

Fast Facts About Richmond

History

Incorporated:	November 10, 1879
City Designation:	December 3, 1990
Founding Cultures:	First Nations, British European, Japanese, Chinese

Government

Model of Government:	Mayor and eight Councillors elected at large
Major Awards Won by City:	Global Active City, 2018; Association of Energy Engineers Innovative Energy Project of the Year, 2018; Smart Cities Challenge Finalist, 2018; Planning Excellence in Social Planning, 2018; Smart 50 Award in Governance, 2018; International District Energy Association District Energy Leadership Award, 2018; World Leisure Community of Excellence, 2017; National Trust for Canada Prince of Wales Prize for Municipal Heritage Leadership, 2016
City Twinning:	Wakayama, Japan; Xiamen, China; and Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada
Friendship City:	Qingdao, China

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
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

Current Population:	230,584 (Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy)
2021 Census Population:	209,937 (Does not include Census net undercoverage)
Projected Population 2051:	299,820 (Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy)
Average Annual Population Growth Rate from 2011–2021	1.1% (BC Stats)
City Population as Percentage of Metro Vancouver Region	7.9%

Immigration

Immigrants as Percentage of City Population, as of May 2021	60.3%
Between January 2016 and May 2021, the Number of Immigrants who Came to Richmond:	13,705 (est.)
Three Leading Countries of Birth for Recent Immigrants:	China, Philippines, India

Education

Percentage of Population with University Degree:	31.7%
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Jobs and Industry

Number of Jobs in City:	130,194 (2016 Census; includes no fixed place of work)
City Jobs as Percentage of Metro Vancouver Jobs:	10.7%
Number of Jobs per Resident Worker:	1.15
Total Labour Force Age 15+:	108,470 (2021 Census)
Percentage of Population Age 15+ Years in Labour Market:	60.1% (2021 Census)
Number of Businesses (Business Licences Issued in 2021):	14,386
Major Industries:	Agrifoods, aviation, filming, health, logistics, manufacturing, retail, technology, and tourism
Major Agricultural Products:	Cranberries, blueberries, hay, field vegetables
Average Total Family Income in 2020	\$116,700 (2021 Census)
Median Total Family Income in 2020	\$96,000 (2021 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, Richmond World Festival, Steveston Salmon Festival, 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:	26 million (2019)
Number of Hotels and Hotel Rooms:	25 hotels and 4,858 rooms (represents 19% of Metro Vancouver's bed base)

For Further Information:

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