationally respected and Tumbler Ridge is part of an excellent [school district](#). The town has an elementary and a high school.

The [Tumbler Ridge Public Library](#) offers free high-speed Internet and software for creating resumes. The library has a good selection of materials and can bring in books from anywhere in B.C.

TRANSPORTATION

You can catch flights to and from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and other destinations through commercial airports in nearby towns. There is also an airport in Tumbler Ridge available for direct private and charter flights.

Tumbler Ridge is located at the intersection of Highway 29 and Highway 52, so you can easily access the community by vehicle.

TUMBLER RIDGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA



FAITH AND WORSHIP

In Canada you are free to practice any religion or cultural tradition without discrimination. Tumbler Ridge hosts various Christian churches and places of worship for Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

MEDIA

Keep up-to-date with local affairs. Newspapers let you get news, share opinions and discover what the town and region has to offer.

- [Northeast News](#)
- [Tumbler Ridge News](#)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Tumbler Ridge has a wide range of recreational activities available at an affordable cost. The community centre features a skating rink, curling rink, gym, squash courts and an aquatic centre. You'll have plenty of opportunities to keep you and your family active, healthy and fit with soccer, softball, hockey and curling leagues to join.

Do you like arts and culture? Tumbler Ridge has an art gallery and a Paleontology Research Centre and Museum. As well, you and your children can participate in organizations like the Lion's Club and Scouts for fun, socializing and to help the community.

The town also hosts a dozen annual community events, where you can enjoy time with family and friends and celebrate community spirit; these range from the Grizfest music festival to the Emperor's Challenge half marathon.

ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS

If you like the outdoors, you'll love Tumbler Ridge. Enjoy the wilderness by boat on rivers and lakes, or hike through the trails in the mountains and woods. Explore where the dinosaurs walked on a guided tour, where you can enjoy fossils, footprints and a track way. You can also bike, golf or play outdoor sports.

Northeast B.C. in the winter is a uniquely beautiful experience. Set in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Tumbler Ridge offers winter sports like skiing, snowshoeing, ice climbing, snowmobiling and dog sledding for healthy family fun.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tumbler Ridge would love to meet you! The people, businesses and community are friendly and waiting to welcome newcomers.

- [Tumbler Ridge Website](#)
- [LoonLounge: Canada's Immigration and Settlement online community](#)
- [Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Visit Tumbler Ridge](#)