

SQUAMISH MANUFACTURING Snapshot



Driven by globalization, the Manufacturing sector in Squamish has undergone dramatic restructuring over the past decade, transitioning away from large single industry employers to smaller emerging diversified industry producers. More and more small firms are choosing Squamish for their manufacturing business, due to the following competitive advantages:

- » **Port and rail transportation connections:** access to deep-sea shipping, primarily for break-bulk items (i.e. large, bulky items not shipped in containers). Rail connections provide access to many North American markets.
- » **Relatively affordable land** compared with major urban centres, including Greater Vancouver.

Source: Squamish Community Profile 2016

Local Organizations



Squamish Craft Beverage Association



Squamish & District Forestry Association



Active Squamish Businesses

Industry Composition



● Support activities for forestry	25
● Other wood household furniture manufacturing	6
● All other miscellaneous manufacturing	5
● Other metalworking machinery manufacturing	5
● Wood kitchen cabinet and counter top manufacturing	4
● Sign manufacturing	3
● Mens and boys cut and sew clothing manufacturing	3

Source: Statistics Canada Business Register

Zoning & Development Considerations

Light Industrial (I-1)	Light industrial uses.
General Industrial (I-3)	primarily oriented to intensive manufacturing, transportation, and shipment of manufactured, bulk goods, or materials.
Used Goods Industrial (I-4)	for light industrial and the extraction, production, or sale of recycled materials and the salvage of motor vehicle parts.
Specialized Industrial Business (I-8)	for development of an industrial business park containing a mix of light industrial uses, high tech, R&D, and limited office & services.
Light Industrial Small Lot (I-10)	accommodates a mix of light, medium industrial uses on small lots.

Source: District of Squamish Zoning Bylaw 2200, 2011

SECTOR STATS



Manufacturing Firms



Employees

Estimate based on 2016 Statistics Canada Business Register
Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census

LABOUR FORCE



1,585
Educated in trades



3.5%
Work in manufacturing

Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census

EMERGING SUB-SECTORS



12 firms
Craft beverage manufacturing



22 firms
Recreation technology

Source: 2019 District of Squamish Business Licence Database

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