

# Mobility Hot Facts

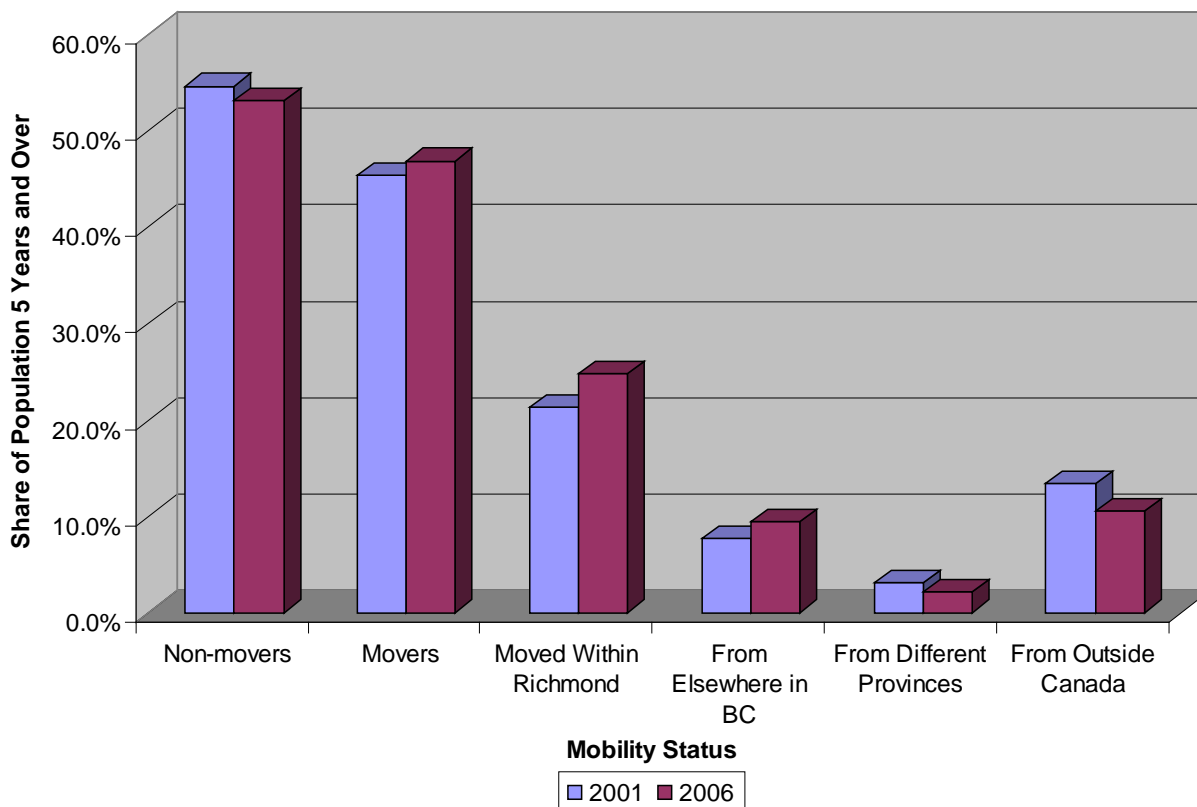
## Introduction

Mobility status provides information about the movement of residents and categorizes mobility status according to whether they moved or not and from where they moved (i.e. within Richmond, outside Richmond, within BC, etc.). The Census tracks the mobility of residents by monitoring whether residents have moved within two specified periods of time: one year prior to Census day; and five years prior to Census day<sup>1</sup>. Typically, there is a much higher degree of mobility when comparing places of residence five years apart, rather than one year apart. In both 2001 and 2006, over 50% of Richmond's population lived in the same place on Census day as they had a year earlier. Only the five year comparison for mobility status is included in this fact sheet.

## Mobility Status (Five Years Prior)

Between 2001 and 2006 the percentage of the population who reported that they were non-movers declined slightly from 54% to 53%. During this time period, the percentage of the population who reported moving within Richmond increased to 24% in the 2006 Census period from 21% in the 2001 Census period. The percentage of the population who reported moving from elsewhere in BC increased to 24% in the 2006 Census from 21% in the previous Census. However, the number of movers from different provinces and from outside Canada decreased.

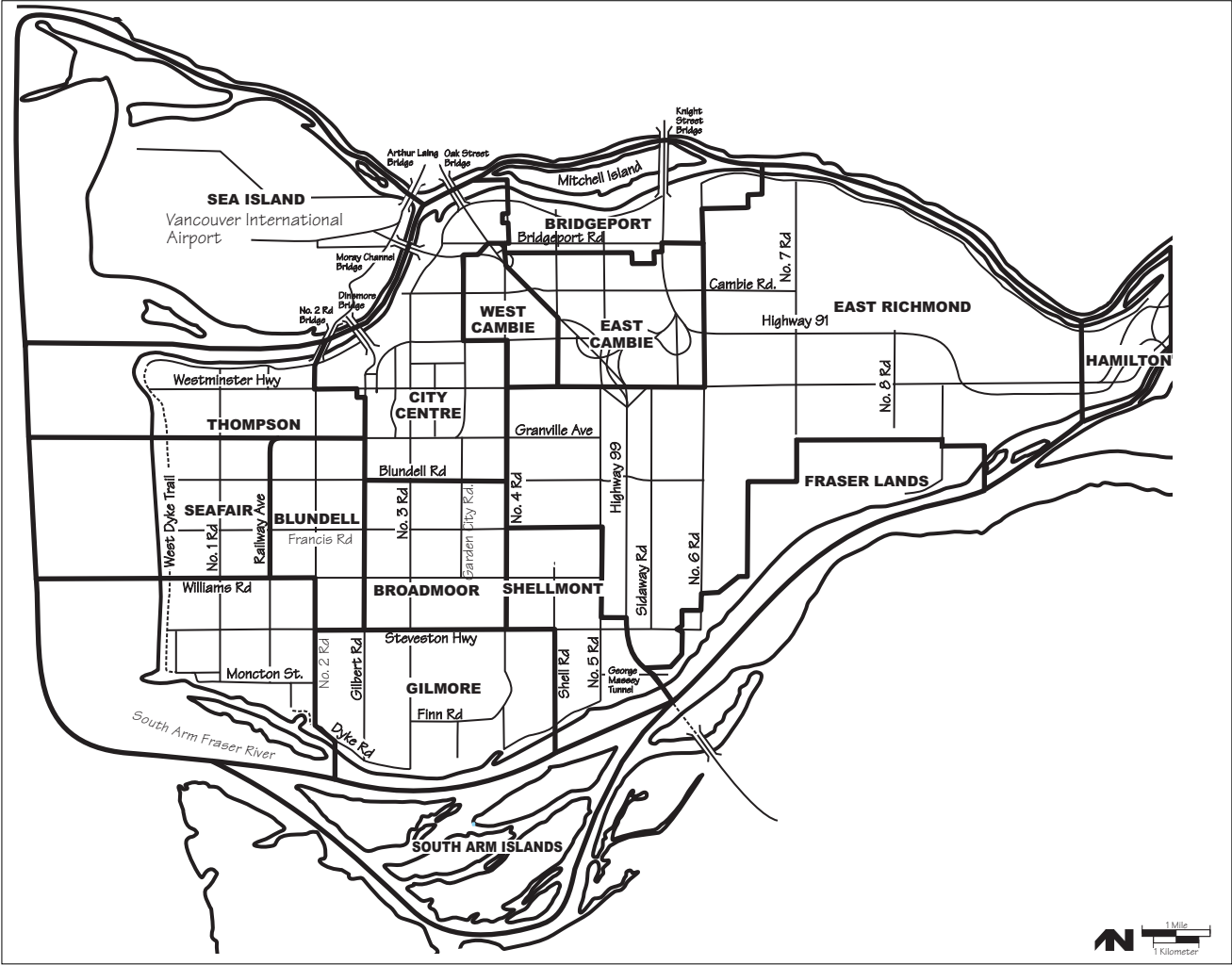
## Mobility Status (Five Years Prior)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2001, 2006 Census.

<sup>1</sup> Mobility refers to the relationship between a person's usual place of residence on Census Day and his or her usual place of residence five years earlier. A person is classified as a **non-mover** if no difference exists. Otherwise, a person is classified as a **mover**.

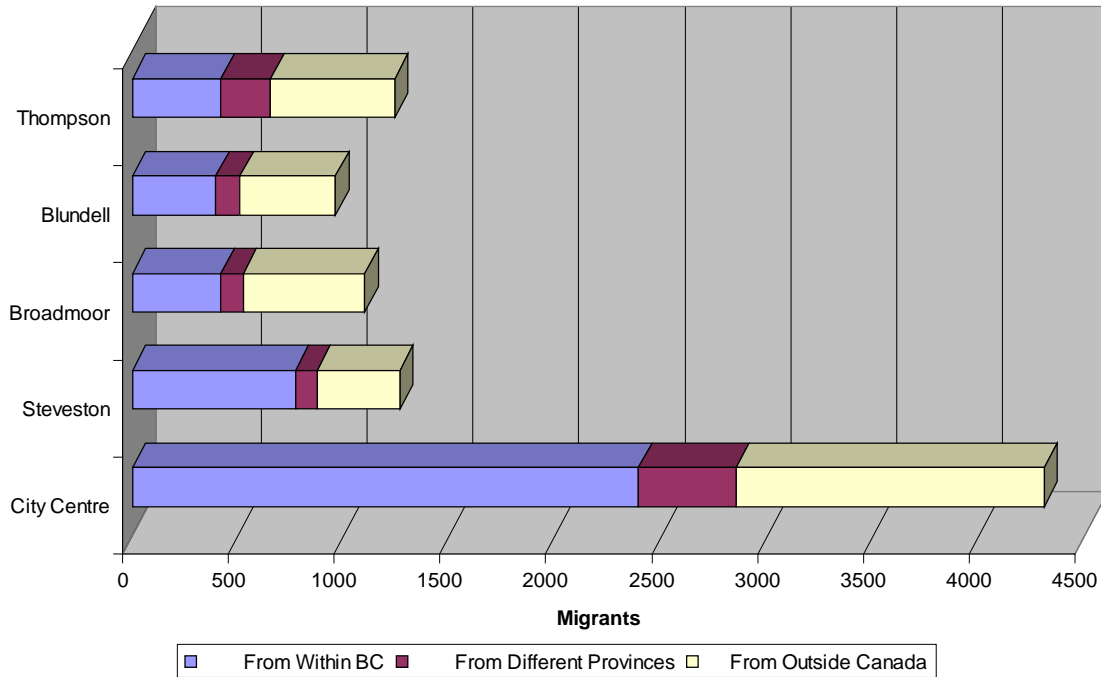
### Planning Area Map



### Mobility Status (Five Years Prior) in Selected Richmond Planning Areas

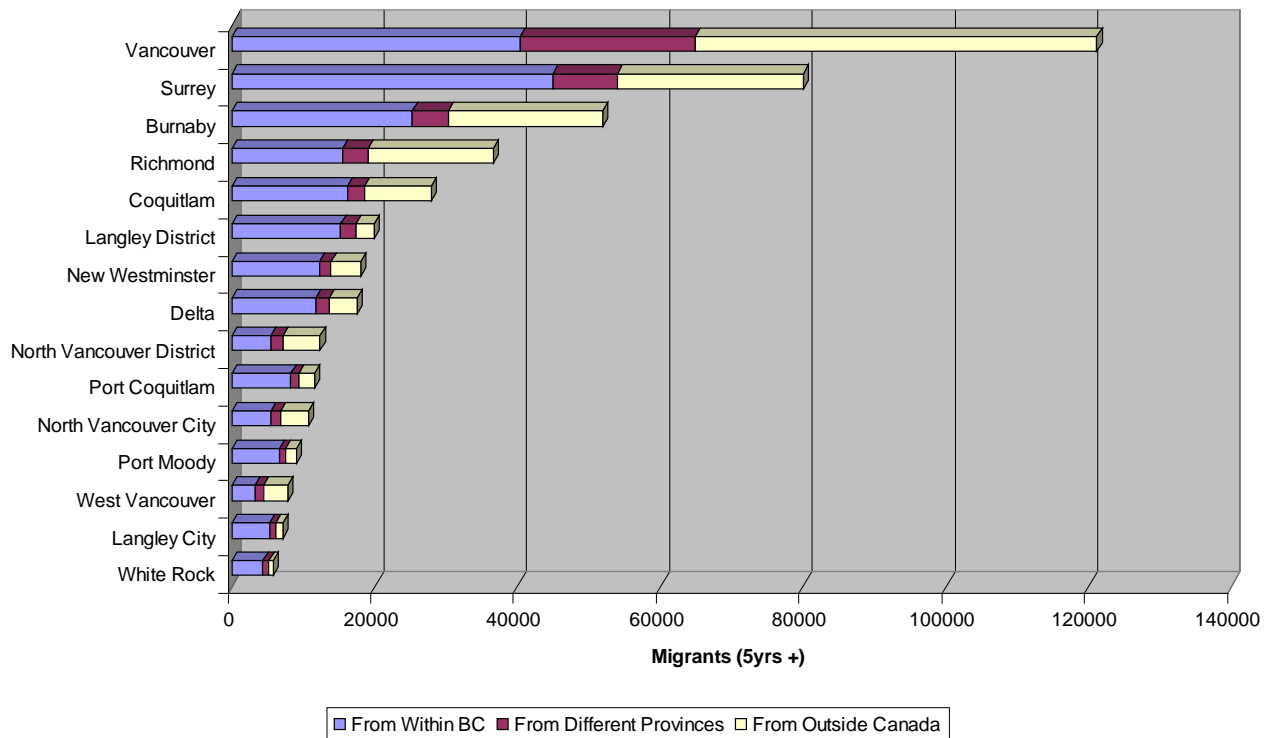
In 2006, the City Centre had the highest proportion of residents move into the area from all categories (within BC, different Provinces, and from outside Canada).

### Mobility Status 5 Years Ago for Selected Planning Areas (2006 Census)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

Where Migrants Came From by Municipality 5 Years Ago (2006 Census)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

The most popular destination for movers from outside the Country were the City of Vancouver (56,260 people), Surrey (26,025 people), Burnaby (21,655 people), and Richmond (17,505 people). The municipalities with the highest percentage of the population residing outside of Canada prior to the 2006 Census are the City of Burnaby (11%) and the City of Richmond (11%)<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> **Movers: Non-migrants** are movers who, on Census Day, were living at a different address, but in the same census subdivision (CSD) as the one they lived in five years earlier.

**Movers: Intraprovincial migrants** are movers who, on Census Day, were living in a different census subdivision from the one in which they resided five years earlier, in the same province.

**Movers: Interprovincial migrants** are movers who, on Census Day, were living in a different census subdivision from the one in which they resided five years earlier, in a different province.

**Movers: External migrants** who, on Census Day, were residing in a different CSD five years earlier (internal migrants) or who were living outside of Canada five years earlier.

Richmond is considered one Census subdivision.

## Mobility Status (Five Years Prior) in Metro Vancouver Municipalities

Richmond had the fourth highest percentage of population that moved from within BC within the last five years, after Vancouver, Surrey, and Burnaby. Richmond, Vancouver, Burnaby and Surrey also have the highest proportion of residents who moved here from outside Canada.

## Mobility Status (5 years) for Selected Municipalities in Metro Vancouver 2006

Municipality	Population (5 yrs +)	Non-Movers		Movers		Non-migrants		Migrants		Mover: Internal Migrants		Mover: From Within BC		Mover: From Different Provinces		Mover: From Outside Canada	
Vancouver	546665	272050	50%	274610	50%	153475	28%	121135	22%	64870	12%	40425	7%	24450	4%	56260	10%
Surrey	367950	178940	49%	189010	51%	109035	30%	79975	22%	53950	15%	44970	12%	8980	2%	26025	7%
Burnaby	191335	99110	52%	92220	48%	40225	21%	51995	27%	30340	16%	25315	13%	5025	3%	21655	11%
Richmond	165665	88030	53%	77640	47%	41035	25%	36605	22%	19095	12%	15570	9%	3530	2%	17505	11%
Coquitlam	107910	61665	57%	46245	43%	18280	17%	27970	26%	18645	17%	16220	15%	2425	2%	9315	9%
Delta	91200	57310	63%	33890	37%	16285	18%	17605	19%	13680	15%	11830	13%	1850	2%	3925	4%
Langley District	87855	50750	58%	37100	42%	17110	19%	19990	23%	17425	20%	15270	17%	2150	2%	2565	3%
North Vancouver District	77815	49795	64%	28020	36%	15660	20%	12360	16%	7215	9%	5500	7%	1720	2%	5145	7%
New Westminster	54925	26040	47%	28885	53%	10755	20%	18135	33%	13900	25%	12245	22%	1660	3%	4235	8%
Port Coquitlam	49410	29315	59%	20095	41%	8500	17%	11595	23%	9345	19%	8290	17%	1050	2%	2250	5%
North Vancouver City	42715	19920	47%	22795	53%	12085	28%	10710	25%	6915	16%	5520	13%	1395	3%	3800	9%
West Vancouver	40350	24605	61%	15740	39%	7830	19%	7915	20%	4410	11%	3300	8%	1110	3%	3505	9%
Port Moody	25795	13190	51%	12600	49%	3575	14%	9025	35%	7550	29%	6650	26%	895	3%	1475	6%
Langley City	22025	10355	47%	11675	53%	4475	20%	7195	33%	6150	28%	5335	24%	815	4%	1050	5%
White Rock	17600	8630	49%	8970	51%	3150	18%	5820	33%	5240	30%	4385	25%	855	5%	580	3%
<b>Greater Vancouver CMA</b>	<b>1992495</b>	<b>1043415</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>949080</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>482670</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>466410</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>300725</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>240045</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>60675</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>165685</b>	<b>8%</b>

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

## Summary

The mobility rate increased slightly during the last Census period.

A smaller proportion of people moving to Richmond came from outside Canada during the last Census period compared to the 2001 Census period.

There was a small increase in the proportion of movers coming from elsewhere in BC during the 2001 to 2006 Census period compared to the previous Census period.

Richmond (11%), Burnaby (11%), and Vancouver (10%) drew the highest proportion of movers from Outside Canada during the last Census period.

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