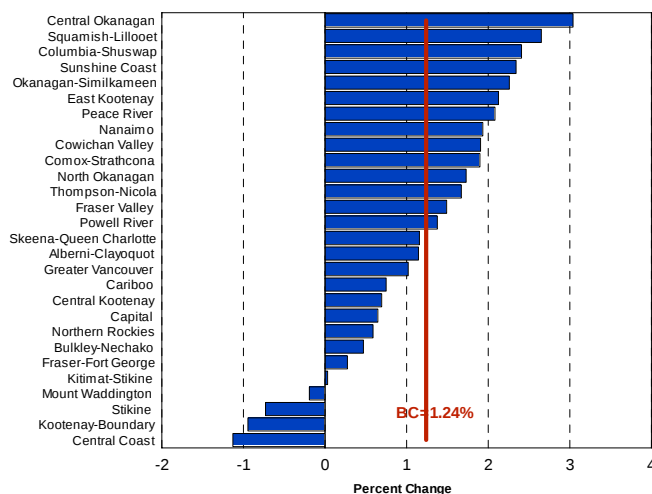


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The Province

Between July 1st 2005 and June 30th 2006 British Columbia's population grew by 1.24 per cent. This resulted in an increase of 52,619 individuals from the 2005 population of 4,257,833 to an end of period population level of 4,310,452 persons. This growth rate was above the Canada figure of 1.0 per cent. Over the same period Alberta had the highest growth rate of 2.99 per cent, followed by Nunavut at 2.47 per cent. BC's growth rate was higher than that of Ontario (1.02%) for this 2005 -2006 period.

The majority of the population growth for British Columbia was a result of strong international immigration. Between July 1st 2005 and July 1st 2006 BC received 37,942 individuals through net international migration. BC gained a further 10,898 persons through natural increases in population (40,926 births minus 30,028 deaths). Finally, net interprovincial migration accounted for an increase of 3,779 individuals.



Regional Districts

Twenty-four of British Columbia's regional districts showed positive population growth between 2005 and 2006. Central Okanagan had the highest growth rate over this period at 3.04 per cent, gaining a total of 5,109 individuals. Greater Vancouver had the highest gains in absolute terms as 22,308 more individuals called this Regional District home over this period.

Regional District	%Change	Growth	2006 Pop
Greater Vancouver	1.02	22,038	2,180,737
Capital	0.65	2,285	353,710
Fraser Valley	1.49	3,956	268,972
Central Okanagan	3.04	5,109	173,026
Nanaimo	1.93	2,729	143,791
Thompson-Nicola	1.67	2,156	130,933
Comox-Strathcona	1.90	1,999	107,312
Fraser-Fort George	0.28	280	101,881
Okanagan-Similkameen	2.26	1,878	84,914
North Okanagan	1.73	1,395	81,888
Cowichan Valley	1.91	1,502	80,295
Cariboo	0.75	528	70,849
Peace River	2.08	1,311	64,272
East Kootenay	2.13	1,315	63,169
Central Kootenay	0.69	418	60,651
Columbia-Shuswap	2.41	1,282	54,520
Bulkley-Nechako	0.47	207	44,147
Kitimat-Stikine	0.03	15	42,927
Squamish-Lillooet	2.65	975	37,750
Alberni-Clayoquot	1.15	375	33,063
Kootenay-Boundary	-0.94	-313	32,864
Sunshine Coast	2.34	670	29,262
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	1.16	260	22,722
Powell River	1.38	290	21,364
Mount Waddington	-0.19	-26	13,562
Northern Rockies	0.59	39	6,644
Central Coast	-1.13	-44	3,860
Stikine	-0.73	-10	1,367
British Columbia	1.24	52,619	4,310,452

Fourteen regional districts had higher population growth than BC, including three of the top five most populated areas.

Greater Vancouver and the Capital regional districts had below average growth rates, but accounted for the largest absolute increase in population. Fraser Valley, Central Okanagan and Nanaimo, the third through fifth most populated regions, had above BC average growth rates.

Only four regional districts showed negative population growth between 2005 and 2006. Central Coast showed the highest percentage drop in their population at -1.13 per cent growth. This resulted in an outflow of 44 people from this area. Kootenay-Boundary Regional District had the highest absolute drop in population of 313 persons. Three of the areas showing negative growth rates are also those areas with the lowest population bases.

Municipalities

Of British Columbia's 157 municipalities for which population was estimated, 118 had positive population growth between 2005 and 2006. 38 municipalities had negative population growth and one showed no change. The City of Surrey had the largest absolute gain in population at 6,486 individuals. The City of Vancouver had the second largest gain of 4,700 people.

Municipality	2005-06 Pop Change		2006 Population
	%	Persons	
Surrey, C	1.64	6,486	402,150
Vancouver, C	0.81	4,700	587,891
Kelowna, C	3.01	3,298	112,775
Langley, Township DM	2.50	2,424	99,537
Chilliwack, C	2.99	2,108	72,621
Maple Ridge, DM	2.76	2,035	75,783
Penticton, C	4.88	1,612	34,669
Port Moody, C	5.17	1,481	30,120
Kamloops, C	1.65	1,361	84,064
Nanaimo, C	1.67	1,333	80,949

In percentage terms, the villages of Radium Hot Springs (13.3%), Clinton (12.9%), Valemont (11%) and Tumbler Ridge District Municipality (6.8%) had the highest population growth rates.

Municipality	2005-06 Pop Change		2006 Population
	%	Persons	
Oak Bay, DM	-1.38	-252	18,059
Trail, C	-2.46	-195	7,744
White Rock, C	-0.78	-154	19,545
Coquitlam, C	-0.11	-132	119,319
Kitimat, DM	-0.72	-76	10,510
Rossland, C	-1.91	-71	3,653
Central Saanich, DM	-0.30	-51	16,768
Fruitvale, VL	-2.11	-44	2,039
Grand Forks, C	-0.98	-41	4,159
New Hazelton, DM	-3.83	-29	729

The District Municipality of Oak Bay and the City of Trail lost the largest amount of population over the 2005 to 2006 period. Oak Bay had 252 less estimated residents at the end of the period and Trail had 195 less. Those municipalities experiencing the largest loss in percentage terms were New Hazelton (-3.82%), Port Edwards (-3.67%) and Stewart (-3.59%). The total population of each of these three areas, however, was less than 1,000 individuals. Of the 38 municipalities that lost population, 29 had populations below 5,000.

Municipal estimates are calculated by the Population Section of BC Stats through a regional estimation model that has been developed and refined over the past 25 years. This model, which uses indicators of population change such as residential electrical connections and telephone line location information, has enabled BC Stats to produce relatively accurate population estimates without the high cost of conducting a census.

Knowledge of population growth and where it occurs is vital to the planning process. For this reason the Municipal and Regional District Estimates are an important tool for provincial and local governments in assessing current and future community needs.

The population estimates for 1996 to 2006 (as well as the estimates for 1976-1995) are available on the BC Stats web site:
<http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca>

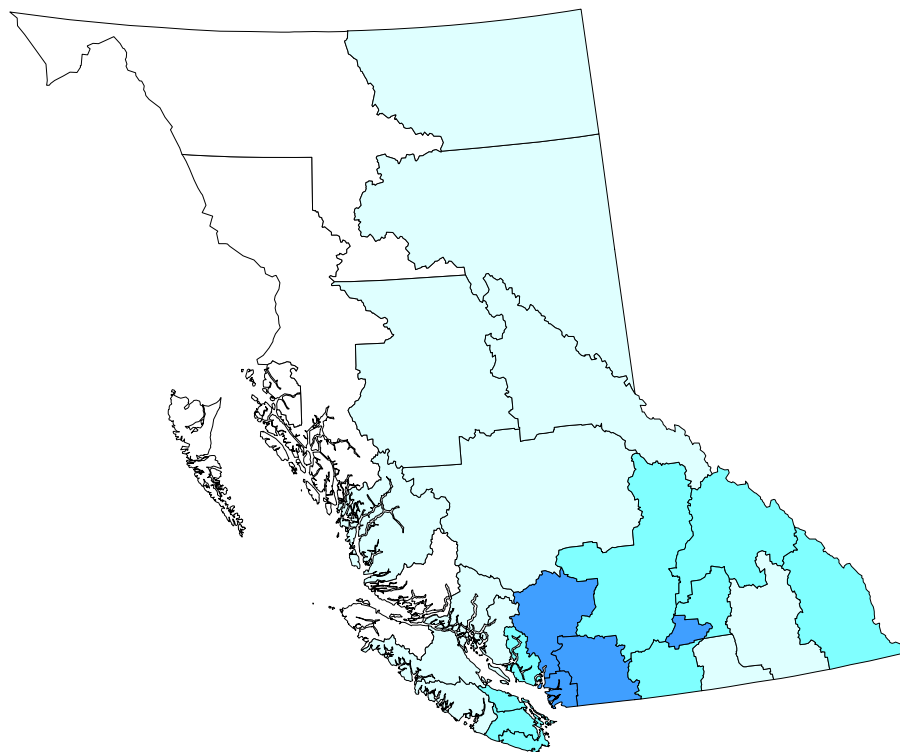
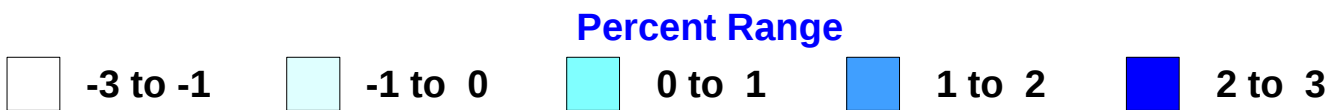
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Name	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2005-06 % Chg.
Alberni-Clayoquot	31664	31686	31878	32312	32688	33063	1.15
Port Alberni (C) *	18516	18456	18484	18610	18686	18790	0.56
Tofino (DM)	1530	1565	1675	1716	1846	1906	3.25
Ucluelet (DM)	1627	1634	1675	1852	1899	1978	4.16
Bulkley-Nechako	42635	42664	42647	43822	43940	44147	0.47
Burns Lake (VL)	2027	2022	2017	2035	2018	2012	-0.30
Fort St. James (DM)	2011	1989	1991	2004	2003	1976	-1.35
Fraser Lake (VL)	1323	1316	1284	1369	1366	1354	-0.88
Granisle (VL)	368	366	354	367	353	352	-0.28
Houston (DM)	3733	3613	3600	3849	3732	3796	1.71
Smithers (T)	5651	5675	5589	5652	5508	5575	1.22
Telkwa (VL) *	1431	1423	1430	1421	1439	1443	0.28
Vanderhoof (DM)	4582	4592	4579	4662	4727	4799	1.52
Capital	340030	342148	344818	347159	351425	353710	0.65
Central Saanich (DM)	16018	16153	16312	16495	16819	16768	-0.30
Colwood (C)	14345	14520	14637	14821	15122	15470	2.30
Esquimalt (DM)	16834	16913	16945	17078	17188	17407	1.27
Highlands (DM)	1747	1772	1798	1967	2114	2130	0.76
Langford (DM)	19660	20039	20516	20879	21616	22229	2.84
Metchosin (DM)	5070	5105	5218	5258	5300	5312	0.23
North Saanich (DM)	10890	10959	11072	11132	11273	11258	-0.13
Oak Bay (DM)	18573	18535	18456	18406	18311	18059	-1.38
Saanich (DM)	108179	108620	109598	109873	110382	110737	0.32
Sidney (T)	11404	11420	11528	11525	11861	11849	-0.10
Sooke (DM) *	9116	9245	9432	9756	10116	10436	3.16
Victoria (C)	77362	77472	77433	77769	78296	78659	0.46
View Royal (T)	7587	7780	7907	7970	8255	8375	1.45
Cariboo	68510	68472	68600	69837	70321	70849	0.75
100 Mile House (DM)	1815	1819	1814	1828	1826	1829	0.16
Quesnel (C) *	10481	10407	10337	10445	10485	10561	0.72
Wells (DM) *	245	246	241	262	248	246	-0.81
Williams Lake (C) *	11639	11625	11578	11865	11871	11961	0.76
Central Coast	3943	3952	3902	3866	3904	3860	-1.13
Central Kootenay	59506	59731	60209	59876	60233	60651	0.69
Castlegar (C)	7307	7304	7266	7774	7820	7863	0.55
Creston (T)	5004	4995	5050	5053	5097	5201	2.04
Kaslo (VL)	1077	1059	1068	1071	1075	1087	1.12
Nakusp (VL)	1772	1783	1789	1789	1779	1800	1.18
Nelson (C)	9703	9641	9778	9810	9796	9923	1.30
New Denver (VL)	561	557	561	550	549	556	1.28
Salmo (VL)	1169	1178	1157	1140	1133	1129	-0.35
Silverton (VL)	232	228	235	231	230	224	-2.61
Slocan (VL)	351	349	363	361	359	353	-1.67
Central Okanagan	154193	156925	160720	162988	167917	173026	3.04
Kelowna (C)	100495	102294	104837	105902	109477	112775	3.01
Lake Country (DM)	9672	9743	9919	10091	10366	10668	2.91
Peachland (DM)	4857	4986	5053	5090	5230	5369	2.66
Columbia-Shuswap	50321	50843	51306	52367	53238	54520	2.41
Golden (T)	4195	4299	4340	4385	4398	4498	2.27
Revelstoke (C) *	7827	7913	7888	7932	7963	8029	0.83
Salmon Arm (DM)	15873	15921	16199	16510	16798	17150	2.10
Sicamoon (DM)	2839	2889	2903	3022	3043	3192	4.90
Comox-Strathcona	100325	100820	101953	103268	105313	107312	1.90
Campbell River (DM)	29700	29683	30023	30250	30806	31444	2.07
Comox (T) *	11660	11828	12118	12426	12833	13008	1.36
Greater Vancouver	2073662	2095092	2114633	2132260	2158699	2180737	1.02
Anmore (VL)	1403	1443	1517	1553	1673	1728	3.29
Belcarra (VL)	712	720	726	715	722	727	0.69
Bowen Island (IM) *	3085	3166	3288	3353	3424	3501	2.25
Burnaby (C)	202419	202478	202814	203244	204551	205477	0.45
Coquitlam (C)	117814	119380	120083	119159	119451	119319	-0.11
Delta (DM)	101178	101481	101948	102114	102642	102939	0.29
Langley (C)	24673	24685	24924	24982	25712	25789	0.30
Langley, Township of (DM)	90685	91146	92609	94776	97113	99537	2.50
Lions Bay (VL)	1439	1429	1438	1421	1421	1418	-0.21
Maple Ridge (DM)	65922	67777	69438	71037	73748	75783	2.76
New Westminster (C)	57044	57241	57924	57892	57572	57645	0.13
North Vancouver (DM)	85905	86138	87014	86868	87072	87518	0.51
North Vancouver (C)	46236	46977	46496	46831	48037	49248	2.52
Pitt Meadows (DM)	15311	15645	15716	16143	16780	17532	4.48
Port Coquitlam (C)	53497	54841	55164	55525	55666	55712	0.08
Port Moody (C)	24854	25274	25884	26849	28639	30120	5.17
Richmond (C)	171517	172547	173629	174364	175791	176599	0.46
Surrey (C)	363004	372581	379560	387162	395664	402150	1.64
Vancouver (C)	569473	572089	576232	579717	583191	587891	0.81
West Vancouver (DM)	43229	43290	43454	43356	44143	44272	0.29
White Rock (C)	19047	19153	19056	19370	19699	19545	-0.78

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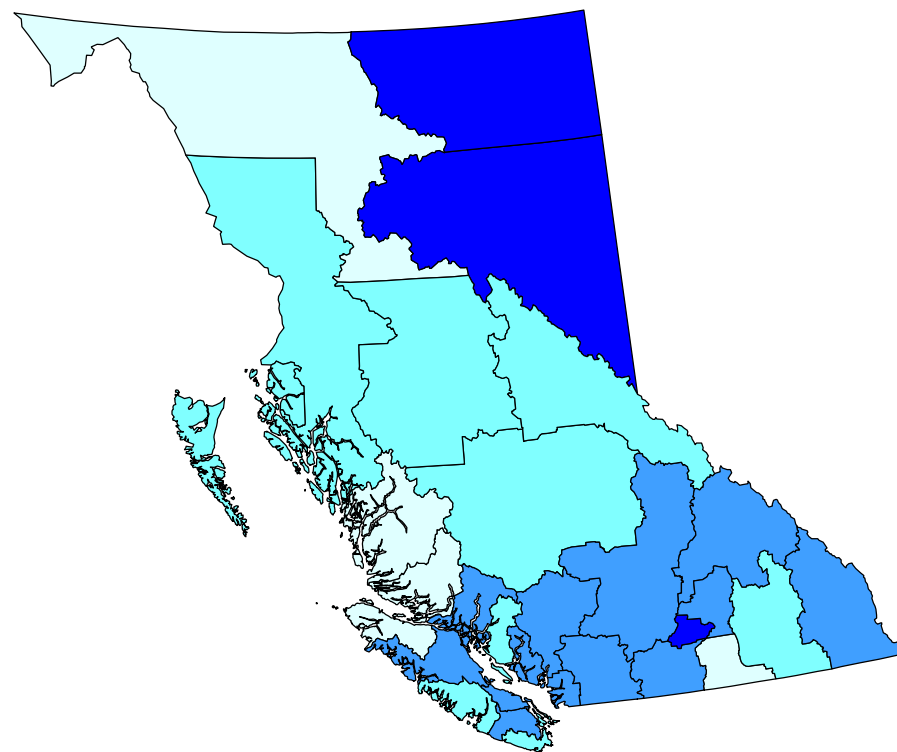
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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Kitimat-Stikine	42662	42501	42669	43043	42912	42927	0.03
Hazelton (VL)	360	362	353	355	341	362	6.16
Kitimat (DM)	10733	10639	10575	10725	10586	10510	-0.72
New Hazelton (DM)	783	790	770	765	758	729	-3.83
Stewart (DM)	690	698	710	717	695	670	-3.60
Terrace (C)	12639	12525	12542	12599	12554	12660	0.84
Kootenay-Boundary	33234	33277	33271	32900	33177	32864	-0.94
Fruitvale (VL) *	2114	2086	2113	2062	2083	2039	-2.11
Grand Forks (C)	4230	4164	4169	4184	4200	4159	-0.98
Greenwood (C)	695	688	675	666	668	656	-1.80
Midway (VL)	666	658	653	641	630	629	-0.16
Montrose (VL)	1114	1115	1113	1090	1086	1088	0.18
Rossland (C) *	3804	3775	3765	3690	3724	3653	-1.91
Trail (C) *	7905	7992	7946	7891	7939	7744	-2.46
Warfield (VL)	1815	1811	1775	1763	1762	1766	0.23
Mount Waddington	13683	13585	13481	13802	13588	13562	-0.19
Alert Bay (VL)	608	622	616	617	611	597	-2.29
Port Alice (VL)	1175	1171	1126	1206	1128	1131	0.27
Port Hardy (DM)	4774	4726	4613	4798	4596	4585	-0.24
Port McNeill (T)	2944	2910	2886	2908	2927	2929	0.07
Nanaimo	132555	134058	136315	137947	141062	143791	1.93
Lantzville (DM) ††	--	--	3538	3763	3819	3807	-0.31
Nanaimo (C)	76185	76784	77786	78480	79616	80949	1.67
Parksville (C)	10773	10866	11081	11275	11707	12081	3.19
Qualicum Beach (T) *	7224	7292	7394	7403	8806	8899	1.06
North Okanagan	76426	77215	77971	79114	80493	81888	1.73
Armstrong (C)	4442	4497	4506	4534	4554	4531	-0.51
Coldstream (DM)	9504	9622	9817	9922	10101	10320	2.17
Enderby (C)	2941	2974	3000	3023	3072	3134	2.02
Lumby (VL)	1689	1698	1683	1703	1738	1766	1.61
Spallumcheen (DM)	5358	5387	5412	5648	5706	5729	0.40
Vernon (C) *	34957	35158	35554	35643	36228	36785	1.54
Northern Rockies	5969	6004	6127	6451	6605	6644	0.59
Fort Nelson (T)	4371	4405	4443	4706	4822	4871	1.02
Okanagan-Similkameen	79985	80663	80998	81670	83036	84914	2.26
Keremeos (VL)	1249	1274	1283	1283	1315	1369	4.11
Oliver (T)	4409	4441	4426	4378	4379	4369	-0.23
Osoyoos (T)	4483	4507	4627	4611	4800	4963	3.40
Penticton (C)	32340	32531	32912	32955	33057	34669	4.88
Princeton (T)	2724	2741	2753	2691	2687	2687	0.00
Summerland (DM)	11181	11225	11332	11285	11404	11443	0.34
Peace River	57479	58304	58705	62096	62961	64272	2.08
Chetwynd (DM)	2704	2684	2576	2729	2770	2866	3.47
Dawson Creek (C)	11224	11179	11175	11320	11393	11615	1.95
Fort St. John (C)	16734	16924	16959	17326	17779	18270	2.76
Hudson's Hope (DM)	1084	1071	1088	1159	1157	1159	0.17
Pouce Coupe (VL)	869	861	862	864	887	910	2.59
Taylor (DM)	1193	1234	1275	1291	1346	1380	2.53
Tumbler Ridge (DM)	1932	2418	2492	2464	2526	2698	6.81
Powell River	20627	20664	20737	20869	21074	21364	1.38
Powell River (DM)	13550	13557	13590	13716	13830	14035	1.48
Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (IGD)**	38	38	38	38	38	38	0.00
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	22639	22473	22312	22508	22462	22722	1.16
Masset (VL)	966	955	965	967	967	982	1.55
Port Clements (VL)	538	531	527	534	533	517	-3.00
Port Edward (DM)	688	671	667	659	653	629	-3.68
Prince Rupert (C)	15282	15135	14962	15060	14972	15281	2.06
Village of Queen Charlotte (VL)	--	--	--	--	--	1042	
Name	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% Chg.
Squamish-Lillooet	34533	35067	35801	36642	36775	37750	2.65
Lillooet (DM)	2859	2793	2755	2821	2755	2779	0.87
Pemberton (VL) *	1708	1872	2025	2210	2517	2563	1.83
Squamish (DM)	14871	14920	15159	15431	15724	16199	3.02
Whistler (DM)	9283	9502	9750	9828	9360	9595	2.51
Stikine	1374	1330	1376	1355	1377	1367	-0.73
Sunshine Coast	26713	27015	27427	27740	28592	29262	2.34
Gibsons (T)	4076	4111	4190	4216	4349	4458	2.51
Sechelt (DM)	8113	8240	8395	8511	8899	9224	3.65
Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (IGD)**	829	833	828	830	850	862	1.41
Thompson-Nicola	124498	125365	125925	127534	128777	130933	1.67
Ashcroft (VL)	1866	1861	1849	1868	1836	1825	-0.60
Cache Creek (VL)	1102	1105	1056	1145	1134	1115	-1.68
Chase (VL) *	2567	2544	2553	2552	2568	2600	1.25
Clinton (VL) *	648	649	664	672	654	739	13.00
Kamloops (C) *	80656	81259	81398	81916	82703	84064	1.65
Logan Lake (DM)	2280	2286	2318	2321	2313	2307	-0.26
Lytton (VL)	333	339	333	334	336	330	-1.79
Merritt (C)	7396	7408	7418	7516	7561	7595	0.45
British Columbia	4078447	4115413	4155370	4203315	4257833	4310452	1.24
Source:							
Population Section, BC Stats, Service BC,							
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C = City, T = Town, VL = Village, DM = District Municipality,							
IM= Island Municipality, IGD = Indian Government District,							
DR=Development Region.							
* Denotes a boundary change between 2001 and 2006.							
**Sechelt Indian Government District is split between Sunshine Coast							
and Powell River Regional Districts.							
†† Base population figures for new incorporations are							
supplied by the Ministry of Community Services.							
British Columbia	2005-06						
Development Region	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% Chg.
Vancouver Island/Coast	717,966	722,581	729,649	736,768	747,847	756,957	1.2
Mainland/Southwest	2,382,824	2,408,325	2,432,137	2,457,813	2,489,082	2,516,721	1.1
Thompson-Okanagan	485,423	491,011	496,920	503,673	513,461	525,281	2.3
Kootenay	151,487	152,424	153,626	153,734	155,264	156,684	0.9
Cariboo	167,989	167,796	169,202	172,052	171,922	172,730	0.5
North Coast	65,301	64,974	64,981	65,551	65,374	65,649	0.4
Nechako	44,009	43,994	44,023	45,177	45,317	45,514	0.4
Northeast	63,448	64,308	64,832	68,547	69,566	70,916	1.9
British Columbia Total	4,078,447	4,115,413	4,155,370	4,203,315	4,257,833	4,310,452	1.2

Total Population Average Annual Percent Change



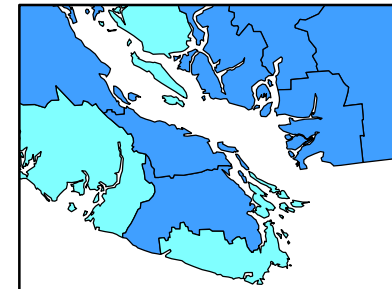
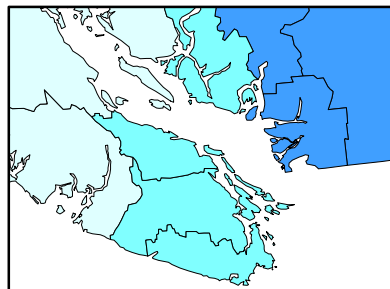
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2001-2006

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