

# Fast Facts About Richmond

## History

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

## Government

<b>Model of Government:</b>	Mayor and eight Councillors elected at large
<b>Major Awards Won by City:</b>	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
<b>City Twinning:</b>	Wakayama, Japan; Xiamen, China; and Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada
<b>Friendship City:</b>	Qingdao, China

## Geography

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

## Climate

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



## Population

<b>Current Population:</b>	227,406 (City of Richmond Projections with Urban Futures Inc.)
<b>2016 Census Population:</b>	207,241 (Includes Census net undercoverage)
<b>Projected Population 2041:</b>	280,000 (City of Richmond Projections with Urban Futures Inc.)
<b>Average Annual Population Growth Rate from 2006-2017</b>	1.7% (BC Stats)
<b>City Population as Percentage of Metro Vancouver Region</b>	8.1%

## Immigration

<b>Immigrants as Percentage of City Population, as of May 2016</b>	60.2%
<b>Between May 2011 and May 2016, the Number of Immigrants who Came to Richmond:</b>	15,245 (est.)
<b>Three Leading Countries of Birth for Recent Immigrants:</b>	China, Philippines, India

## Education

<b>Percentage of Population with University Degree:</b>	28.3%
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## Jobs and Industry

<b>Number of Jobs in City:</b>	130,194 (2016 Census; includes no fixed place of work)
<b>City Jobs as Percentage of Metro Vancouver Jobs:</b>	10.7%
<b>Number of Jobs per Resident Worker:</b>	1.15
<b>Total Labour Force Age 15+:</b>	102,725 (2016 Census)
<b>Percentage of Population Age 15+ Years in Labour Market:</b>	51.8% (2016 Census)
<b>Number of Businesses (Business Licences Issued in 2018):</b>	14,285
<b>Major Industries:</b>	Agrifoods, aviation, filming, health, logistics, manufacturing, retail, technology, and tourism
<b>Major Agricultural Products:</b>	Cranberries, blueberries, hay, field vegetables
<b>Average Total Family Income in 2015</b>	\$95,630 (2016 Census)
<b>Median Total Family Income in 2015</b>	\$78,080 (2016 Census)
<b>Business Associations:</b>	Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Asia Pacific Business Association (RAPBA)

## Recreation and Culture

<b>Cultural Amenities:</b>	Libraries, Gateway Theatre, arts centre, heritage sites, Richmond Art Gallery - contemporary art gallery, museum, public art
<b>Recreation Facilities:</b>	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
<b>Community Involvement:</b>	Over 200 volunteer community organizations; 50 advisory committees and task forces; partnerships with business and community groups
<b>Major Cultural Events:</b>	Tall Ships 2002, annual Maritime Festival, Winterfest, Music Fest, Richmond World Festival, Steveston Salmon Festival, multicultural festivals, choral concerts

## Tourism

<b>Major Tourist Attractions:</b>	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
<b>Number of Airport Passengers Annually:</b>	25 million (2018)
<b>Number of Hotels and Hotel Rooms:</b>	24 hotels and 4,768 rooms (represents 20% of Metro Vancouver's bed base)

### For Further Information:

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