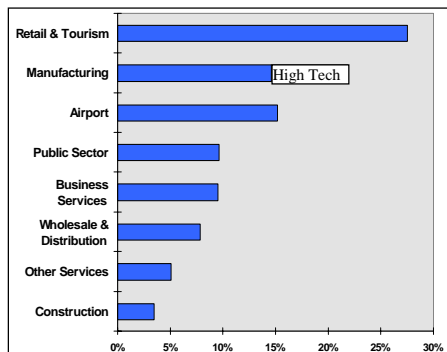




# 2.0 JOBS & BUSINESS

## Agriculture Airport Industry Commercial

Richmond Jobs by Sector 2021



Richmond’s vibrant economy and strong prospects makes it a significant regional employer. By 2021, Richmond is projected to have 10.7% of the region’s jobs and 7% of the region’s population.

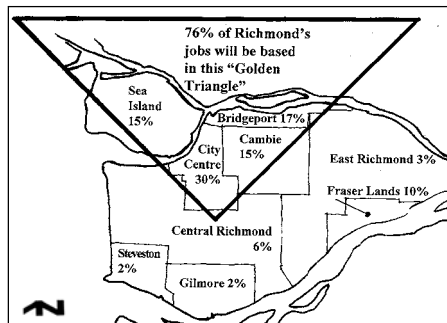
Richmond has unique economic conditions, including the presence of Vancouver International Airport (an economic generator expected to account for 21% of Richmond workers directly on Sea Island and in support jobs in the rest of the City); a strong and diverse base of economic activities; a strategic location between the metropolitan core of Vancouver to the north and the United States to the south; major transportation facilities; and a well-educated labour force and quality of life.

### Guiding Principles

Richmond’s jobs and business objectives and policies are based on three guiding principles:

- To encourage job-intensive businesses;
- To foster a diverse economic base by building on the city’s existing strengths and natural advantages;
- To support traditional activities of fishing and farming, particularly the protection and productive use of agricultural land (which makes up 49% of the land base).

Location of Richmond Jobs, 2021



### Plan Implications

Achieving the City’s jobs and business objectives will require supportive and complementary objectives in the rest of the plan. Key among these will be improved connections to places of work, particularly transit service to reduce automobile dependence and traffic congestion, and to promote a healthy environment and lifestyle; and housing policies which aim to match housing supply with the requirements of the work force, particularly entry-level priced housing for young, working households.