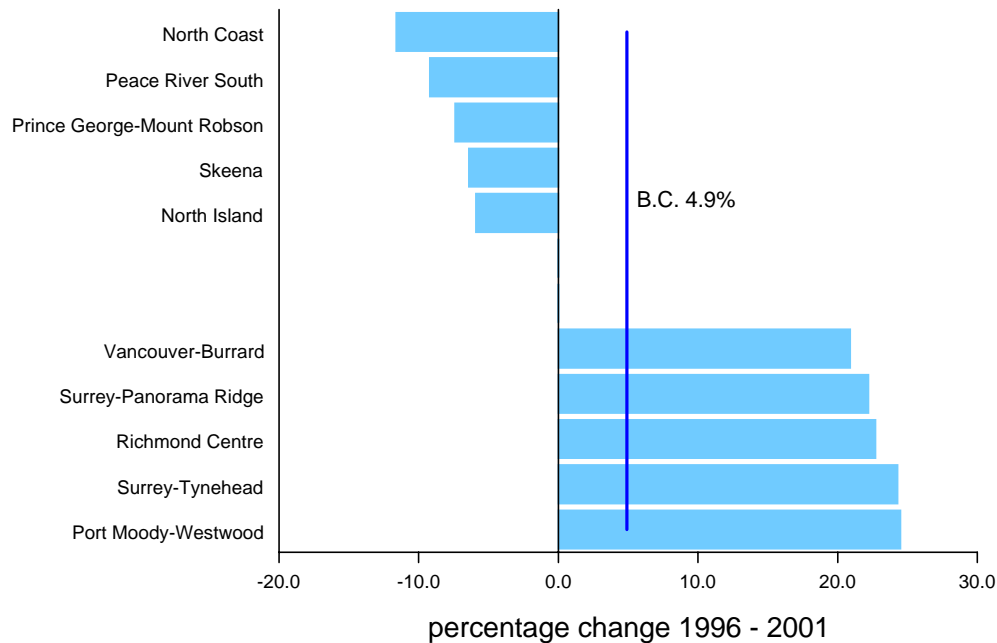


2001 Census Fast Facts: *Provincial Electoral Districts*

The populations of 5 Electoral Districts grew by at least 20% between 1996 and 2001.



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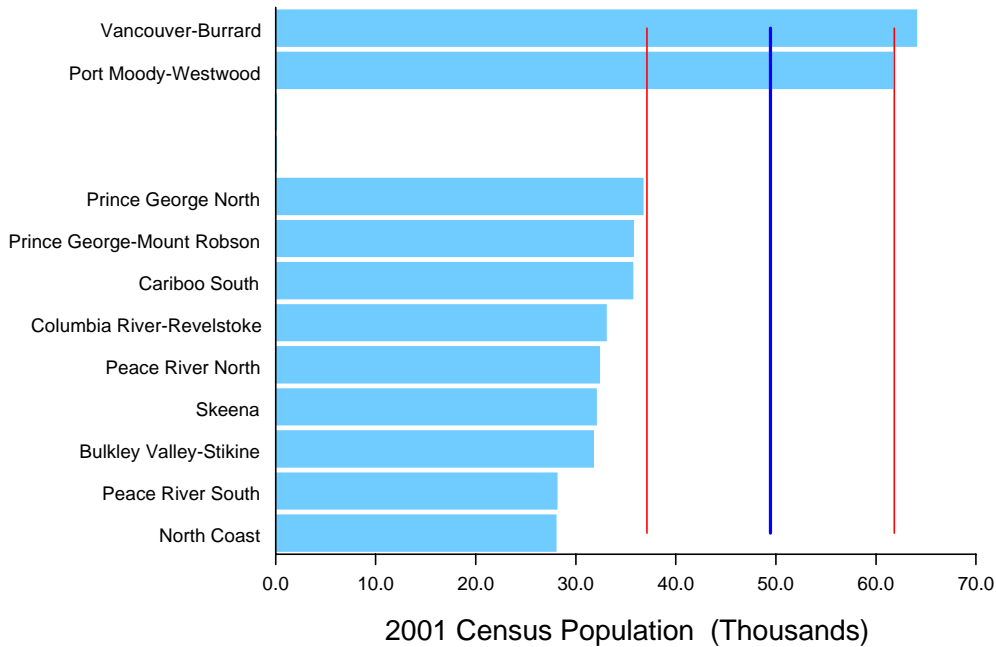
The populations of the 79 Provincial Electoral Districts (PED) have varied considerably over the 1996 to 2001 period, as measured by the Census of Canada. Port Moody-Westwood (+24.5%) and Surrey-Tynehead (+24.3%) had the strongest growth among the PEDs. Population increases of greater than 20% were also registered in Richmond Centre, Surrey-Panorama Ridge and Vancouver-Burrard. This compares to growth of 4.9% over the five-year period for the province as a whole. A number of the PEDs registered population declines between 1996 and 2001, notably North Coast (-11.6%) and Peace River South (-9.2%).

When the current PEDs were delineated by the Electoral Boundaries Commission in 1999, one of the objectives was to have them stay within 25% of the electoral quota (or average PED population) until the next boundary review in about 5 years time. Based on the 1996 Census, six PEDs had populations that were below 25% of the electoral quota, but represented "very special circumstances" relating to small populations spread over large land areas or the availability of communication and transportation networks. Following the 2001 Census, it appears that three more PEDs (Cariboo South,



Prince George-Mount Robson and Prince George North) have fallen below the 25% mark and two others (Cariboo North and Yale-Lillooet) are very close to it. At the other extreme, Vancouver-Burrard is now almost 30% above the electoral quota (49,465 persons) and Port Moody-Westwood is almost 25% above the quota.¹

Two Electoral Districts are 25% above the electoral quota while nine are below 25%.



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The following table shows the PED populations based on the 1996 and 2001 Censuses.

For maps of the Provincial Electoral Districts and also links to Elections BC maps, please refer to:

www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/cen96/ped96new/p96index.htm

¹ It should be noted that the 1996 and 2001 population data are not strictly comparable. The 1996 Census counts represent the official PED boundaries and were developed from a combination of 1996 block face and enumeration area (EA) data. The 2001 Census counts are based on 2001 dissemination areas (similar to EAs), that do not always correspond exactly to the official PED boundaries. The 2001 dissemination area correspondence to PEDs is used because it is this geographic level that will be used to tabulate data on other characteristics from the census.

Total Population (1996 and 2001 Census Counts)

Provincial Electoral Districts	1996*	2001**	% change	% Deviation from average	
				1996	2001
1 Abbotsford-Clayburn	42,909	44,865	4.6	-9.0	-9.3
2 Abbotsford-Mount Lehman	48,464	55,493	14.5	2.8	12.2
3 Alberni-Qualicum	50,789	50,695	-0.2	7.7	2.5
4 Bulkley Valley-Stikine	32,175	31,728	-1.4	-31.8	-35.9
5 Burnaby-Edmonds	49,897	55,741	11.7	5.8	12.7
6 Burnaby North	51,263	53,415	4.2	8.7	8.0
7 Burnaby-Willingdon	48,449	53,380	10.2	2.8	7.9
8 Burquitlam	51,282	53,881	5.1	8.8	8.9
9 Cariboo North	37,505	37,209	-0.8	-20.4	-24.8
10 Cariboo South	36,451	35,678	-2.1	-22.7	-27.9
11 Chilliwack-Kent	43,839	46,975	7.2	-7.0	-5.0
12 Chilliwack-Sumas	43,347	46,700	7.7	-8.1	-5.6
13 Columbia River-Revelstoke	34,056	33,005	-3.1	-27.8	-33.3
14 Comox Valley	54,912	55,314	0.7	16.5	11.8
15 Coquitlam-Maillardville	49,433	50,733	2.6	4.9	2.6
16 Cowichan-Ladysmith	50,641	51,125	1.0	7.4	3.4
17 Delta North	51,248	52,108	1.7	8.7	5.3
18 Delta South	44,682	45,321	1.4	-5.2	-8.4
19 East Kootenay	38,222	38,503	0.7	-18.9	-22.2
20 Esquimalt-Metchosin	46,890	47,671	1.7	-0.5	-3.6
21 Fort Langley-Aldergrove	52,439	56,872	8.5	11.2	15.0
22 Kamloops	48,325	48,959	1.3	2.5	-1.0
23 Kamloops-North Thompson	47,728	48,482	1.6	1.2	-2.0
24 Kelowna-Lake Country	51,304	56,166	9.5	8.8	13.5
25 Kelowna-Mission	52,483	55,040	4.9	11.3	11.3
26 Langley	50,797	54,174	6.6	7.7	9.5
27 Malahat-Juan de Fuca	47,168	50,126	6.3	0.0	1.3
28 Maple Ridge-Mission	53,277	56,951	6.9	13.0	15.1
29 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	52,016	56,272	8.2	10.3	13.8
30 Nanaimo	51,447	51,197	-0.5	9.1	3.5
31 Nanaimo-Parksville	51,841	56,076	8.2	10.0	13.4
32 Nelson-Creston	45,101	44,131	-2.2	-4.3	-10.8
33 New Westminster	49,350	54,656	10.8	4.7	10.5
34 North Coast	31,678	27,992	-11.6	-32.8	-43.4
35 North Island	57,051	53,657	-5.9	21.0	8.5
36 North Vancouver-Lonsdale	45,760	48,924	6.9	-2.9	-1.1
37 North Vancouver-Seymour	53,167	54,404	2.3	12.8	10.0
38 Oak Bay-Gordon Head	47,714	47,814	0.2	1.2	-3.3
39 Okanagan-Vernon	55,359	56,926	2.8	17.4	15.1
40 Okanagan-Westside	43,774	47,678	8.9	-7.2	-3.6
41 Peace River North	31,011	32,353	4.3	-34.2	-34.6
42 Peace River South	30,946	28,097	-9.2	-34.4	-43.2
43 Penticton-Okanagan Valley	55,735	56,372	1.1	18.2	14.0
44 Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain	50,410	55,201	9.5	6.9	11.6
45 Port Moody-Westwood	49,512	61,637	24.5	5.0	24.6
46 Powell River-Sunshine Coast	44,901	45,406	1.1	-4.8	-8.2
47 Prince George-Mount Robson	38,581	35,741	-7.4	-18.2	-27.7

Total Population (1996 and 2001 Census Counts)

Provincial Electoral Districts	1996*	2001**	% change	% Deviation from average	
				1996	2001
48 Prince George North	38,431	36,696	-4.5	-18.5	-25.8
49 Prince George-Omineca	38,759	39,109	0.9	-17.8	-20.9
50 Richmond Centre	46,286	56,792	22.7	-1.8	14.8
51 Richmond East	51,508	55,576	7.9	9.3	12.4
52 Richmond-Steveston	51,073	51,977	1.8	8.3	5.1
53 Saanich North and the Islands	50,856	52,671	3.6	7.9	6.5
54 Saanich South	47,965	49,585	3.4	1.7	0.2
55 Shuswap	48,389	49,240	1.8	2.6	-0.5
56 Skeena	34,211	32,021	-6.4	-27.4	-35.3
57 Surrey-Cloverdale	41,223	49,122	19.2	-12.6	-0.7
58 Surrey-Green Timbers	49,804	53,132	6.7	5.6	7.4
59 Surrey-Newton	43,199	50,281	16.4	-8.4	1.6
60 Surrey-Panorama Ridge	43,617	53,289	22.2	-7.5	7.7
61 Surrey-Tynehead	47,540	59,081	24.3	0.8	19.4
62 Surrey-Whalley	47,270	48,686	3.0	0.3	-1.6
63 Surrey-White Rock	49,402	52,770	6.8	4.8	6.7
64 Vancouver-Burrard	52,996	64,046	20.9	12.4	29.5
65 Vancouver-Fairview	51,961	54,036	4.0	10.2	9.2
66 Vancouver-Fraserview	50,318	53,062	5.5	6.7	7.3
67 Vancouver-Hastings	53,587	56,683	5.8	13.7	14.6
68 Vancouver-Kensington	51,593	54,056	4.8	9.4	9.3
69 Vancouver-Kingsway	52,482	54,379	3.6	11.3	9.9
70 Vancouver-Langara	51,847	53,459	3.1	10.0	8.1
71 Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	51,961	53,986	3.9	10.2	9.1
72 Vancouver-Point Grey	52,115	56,376	8.2	10.5	14.0
73 Vancouver-Quilchena	53,373	54,709	2.5	13.2	10.6
74 Victoria-Beacon Hill	49,479	49,427	-0.1	4.9	-0.1
75 Victoria-Hillside	47,991	49,093	2.3	1.8	-0.8
76 West Kootenay-Boundary	45,967	44,794	-2.6	-2.5	-9.4
77 West Vancouver-Capilano	48,075	49,000	1.9	2.0	-0.9
78 West Vancouver-Garibaldi	47,604	52,563	10.4	1.0	6.3
79 Yale-Lillooet	38,289	37,197	-2.9	-18.8	-24.8
British Columbia	3,724,500	3,907,738	4.9		
Average PED Population	47,146	49,465			

Source: BC Stats

* 1996 Census, May 14, 1996

** 2001 Census, May 15, 2001