

Business Profile

LEADING EMPLOYERS

Fernie’s largest private and public employers listed sector companies reflect the strength of the community’s tourism and resource industries.

COMPANY	SECTOR
Elk Valley Coal	Coal mining
Fernie Alpine Resort	Ski resort
Tembec	Logging and wood products
City of Fernie	Local government
Overwaitea	Retail grocery
College of The Rockies	College
Fernie Golf and Country Club	Golf club
Southeast Kootenay School District	Public schools
Fernie Aquatic Centre	Municipal pool facility
Interior Health Authority	Hospital
Nohels Rock & Redi-Mix	Concrete and aggregate



BUSINESS LICENCES

Fernie has between 500 and 600 registered businesses. The table below shows the most common types of companies, as well as other companies of interest.

TYPE OF COMPANY	No.
Framing/Carpentry	30
Restaurant/Tea/Coffee House	28
General Contractor	14
Hotels/Motels	14
Excavating/Landscaping	12
Plumbing/Heating	12
Stucco/Concrete/Masonry	12
Outdoor Sport Recreations	11
Beauty Salon/Hairdresser	9
Electrical	9
Food Stores-General	9
Janitor Service	9
Bed and Breakfast	8
Cabaret/Pubs/Bars/Night Clubs	8
Massage/Acupuncture Therapy	8
Painting/Decorating	8
Engineers/Architects/Surveyors	7
Physicians/Surgeons	7
Sporting Goods/Camper Supplies	6

TYPE OF COMPANY	No.
Vehicles for Hire	5
Barristers/Solicitors	4
Clothing Store	4
Computer Services	4
Dancing/Music School	4
Banks/Credit Unions	4
Community/Day Care Facility	3
Dentists/Dental Surgeons	3
Metal Fabricating/Welding	3
Warehouse	3
Beer/Wine Store	2
Hardware Store/Tool Shop	2
HVAC/Refrigeration	2
Interior Decorating	2
Furniture Store	1
Machinery/Equipment Rental	1
Taxi/Limousine Service	1
Travel Agencies	1