

## Searches

### 1. The total number of BC Online accounts, and the number of accounts created each year since 2010.

Total number of BC Online accounts as at May 1, 2020 41,581

Includes 17,214 closed accounts as at May 1, 2020

Accounts added per calendar year since Jan 1 2010:

2010	1824
2011	1950
2012	1991
2013	2125
2014	1399
2015	1027
2016	1131
2017	1435
2018	1292
2019	1274
2020	499

### 2. The number of corporate searches requested of BC Registries each year since 2010.

See below

### 3. The revenue from corporate searches each year since 2010.

Number and revenue\* by year:

Year	TRANSACTIONS	REVENUE
2010	326,797	2,770,257
2011	387,663	3,316,344
2012	396,512	3,396,886
2013	414,390	3,513,845
2014	439,555	3,707,066
2015	461,855	3,867,339
2016	479,784	4,036,897
2017	535,316	4,490,593
2018	575,673	4,840,484

2019	589,148	4,964,774
2020 to date	389,525	3,281,629

**\*Note:** These figures are partial results, for searches conducted by members of the public through BC Online only. BC Online keeps data on all transactions, whether or not they result in a filing. Corporate searches can also be done directly through Corporate Online but these are not tracked. Also, we have excluded searches conducted internally by staff.

#### **4. What license, proprietary, or other use restrictions, if any, does BC Registries maintain over the data in the corporate registry?**

The Business Corporations Act (BCA) provides, among other things, the legal framework for the incorporation of companies in British Columbia. The BCA also sets out requirements for the filing in the Corporate Registry of various records in relation to those companies and in relation to other corporate bodies whose governing statutes require filings of records to be made in the Corporate Registry. The Province holds no intellectual property rights in the records that are filed in the Corporate Registry by BCA companies or those other corporate entities. The Corporate Registry does not for that reason or otherwise, maintain legal control over how those records may be used outside of the Corporate Registry system itself.

However, access by third parties to review filed Corporate Registry records or to obtain copies of Corporate Registry records is governed by provisions of the BCA and/or other applicable corporate statutes as well as by the terms of BC Online electronic access agreements with end users.

#### **5. Is the data in BC Registries control available as machine-readable data (i.e. API)? If not, is this something BC Registries has considered?**

##### Current state:

Currently there is no publicly-available API to access BC Registries data, but we have limited APIs available to specific business partners that return basic details for requested companies.

OrgBook BC has a public API that allows searches by company name. Extremely limited corporate data supplied from BC Registries is available – name, type of entity, status, and date incorporated/registered.

The Multi-jurisdiction Registry Access Service (MRAS) is a federal initiative to link Canada's business registries, implemented in June 2020. This API is not publicly available, it is only accessible to MRAS partners (the corporate registries of potentially all Canadian provinces, territories, and Corporations Canada) to assist with extra-provincial registrations.

##### Future APIs:

As part of its modernization effort, BC Registries will enable Pro Data users to integrate with BC Registries through a secure API Gateway. Over the course of the modernization project, many

transactions will be available via API including corporate search, corporate filings, lien search, lien registrations and payments. API access for some corporate filings is planned for the fall of 2020.