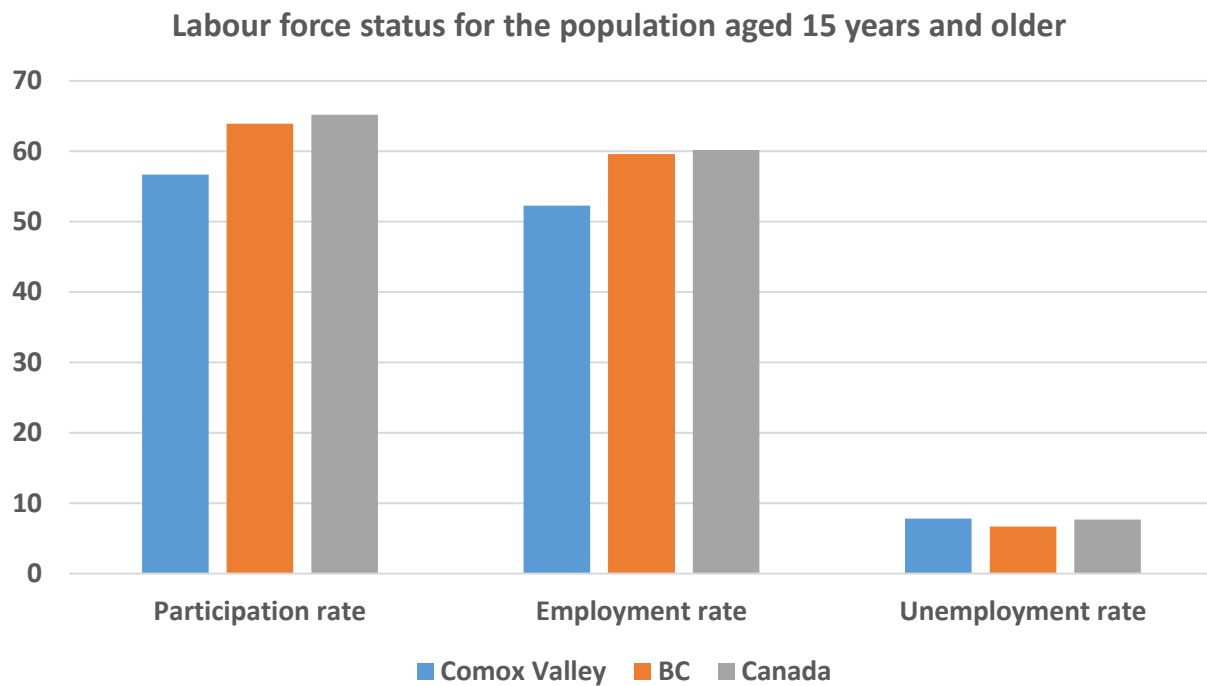


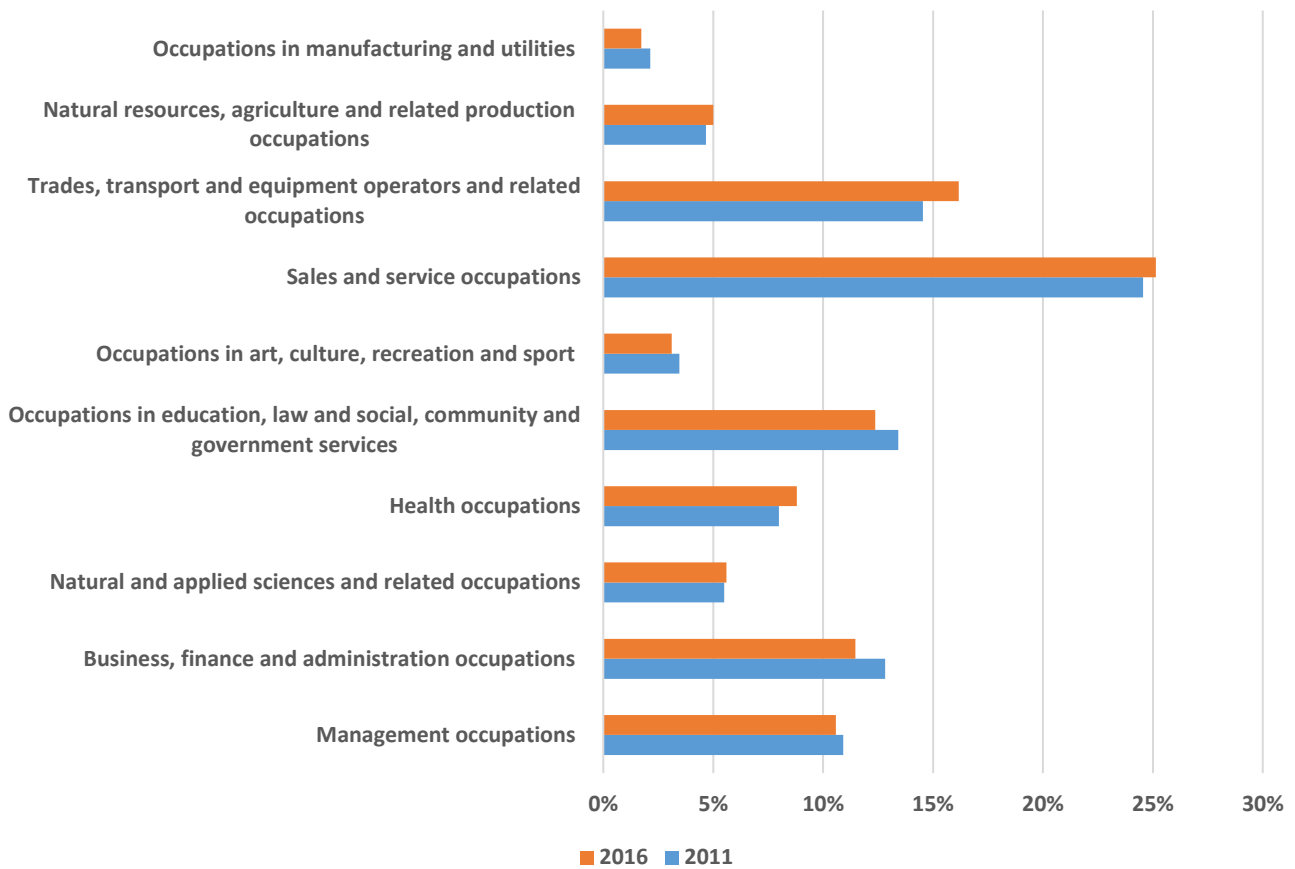
Census Canada Labour Force Release Highlights

The participation and employment rates (56.7% and 52.3%) for the Comox Valley were lower than the provincial (63.9% and 59.6%) and national rates (65.2% and 60.2%). Unemployment was closer, with Comox Valley having a 7.8% rate, BC with 6.7% and Canada with 7.7%



Under the National Occupation Classification (NOC) the top areas of employment for the Comox Valley were Sales and service (25.1%), trades, transport and equipment operators (16.2%), and education, law and social, community and government services (12.4%). The largest changes from 2011 to 2016 was a 1.6 point jump for trades, transport and equipment operators, and 1.4 point drop for business, finance and administration occupations.

Distribution of employed labour force aged 15 years and over by NOC, Comox Valley, 2011 and 2016



Under the North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS) 2012, the top industry sectors of employment were healthcare and social assistance (14.1%), retail trade (13.6%), and construction (8%). The largest changes from 2011 to 2016 was a 1.1 point rise in construction and 1.6 point drop in public administration.

Distribution of employed labour force aged 15 years and over by NAICS, Comox Valley, 2011 and 2016



Source: Statistics Canada 2016 Census