

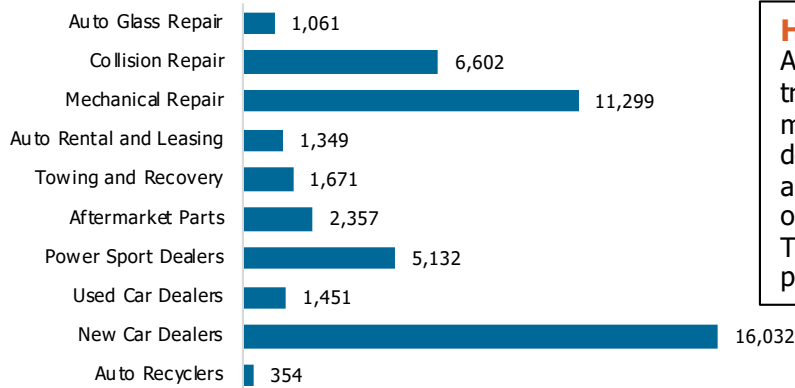
# Factsheet

## THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR IN BC'S SOUTHERN INTERIOR

### Overview

In 2016 there were approximately **47,308 jobs** in BC's automotive sector. From 2017 to 2026 there will be an estimated **23,117 job openings** in this sector. Two key barriers to filling these positions identified by automotive sector employers are a lack of skills and training related to the automotive sector and a poor public image of the industry. 15% of BC's automotive businesses are in the Thompson/Okanagan region of BC.\*

Estimated Automotive Sector Workers by Sub-sector in BC, 2016\*



### High Demand Occupations

Automotive service technicians, truck and bus mechanics and mechanical repairers are high demand occupations in BC. There are a projected 6,400 job openings in the next 10 years. The median wage of these positions is \$28.00/hour.\*\*

### Electric Cars in BC

There are two electric car manufacturers in BC:

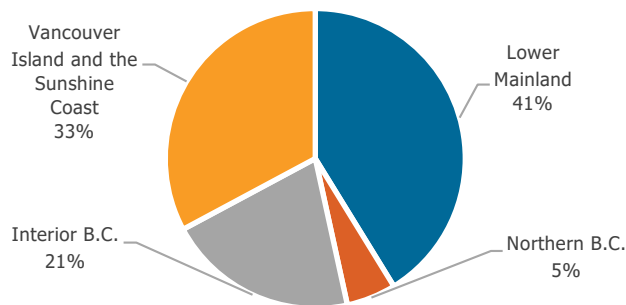
- Canadian Electric Vehicles Ltd in Errington, British Columbia
- Electra Meccanica Vehicles Corp. in Vancouver, British Columbia



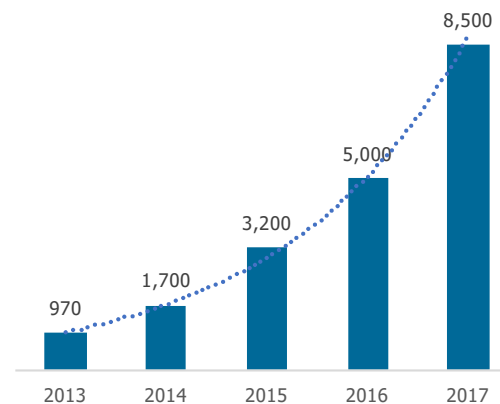
In 2018 **3.5% of cars sold in BC were electric**. Only 40% of car dealerships in BC have electric cars on their lots and waiting times range from 3 to 18 months.\*\*\*

Electric car sales are on the rise in BC. In 2017 there were **400 electric cars** on the road in the Southern Interior.\*\*\*\*

Percentage of Car Dealers with EVs Available, 2018\*\*\*



Number of Insured EVs in BC by Year\*\*\*\*



\*Automotive Sector Labour Market Information Report, MNP, October 2016  
 \*\*British Columbia Labour Market Outlook: 2018 Edition  
 \*\*\*Batteries Not Included: Clean Energy Canada, October 2018  
 \*\*\*\*Quick Statistics: ICBC, December 2018