

Trade Focus Groups - Vancouver  
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## INTRODUCTIONS:

Don, I'm a substitute teacher. I also work part time at the post office. I read a lot and I like to go for long walks. I moved to Vancouver two years ago so I don't know the city very well.

Michael, I work for Employment and Immigration. I've been here 19 years and my hobbies are skiing, reading, travelling and that's about it.

Russ, I'm a student taking a typing course. I've been trying to get work for the past three years and have not been too lucky with it so I'm changing my career goals. My hobbies are swimming and music.

Barbara, I'm a secretary. I have two children and my husband is Mr. Mom. I garden and have fun with the kids. I enjoy working, I work for an architect group which I find very interesting. I've been in Vancouver I guess for about 25 years, I'm from back east and this is home now.

Teresa, I've lived in Vancouver most of my life. I work for Employment and Immigration also but for Collections. I deal with UIC fraud mostly. I enjoy rock climbing, skiing, hiking and a variety of outdoor activities. I also play the piano.

Cory, I'm a student at UBC studying international relations. I am just finishing finals right now. When I'm not studying I'm outside playing tennis. I play the saxophone in a band and that's pretty much all there is.

Robert, I'm certainly the most ancient here. I'm a retired lawyer and I am interested in international affairs. I follow the cable news network, Newsworld and channel 9 on TV. I'm trying to find a new career because in retirement I find that it's hard to find something useful and constructive to do. It's deadly sitting home. Another thing you find when you are retired is that your pension income is fixed but inflation keeps going up.

Paul, I'm a manager of a manufacturing facility. I'm a native of Vancouver, I don't know if there's any other natives here. I like the outdoors particularly fishing.

Laurie, I'm also a native born Vancouverite. I work with ICDC as a programmer/analyst, that's my second full blown career. The first was way back when I graduated from UBC in chemical engineering. More recently I took computer systems technology at BCIT. I enjoy curling and golf which keeps me busy year round plus I have a wife and three daughters.

Pat, I'm a native daughter of Vancouver. I'm a widow and retired. I've lived most of my life in Vancouver but have lived in Ontario and Quebec. I golf and I am interested in international affairs.

Laura, I'm a receptionist at a travel agency. I was born in Montreal but I've been here 11 years. In my spare time I work as a volunteer. I work at a youth detention centre and I help feed poor people on Graham Street.

**Q. WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR HOMES, YOUR FAMILIES, YOUR JOBS, YOUR COMMUNITY, VANCOUVER, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ISSUES YOU'LL BE FACING IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS?**

Housing, I would say that housing is a major problem.