

Ethnicity Hot Facts

Introduction

This Hot Facts issue examines:

- ethnic origin of the Richmond population;
- “visible minorities” in Richmond, and within Richmond Planning Areas;
- Aboriginal and First Nations population in Richmond.

Ethnic Origin

Ethnic Origin refers to the ethnic or cultural origins of the respondent’s ancestors, and is usually more distant than a grandparent. It is distinct from place of birth, immigration status or language spoken. (For more information about those topics, see the separate Immigration and Language Hot Facts sheets.) A person can have more than one ethnic origin.

The Most Frequently Reported Ethnic Origins

Richmond boasts a great diversity of backgrounds: over 150 different ethnic origins with at least 25 residents were reported.

The most commonly reported ethnic origin in Richmond is Chinese, with 107,080 people or 54 percent of the City’s population having this background. This proportion has grown from 34% in 1996, 40% in 2001, 45% in 2006, and 49% in 2011. The next ten most common ethnic origins reporting in the Census are shown in the table below. Please note that this is a population estimate. The sum of the ethnic groups are greater than the total population estimate as a person may report more than one ethnic origin in the Census.

Ethnic Origin	2016 Census
Chinese	107,080
English	18,015
Filipino	15,480
Canadian	13,540
Scottish	12,990
East Indian	12,335
Irish	9,960
German	8,525
French	5,445
Japanese	4,925
Total Population	196,660

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

Note: Total population accounts for persons in private households only. Does not include persons living outside Canada and persons living in collective dwellings.



Population Groups and Visible Minority Population Defined

In addition to asking about ethnic ancestry, the Census also asks respondents to identify the population group (or groups) to which they belong, such as White, Chinese, South Asian, Black, etc. Like ethnic origin, this should not be confused with citizenship or nationality.

Visible minority population is defined for federal employment equity purposes as “persons, other than Aboriginal persons, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.”

Visible Minorities are Now the Majority in Richmond

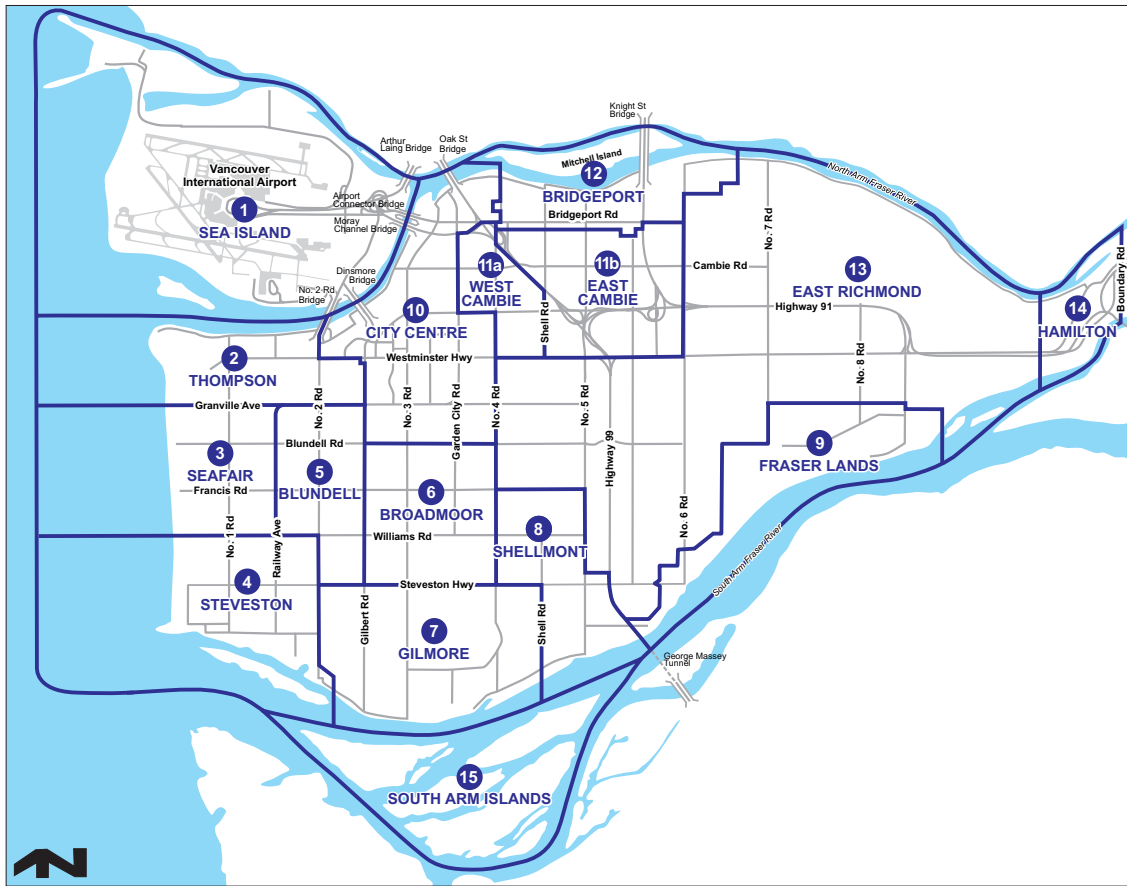
In Richmond in 2016, 76.3% of the population is a visible minority under the definition above, the highest proportion of any municipality in B.C. and the second highest (after Markham, Ontario) in Canada. The predominant minority group in Richmond is Chinese, at 53% of the total population (the highest proportion in Canada). The next most common minority groups are the South Asian group (for example East Indian, Pakistani), at 7.3% of the total, and Filipino at 6.9% of the total.

	2016 Census	% of Total
Total population by private households by visible minority	196,660	
Total visible minority population	150,015	76.3%
Chinese	104,185	53.0%
South Asian (e.g., 'East Indian,' 'Pakistani,' 'Sri Lankan', etc.)	14,360	7.3%
Filipino	13,575	6.9%
Japanese	3,940	2.0%
Southeast Asian (e.g., 'Vietnamese,' 'Cambodian,' 'Laotian', 'Thai', etc.)	1,955	1.0%
Latin American	1,585	0.8%
Arab	1,485	0.8%
Korean	1,290	0.7%
Black	1,270	0.6%
West Asian (e.g., 'Iranian,' 'Afghan', etc.)	1,230	0.6%
Visible minority, not included elsewhere	395	0.2%
Multiple visible minorities (Includes respondents who reported more than one visible minority group by checking two or more mark-in responses, e.g., 'Black' and 'South Asian'.)	4,760	2.4%
Not a visible minority (Includes respondents who reported 'Yes' to the Aboriginal identity question as well as respondents who were not considered to be members of a visible minority group.)	46,645	23.7%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

Population Groups by Planning Area

Richmond's Planning Areas Map



Planning Area	Total Population	% Visible Minority	Population Group											
			Chinese	South Asian	Filipino	Japanese	Southeast Asian	American Latin	Korean	West Asian	Black	Arab	Other & Multiple Groups	Not a Visible Minority
Blundell	17,540	80.8%	65.4%	3.6%	4.2%	1.4%	0.8%	1.0%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	2.4%	19.1%
Bridgeport	3,575	84.8%	42.4%	15.0%	14.3%	2.1%	3.4%	0.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.3%	1.4%	4.9%	15.2%
Broadmoor	23,325	77.4%	55.9%	6.8%	5.6%	2.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	3.4%	22.6%
City Centre	53,460	84.6%	65.0%	3.0%	7.6%	1.5%	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	2.8%	15.4%
East Cambie	10,820	85.9%	38.6%	25.7%	11.4%	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%	0.5%	1.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.9%	14.0%
East Richmond/ Fraser Lands	3,375	61.2%	28.7%	24.3%	1.9%	1.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	1.6%	1.3%	38.8%
Gilmore	445	36.0%	27.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	65.2%
Hamilton	5,180	74.9%	30.8%	15.3%	16.6%	1.2%	2.3%	2.3%	0.8%	1.7%	0.6%	1.4%	2.1%	25.2%
Sea Island	815	26.4%	5.5%	2.5%	4.3%	3.1%	5.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	3.1%	73.6%
Seafair	15,935	69.0%	46.9%	6.7%	6.6%	2.1%	1.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.2%	0.5%	0.8%	2.8%	31.0%
Shellmont	11,335	71.4%	35.2%	20.2%	7.9%	1.2%	1.3%	0.9%	0.2%	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%	1.9%	28.6%
Steveston	24,930	51.4%	30.6%	4.2%	5.3%	5.4%	0.8%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%	0.3%	2.6%	48.6%
Thompson	15,495	79.6%	62.5%	4.0%	5.3%	1.5%	0.4%	0.8%	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%	2.0%	20.4%
West Cambie	10,435	92.8%	73.6%	5.4%	6.0%	0.5%	1.5%	0.8%	1.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.8%	2.6%	7.2%
City of Richmond	196,660	76.3%	53.0%	7.3%	6.9%	2.0%	1.0%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	2.6%	23.7%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

Aboriginal Population

Aboriginal identity includes persons who reported being an Aboriginal person: First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or those who reported Registered or Treaty Indian status, and/or those who reported membership in a First Nation or Indian band.

- In Richmond, a total of 1,600 people reported Aboriginal identity in the 2016 Census.
- In Richmond in 2016, the approximate distribution of the population within these groups was (some of the population did not include this information in their response to the question on Aboriginal identity):
 - 58% First Nations (North American Indian);
 - 38% Métis;
 - 2% Inuk (Inuit).
- In 2016, Aboriginal people accounted for 0.8% of the total population of Richmond, compared to 2.5% for Metro Vancouver and 5.9% for BC.

For Further Information:

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