Industry at a Glance

Prince George, British Columbia (BC) is a key centre for the delivery of city and regional health related services and lifelong education options. The growing economy will prosper as the city supports a diverse population, provides public services and creates opportunity for skills training. An abundance of innovative organizations and high quality facilities in Prince George are providing valuable social support for the community and region through assets such as:

- The University Hospital of Northern BC
- Trades certificates and technical training
- Arts and Sciences post-secondary education programs
- BC Ambulance Service (BCAS)
- St. John Ambulance service and training
- The BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North
- The Prince George Native Friendship Centre
- Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation
- Kordyban Lodge
- Prince George Regional Highway Rescue

Fast Facts

- The post-secondary education sector has directly contributed $261 million to the city’s economy, translating to an economic impact of $395 million
- Northern Health’s operating budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year was $737.5 million
- Northern Health is the largest employer in Prince George
- The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) is a leader in research and has received more than $190 million in research awards since its establishment
- UNBC has been one of Canada’s greenest employers for three years in a row and tied Harvard for #1 in campus sustainability projects in 2010
- The College of New Caledonia (CNC) recently built a new $19.7 million Technical Education Centre to provide a range of trades training opportunities to its students
- The BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North (2012) and its supporting facility, the Kordyban Lodge (2013), represent an over $100M+ investment in healthcare infrastructure in Prince George
- The Kordyban Lodge draws more than 13,000 visitor days (patients and their family/friends) to the community each year and has an economic impact of more than $4 million annually
- School District No. 57, covering the boundaries of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, consists of 31 elementary schools, 8 secondary schools, and 1 centre for learning with an annual budget of just over $140 million

Competitive Advantages

Healthcare, Social Assistance and Education support to Prince George and Northern BC

- Northern Health is responsible for the delivery of healthcare services across northern British Columbia and has more than two dozen acute care facilities, 23 long term care facilities, public health units and offices providing specialized services
- Northern Health Connections provides patients with transportation options for out-of-town medical appointments in northern BC and Vancouver
- The head office for Northern Health is located in Prince George
- The high quality of education and health services helps draw the investment and talent of entrepreneurs and industries to the city and region

- Prince George features a younger population than the provincial average that is attracted to education and skills training in the north, with 30.9% under the age of 25 (BC average: 27.8%)
Workforce, Education and Training

- Northern Health employs more than 7,000 people, holding approximately 4,000 full-time equivalent positions
- Prince George is home to the region’s only teaching hospital, the University Hospital of Northern BC
- Prince George features training for nursing, paramedics, dental hygienists, physiotherapists and family nurse practitioners through UNBC and CNC
- The distributed education focused Northern Medical Program welcomes 32 medical students every year from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC) to the UNBC campus in Prince George
- Prince George currently features a joint offering with UBC for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Engineering and is developing a Master of Engineering in Integrated Wood Design program

Business Opportunities

- Care homes for seniors
- Dental clinics
- Physiotherapy service
- Chiropractor services
- Advanced medical services
- Mental health counselling
- Specialized physicians
- Walk-in clinics

Sector Related Spending

- $541 million operating funding from the Ministry of Health, representing 73% of total revenues for Northern Health
- $33 million proposed for the UNBC Bioenergy Project Phase 3
- $190 million and counting for research funding at UNBC over 25 years

Companies in Prince George

Prince George Business Directory directory.investprincegeorge.ca
- The Prince George Business Directory is a free and easy to use online searchable database that includes businesses with a Prince George business license operating in all sectors of the economy.

Supply Chain Connector www.supplychainconnector.ca
- The Supply Chain Connector is an online procurement database that allows major industry, communities and government to quickly locate northern BC-based businesses to help them build major projects. The database is easy and free to use.

Industry Resources

- BC Ambulance Services www.bcas.ca
- BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North www.bccancer.bc.ca
- College of New Caledonia www.cnc.ca
- Northern Health www.northernhealth.ca
- Prince George Native Friendship Centre www.pgnfc.com
- Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation www.spiritofthenorth.ca
- St. John Ambulance www.sja.ca
- University of Northern British Columbia www.unbc.ca

How we can help

City of Prince George - Economic Development can provide your company with contacts and information about major local and regional projects. We will help you build partnerships and find investment opportunities by:
- Providing insight into major projects planned in the region through our network and events
- Facilitating attraction and retention of workforce
- Facilitating introductions to investors and companies in the sector
- Providing market information