

Demographics

Revised Estimates of Population Growth, Capital Region



	2001 Pop'n (Census)	2006 Pop'n (Census)	% Growth 01-06	2007 Pop'n (Estimate)	2008 Pop'n (Estimate)			
Esquimalt	16,127	16,840	4.4%	17,449	17,474			
Oak Bay	17,798	17,908	0.6%	18,435	18,459			
Saanich	103,654	108,265	4.4%	112,071	113,117			
Victoria	74,125	78,057	5.3%	80,915	82,656			
View Royal	7,271	8,768	20.6%	9,117	9,393			
Indian Reserves (1)	1,874	1,643	-12.3%	1,691	1,691			
Core	220,849	231,481	4.8%	239,678	242,790			
Central Saanich	15,348	15,745	2.6%	16,449	16,530			
North Saanich	10,436	10,823	3.7%	11,247	11,341			
Sidney	10,929	11,315	3.5%	11,804	11,892			
Indian Reserves (2)	2,372	2,577	8.6%	2,652	2,652			
Peninsula	39,085	40,460	3.5%	42,152	42,415			
Colwood	13,745	14,687	6.9%	15,337	15,973			
Highlands	1,674	1,903	13.7%	1,987	2,044			
Juan de Fuca E.A.	3,962	4,484	13.2%	4,777	4,894			
Langford	18,840	22,459	19.2%	24,582	26,671			
Metchosin	4,857	4,795	-1.3%	4,976	5,015			
Sooke District (5)(6)	8,735	9,704	11.1%	10,236	10,593			
Indian Reserves (3)	421	450	6.9%	463	463			
West Shore	52,234	58,482	12.0%	62,357	65,653			
Salt Spring Is. E.A.	9,279	9,640	3.9%	10,111	10,207			
Southern Gulf Is. E.A.	4,307	5,101	18.4%	5,355	5,451			
<i>Galiano Is.</i>	1,071	1,258	17.5%	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>			
<i>Mayne Is.</i>	880	1,112	26.4%	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>			
<i>Pender Is.</i>	1,935	2,181	12.7%	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>			
<i>Saturna Is.</i>	319	359	12.5%	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>			
<i>Other Southern Gulf Is.</i>	140	191	36.4%	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>			
Indian Reserves (4)	0	0	<i>n/a</i>	0	0			
Gulf Islands	13,586	14,741	8.5%	15,466	15,658			
Capital Region	325,754	345,164	6.0%	359,653	366,516			
Victoria CMA	311,902	330,088	5.8%	344,187	350,857			

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Technical Notes

E.A.: Electoral Area

Victoria Census Metropolitan Area: The Census Metropolitan Area of Victoria as defined by Statistics Canada.

Capital Regional District (CRD): includes the Victoria CMA; Juan de Fuca E.A.; Salt Spring Island E. A. and Southern Gulf Islands E.A.

2001 and 2006 Census population figures are actual "headcounts" derived from the Census of Canada.

The 2007 and 2008 population estimates have been calculated using the 2006 Census as a base count.

An undercount estimate of 2.9% has been used in the calculation of these revised population and household estimates.

The 2007 population and household estimates reported on an earlier version of this factsheet have been revised to reflect 2006 Census data on structural type of dwelling and average household size.

Annual population and household "Estimates" are for June 1st of each year to coincide closely with the May 15th Census Day.

Census figures and "Estimate" figures cannot be compared to each other in a "time series" analysis because the latter have been adjusted for the Undercount population. "Estimate" figures, on the otherhand, can be compared to each other to determine relative annual changes in population or household growth.

No estimates of population or household growth were made for Indian Reserves for 2007 or 2008 due to insufficient information.

The model used in the creation of the Population and Household Estimates is based on issuance of building permits for residential structures by municipalities in the CRD. Permits for Single Family Dwellings and Duplexes are for the year ending in February; for Apartments for the previous year ending in July; and for Townhouses for the previous year ending in November. Numbers of dwelling units represented by the Building Permits for each structural type are multiplied by associated average household sizes (from the 2006 Census) to arrive at the estimated population increase for the year. The increase is added to the base 2006 Census population (adjusted for Undercount) to arrive at the year's Population Estimate. It is important to note that it is assumed for the purposes of this model that all Building Permits result in completed and occupied dwellings within the time frame of the estimate. The Population Estimates are compared with Population Estimates prepared by BCStats in the fall of the reference year. Note that current market uncertainties have left some permitted construction projects on hold indefinitely. As a result the user should use caution when working with the 2008 Population Estimates.

Footnotes

(1) Indian Reserves in the Core include: Esquimalt, New Songhees 1A

(2) Indian Reserves on the Peninsula include: Cole Bay 3, Union Bay 4, East Saanich 2, South Saanich 1

(3) Indian Reserves in the West Shore include: Becher Bay 1, T'Souke 1 (Sooke 1), T'Souke 2 (Sooke 2), Gordon River 2, and Pacheena 1.

(4) Indian Reserves in the Gulf Islands include: Galiano Island 9, Mayne Island 6

(5) On Dec. 6, 1999, the new municipality of the District of Sooke came into being, comprising a portion of the former Sooke Electoral Area. The remainder of the Sooke E.A., plus the Langford E.A., were combined into the new Juan de Fuca E.A.. Historical population estimates for the former Sooke E.A. and Langford E.A. (prior to the Sooke District incorporation) can be obtained from Regional Planning Services.

(6) 2006 Census Population counts are for geographic boundaries as of Jan 1st, 2006.

Changes to Sooke's and Juan de Fuca E.A.'s boundaries due to Sooke boundary extensions to the East (Gillespie Rd) and to the West (Kemp Lake/West Coast Road) in Feb 2006 are not reflected in these counts.

Source: Statistics Canada 2006 and 2001 Censuses, CRD Regional Planning

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