

Key Facts for the Growth Management Planning Area

Land Area

Land Area (including lakes)	Total Land Area
Capital Region	236,735 ha
Regional Urban Containment and Servicing Policy Area	16,420 ha
Growth Management Planning Area (GMPA)	197,600 ha
Victoria Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)	69,534 ha

Greenspace and Renewable Working Landscapes

	Total Lands in GMPA (ha)	% of Total Land Area of the GMPA
Agricultural Land Reserve (2007)	10,624	5.4%
CRD Water Lands (2007)	19,860	10.1%
CRD Regional Parks (2007)	10,998	5.6%
Federal and Provincial Parks (2007)	5,153	2.6%

Population

	2001	2006
Capital Region	325,754	345,164
RUCSPA	275,460	283,031
GMPA	307,420	325,753
Victoria CMA	311,902	330,088

Population Growth Rate

	2001-2006	Annual Average
Victoria CMA	5.8%	1.2%
West Shore	11.9%	2.4%
Core	4.8%	1.0%
Peninsula	3.5%	0.7%
British Columbia	5.3%	1.1%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 & 2006 Census of Canada

Demographics

Victoria CMA	2001	2006
% of population aged 65 years and older	17.8%	23.4%
Median Age	41.0	43.1
Average Household Size (persons/household)	2.3	2.3

Source: 2001 & 2006 Census

Rental Vacancy Rate

Rental vacancy rate	Victoria	British Columbia	Canada
2007	0.5%	1.0%	2.6%
2006	0.5%	1.2%	2.6%
2005	0.5%	1.9%	2.7%
2004	0.6%	not available	2.7%
2003	1.1%	not available	2.2%

Source: October 2007, CMHC

CRD Overview

Average Housing Cost

	Single Family	Condo Apartments	Townhouses/Duplexes
2007	\$565,904	\$317,905	\$406,905
2006	\$521,460	\$286,079	\$365,766
2005	\$463,399	\$251,655	\$345,095
2004	\$386,045	\$216,661	\$299,275
2003	\$328,005	\$183,493	\$246,540
2002	\$274,952	\$150,547	\$212,988
2001	\$260,461	\$138,119	\$198,443

Source: Victoria Real Estate Board

Occupied Dwelling Units

Victoria CMA	2001	2006	5 Year Growth Rate
Single detached house	69,285	61,740	-11%
Semi-detached/row	13,690	14,095	3%
Apartment buildings	50,685	67,595	33%
Other	1,930	1,965	2%
Total	135,590	145,395	7%

Source: 2006 Census

Employment

Victoria CMA	2001	2006
Population 15+ in Labour Force	166,790	180,980
Employed	155,730	173,350
Unemployed	11,065	7,840
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	3.7%
Average Household Income	\$55,529	\$57,100

Source: 2001 & 2006 Census

Transportation

(Survey area includes Cowichan Valley subdivision & other areas - detail)	2001	2006
Total number of person-trips on a typical weekday (7.2% increase)	1,157,410	1,241,000
Auto Driver mode share	58.2%	59%
Auto Passenger	13.7%	13.8%
Transit mode share	6.3%	6.4%
Walk mode share	11.9%	10.0%
Bike mode share	2.4%	3.2%

Source: Origin Destination Survey 2001 & 2006

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is the regional government for 13 municipalities and three electoral areas on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. For the purposes of statistical analysis they are often subdivided into four subregions:

Core—Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, View Royal

Peninsula—Central Saanich, North Saanich, Sidney

West Shore—Colwood, Highlands, Juan de Fuca EA, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke

Gulf Islands—Salt Spring Island EA, Southern Gulf Islands EA

The CRD derives its authority from Letters Patent and from provincial legislation, primarily the *Local Government Act*. It is run by a 23-member Board of Directors which includes appointed municipal directors and elected electoral area directors

The CRD provides regional governance and service for the entire Capital Region, including regional parks, solid waste management (including recycling) and emergency services. The CRD may also create partnerships among any combination of municipalities and electoral areas for service or projects that are specific to individual parts of the region. The Regional Growth Strategy reflects a partnership arrangement as it applies to all 13 municipalities and the Juan de Fuca electoral area, but does not include Salt Spring Island or the Southern Gulf Island electoral areas because their land use authority rests with the Islands Trust.

CMA: Census Metropolitan Area. For Victoria this includes all municipalities except part of Juan de Fuca EA (west of Jordan River) and the Gulf Islands.

RUCSPA: Regional Urban Containment and Servicing Policy Area. Lands designated in Official Community Plans for urban development.

GMPA: Growth Management Planning Area. Excludes Gulf Islands and First Nations Reserves.