

Annex 1: Socio-Economic Context Indicators - BC Interior Region

As of March 31, 2024

Based on government and public sources



Introduction

This report presents the context indicators associated with the TMEP BC Interior Region, updated to reflect the January to March (Q1) 2024 monitoring period. These data are from public and government sources. They reflect the overall socio-economic context within which Project construction is occurring and present a picture of the overall social and economic vulnerability or resiliency of the region related to the socio-economic monitoring topic areas. Data is being reported for the entire region, even though construction activity may only be occurring in a select portion of the region. These data will be updated during Project construction when new data becomes available. This report also provides a one-time update of select community-level data points for communities crossed by the Project footprint have been updated since the finalization of the Socio-Economic Effects Monitoring Plan based on the 2021 Census of Canada.

One-time Community Level Data

Community	Population			Housing			Labour Force			
	Population 2021 (No.)	Population Change from Last Census (2016) (%)	Percentage of Population that Identifies as Aboriginal (%)	Total Private Dwellings (No.)	Percentage of Private Dwellings Occupied by Usual Residents (%)	Average Value of Dwellings (\$)	Labour Force Size (No.)	Participation Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Labour Force by Industry (%) (top 3 industries)
City of Kamloops	97902	8.4	10.1	41619	39914.0	\$ 567,000	51030	64.0	7.4	Health care and social assistance (15.6%) Retail Trade (13.6%) Construction (9.0%)
City of Merritt	7051	-1.2	21.0	3149	2975.0	\$ 405,200	2915	51.3	9.4	Health care and social assistance (13.2%) Retail Trade (11.5%) Accommodation and food services (9.9%) and Education services (9.9%)
Electoral Area P, Thompson-Nicola Regional District	4098	11.6	8.5	1931	1724.0	\$ 630,000	2075	60.0	7.7	Health care and social assistance (9.9%) Retail Trade (9.2%) Construction (15.2%)
Electoral Area J, Thompson-Nicola Regional District	1796	13.7	6.4	868	759.0	\$ 678,000	945	62.0	7.4	Construction (13.8%) Retail Trade (9.0%) Health care and social assistance (10.6%)
Electoral Area M, Thompson-Nicola Regional District	1637	2.4	15.3	863	730.0	\$ 526,000	740	52.5	9.5	Construction (12.8%) Retail trade (11.5%) Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (15.5%)
Electoral Area N, Thompson-Nicola Regional District	717	-5.9	14.6	385	321.0	\$ 596,000	355	61.2	7.0	Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (15.5%) Construction (19.7%) Transportation and warehousing (8.5%)
Joeyaska 2 IR	58	38.1	77.6	22	22.0	n/a	20	44.4	0.0	Public Administration (50%) Healthcare and social assistance (50%)
Zoht 4 IR	20	-20	100.0	14	13	x	x	x	x	x

Note: Zoht 5 IR is crossed by the Footprint but has no available data

X - indicates data suppression

Context Indicators

In this region, the Project is occurring in a rural area with a regional population of over 533,000 and a labour force of over 304,000 workers. There is other development in the region, with approximately \$1.6 billion of capital projects under construction. The current and anticipated Project workforce is small in the context of this region.

Context Indicator	Date	Data Description		
Population				
Population (No.)				
Thompson-Okanagan Economic Region ¹	Feb-24	The total population was 533,200, which is a 0.6% increase from November 2023.		
Labour Force				
Labour force size (No.)				
Thompson-Okanagan Economic Region	Feb-24	The labour force size was 304,100 which is a 0.6% increase from November 2023.		
Context Indicator				
Participation Rate (%)				
Thompson-Okanagan Economic Region	Feb-24	The participation rate was 57.0%, which is the same as the participation rate reported in November 2023.		
Unemployment Rate (%)				
Thompson-Okanagan Economic Region	Feb-24	The unemployment rate was 6.0%, which is higher than the unemployment rate reported in November 2023 (3.1%).		
Major projects (\$ capital investment)	Q3 2023	In the communities in the BC Interior Region, 10 major projects were identified as under construction, with a total capital cost of approximately \$1.6 billion. The projects are located throughout the BC Interior Region. Key projects with large (>\$100 million) capital costs include the Sun Rivers Community, Juniper West residential development, West Highlands Residential Community, Orchards Walk residential development and the Royal Inland Hospital Patient Care Tower.		
Accommodation				
Rental vacancy rates (%)				
Kamloops	Oct-23	The vacancy rate was 1.3% in private apartments.		
Rent by rental type (\$/month, by unit type)				
Kamloops	Oct-23	The average rent for a private 2 bedroom apartment was \$1,498.		
Crime/Policing				
Incident Category	Rate per 1,000 population, by Police Service Area			
	Kamloops RCMP, municipal	Merritt RCMP, municipal	Merritt RCMP, rural	
Total violent Criminal Code Violations	2022	26.8	37.8	17.5
Sexual assault, level 1, 2 and 3	2022	1.6	3.600	1.30
Total commodification of sexual activity violations	2022	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Property Crime Violations	2022	86.7	90	37.5
Total Other Criminal Code Violation (Except Traffic)	2022	30.2	36.8	9.4
Total prostitution	2022	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Criminal Code Traffic Violations	2022	5.3	4.7	7.6
Total Drug Violations	2022	5.0	4.5	2.0
Traffic				
Monthly Average Daily Traffic Count – Location P-21-4EW, Highway 5/0	Dec-22	The MADT at this traffic count site was 13,445 in December 2022. From the staging areas located near Vavenby and Kamloops. Project vehicles may travel south on Highway 5 to access construction sites.		
Monthly Average Daily Traffic Count – Location P-17-8NS, Highway 5	Mar-22	The MADT at this traffic count site was 11,813 in March 2022. Project vehicles may travel south on Highway 5 from the staging area located near Kamloops or north on Highway 5 from the staging area located near Chilliwack to access construction sites.		
Communicable Diseases				
Disease	Surveillance Date	No. of Cases		
		Interior Health		
Coronavirus - COVID-19	2024	58 (Weekly total Mar 17-23)		
Thompson Cariboo Shuswap - Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA)				
Amebiasis	2019	2		
Campylobacteriosis	2019	86		
Cryptosporidiosis	2019	5		
Giardiasis	2019	23		
Hepatitis A	2019	1		
Hepatitis B: Acute	2019	0		
Hepatitis B: Chronic & Undetermined	2019	8		
Hepatitis C	2019	102		

Disease	Surveillance Date	No. of Cases
		Thompson Cariboo Shuswap HSDA
Malaria	2019	2
Measles	2019	2
Mumps	2019	0
Pertussis	2019	55
Salmonella Infection	2019	42
Typhoid Fever	2019	1
Yersinia Infection	2019	19
Genital Chlamydia	2017	787 (339.9/100,000)
Genital Gonorrhoea	2017	131 (56.5/100,000)
Infectious Syphilis	2018	9 (3.8/100,000)

Methodology and Notes

Notes:

1 The Thompson - Okanagan Economic Region consists of: 31 regional district electoral areas; 9 cities, including Kamloops and Merritt; 10 district municipalities; 12 villages or towns; and 94 Indian Reserves.

COVID-19 numbers reflects change in government reporting; no longer reporting active cases.

All numbers are approximate. In certain instances (e.g., gender-based crimes), additional decimal spaces are shown in order to capture small numbers.

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