

2006 – Population Highlights

Local Area

- The City of Courtenay experienced the greatest growth rate in the Comox Valley and 4th in BC among Municipalities with a population of 5,000 or more between 2001-2006 census years.
- Comox Strathcona Regional District Area C was the only region in the Comox Valley to experience a decrease in population between 2001-2006 census years.

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i># Change</i>
Cumberland	2,633	2,762	4.90%	129
Comox	11,391	12,136	6.54%	745
Courtenay	19,166	21,940	14.47%	2,774
Three Municipalities	33,190	36,838	10.99%	3,648
RDCS Area A	4,748	4,885	2.89%	137
RDCS Area B	7,013	7,219	2.94%	206
RDCS Area C	7,448	7,441	-0.09%	-7
RDCS Area K	1,982	2,169	9.43%	187
RDCS Areas ABCK	21,191	21,714	2.47%	523
Comox 1	254	272	7.09%	18
Comox Valley	54,635	58,824	7.67%	4,189

Designated Places in the Comox Valley

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i># Change</i>
Buckley Bay	161	173	7.45%	12
Union Bay	1,167	1,066	-8.65%	-101
Royston	1,605	1,718	7.04%	113
Fanny Bay	744	766	2.96%	22
Merville	2,069	2,012	-2.75%	-57
Saratoga-Miracle Beach	1,627	1,587	-2.46%	-40
Denman Island Trust Area	1,016	1,095	7.78%	79
Hornby Island Trust Area	966	1,074	11.18%	108

Regional Districts

- The Mount Waddington Regional District was the only regional district on Vancouver Island to experience a decrease in population.

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i># Change</i>
Mount Waddington RD	13,111	11,651	-11.14%	-1,460
RDCS	96,131	101,595	5.68%	5,464
Alberni-Clayoquot RD	30,345	30,664	1.05%	319
Nanaimo RD	127,016	138,631	9.14%	11,615
Cowichan Valley RD	71,998	76,929	6.85%	4,931
Capital RD	325,754	345,164	5.96%	19,410
Vancouver Island	664,355	704,634	6.06%	40,279

South-Central Vancouver Island Municipalities

- The City of Campbell River and Comox Valley accounted for an increase in population of 5,485.

Jurisdiction	2001	2006	% Change	# Change
Campbell River	28,276	29,572	4.58%	1,296
Cumberland	2,633	2,762	4.90%	129
Comox	11,391	12,136	6.54%	745
Courtenay	19,166	21,940	14.47%	2,774
Qualicum Beach	7,849	8,502	8.32%	653
Parksville	10,323	10,993	6.49%	670
Nanaimo	73,000	78,692	7.80%	5,692
Victoria	74,125	78,057	5.30%	3,932

North Vancouver Island Municipalities

- The City of Campbell River and Comox Valley Communities accounted for the only significant population increases in the North-Central Island Region.

Jurisdiction	2001	2006	% Change	# Change
Gold River	1,359	1,362	0.22%	3
Tahsis	600	366	-39.00%	-234
Sayward	379	341	-10.03%	-38
Zeballos	224	189	-15.63%	-35
Port Hardy	4,574	3,822	-16.44%	-752

Comparative Municipalities

Jurisdiction	2001	2006	% Change	# Change
Courtenay	19,166	21,940	14.47%	2,774
Chilliwack	62,567	69,217	10.63%	6,650
Kelowna	96,288	106,707	10.82%	10,419
Kamloops	77,281	80,376	4.00%	3,095
Prince George	72,406	70,981	-1.97%	-1,425
Vancouver	545,671	578,041	5.93%	32,370
Calgary	879,003	988,193	12.42%	109,190
Edmonton	666,104	730,372	9.65%	64,268

Top 5 Fastest Growing BC Municipalities with a population of 5,000+

Jurisdiction	2001	2006	% Change	# Change
View Royal	7,271	8,768	20.59%	1,497
Langford	18,840	22,459	19.21%	3,619
Port Moody	23,816	27,512	15.52%	3,696
Courtenay	19,166	21,940	14.47%	2,774
Surrey	347,820	394,976	13.56%	47,156

Notes

Boundary Changes:

In order to facilitate comparison, the 2001 Census counts are adjusted, as needed, to take into account boundary changes between the 2001 and 2006 censuses. The 2001 counts that were adjusted are identified by the letter 'A'. The letter 'A' may also refer to corrections to the 2001 counts; however, most of these are the result of boundary changes. This symbol is also used to identify areas that have been created since 2001, such as newly incorporated municipalities (census subdivisions).

Current Release:

For the 2006 Census, due to the introduction of a number of automated processes, Statistics Canada envisaged releasing the population and dwelling counts earlier than in 2001 by a few weeks. However, given the tight labour market due to the strong economy in certain areas of the country (i.e., western Canada) and the difficulties that this has meant in hiring and retaining field staff, the completion of collection activities was extended by about five weeks. The impact of the extension of Field/Collection activities has resulted in adjustments to the originally published release dates. This table shows revised release dates as of October 31, 2006.

1. This housing release includes data for dwelling and household characteristics. The data for shelter costs will be released on Thursday, May 1, 2008.
2. This release excludes data for language of work. These data will be released on Tuesday, March 4, 2008.
3. This release includes data for shelter costs. Data on dwelling and household characteristics will have been released September 12, 2007.

Release Schedule:

2007

Release no. 1: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

[Population and dwelling counts](#)

Release no. 2: Tuesday, July 17, 2007

Age and sex

Release no. 3: Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Marital status (including common-law status)

Families and households

Housing and shelter costs (including dwelling characteristics)

Release no. 4: Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Language

Mobility and migration

Immigration and citizenship

2008

Release no. 5: Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Aboriginal peoples

Release no. 6: Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Labour (including labour market activity, industry and occupation)

Place of work and commuting to work (including mode of transportation)

Education

Language (including language of work)

Release no. 7: Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Ethnic origin and visible minorities

Release no. 8: Thursday, May 1, 2008

Income and earnings

Housing and shelter costs