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Union Advantage in BC

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There were **592,200 union members** working in British Columbia in 2012. That's 31% of all employees. Their weekly payroll of over $575 million accounted for 36% of the total for the whole province.

On average, unionized workers earned **$5.12/hour more** than non-union employees. That union advantage translated into **$100 million more** every week paid into local economies to support local businesses and community services.

Union Wage Contribution to the British Columbia Economy *

Average hourly wage for workers with unions

$27.10

Average hourly wage for workers without unions

$21.98

Union Advantage

$5.12/hour

How many workers are union members?

592,200

Union members as % of all employees

31%

Total weekly payroll for all workers with unions

over $575 million

Above as % of total community weekly payroll

36%

What the Union Advantage provides to the province economy

$100 million/week

**Based on the average annual wages for 2012 (Statistics Canada).*