

Population Hot Facts

Introduction

This fact sheet:

- presents estimates of current and historical human population totals for the City of Richmond;
- looks at the distribution of population and population growth by City planning area and by age and sex;
- compares Richmond's population with other municipalities in the region.

Current Population

Richmond's current population is estimated at 222,945.¹

The table below presents BC Stats' estimate of total population for each year from 1996 to 2017.

City of Richmond Population Estimates, 1996–2017

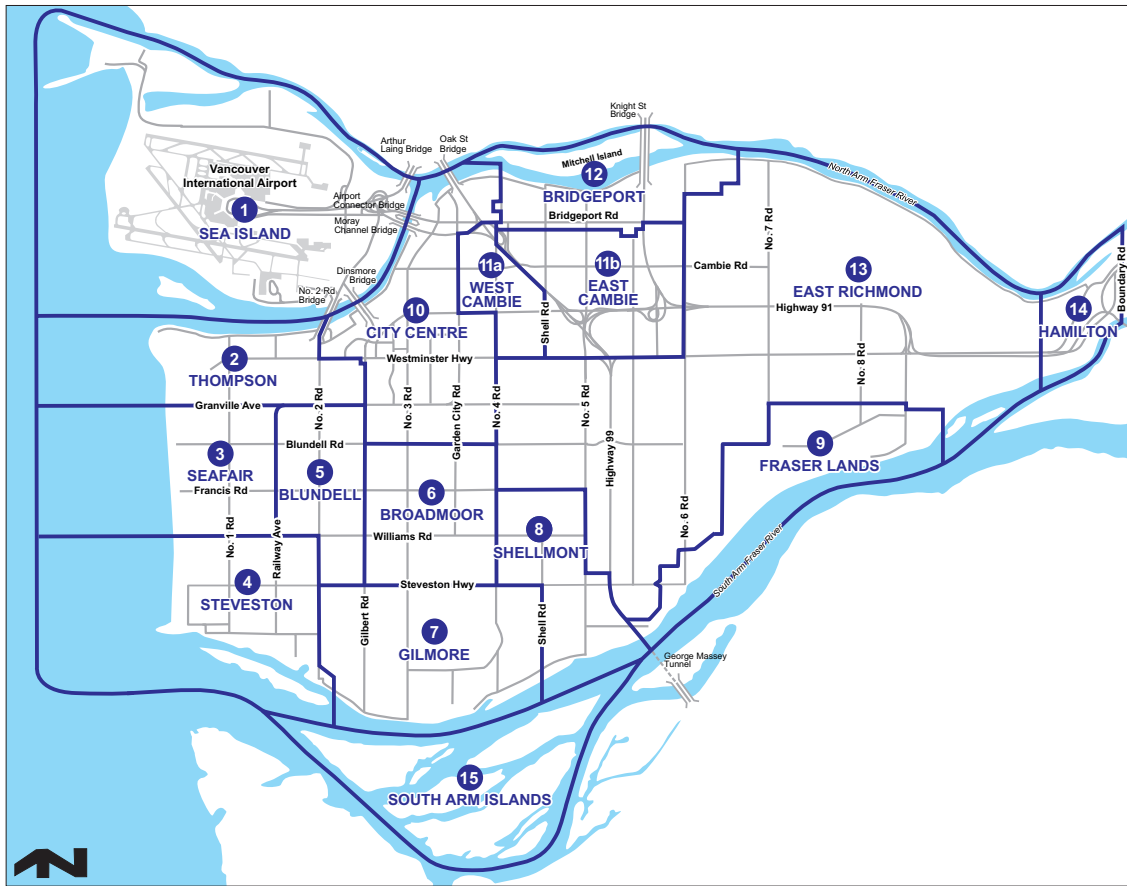
Year	Population*	Percent Change**
2017	219,273	2.2%
2016	214,596	3.1%
2015	208,229	0.8%
2014	206,476	2.4%
2013	201,631	1.5%
2012	198,735	1.4%
2011	196,001	0.1%
2010	195,729	1.7%
2009	192,535	2.3%
2008	188,224	1.3%
2007	185,818	1.7%
2006	182,638	0.9%
2005	181,087	1.0%
2004	179,290	0.5%
2003	178,319	0.8%
2002	176,968	0.8%
2001	175,571	2.4%
2000	171,480	1.6%
1999	168,700	2.3%
1998	164,898	2.8%
1997	160,425	3.7%
1996	154,697	---

* BC Stats, Demographic Analysis Section, July 2017.

** Calculated Percentage Change, City of Richmond.

¹ City of Richmond Projections (with Urban Futures Inc.).

Population by Planning Area Richmond's Planning Areas Map



Population Estimates by Planning Area

Planning Area	Census Year	
	2006	2011
Blundell	17,500	18,125
Bridgeport	2,995	3,190
Broadmoor	22,350	23,315
City Centre	38,610	48,185
East Cambie	10,400	11,185
East Richmond/Fraser Lands	3,410	3,400
Gilmore	450	460
Hamilton	4,610	5,095
Sea Island	770	785
Seafair	16,165	16,450
Shellmont	10,000	11,130
Steveston	24,105	25,345
Thompson	15,450	15,970
West Cambie	6,750	7,845
TOTAL, City of Richmond	173,565	190,475

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2011 Census.

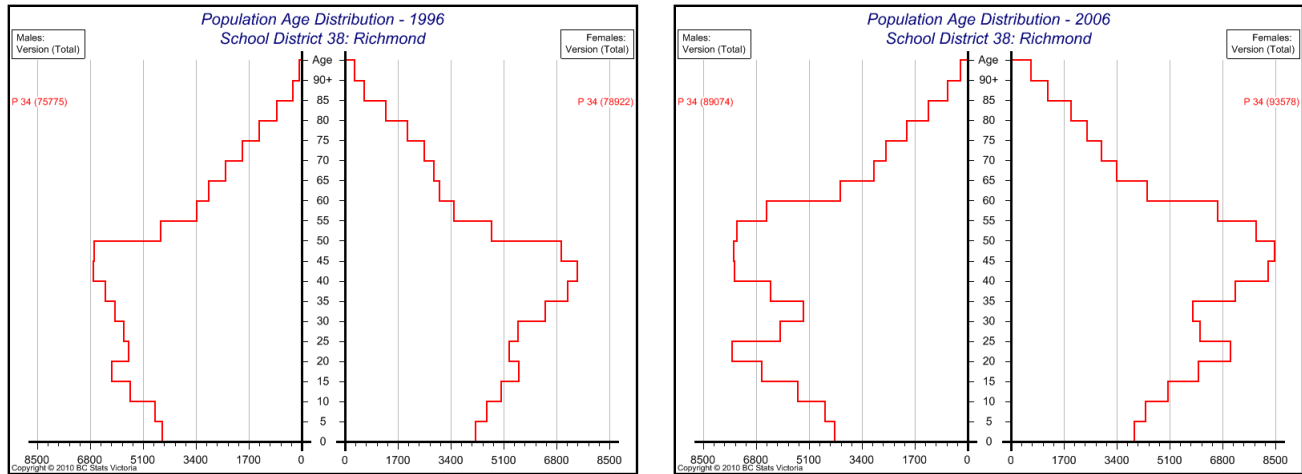
Growth Areas

- Between 2006 and 2011, the fastest growing areas of Richmond have been the City Centre, Steveston, Shellmont, West Cambie, and Broadmoor. Over this five year period the City Centre has had an annual average growth rate of 5%.
- The actual population growth in the City Centre accounted for more than half the growth within the City.

Population by Age and Sex

Richmond's population age and sex distribution is measured every five years by the census and estimated annually by BC Statistics using a population component/cohort survival model that considers fertility, mortality and migration.

The following figures illustrates the age and sex distribution projected by BC Stats² for 1996 and 2006.



These charts show that between 1996 and 2006, Richmond's population is both growing and getting older. Both the number of seniors and the average age of the population is increasing over time. Also evident is a significant growth in the 20 to 30 year old population.

Based on the 2006 Population Age Distribution data:

- 18.2 percent of the population is aged 17 or under;
- 13 percent of the population is aged 65 and over.

Other Population Estimates

The City's estimates provide the most up-to-date and geographically detailed population estimates, as described above. Other organisations provide different numbers for the city which are monitored by the City and which may be useful for comparisons with other municipalities. Of these, the figures from Statistics Canada and BC Stats are most often used.

Statistics Canada—Census of Population

The Census is conducted every five years. The latest Census was in May 2016. The data from the 2016 Census is released in phases. On February 8, 2017, Statistics Canada released the following estimates (counts) of Richmond's population and private dwellings as of May 10, 2016.

² Source: BC Stats, Ministry of Labour and Citizen's Services, P.E.O.P.L.E. Data Viewer, p34, January 2010.

Statistics Canada 2011–2016 Census Population and Private Dwellings for Richmond

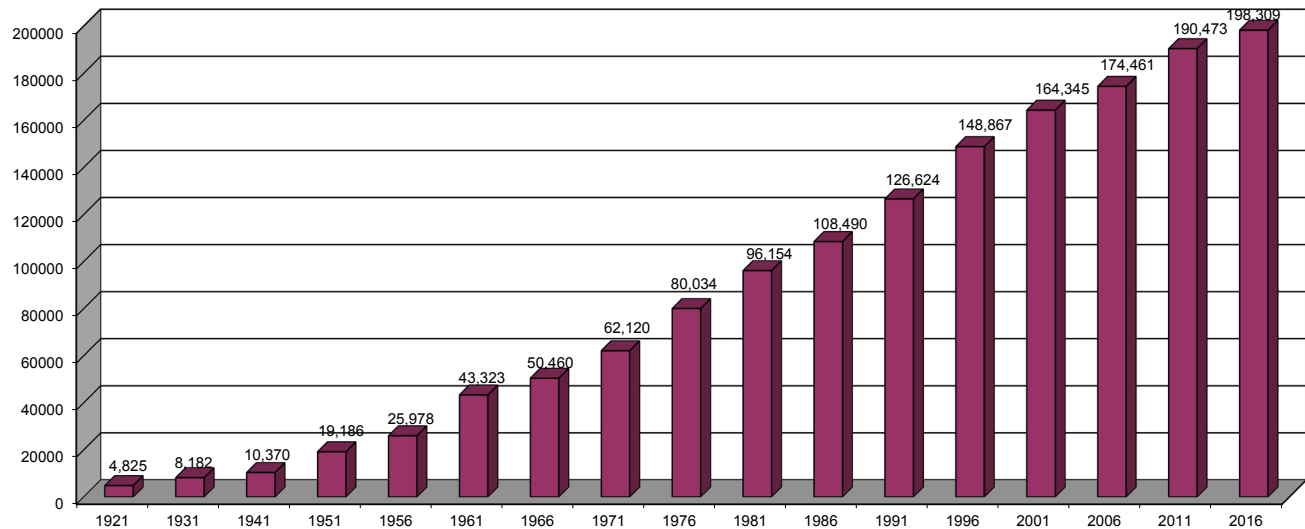
	Population Count	Private Dwellings Count
2016	198,309	77,478
2011	190,473	71,170
2011-2016 Change	7,836	6,308
Change as percent	+4.1%	+8.8%
Average Annual Change	1,567	1,262
Average Annual % Change	0.8%	1.8%

Census figures are for mid-May of the year shown and do not include coverage adjustments.

Statistics Canada Population Undercount/Overcount

This Statistics Canada Census release does not take into account the number of people who were not counted (the undercount), or overcounted. The 2016 Census' net undercount will be released in late 2018.

Historic Census Population Counts (1921–2016)



Source: Statistics Canada.

Note: Over time a number of changes have been made to the way censuses are carried out, and so only the general trend should be considered. For example, in 1991 'non-permanent' residents were counted for the first time—including refugees and foreign students.

Richmond's Population in Regional Context

According to the 2016 Census, Richmond is the fourth most populous municipality in the Greater Vancouver region, after Vancouver, Surrey, and Burnaby.

Richmond's population represents 8.1 percent of the regional total. Between the 2011 and 2016 censuses, an additional 7,836 people were counted, the sixth highest growth after Surrey, Vancouver, Langley Township, Coquitlam, and Burnaby.

Expressed as a percent, Richmond's growth between census periods was 4.1 percent.

Census Population for Municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Region Sorted by 2016 Population Count

Municipality	Type	Population		2016–2011 Change		2016 Population as % of Region
		2016	2011	Absolute	As %	
Vancouver	City	631,485	603,502	27,983	4.6%	25.6%
Surrey	City	517,885	468,251	49,634	10.6%	21.0%
Burnaby	City	232,755	223,218	9,537	4.3%	9.4%
Richmond	City	198,309	190,473	7,836	4.1%	8.1%
Coquitlam	City	139,285	126,456	12,829	10.1%	5.7%
Langley	Township	117,285	104,177	13,108	12.6%	4.8%
Delta	District	102,235	99,863	2,372	2.4%	4.2%
North Vancouver	District	85,935	84,412	1,523	1.8%	3.5%
Maple Ridge	District	82,255	76,052	6,203	8.2%	3.3%
New Westminster	City	71,000	65,976	5,024	7.6%	2.9%
Port Coquitlam	City	58,610	56,342	2,268	4.0%	2.4%
North Vancouver	City	52,900	48,196	4,704	9.8%	2.1%
West Vancouver	District	42,475	42,694	-219	-0.5%	1.7%
Port Moody	City	33,550	32,975	575	1.7%	1.4%
Langley	City	25,885	25,081	804	3.2%	1.1%
White Rock	City	19,955	19,339	616	3.2%	0.8%
Pitt Meadows	District	18,570	17,736	834	4.7%	0.8%
All other areas		33,056	28,585	4,471	15.6%	1.3%
Great Vancouver	Region	2,463,430	2,313,328	150,102	6.5%	100.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

For Further Information:

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Statistics Canada Census: www12.statcan.ca/english/census/

BC Statistics: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/

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