



Position:

Chefs & Cooks

Chefs and cooks are employed by restaurants, cafeterias, hotels and resorts, hospitals, cruise ships, educational institutions, catering companies and a wide range of other establishments.

Occupation Fast Facts:

- The average wage for Chefs and Cooks in British Columbia (B.C.) was \$15.78/hour in 2018
- Nationally, there were 5,292 personal and culinary services program completions or graduates in 2015, with 923 completions in B.C.
- Compared to 2009, B.C. program completions were down 18 points in 2015, while nationally, completions jumped by 23% (2015 is the most recent reference year available)
- Vancouver Community College (518), followed by Vancouver Island University (173) and Okanagan College (73) recorded the most completions in 2015
- Between 2019 and 2026, demand for Chefs & Cooks is anticipated to continue to rise, 12% and 10% respectively and an anticipated labour shortage is also expected to result in inflationary wage pressures.

Regional Job Profiles:

Location	2020 Forecasted Jobs	2018		
		Avg. Hourly Wage (\$)	Median Hourly Wage (\$)	Annual Median Wages (\$)
Whistler	471	15.68	14.94	31,081
Vancouver	9,475	15.56	14.81	30,807
Squamish	222	15.56	14.81	30,806
North Van	637	15.55	14.79	30,770
West Van	341	15.53	14.77	30,726

Stand Apart:



What makes your company a great place to work? Discuss your strengths, workplace culture, and any unique benefits to set your company apart.

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Regional Job Postings: January 2019 – November 2019

Location	Whistler	Squamish	West Van.	North Van.	Vancouver
Unique Postings	301	98	142	304	547
Posting Intensity	5:1	3:1	2:1	3:1	3:1
Posting Duration	31 days	30 days	30 days	30 days	29 days
Top Jobs Posted	Cook, Chef De Partie	Cook, Chef De Partie	Cook, Chef de Partie	Cook, Chef de Partie	Cook, Chef de Partie
Education Mention	Unspecified, High-School	Unspecified, High-School	Unspecified, High-School	Unspecified, High-School	Unspecified, High-School
Experience Mention	Unspecified	2-3 Years	2-3 Years	2-3 Years	2-3 Years
In-Demand Skills	Leadership	Operations	Presentations	Operations	Operations
Top Sites	Workopolis	Workopolis	Jobbank	Jobbank	Jobbank

Change Up Your Tactics:

Hard to hire? Try something new. Launch an employee referral program, work with a professional recruiter, partner with education providers, or leverage support from WorkBC.ca.

Want to learn more?

Contact economicdevelopment@squamish.ca to enquire about customized industry and labour data for your company.

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