Social Services Sector Profile – 2024

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

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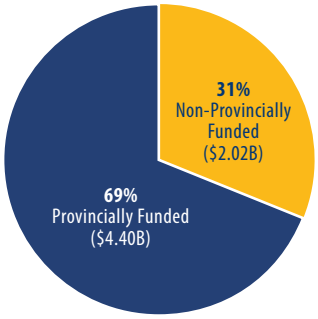
Social service sector agencies in British Columbia receive $6.42 billion* of funding from all sources.

- Provincially Funded: $4.40B – (69%)
- Non-Provincially Funded: $2.02B – (31%)

Funding By Source



*Funding and employee data as reported in the 2024 Compensation and Employee Turnover Report published by the Community Social Services Employers' Association (CSSEA), based on an 81% response rate.

Employee Demographics

- Total employees/Headcounts in the sector: 67,566**
- Total full-time positions in the sector: 41,253**

% of Employees by Age Category

Age	Male	Female	Gender Diverse	Total %
<26	2.97%	9.23%	0.34%	12.54%
26-35	6.77%	18.88%	0.49%	26.14%
36-45	5.13%	16.35%	0.32%	21.79%
46-55	4.20%	15.55%	0.23%	19.99%
56-65	3.42%	11.39%	0.12%	14.93%
>65	1.23%	3.34%	0.03%	4.61%
Total %	23.72%	74.75%	1.53%	100.00%

**As reported in the 2025 B.C. Public Sector Compensation Annual Forecast published by the PSEC Secretariat.

BC Government Funding Breakdown (4.40B)*

BC Government Program	$ Amount
Community Living BC	$1,337,125,408
Ministry of Children and Family Development	$1,106,305,967
BC Housing	$447,511,937
"Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (Immigration Settlement Services from Municipal Affairs)"	$311,962,022
Ministry of Education and Child Care	$191,321,573
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction	$131,675,073
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General	$92,440,806
Interior Health Authority	$90,134,266
Fraser Health Authority	$88,615,766
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation	$87,922,512
Other Provincial Funding	$77,327,577
Ministry of Health	$76,781,767
Flow-Through Funding from Other Provincially-Funded Agencies	$72,403,740
Vancouver Island Health Authority	$57,068,468
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	$50,036,087
BC Gaming Grant	$31,897,575
BC School Districts	$22,869,095
Ministry of Forests	$22,745,185
Provincial Health Services Authority	$20,531,915
Ministry of Transportation and Transit	$17,092,248
Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills	$15,373,410
Northern Health Authority	$9,411,106
Ministry of Attorney General	$8,182,777
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions	$6,459,752
Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery, and Innovation	$5,996,515
Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship	$4,300,322
Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness	$4,002,589
Ministry of Agriculture and Food	$3,601,220
Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs	$3,033,623
Columbia Basin Trust	$2,716,614
Ministry of Environment and Parks	$2,618,126
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sport	$1,955,712
Ministry of Finance	$1,404,321
BC Transit	$818,605
Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions	$738,180

BC Government Funding Breakdown (4.40B)* (continued)

BC Government Program	$ Amount
Ministry of Labour	$217,339
Ministry of Citizens' Services	$116,644
Total Provincial Funding	**$4,404,715,843**
Total Non-Provincial Funding	**$2,016,413,763**

*Funding and employee data as reported in the 2024 Compensation and Employee Turnover Report (CSSEA) , self-reported data 2023 calendar year

Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) 2023/24

In 2023/24, MCFD:

- Received protection reports on approximately **55,000** children and youth
- Worked with **30,318** families through Children and Youth with Support Needs specialized services and funding programs (as at March 2024)
- Served approximately **31,000** Child and Youth Mental Health clients over the 2023/2024 fiscal year
- Working with an average of **971** youth through Community Youth Justice Supervision and Supports (2023/24)
- Supported **86** adoptions

% of Funding by Core Business Area **2023/2024**

Core Business	% Amount
Early Childhood Development	2%
Services for Children & Youth with Support Needs	27%
Child Safety, Family Support & Children in Care Services	50%
Child & Youth Mental Health Services	6%
Adoption Services	2%
Youth Justice Services	3%
Service Delivery Supports	9%
Executive & Support Services	1%

Community Living BC 2023/24

In 2023/24, CLBC:

- CLBC currently serves **28,003** individuals
- Persons served by eligibility category
  - Development Disabilities (DD) — **24,653 (88%)**
  - Personalized Supports Initiative (PSI) — **3,350 (12%)**
- Program Budget Breakdown
  - Home Support Services — **62%**
  - Community Inclusion, Individual and Family Support, or Other Services — **38%**
- In 2023/24 CLBC delivered services through over **8,700** contractual arrangements with **5,486** families and service providers

% of Contracts by Arrangement

Contract	% Amount
Families (direct funding)	4%
Person-centered societies	3%
Private providers	35%
Not-for-profit societies	56%
Other proprietors/partnerships	1%
Government agencies	1%

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» WorkBC served **94,035** Employment Services clients, **15,859** Apprentices and **1,913** Assistive Technology Clients

% of Employment Service Clients by Inclusion Group*

Group	% Amount
Youth	34%
Immigrants	31%
Clients with Disability[1]	16%
Survivors of Violence and/or Abuse	10%
Indigenous	7%
Multi-barriered[2]	4%
Francophone	2%

Definitions:

1 **Clients with a Disability:** Clients with a disability include individuals with physical, cognitive, mental, sensory, or a developmental condition that results in limitations executing tasks or taking actions that relate to employment.

2 **Multi-Barriered:** Multi-barriered includes individuals who face chronic mental health, addiction or homelessness. Clients are also considered multi-barriered if they are facing two or more of these challenges.

*One client may belong to multiple inclusion groups

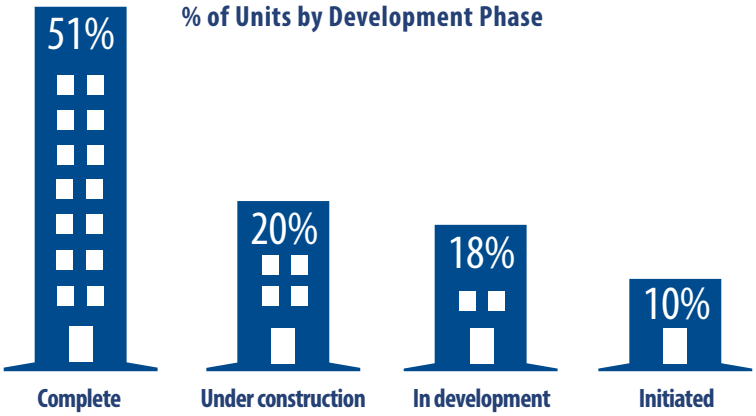
BC Housing

» As of December 2024, there are a total of **46,353** units complete or underway funded through BC Housing

» **29,170** units are funded through Building BC programs, **5,926** units are financed through HousingHub, and the remaining **11,257** units are funded through multiple other programs

Of the **46,353** units, **51%** are complete, **20%** are under construction, **10%** are in development and **18%** have been initiated.

% of Units by Development Phase



Public Safety & Solicitor General

in 2023/24:

Measure	Amount
VictimLinkBC calls received	14,641
Crime Victim Assistance Program applications received	5,196
Victim Services (VS) programs	179
New clients assisted in VS programs	50,235
Violence Against Women (VAW) programs	239
Sexual Assault Service (SAS) programs	70
New clients assisted by SAS programs	3282
Sexual Assault Centres (SACs)	5

Social Services in BC are diverse. Some of the services being provided by the sector are:

- Family Development
- Youth Services
- Community Development and Capacity Building
- Mental Health Services
- Early Years
- Family Resource Programs
- Services for Older Adults
- Housing/Housing Supports
- Employment Services
- Apprentice Services
- Assistive Technology Services
- Sexual Abuse Counselling and Support
- Information Centre/Resource Centre
- Advocacy
- School-Based Supports
- Residential Services for Youth
- Materials Assistance (Food Security, Food Bank, Clothing)
- Childcare/Afterschool Care
- Family Violence Services
- Violence Against Women
- Services for Children and Youth with Special Needs
- Community Living Services (adults)
- Foster Caregiver Services
- Education Programs for Adults
- Substance use Services
- Autism Services
- Infant Development Services
- Immigrant/Refugee Support Services
- Victim Services
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Programming
- Childcare Resource and Referral
- Services for the LGBTQ2S+ Community
- Programs for Aboriginal, First Nations, and Metis
- Adoption Services
- Problem Gambling Services
- Neighbourhood Houses
- Disaster/Emergency Response
- Other Services

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