

Fast Facts About Richmond

History

Incorporated:	November 10, 1879
City Designation:	December 3, 1990
Historical Industries:	Fishing, salmon canning, boat building, agriculture - dairy and berry production, aviation, export, service
Founding Cultures:	First Nations, British European, Japanese, Chinese

Government

Model of Government:	Mayor and eight Councillors elected at large
Major Awards Won by City:	Nations in Bloom 1999; Communities in Bloom, Canada - 1998; National Environment Award for Terra Nova Rural Park, 2008
City Twinning:	Wakayama, Japan and Pierrefont, Quebec, Canada

Geography

Land Area:	129 sq. kilometers (49.8 sq. miles)
Latitude:	N 49° 10'
Longitude:	W 123° 8'
Number of Islands Making up the City:	17 islands
Mouth of What Major River:	Between two arms of the Fraser River
Area of Designated Natural Areas and Parks:	1,500 acres (607.5 ha)
Transportation Hub - Road, Rail, Air, Sea:	Regional transportation link
Proximity to International Airport:	Vancouver International Airport located in Richmond
Sea Port Located in City:	Vancouver Fraser Port, Steveston Fishing Port

Climate

January Avg. Temperature:	2.5°C
July Avg. Temperature:	17.3°C
Avg. Annual Rainfall:	1,112.6 mm



Population

2011 Population:	199,141 (BC Stats estimate)
Projected Population 2021:	225,000 (Metro Vancouver estimate)
Average Annual Population Growth Rate from 2006-2011	1.7%
City Population as Percentage of Metro Vancouver Region	8.3%

Immigration

Immigrants as Percentage of City Population, as of May 2006	57.4%
Between May 2001 and May 2006, the Number of Immigrants who Came to Richmond:	18,780 (est.)
Three Leading Countries of Birth for Recent Immigrants:	China (People's Republic of), Philippines, Hong Kong

Education

Percentage of Population with University Degree:	26.0%
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Jobs and Industry

Number of Jobs in City:	125,000 (est.) includes no fixed place of work
City Jobs as Percentage of Provincial Jobs:	7.4%
Number of Jobs per Resident Worker:	1.35
Total Labour Force Age 15+:	92,470
Percentage of Population Age 15+ Years in Labour Market:	63.1%
Number of Businesses (Business Licences Issued in 2009):	12,684
Major Industries:	High tech, retail, aviation, transportation, tourism, service, manufacturing, agriculture
Major Agricultural Products:	Cranberries, blueberries, hay, field vegetables
Average Family Income in 2005	\$74,790 (2006 Census)
Median Family Income in 2005	\$67,627 (2006 Census)
Business Associations:	Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Asia Pacific Business Association (RAPBA)

Recreation and Culture

Cultural Amenities:	Libraries, Gateway Theatre, arts centre, heritage sites, Richmond Art Gallery - contemporary art gallery, museum, public art
Recreation Facilities:	100 parks or 1,500 acres of parks/open space, including the 320 acre Iona Island Regional Park; 80 km system of interconnecting dyke trails, cycling routes and walkways; eight (8) community centres; an older adults centre; cultural centre; fitness centre; two (2) arenas; eight (8) rinks; two (2) indoor aquatic centres; two outdoor pools
Community Involvement:	Over 200 volunteer community organizations; 50 advisory committees and task forces; partnerships with business and community groups
Major Cultural Events:	Tall Ships 2002, annual Maritime Festival, Winterfest, Music Fest, multicultural festivals, choral concerts.

Tourism

Major Tourist Attractions:	Steveston historic fishing village; Britannia Heritage Shipyard National Historic Site; Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site; Richmond Olympic Oval; International Buddhist Society Temple; Richmond Nature Park; London Heritage Farm, Asian shopping malls; world renowned restaurants
Number of Airport Passengers Annually:	17.9 million (2008)
Number of Hotels and Hotel Rooms:	26 hotels and 4,700 rooms (represents 1/3 of Vancouver's bed base)

For Further Information:

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