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Community Profile

UCLUELET

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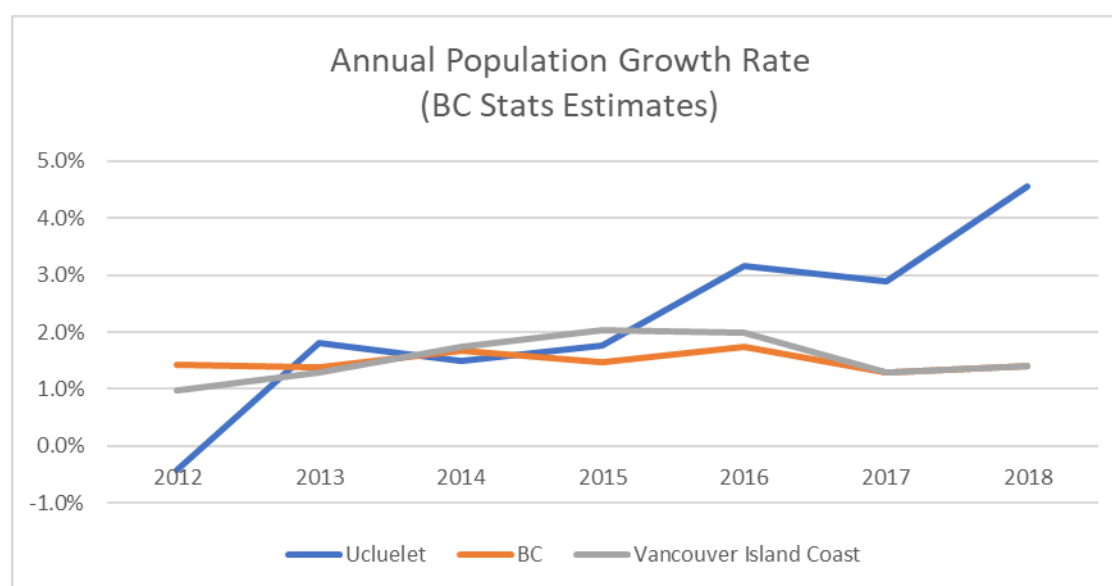
Population

Ucluelet is a small town located in a sparsely populated region. In 2016, the region's population was 5534 and Ucluelet's population was 1717. Local populations tend to increase in the summer because seasonal workers move to the region to serve visitors.

Location	Population
District of Tofino	1932
District of Ucluelet	1717
Toquaht Nation	19
Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government	274
Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)	1592
Total	5534

(Source: Statistics Canada – 2016 Census)

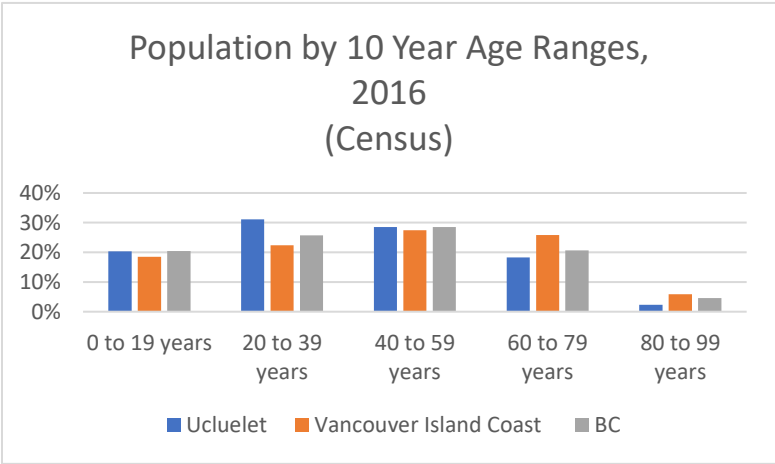
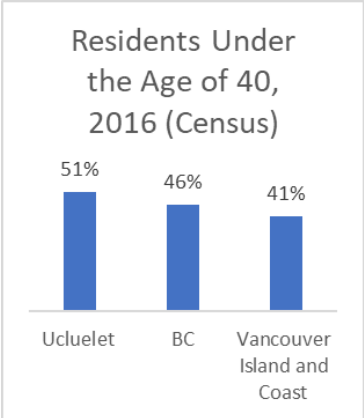
Ucluelet's population is on the rise. Ucluelet population enjoyed particularly strong rates of growth between 2015 and 2018.



Population by Age Characteristics

Ucluelet's population is relatively young. Its median age in 2016 was 39.2, compared to the Provincial median of 43, and the Vancouver Island and Coast median of 47.8 (Source: Statistics Canada – 2016 Census).

On average Ucluelet has significantly more individuals under the age of 40 and significantly fewer individuals over the age of 60. The greatest differences are among the young adults between the ages of 20 and 39 and seniors between the ages of 60 and 79.



Ucluelet’s age characteristics are changing. The most dramatic changes are among children and seniors. There have also been notable increases and decreases among adults between the ages of 20 and 49.

Age Range	0 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 69	70 - 79	80 and older
Percentage Change 2011 - 2016	31%	0%	-26%	13%	18%	-11%	16%	82%	33%
Number of Residents	50	0	-65	40	40	-30	30	45	10

(Source: Statistics Canada – 2016 and 2011 Census)

The dramatic growth in the 70-79 age group may be linked to growth in the 30-39 and 40-49 age groups as grandparents may be moving to Ucluelet to be closer to their descendants.

Immigration

Immigrants by Selected Place of Birth (25% Sample, N = 150)	Number of People
Jamaica	10
USA	30
Germany	10
Netherlands	10
Poland	10
Russian Federation	15
United Kingdom	20
Other Places of Birth in Europe	10
Japan	10
Philippines	15
Viet Nam	25
Other Places of Birth in Asia	10
Oceania and other places of birth	10

(Source: Statistics Canada – 2016 Census)

Language

Mother Tongue	Number of People
English	1590
French	50
Non-official Languages	110

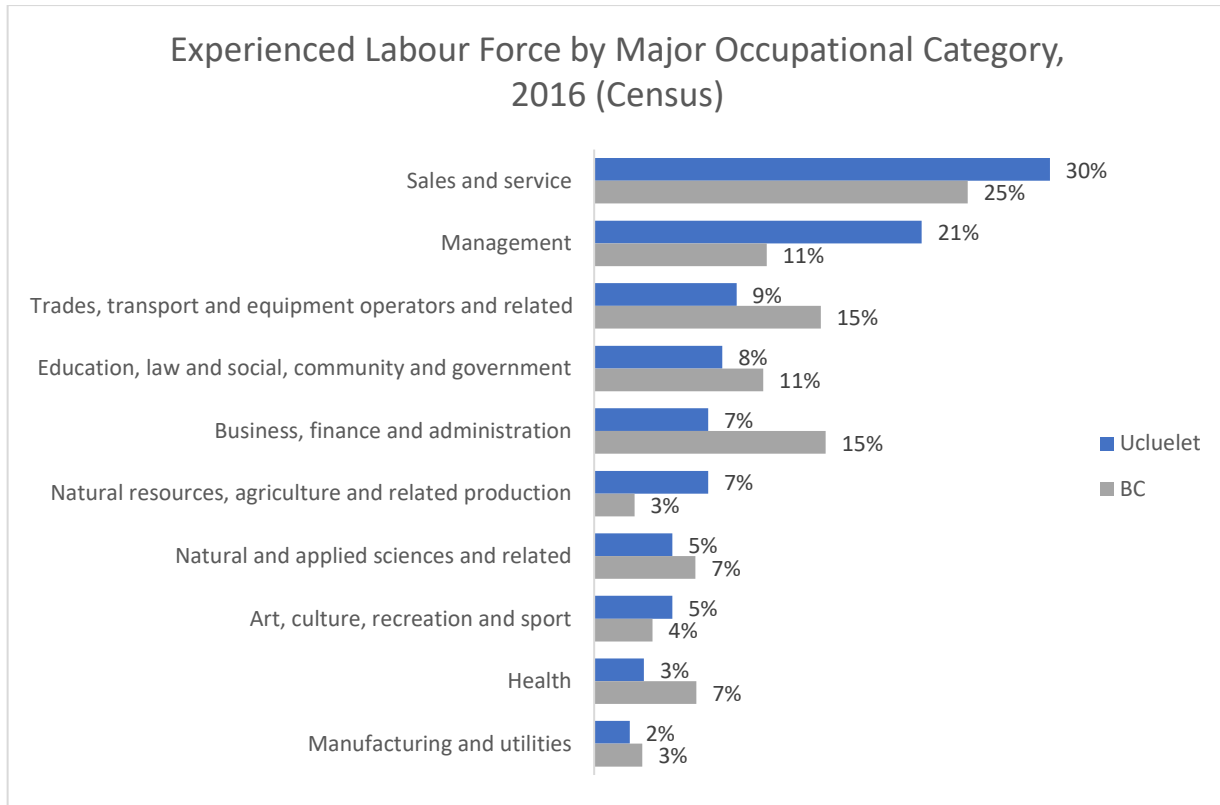
(Source: Statistics Canada – 2016 Census)

Labour Force

Labour Force by Occupation

Compared to the rest of BC, Ucluelet has a very high percentage of its resident labour force working in management. There are also higher concentrations of sales and service workers and those working in natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations.

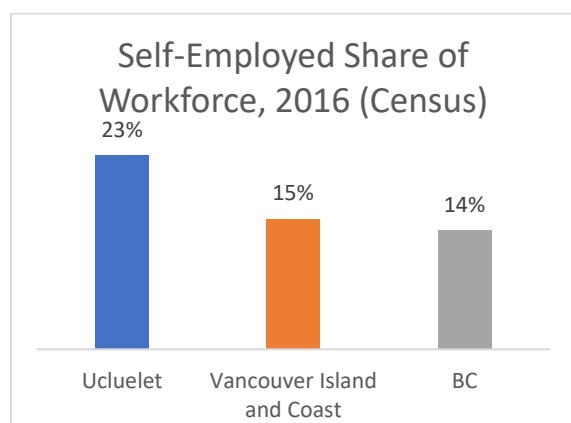
These demonstrate Ucluelet's history as a logging and fishing hub and the significant role that tourism plays in its economy. It also reflects the large number of self-employed individuals in the community.



EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE LIVING IN UCLUELET, 2016	UCLUELET	% IN UCLUELET	% IN VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COAST	% IN BC
Sales and service	320	29.9%	24.8%	24.5%
Management	230	21.5%	10.8%	11.3%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related	100	9.3%	14.1%	14.9%
Education, law and social, community and government	90	8.4%	12.6%	11.1%
Business, finance and administration	80	7.5%	14.2%	15.2%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production	80	7.5%	3.3%	2.6%
Natural and applied sciences and related	55	5.1%	6.6%	6.7%
Art, culture, recreation and sport	55	5.1%	3.5%	3.8%
Health	35	3.3%	7.9%	6.7%
Manufacturing and utilities	25	2.3%	2.1%	3.2%
Total	1,070	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: 2016 Census

An above average number of Ucluelet residents are self-employed. This reflects the entrepreneurial spirit of Ucluelet residents and the lack of large employers outside of the food service, accommodation, and fishing, aquaculture and seafood processing industries.



CLASS OF WORKER	UCLUELET	% IN UCLUELET	% IN VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COAST	% IN BC
Employed	825	77%	85%	86%
Self Employed	245	23%	15%	14%
All Classes	1,065	100%	100%	100%

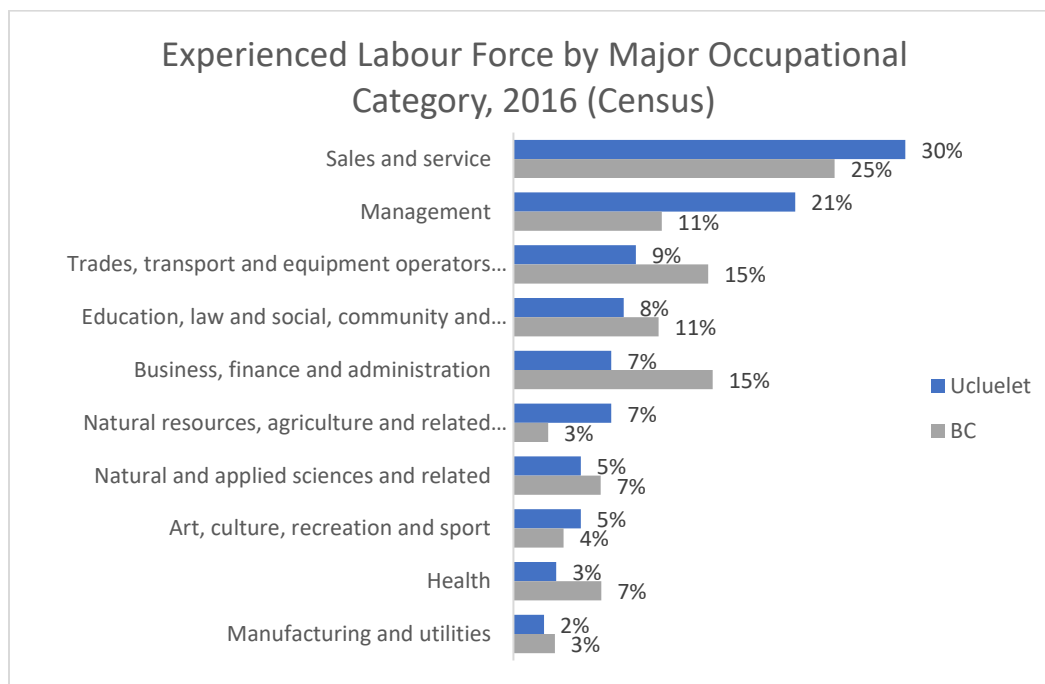
Source: 2016 Census

Education

An above average number of Ucluelet residents have high school diplomas, apprenticeship or trades certificates, and college or university certificates or diplomas. The rate of bachelor's degrees is slightly lower than the provincial average.

Combining all post-secondary accreditation, 56% of Ucluelet's working age population (age 15 to 64) has some type of credential, which is just above the 55% rate for all of BC. This mix of skills suggests that the Ucluelet workforce is flexible and has the education required to pivot towards new opportunities.

A below average number of Ucluelet residents have medical degrees or university graduate degrees (higher than bachelor). The limited number of residents with medical degrees is explained by the location of most medical services. The local hospital and dental offices are in Tofino and the closest veterinary clinics are in Port Alberni. Others with advanced degrees are more common in larger centres near universities, major government and corporate offices, and professional services.



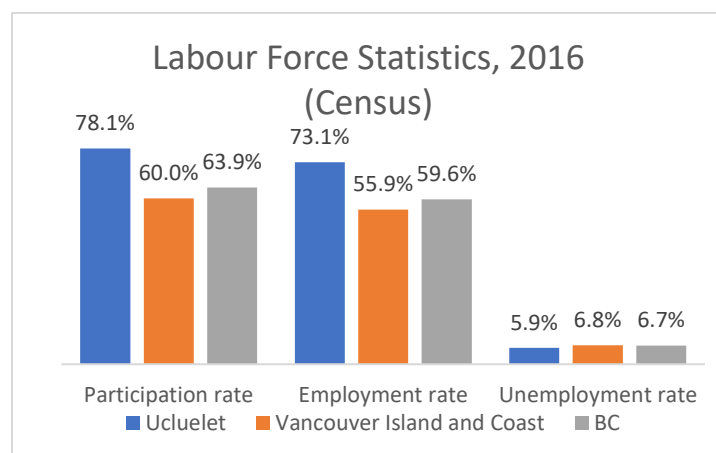
HIGHEST CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR DEGREE OBTAINED BY INDIVIDUALS AGED 15 TO 64	UCLUELET	% IN UCLUELET	% IN VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COAST	% IN BC
Less than high school	165	12%	15%	16%
High school diploma or equivalent	440	32%	29%	29%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate	160	12%	10%	9%
College or university certificate or diploma	350	25%	23%	22%
Bachelor's Degree	205	15%	14%	16%
Medical, dental, veterinary, optometry degree	0	0%	1%	1%
Other degree above bachelor's	20	1%	6%	6%
Total	1,375	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
% of People with Post Secondary Credentials		56.4%	56.3%	55.0%

Source: 2016 Census

Labour Force Participation Rates

Ucluelet's labour force participation and employment rates are higher than Provincial and Vancouver Island and Coast averages, while its unemployment rate is lower.

This reflects Ucluelet's youthful adult population that is highly engaged in the labour force (there are relatively fewer retirees in the community compared to the rest of Vancouver Island), as well as strength in the local economy.



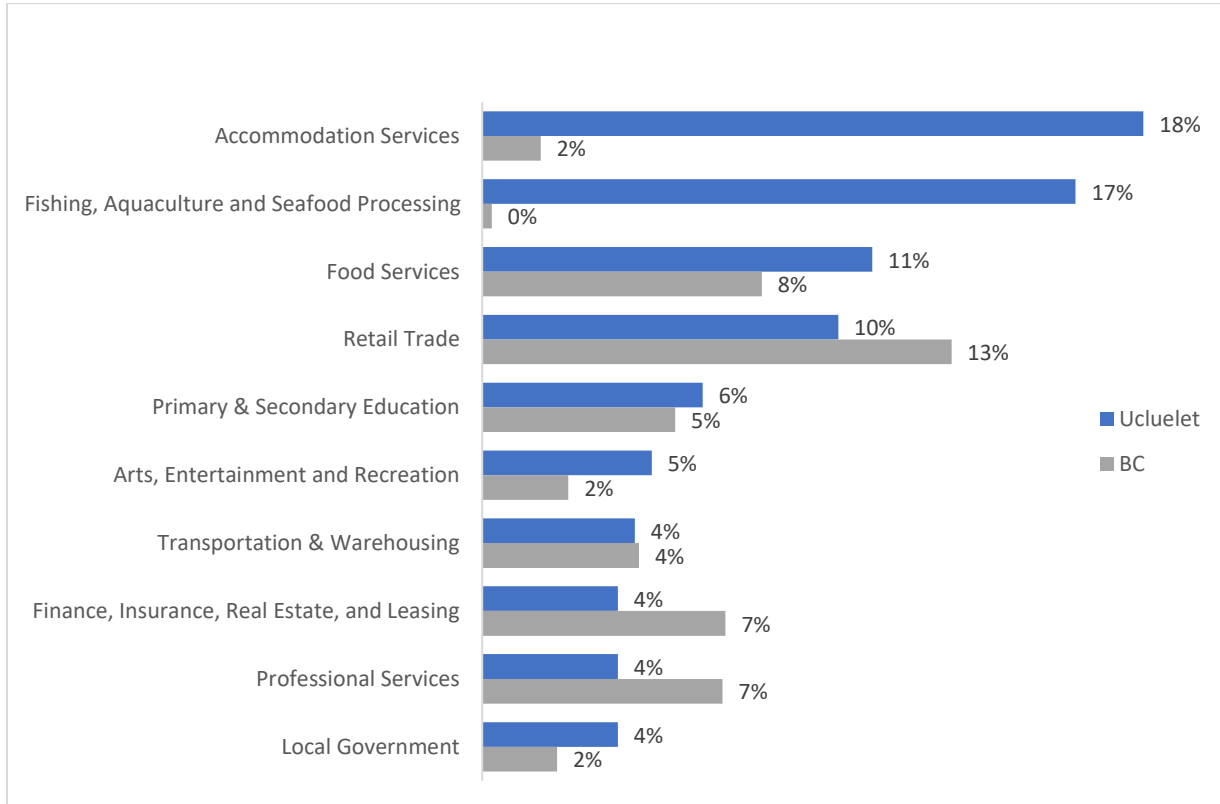
LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS	UCLUELET	VANCOUVER ISLAND- COAST	BC
Participation rate	77.8%	60.0%	63.9%
Employment rate	72.7%	55.9%	59.6%
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.9%	6.7%

Source: 2016 Census

Major Employment Sectors

Jobs by Employment

The twin pillars of Ucluelet's economy are tourism and harbour related industries. Employment data from the 2016 Census reflects this reality. It shows that 18% of all jobs based in Ucluelet are in fishing, aquaculture and seafood processing while 44% of jobs are in sectors that are closely related to tourism, including accommodation services, food services, retail trade, and arts, entertainment and recreation.



EMPLOYMENT AT A USUAL PLACE, CUSTOM SECTOR DEFINITIONS, 2016	UCLUELET	% IN UCLUELET	% IN VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COAST	% IN BC
Accommodation Services	195	18.5%	2.3%	1.6%
Fishing, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing	175	16.6%	0.8%	0.3%
Food Services	115	10.9%	7.7%	7.8%
Retail Trade	105	10.0%	14.3%	13.1%
Miscellaneous Services	90	8.5%	9.7%	9.8%
Primary & Secondary Education	65	6.2%	5.5%	5.4%
Government	65	6.2%	11.9%	7.0%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	50	4.7%	2.6%	2.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	45	4.3%	3.4%	4.4%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, and Leasing	40	3.8%	5.4%	6.8%
Professional Services	40	3.8%	5.6%	6.7%
Construction	35	3.3%	3.7%	4.0%
Non-Resource Manufacturing	20	1.9%	1.5%	2.4%
Health Care	20	1.9%	12.4%	10.1%
Forestry and Forest Products Manufacturing	10	0.9%	2.4%	2.5%
Wholesale Trade	10	0.9%	2.0%	3.6%
Total	1,055	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: 2016 Census, custom data

Major Employers

As of the 2016 Census, accommodation services were the largest source of Ucluelet-based jobs. Major employers in this sector include [Black Rock Resort](#) and [Water's Edge Shoreside Suites](#), plus many smaller hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast operations.

The largest employer in the fish processing manufacturing sector is Ucluelet Harbour Seafoods (UHS), which is a subsidiary of [Pacific Seafoods](#). During peak season, UHS operates two fish processing plants in Ucluelet with 250 employees. There are several other fish processing and offloading plants in and around Ucluelet. These smaller operations include Neptune Packers Ltd., Ukee Ice Ltd. and [Tinlet Fishing](#).

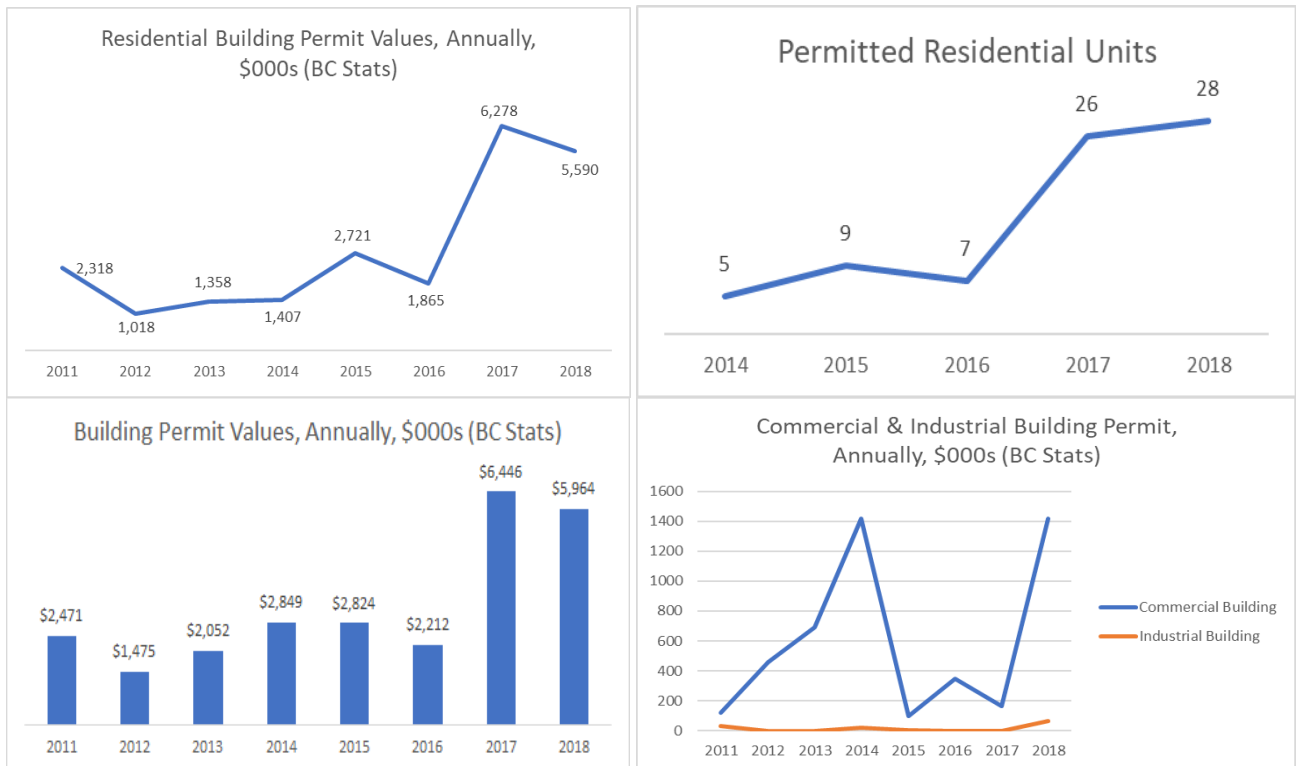
Food services ranks third and large employers include [Zoë's Bakery and Café](#) and [Howler's Family Restaurant](#). Retail trade has many small companies, but also the Ucluelet Consumer Cooperative is a major employer.

Other significant employers in Ucluelet are in the public sector, including School District 70 (Alberni) and the District of Ucluelet.

Focus on Construction

The construction sector appears modest in size based on jobs in Ucluelet, but that is partly because many Ucluelet-based construction companies and workers are regularly working throughout the region and are not counted as having a usual place of employment in Ucluelet. There were 70 Ucluelet residents working in construction as of 2016, even though only 35 jobs were “based in Ucluelet.”

There is also reason to believe that construction has expanded significantly since the 2016 Census, based on the strong uptake in building activity in the last few years.



Public Services

Emergency Services

The [Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade \(UVFB\)](#) is comprised of entirely volunteer firefighters who provide first responder and fire services to Ucluelet and the surrounding rural areas. Several of the volunteers have received official NFPA 1001 certification, ensuring that they're able to provide the best possible service to their community.

Ucluelet is also home to station 134 of the [BC Ambulance Service](#), providing emergency care as well as transport to other medical facilities throughout BC.

The [Ucluelet detachment of the RCMP](#) provides police services for the municipality.

Education

Ucluelet schools are part of [School District 70](#), along with Tofino, Port Alberni and Bamfield. The community has an Elementary School and [Ucluelet Secondary School](#), which has about 160 students from Ucluelet, Tofino, and our surrounding First Nations communities. The school enrolls students from grades 8 to 12.

Ucluelet is also home to the [North Island College \(NIC\) Learning Centre](#). Programs include associate degrees in art and science, as well as other programs focused on health care, business and university transfer. NIC offers technology-based learning, enabling students to secure a post-secondary education without leaving home.

Small Craft Harbour

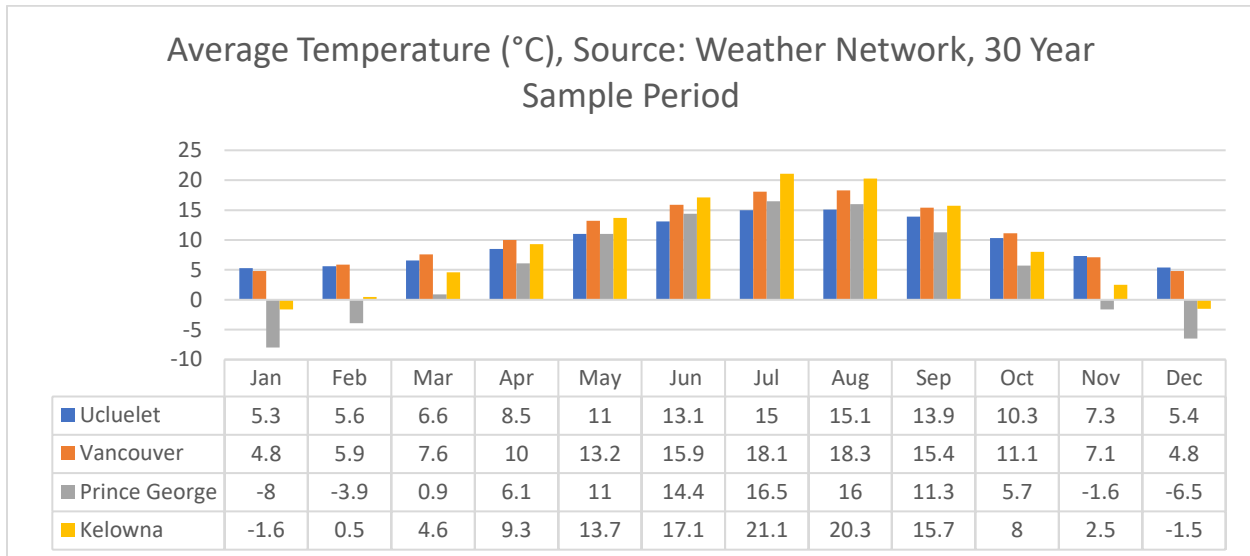
Ucluelet is home to one of the [largest harbours](#) on the west coast of Vancouver Island, providing marine services for both commercial and recreational use. Additionally, the harbor facilitates local companies offering kayaking, fishing, whale watching and other marine activities.

The harbour is fully equipped with a boat launch, 20-amp service as well as fresh water. The harbour is within easy walking distance of the town centre.

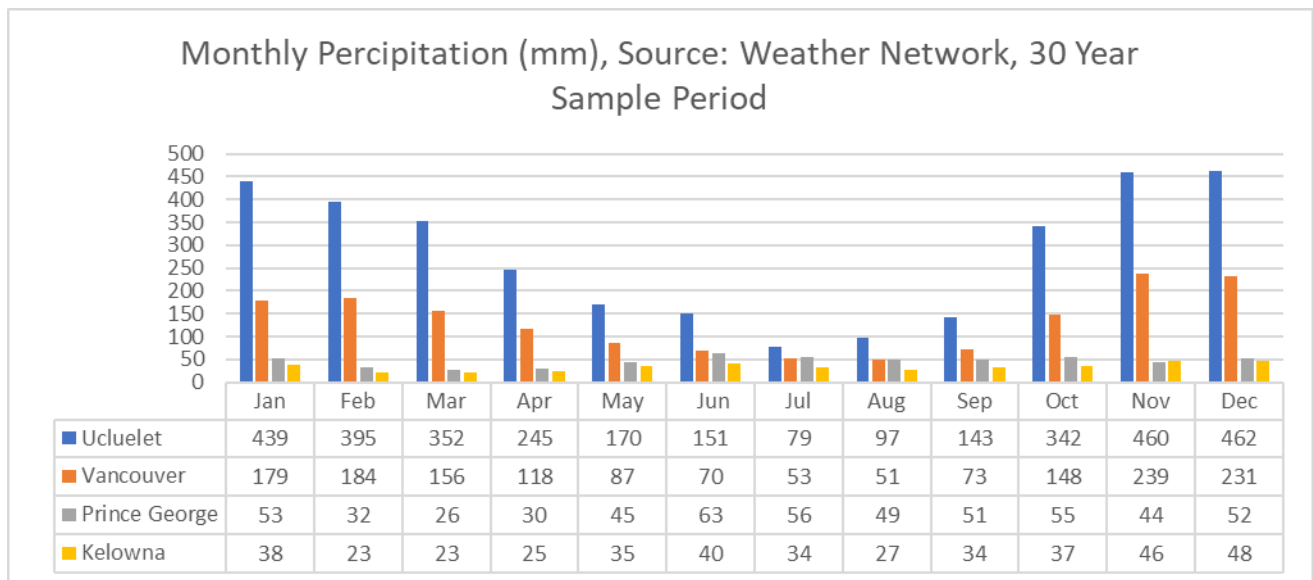
Quality of Life

Climate

Ucluelet's climate is warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer than most other parts of British Columbia.



Ucluelet is one of the wetter spots in British Columbia, especially in the winter. The summer months are drier, but precipitation and fog can occur. Forest fires are not common on the West Coast.



Locals learn to embrace the climate. Rain isn't an issue when you're on the water or wearing the right jacket and pair of boots. Likewise, when the fog rolls in, locals head inland to Kennedy or Sproat lakes where it is still possible to catch the sun.

Arts and Culture

Ucluelet's arts community is active and inclusive. This incredible stretch of coast inspires artisans, musicians, painters, carvers, writers, dancers, weavers, photographers, videographers, and sculptors.

Local visual artists show their work at Ucluelet's [private galleries](#) or The Orange Door Gallery curated by the [Pacific Rim Arts Society](#). Local and visiting musicians perform at several local venues and annual festivals. Artisans hawk their wares at local boutiques and the [Ucluelet Sunday Market](#). Aspiring artisans, artists, musicians and dancers participate in local [arts and culture programming](#). Tofino and Ucluelet have a thriving choir that performs popular spring and winter shows in both communities.

Events

Ucluelet hosts several festivals and community events throughout the year. Some of which include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ukee Days• Edge to Edge Marathon• Cultural Heritage Festival• Pacific Rim Arts Society Summer Festival• Van Isle 360• Arts Splash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pacific Rim Whale Festival• Surf Nationals• Ucluelet Aquarium Release Day• Harbour Lights Sail Past• Midnight Madness
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Ucluelet's neighbour, Tofino, also has a lively program of [festivals and events](#).

Communication and Media

Ucluelet has two local radio stations; Tuff City Radio and [Ukee Radio](#). Local news is also available in print and online from the [Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News](#).

Small Town, Big Flavour

Ucluelet's retail market is dominated by small locally owned boutiques. Local proprietors supply all essential goods and services. The consumer experience has the convivial feel of a small town where everyone knows your name.

Ucluelet has a vibrant local food scene that offers everything from fine dining experiences to cafés and coffee shops that hit all the right spots on a West Coast day.

Visitor Services

Ucluelet's visitor services are provided through [Tourism Ucluelet's](#) strong online presence and two Visitor Information Centres. One Information Centre is located at the Highway 4 junction and the other in the heart of Ucluelet with seasonal openings during the peak summer months. Both locations offer guest services, restrooms and a gift shop that features locally made products. Free loan umbrellas are available for rainy strolls along the [Wild Pacific Trail](#).

The Heart of Ucluelet

Ucluelet's commercial and business zones are along Peninsula Road and in the Village Square, centered around Main Street. These areas are adjacent to each other and walkable from accommodations and most local residential neighbourhoods. Both offer harbour views, cafés and retail opportunities with plenty of foot and vehicle traffic. This easy access also means workers can walk or bike to work.

The Commute

If you live and work in Ucluelet, your commute is pretty much non-existent. There are no stoplights and you are likely to see a friend on your way to work.

Those who work in the neighbouring community of Tofino commute about 40 minutes in either direction. There are no stoplights between Ucluelet and Tofino and the commute takes you through the [Pacific Rim National Park](#) Reserve. Wildlife are frequently spotted on the drive through the Park.

Health Care

Ucluelet is serviced by the [Ucluelet Medical Clinic](#) which is open 4 days a week. There are two local pharmacies, a chiropractor, a physiotherapist, several massage therapists and an acupuncturist operating in town.

The nearest hospital is in Tofino, a 40-minute drive from Ucluelet. The Tofino General Hospital offers ten acute medical inpatient beds, five emergency room beds, laboratory and X-Ray services. Other medical imaging is available at the West Coast Hospital in Port Alberni which is located about an hour and forty minutes drive from Ucluelet.

Recreation

Outdoor Recreation

Whether you're a sea lover or a land lover, Ucluelet offers access to incredible outdoor amenities.

Sea Lovers

Sea lovers have their pick of lake, ocean and beach activities.

Lakes

The largest body of fresh water on Vancouver Island, Kennedy Lake, is within 20 minutes of Ucluelet. Swimmers, canoers, paddleboarders, and boaters frequent the lake and enjoy its warm summer temperatures.

Swim Beach, a sandy beach located within [Kennedy Lake Provincial Park](#), is ideal for family outings, picnics and swimming. Kennedy Lake Provincial Park also offers a public boat launch for adventures on and around the lake.

Wildlife frequent the area and water conditions can change rapidly, so appropriate precautions must be taken.

Ocean

Kayaking

Ucluelet is a launching point for kayakers of all abilities.

The Ucluelet Harbour is ideal for shorter paddles. The Harbour features relatively calm waters, spectacular scenery, and the opportunity to view wildlife feeding in the intertidal zone.

The [Broken Group Islands](#), part of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, offers world class kayaking and camping. The 90 islets that comprise the Broken Group Islands shelter local waters from the summer's prevailing north-westerly winds. The islets are also home to spectacular sandy beaches, ideal camping, and incredible First Nations cultural artifacts. Most kayakers skip the difficult open ocean paddle between the Broken Island Group and the Ucluelet Harbour by hiring a water taxi and guide or launching from locations within Barkley Sound.

For more information about kayaking in and around Ucluelet contact the [Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of B.C.](#) or a local [kayaking company](#).

Fishing

Ucluelet is known for exceptional saltwater angling. Ucluelet's nutrient rich waters attract Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, halibut, lingcod and other groundfish. Local anglers have plenty of options when it comes to fishing spots. Anglers frequent locations just outside the harbour, in Barkley Sound and offshore.

Local conditions change rapidly so for the best experience use an experienced local angler or guide. Remember to check [regulations](#) and obtain a [fishing license](#) before departing. For more information about angling opportunities contact a [local charter operator](#).

Boating

Each summer, mariners heading north or south arrive in Ucluelet's natural deep-water harbour. Some dock at one of Ucluelet's many private and [public moorage](#) options for a night, and others stay longer. Many mariners spend time exploring the area around the Broken Island Group and Barkley Sound on their way to or from Ucluelet. Every second year [Van Isle 360](#) participants stop in Ucluelet en-route to circumnavigating Vancouver Island.

Other mariners arrive in Ucluelet by truck and launch their vessels at one of Ucluelet's several public or private boat launches. They use Ucluelet as a home base for daytrips to nearby sites or to open ocean areas.

Whale watching companies operate out of the Ucluelet Harbour between March and October. For more information about whale watching contact one of Ucluelet's [whale watching companies](#).

Local weather conditions can be a challenge for even the most experienced mariner. For more nautical information contact the [Ucluelet Harbour Master](#).

Beaches

Surfing, Kiteboarding, and Windsurfing

Ucluelet's closest surf beach is 15 minutes away in the Long Beach Unit of the [Pacific Rim National Park Reserve](#). Long Beach and Wickaninnish Beach offer miles of consistent beach breaks, which are rarely flat or exceptional.

Although locals surf year-round, summer months tend to be more suitable for beginners. The water temperature can be cold in the winter (8.3°C) and warmer in the summer (13.9°C). Wetsuits are necessary all year round.

Beaches in the [Long Beach Division of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve](#) are frequented by experienced kiteboarders and windsurfers. South-easterly winds prevail in the winter and north-westerly winds prevail in the summer.

There are no life or surf guards on the beaches, but there are bathrooms with changing and shower facilities.

Ocean conditions change rapidly and there are strong local currents. Be cautious, take a lesson, and be [Coast Smart](#). For more information about surfing opportunities contact a [local surf shop or surf school](#).

Land Lovers

Land lovers have their pick of trails, parks and outdoor sports facilities.

Trails

Wild Pacific Trail

Located in the District of Ucluelet, the [Wild Pacific Trail](#) offers a user friendly 9.4 km trail system. It features dramatic ocean views, old growth forest, beach access, a lighthouse, artist loops, and perfectly positioned benches to view the awe-inspiring scenery. Users enjoy guided walks, hiking, running, storm watching, and searching the horizon for passing wildlife.

For more information about Ucluelet's unique trail system visit [WildPacificTrail.com](#).

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Trails

The south end of the [Long Beach Unit of the Pacific Rim National](#) Park Reserve is a 5-minute drive from Ucluelet. The Long Beach Unit features a variety of coastal and forested trails that meander through pristine beaches, ancient bogs, and lush coastal rainforests.

Multi-Use Path

The Multi-Use Path is a paved trail that runs from the north end of Ucluelet to Highway 4. Users enjoy walking, riding or rolling to their destination along the path.

Once complete the [?apsč iik ʔašii Multi-use Pathway](#) will pick up where the current path ends. It will link destinations in the Long Beach Unit of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve to the communities of Ucluelet, Esowista, Ty-Histanis and Tofino.

Storm Watching

Ucluelet is the perfect place to experience the raw power of the Pacific Northwest's [winter storms](#). Pack your rain gear and head out to the Wild Pacific Trail or watch the storms from the comfort of your home or accommodation.

Be cautious, stay off the rocks and be [Coast Smart](#). Winter storms can cause storm surges that are unpredictable and dangerous.

Parks

Parks, Beaches and Harbour Facilities

The District of Ucluelet offers several child-friendly parks with picnic benches, playground equipment, public gardens, and covered areas. Ucluelet also offers several sandy and rocky beaches that are perfect for beach fires, picnics, and paddle boarding.

Ucluelet's harbour facilities are well established. These facilities are also ideal for an evening stroll. A public boat launch is available at the bottom of Seaplane Base Road.

Sports Facilities

Skate Park

The Ucluelet Skatepark on Matterson Drive offers a bowl, whoop-de-doo, and street section. Each year skaters from all over the province converge on Ucluelet to compete in the Ucluelet Salmon Slam Bowl Jam Competition.

Other Facilities

Ucluelet offers several facilities that are used for baseball, soccer, track, and dog walking. There is a volleyball court and BMX track located on Matterson Drive.

Indoor Activities

Head to the library, Ucluelet Community Centre, Pool, Gym, or the Ucluelet Aquarium.

Gym and Pool

Residents and visitors workout and swim at the [West Coast Fitness Centre](#) which offers members access to a pool, sauna and fully equipped gym. Residents and visitors also enjoy fitness programming offered at the local fitness studio, Ucluelet Community Centre Fitness Studio and Ucluelet Secondary School

Gym. For more information about local indoor recreational programming, check out the [District of Ucluelet Parks & Recreation Activity Guide](#).

Aquarium

Located in the heart of Ucluelet, the [Ucluelet Aquarium](#) is Canada's first catch-and-release aquarium. It features locally collected marine life in closed and touch tanks. The Aquarium offers educational programming for children and adults of all ages.

Community Centre & Library

The [Ucluelet Community Centre](#) features a fitness studio, youth room, main hall, food safe kitchen, arts and crafts room and several activity rooms. This warm and welcoming space is the home to several groups and activities. Check the [District of Ucluelet Parks & Recreation Activity Guide](#) for more information about local programming.

The Ucluelet Community Centre is also the home of the [West Coast Community Resource Society](#) and Ucluelet and Area Child Care Centre.

Ucluelet hosts recreational activities at the Ucluelet Athletic Hall, the Sea Plane Base Recreation hall and Ucluelet Secondary School. During the winter months, youth use the Sea Plane Base to skateboard and play roller hockey. The Junior Rangers, Scouts and Guides use the Ucluelet Athletics Hall and indoor soccer and volleyball are played at the Ucluelet Secondary School Gym.

A branch of the [Vancouver Island Regional Library](#) is located in the Ucluelet Community Centre. It offers regular hours, a breadth of literature and the ability to order books from libraries throughout British Columbia.

Food & Beverage

One of the joys of living in Ucluelet is the food and beverage on offer. Ucluelet's [food and beverage proprietors](#) have you covered whether you're after a quick bite, great coffee, three course meal, or world-class spirits.

Transportation

Ucluelet is located at south end of the Ucluelet Peninsula, on the west side of Vancouver Island. The community is bordered by the Ucluelet Harbour, open Pacific Ocean, and the [Pacific Rim National Park Reserve](#). It is accessible by air, land and sea.



(This map is courtesy of Primal Communications and Tourism Ucluelet)

By Air

Ucluelet is a short flight from downtown Vancouver and [Vancouver International Airport](#). Air service to Vancouver International Airport is available from [Long Beach Airport](#), a 25-minute drive from Ucluelet, and service to Vancouver Harbour is available from the Tofino Harbour, a 35 minute drive from Ucluelet.

International and domestic airports located on Vancouver Island offer non-stop flights to Canadian, American and International destinations.

Airport Name	Distance from Ucluelet	Flights to
Long Beach Airport	25km	Vancouver
Nanaimo Airport	195km	Vancouver and Calgary
Comox Valley Airport	210km	Non-stop flights to destinations in Canada, the US, and Central America
Campbell River Airport	238 km	Vancouver
Victoria Airport	309km	Non-stop flights to destinations Canada, the US and around the world
Vancouver International Airport	270 km plus ferry ride	125 non-stop flights to destinations in Canada, US and around the world

By Land

Bus Service

The [Vancouver Island Connector](#) offers daily service to downtown Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, and other destinations. Bus trips from downtown Vancouver take approximately seven hours and trips from Victoria, take approximately six hours.

Driving

Most visitors and residents' access Ucluelet via Highway 4, which links to the Trans-Canada highway. [Highway 4](#) offers extraordinary views, sites, and swimming holes.

City	Distance from Ucluelet (km)	Driving from Ucluelet (hours)
Victoria	292	4.25
Vancouver	257	5.25 (with ferry)
Calgary	1226	15.75 (with ferry)
Nanaimo	182	2.75
Seattle	482	7.5 (with ferry)
Portland	761	10.25 (with ferry)
Courtenay	200	2.75

By Sea

[The Lady Rose Marine Service](#) offers seasonal foot passenger ferry service to Ucluelet from Port Alberni. Ucluelet is also accessible via motor or sailboats, and offers a variety of [moorage](#) for boats of all sizes.

The closest marine shipping ports are the [Port Alberni Port](#), [Port of Nanaimo](#) and [Port of Metro Vancouver](#).

Utilities

Telecommunications

Ucluelet recently received support from Telus for their latest fibre optic internet connection, meaning that customers within Ucluelet can get internet speeds vastly exceeding what conventional copper cabling can provide.

Ucluelet's cell phone coverage is the same as the rest of British Columbia, with four large wireless carriers who all provide both call and text functionality as well as mobile data.

Waste Management & Recycling

Ucluelet's garbage and recycling services are managed by the Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot. The District has a local recycling depot which provides services for residents in accordance with Multi-Material BC.

Ucluelet has [bylaws](#) ensuring residents don't attract bears or other wildlife with their garbage. The District partners with [WildSafeBC](#) to raise awareness of preventing conflict with wildlife in the community.

Electricity

BC Hydro provides Ucluelet with electricity for residents and businesses.

Local electric vehicle charging stations are available at Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, the Pacific Rim Visitors' Centre and the Ucluelet Community Centre. These charging points enable visitors and travellers to access Ucluelet by electric vehicle.