

Population Hot Facts

Introduction

This Hot Facts issue presents:

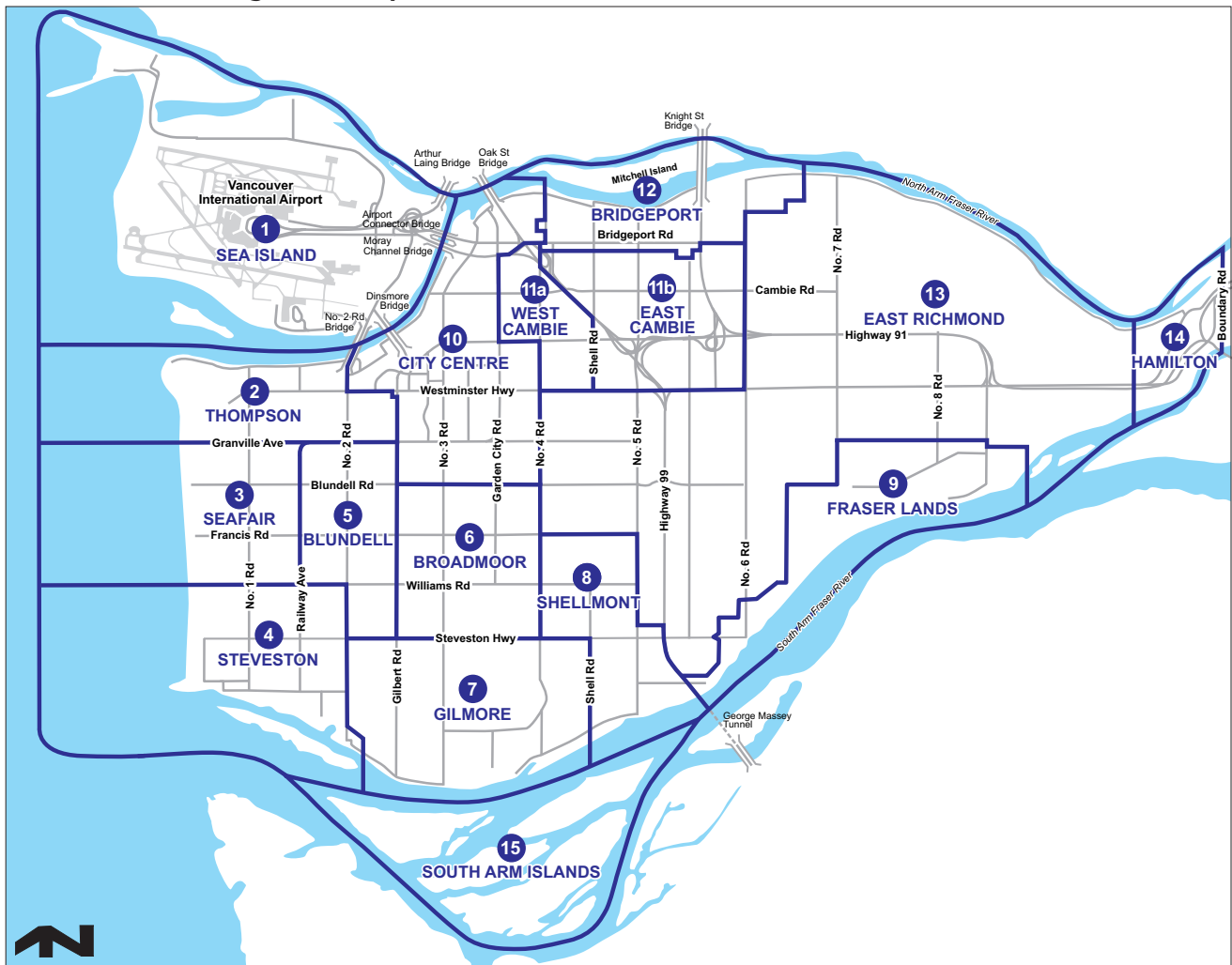
- estimates of current and historical human population totals for the City of Richmond;
- distribution of population and population growth by City planning area and by age and sex;
- Richmond's population compared with other municipalities in the region.

Current Population

Richmond's current population is estimated at 230,584.¹ This estimate is from the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy which used a combination of the 2016 Census population estimate (including undercount) and Richmond's building permit data to build its base data.

Population by Planning Area

Richmond's Planning Areas Map



¹ Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy Projections

Enumerated Population by Planning Area

Planning Area	Census Year	
	2016	2021
Blundell	17,730	18,065
Bridgeport	3,610	4,140
Broadmoor	23,480	23,050
City Centre	54,280	62,855
East Cambie	10,810	10,780
East Richmond/Fraser Lands	3,725	4,595
Gilmore	520	450
Hamilton	5,190	5,260
Sea Island	810	820
Seafair	15,950	16,070
Shellmont	11,290	11,420
Steveston	25,065	25,220
Thompson	15,410	14,955
West Cambie	10,440	12,255
TOTAL, City of Richmond	198,305	209,935

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 and 2021 Census.

Growth Areas

- Between 2016 and 2021, the fastest growing areas of Richmond have been the City Centre and West Cambie planning areas. Over this five year period the City Centre has had an annual average growth rate of 3.2%.
- The population growth in the City Centre accounted for more than 70% of the annual population growth within the City, over this five year period.

Statistics Canada 2016–2021 Census Population and Private Dwellings for Richmond

	Population Count	Private Dwellings Count
2021	209,937	85,035
2016	<u>198,309</u>	<u>77,478</u>
2016–2021 Change	11,628	7,557
Change as percent	+5.9%	+9.8%
Average Annual Change	2,326	1,511
Average Annual % Change	1.18%	1.96%

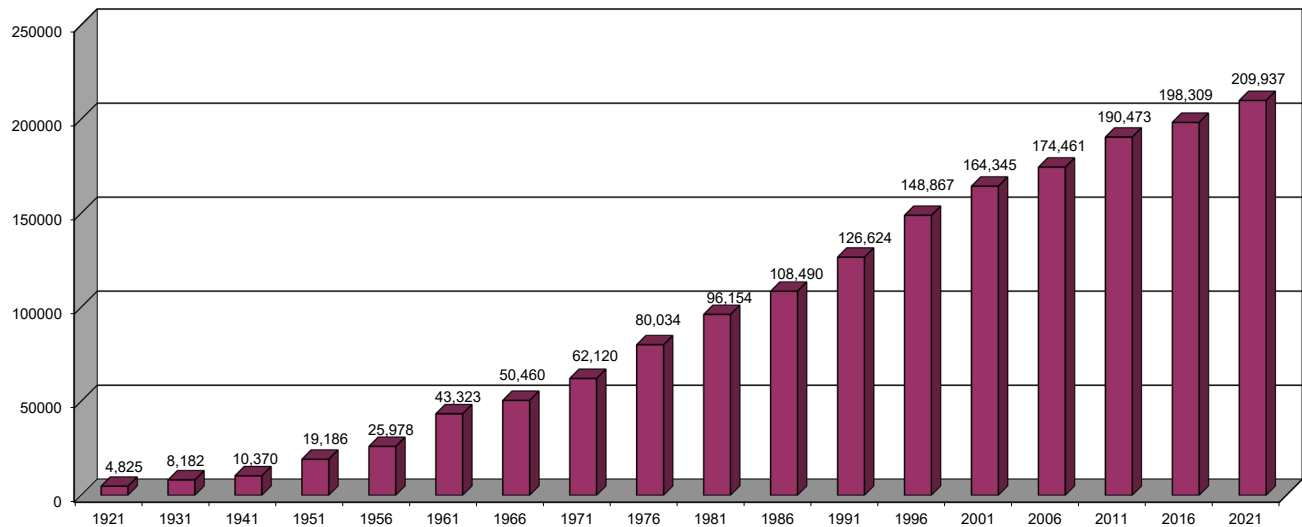
Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census.

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. The 2021 Census net undercoverage rate has yet to be released.

Historic Census Enumerated Population Counts (1921–2021)



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 2021 Census, Richmond is the fourth most populous municipality in the Greater Vancouver region, after Vancouver, Surrey, and Burnaby.

Richmond’s population represented 7.9% of the regional total. Between the 2016 and 2021 censuses, the City’s population grew by approximately 11,628 people, the fifth highest overall growth after Surrey, Vancouver, Burnaby, and Langley Township.

Expressed as a percent, Richmond’s growth between census periods was 5.9%.

Census Population for Municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Region Sorted by 2021 Population Count

Municipality	Type	Population		2021–2016 Change		2016 Population as % of Region	2021 Population as % of Region
		2021	2016	Absolute	As %		
Vancouver	City	662,248	631,486	30,762	4.9%	25.6%	25.1%
Surrey	City	568,322	517,887	50,435	9.7%	21.0%	21.5%
Burnaby	City	249,125	232,755	16,370	7.0%	9.4%	9.4%
Richmond	City	209,937	198,309	11,628	5.9%	8.1%	7.9%
Coquitlam	City	148,625	139,284	9,341	6.7%	5.7%	5.6%
Langley	Township	132,603	117,285	15,318	13.1%	4.8%	5.0%
Delta	City	108,455	102,238	6,217	6.1%	4.2%	4.1%
Maple Ridge	City	90,990	82,256	8,734	10.6%	3.3%	3.4%
North Vancouver	District	88,168	85,649	2,519	2.9%	3.5%	3.3%
New Westminster	City	78,916	70,996	7,920	11.2%	2.9%	3.0%
Port Coquitlam	City	61,498	58,612	2,886	4.9%	2.4%	2.3%
North Vancouver	City	58,120	52,898	5,222	9.9%	2.1%	2.2%

Municipality	Type	Population		2021–2016 Change		2016 Population as % of Region	2021 Population as % of Region
		2021	2016	Absolute	As %		
West Vancouver	District	44,122	42,473	1,649	3.9%	1.7%	1.7%
Port Moody	City	33,535	33,551	-16	0.0%	1.4%	1.3%
Langley	City	28,963	25,888	3,075	11.9%	1.1%	1.1%
White Rock	City	21,939	19,952	1,987	10.0%	0.8%	0.8%
Pitt Meadows	City	19,146	18,573	573	3.1%	0.8%	0.7%
All other areas		38,113	33,339	4,774	14.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Vancouver	Region	2,642,825	2,463,431	179,394	7.3%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census.

For Further Information:

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Statistics Canada Census: www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm

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