

Education Hot Facts

Introduction

This 2006 Census Hot Facts issue examines:

- the educational profile of Richmond residents 15 years or older,
- compares Richmond's population by highest level of education completed to selected Metro Vancouver municipalities, and
- field of study of Richmond residents (between 25 and 64 years).

Educational Attainment

For each individual 15 years or older, the 2006 Census enumerated the highest level of education completed. Permitted responses included certificates, diplomas, or degrees from high school, trade and apprenticeship programs, college and university. Prior Censuses enumerated an individual's highest level of schooling including education that is incomplete or in progress. This change prevents a useful comparison of Census years with regard to level of education.

(Please note that this data cannot be aggregated to determine how many individuals have high school graduation or higher. While completion of high school is required for college or university enrolment, the same is not true for apprenticeship and trades programs.)

Total Population 15 Years and Over	2006
No certificate, diploma or degree	23,575
High school certificate or equivalent*	41,250
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	9,820
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma**	21,925
University certificate, diploma below the bachelor level	11,485
University certificate, diploma or degree	38,465
20% data - Total	146,520

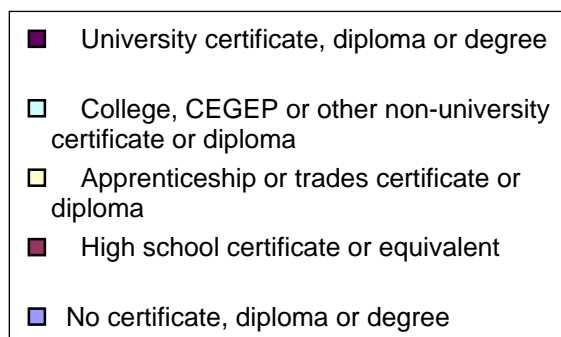
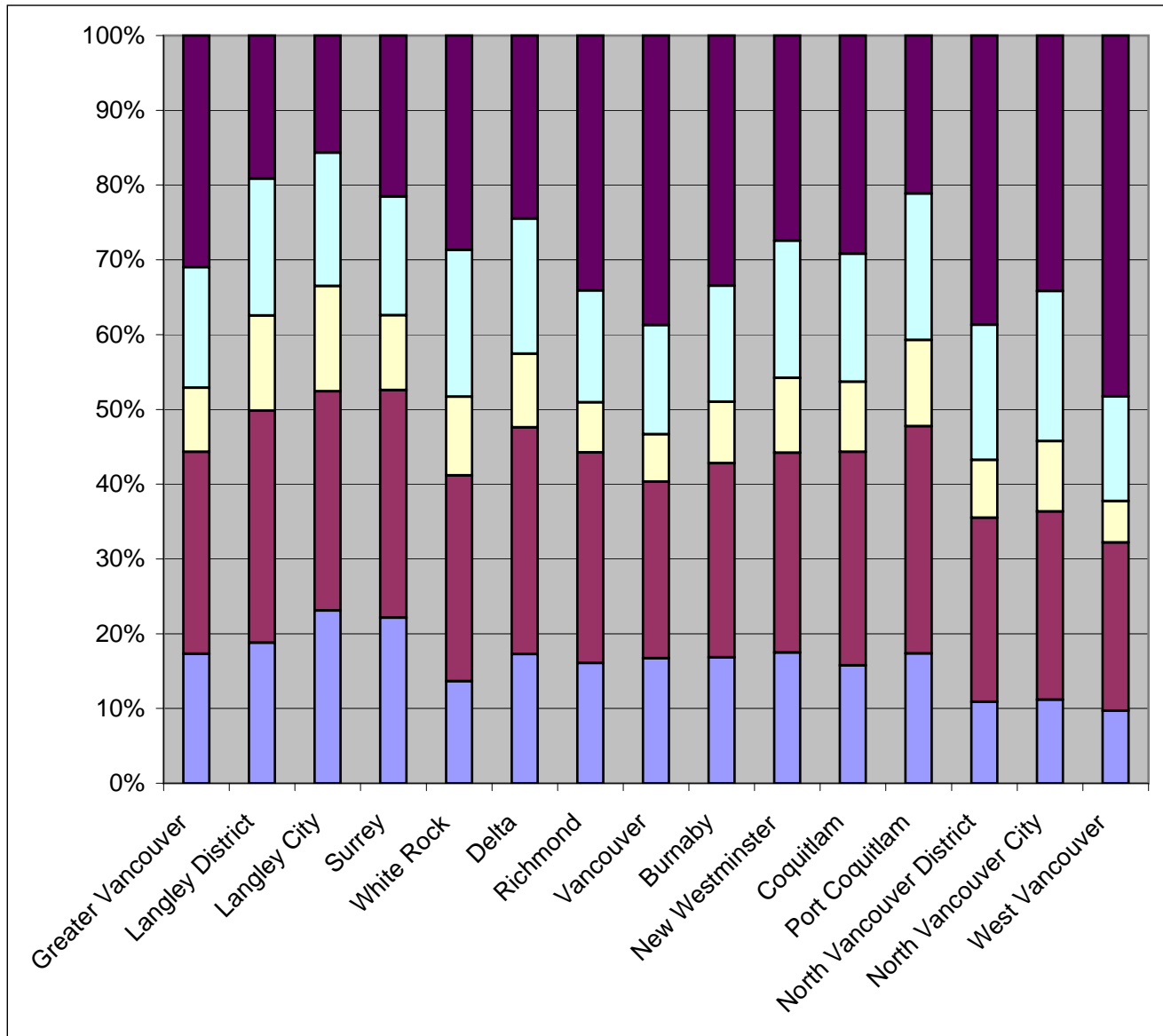
* Includes persons who have graduated from a secondary school or equivalent. Excludes persons with a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree.

** Includes accreditation by non-degree-granting institutions such as community colleges, private business colleges and technical institutes.

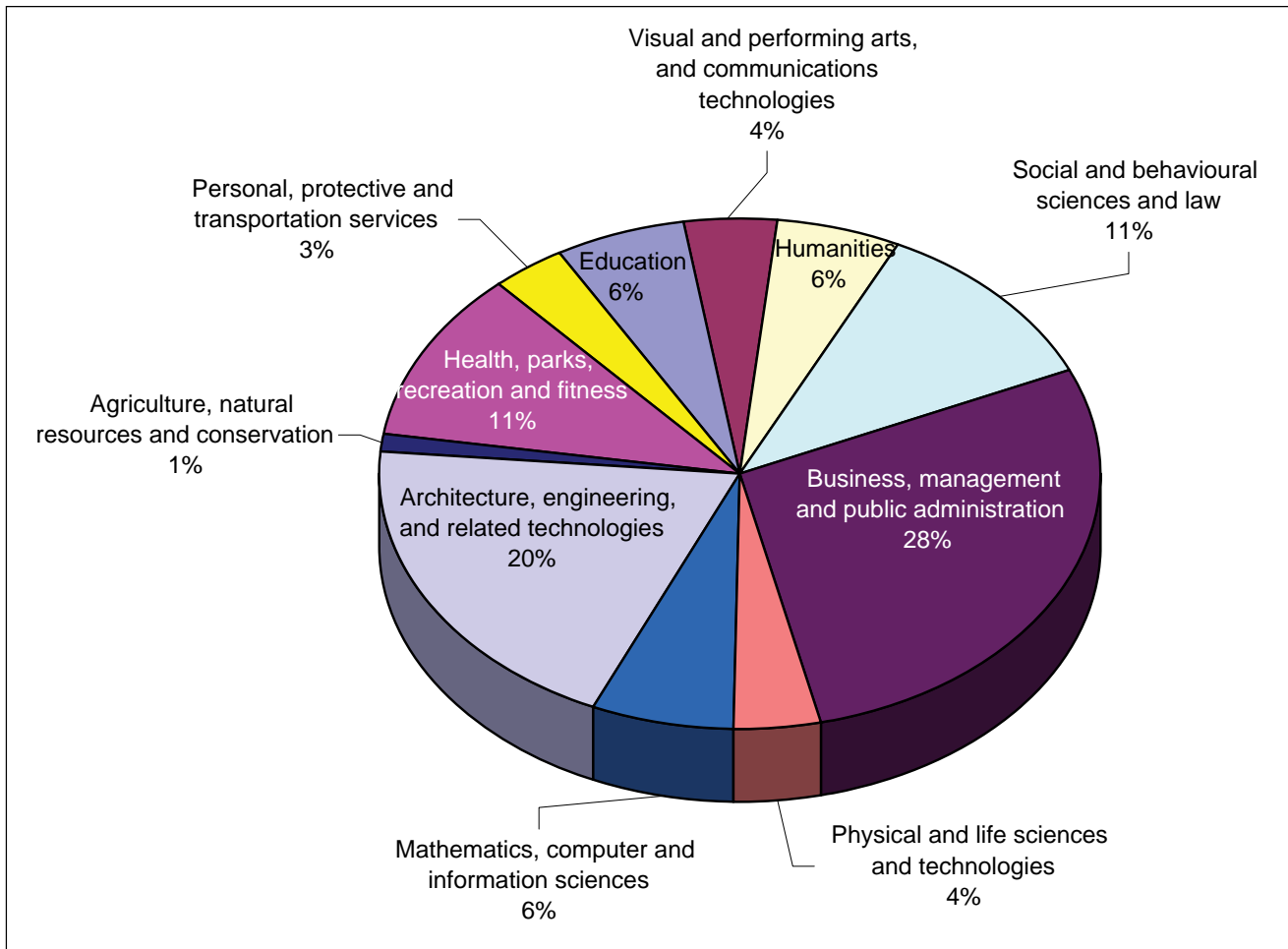
Regional Comparison of Highest level of Education Completed

The table below compares the level of education attained by residents of each municipality for its population 15 years or over in the 2006 Census in the following categories:

Total Population 15 to 65 Years & Over Years by Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree



Field of Study - Richmond



For each individual (between 25 and 64 years), the 2006 Census enumerated who completed a post secondary certificate, diploma or degree, his or her major field of study. The major field of study is considered to be that of the individual's most advanced qualification. In 2006, fields of study were categorized according to the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP). The CIP specifies thirteen primary groupings of which 12 are used in the Census; the excluded category being *personal development*. Since previous Census used an alternate classification system, no comparison with previous years will be done.

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