

Population Hot Facts

Introduction

This Hot Facts issue presents:

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

Current Population

Richmond's current population is estimated at 227,406.¹

The table below presents BC Stats' estimate of total population for each year from 1996 to 2019.

City of Richmond Population Estimates, 1996–2019

Year	Population*	Percent Change**
2019	224,889	1.3%
2018	221,897	1.2%
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%

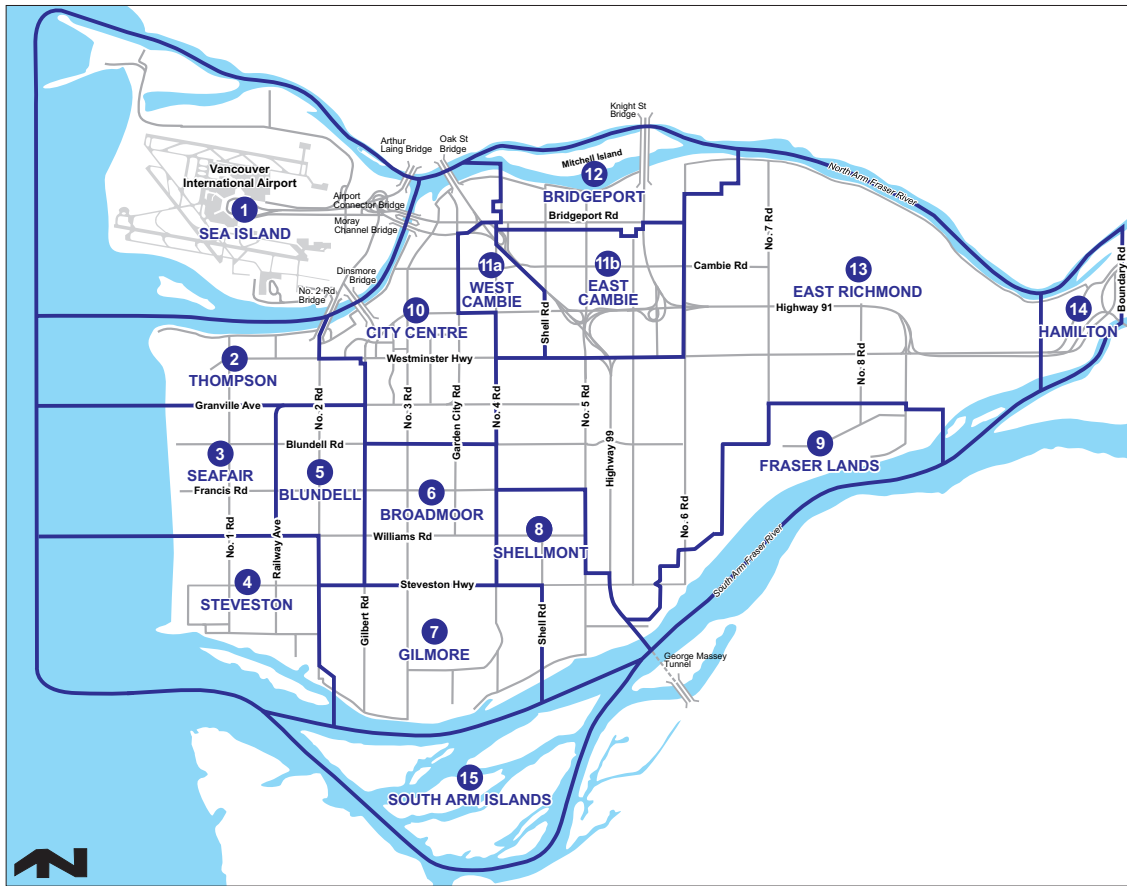
* BC Stats, Demographic Analysis Section, September 2018.

** Calculated Percentage Change, City of Richmond.

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



Population by Planning Area Richmond's Planning Areas Map



Enumerated Population by Planning Area

Planning Area	Census Year	
	2011	2016
Blundell	18,125	17,730
Bridgeport	3,190	3,610
Broadmoor	23,315	23,480
City Centre	48,185	54,280
East Cambie	11,185	10,810
East Richmond/Fraser Lands	3,400	3,725
Gilmore	460	520
Hamilton	5,095	5,190
Sea Island	785	810
Seafair	16,450	15,950
Shellmont	11,130	11,290
Steveston	25,345	25,065
Thompson	15,970	15,410
West Cambie	7,845	10,440
TOTAL, City of Richmond	190,475	198,305

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 and 2016 Census.

Growth Areas

- Between 2011 and 2016, the fastest growing areas of Richmond have been the City Centre, West Cambie, and Bridgeport planning areas. Over this five year period the City Centre has had an annual average growth rate of 2.5%.
- The population growth in the City Centre accounted for more than 75% of the annual population growth within the City, over this five year period.

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%

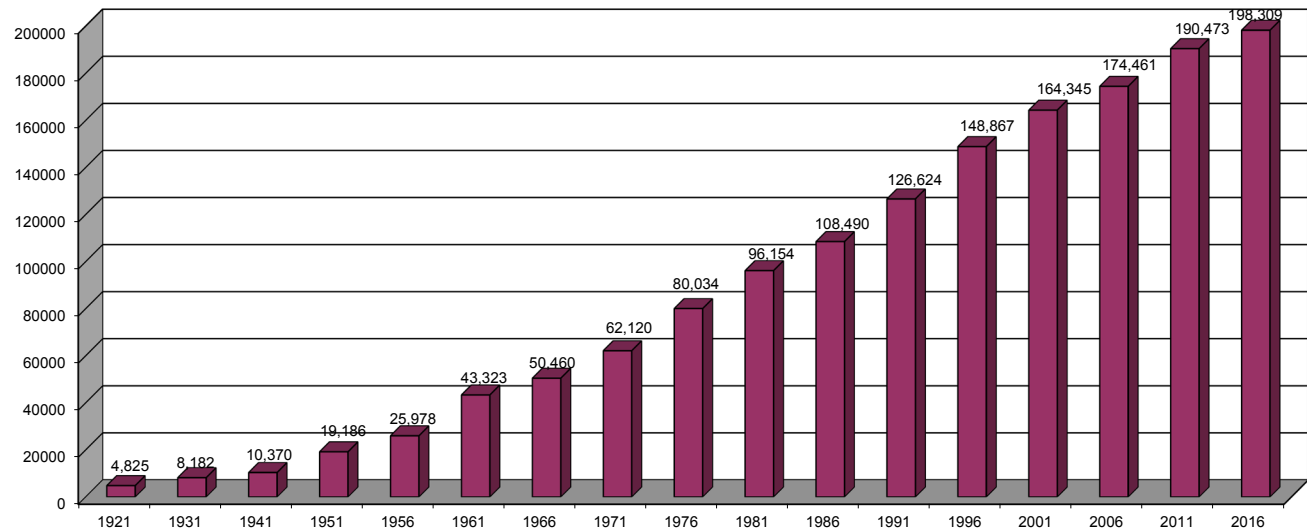
Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

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

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 final 2016 Census net undercoverage rate for Metro Vancouver is 4.31% which equates to a 2016 adjusted Richmond population of 207,241.

Historic Census Enumerated 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

Based on the results of the 2016 Census, Richmond is the fourth most populous municipality in the Greater Vancouver region, after Vancouver, Surrey, and Burnaby.

Richmond's population represented 8.1 percent of the regional total. Between the 2011 and 2016 censuses, the City's population grew by approximately 7,836 people, the sixth highest overall 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		2011 Population as % of Region	2016 Population as % of Region
		2016	2011	Absolute	As %		
Vancouver	City	631,485	603,502	27,983	4.6%	26.1%	25.6%
Surrey	City	517,885	468,251	49,634	10.6%	20.2%	21.0%
Burnaby	City	232,755	223,218	9,537	4.3%	9.6%	9.4%
Richmond	City	198,309	190,473	7,836	4.1%	8.2%	8.1%
Coquitlam	City	139,285	126,456	12,829	10.1%	5.5%	5.7%
Langley	Township	117,285	104,177	13,108	12.6%	4.5%	4.8%
Delta	District	102,235	99,863	2,372	2.4%	4.3%	4.2%
North Vancouver	District	85,935	84,412	1,523	1.8%	3.6%	3.5%
Maple Ridge	District	82,255	76,052	6,203	8.2%	3.3%	3.3%
New Westminster	City	71,000	65,976	5,024	7.6%	2.9%	2.9%
Port Coquitlam	City	58,610	56,342	2,268	4.0%	2.4%	2.4%
North Vancouver	City	52,900	48,196	4,704	9.8%	2.1%	2.1%
West Vancouver	District	42,475	42,694	-219	-0.5%	1.8%	1.7%
Port Moody	City	33,550	32,975	575	1.7%	1.4%	1.4%
Langley	City	25,885	25,081	804	3.2%	1.1%	1.1%
White Rock	City	19,955	19,339	616	3.2%	0.8%	0.8%
Pitt Meadows	District	18,570	17,736	834	4.7%	0.8%	0.8%
All other areas		33,056	28,585	4,471	15.6%	1.2%	1.3%
Great Vancouver	Region	2,463,430	2,313,328	150,102	6.5%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

For Further Information:

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

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