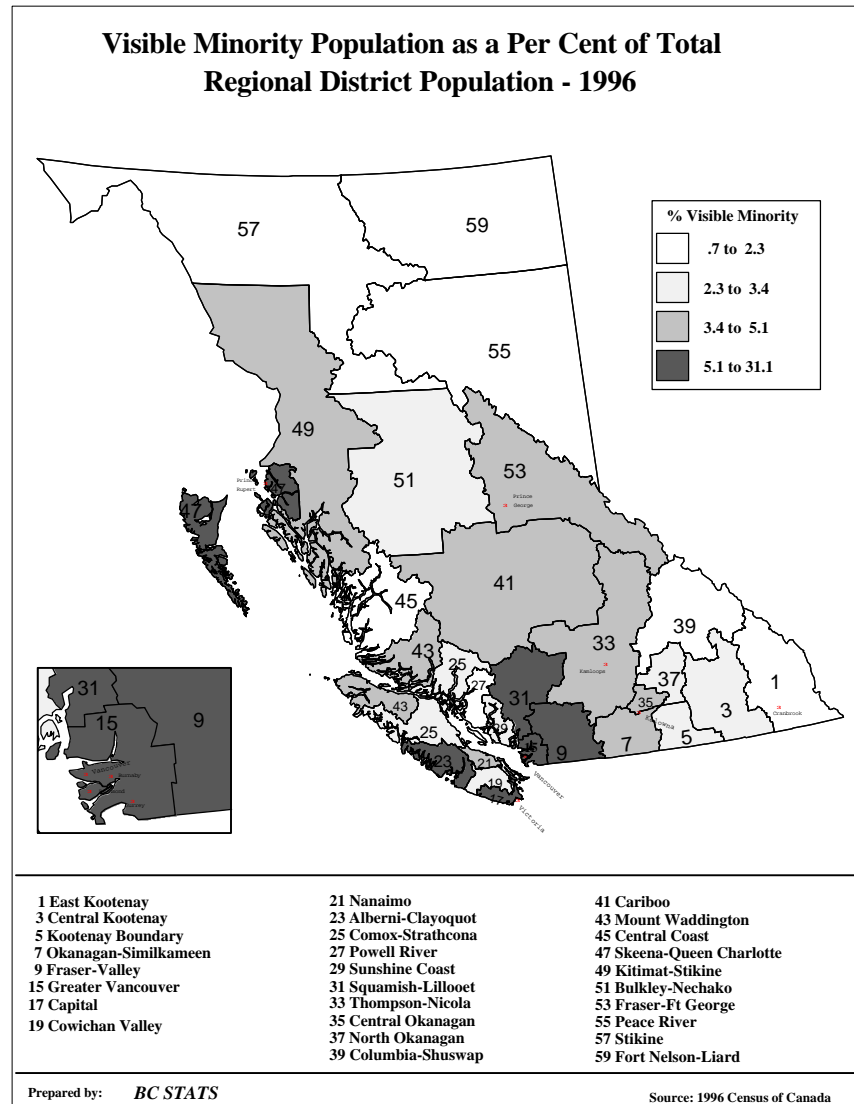


Focus on BC Visible Minorities: Where They Live



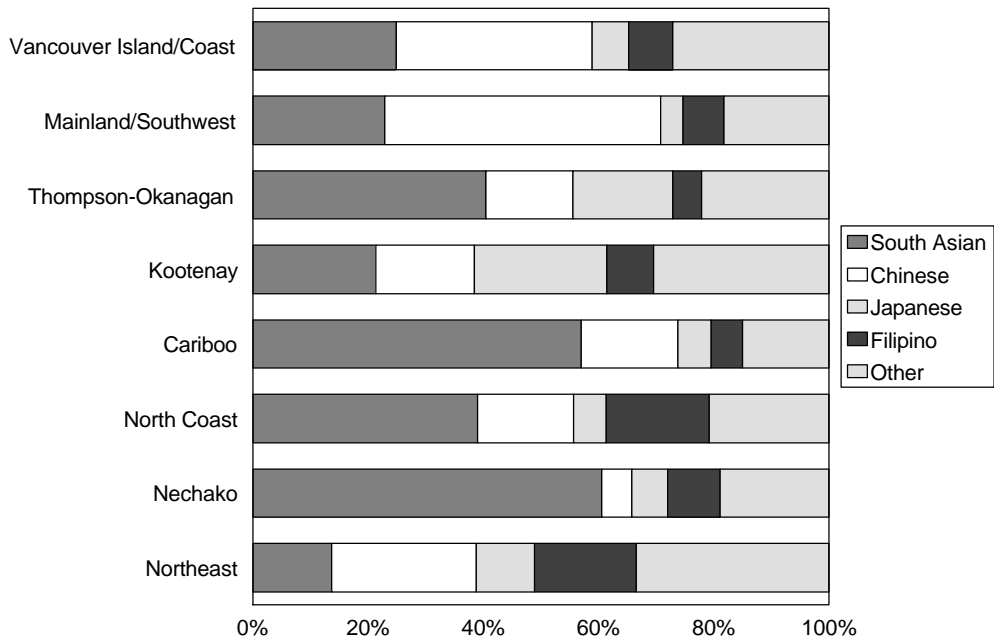
- Of the 660,545 persons in BC who identify as visible minorities, 564,600, or 85.5 per cent, live in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) and constitute 31.3 per cent of the GVRD population.
- Among the ethnic groups that make up the visible minority population in the GVRD, 70 per cent are from only two ethnic groups, Chinese, at 49.4 per cent, and South Asian, at 21.3 per cent.
- Ninety-three per cent of visible minorities with a Chinese ethnicity live in the GVRD.
- Although a significant proportion of the visible minority population in B.C. live in

the GVRD, other regional districts also possess a diverse ethnic mix.

- Over one quarter of all visible minorities in Skeena-Queen Charlotte are Filipino.
- In Central Kootenay 19 per cent of the visible minority population is black.
- In most Regional Districts in the province the highest proportion of visible minority population is either South Asian or Chi-

nese. The two exceptions are Central Kootenay and Fort Nelson-Liard where the highest per cent is Japanese. Central Kootenay's high proportion of Japanese population is partially due to temporary residents attending private education institutions in the Nelson area.

Distribution of Visible Minority Population by Ethnicity in British Columbia



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Visible Minority Population in British Columbia Regional Districts

	Total						Southeast	Arab/West		Latin	Visible	Multiple
	Visible Minority Population	Black	South Asian	Chinese	Korean	Japanese	Asian	Filipino	Asian	American	Minority.nie	Origin
East Kootenay	1,305	115	350	235	25	245	30	125	10	50	60	65
Central Kootenay	1,365	260	185	195	45	460	15	110	40	40	20	0
Kootenay Boundary	845	100	220	175	10	105	20	50	10	90	55	15
Okanagan-Similkameen	3,515	105	1,960	480	60	225	70	200	65	180	85	75
Fraser Valley	20,020	915	12,800	1,815	670	575	900	630	240	885	270	305
Greater Vancouver	564,600	16,400	120,140	279,040	17,085	21,880	20,370	40,710	18,155	13,830	6,775	10,210
Capital	23,225	2,130	4,560	9,550	390	1,440	1,155	1,720	760	900	155	460
Cowichan Valley	2,425	190	1,235	520	25	110	80	110	70	30	0	50
Nanaimo	6,175	610	1,700	1,355	75	480	1,050	480	100	170	80	75
Alberni-Clayoquot	1,875	75	1,215	320	25	50	45	85	0	30	0	25
Comox-Strathcona	3,045	210	595	760	90	210	515	340	15	225	50	40
Powell River	430	40	80	120	50	45	15	15	0	10	25	35
Sunshine Coast	645	75	25	245	15	120	0	75	10	30	20	35
Squamish-Lillooet	2,010	95	1,240	250	0	145	55	95	25	80	0	0
Thompson-Nicola	5,940	255	2,505	1,010	155	1,090	190	305	75	175	90	90
Central Okanagan	5,235	465	1,630	755	85	1,120	140	205	325	335	80	90
North Okanagan	1,995	85	755	380	0	395	135	65	15	105	50	10
Columbia-Shuswap	930	120	265	55	25	210	20	110	50	50	0	30
Cariboo	3,405	220	2,375	315	0	230	40	135	0	45	20	15
Mount Waddington	590	70	40	215	0	20	0	155	0	40	0	35
Central Coast	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	2,185	35	620	365	50	90	270	580	15	70	45	30
Kitimat-Stikine	2,000	160	1,005	330	0	150	40	165	30	75	40	10
Bulkley-Nechako	1,220	40	735	65	10	75	95	110	0	40	25	10
Fraser-Fort George	4,365	360	2,035	985	90	215	60	295	50	95	80	90
Peace River	1,010	120	125	260	65	75	35	200	20	50	25	40
Stikine Region	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Nelson-Liard	135	0	30	25	0	40	0	0	0	25	0	0
British Columbia	660,545	23,275	158,435	299,860	19,055	29,815	25,355	47,080	20,090	17,655	8,070	11,850

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Visible Minority Population as a % of Total Regional District Population

	Total						Southeast		Arab/West		Latin	Visible	Multiple
	Visible Minority Population	Black	South Asian	Chinese	Korean	Japanese	Asian	Filipino	Asian	American	Minority.nie	Origin	
East Kootenay	2.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Central Kootenay	2.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	
Kootenay Boundary	2.6	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	
Okanagan-Similkameen	4.7	0.1	2.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	
Fraser Valley	9.2	0.4	5.9	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	
Greater Vancouver	31.1	0.9	6.6	15.4	0.9	1.2	1.1	2.2	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.6	
Capital	7.4	0.7	1.5	3.0	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	
Cowichan Valley	3.4	0.3	1.8	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	
Nanaimo	5.1	0.5	1.4	1.1	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Alberni-Clayoquot	6.0	0.2	3.9	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	
Comox-Strathcona	3.1	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	
Powell River	2.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	
Sunshine Coast	2.6	0.3	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Squamish-Lillooet	6.9	0.3	4.2	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	
Thompson-Nicola	5.0	0.2	2.1	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Central Okanagan	3.9	0.3	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	
North Okanagan	2.8	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	
Columbia-Shuswap	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	
Cariboo	5.1	0.3	3.6	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	
Mount Waddington	4.0	0.5	0.3	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	
Central Coast	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	8.8	0.1	2.5	1.5	0.2	0.4	1.1	2.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	
Kitimat-Stikine	4.6	0.4	2.3	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	
Bulkley-Nechako	2.9	0.1	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	
Fraser-Fort George	4.4	0.4	2.1	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Peace River	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	
Stikine Region	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fort Nelson-Liard	2.3	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	
British Columbia	17.9	0.6	4.3	8.1	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	

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% Distribution of Regional District Visible Minority Population by Ethnicity

	Total	South					Southeast		Arab/West		Latin	Visible	Multiple
	Visible Minority Population	Black	Asian	Chinese	Korean	Japanese	Asian	Filipino	Asian	American	Minority.nie	Origin	
East Kootenay	100.0	8.8	26.7	17.9	1.9	18.7	2.3	9.5	0.8	3.8	4.6	5.0	
Central Kootenay	100.0	19.0	13.5	14.2	3.3	33.6	1.1	8.0	2.9	2.9	1.5	0.0	
Kootenay Boundary	100.0	11.8	25.9	20.6	1.2	12.4	2.4	5.9	1.2	10.6	6.5	1.8	
Okanagan-Similkameen	100.0	3.0	55.9	13.7	1.7	6.4	2.0	5.7	1.9	5.1	2.4	2.1	
Fraser Valley	100.0	4.6	64.0	9.1	3.3	2.9	4.5	3.1	1.2	4.4	1.3	1.5	
Greater Vancouver	100.0	2.9	21.3	49.4	3.0	3.9	3.6	7.2	3.2	2.4	1.2	1.8	
Capital	100.0	9.2	19.6	41.1	1.7	6.2	5.0	7.4	3.3	3.9	0.7	2.0	
Cowichan Valley	100.0	7.9	51.0	21.5	1.0	4.5	3.3	4.5	2.9	1.2	0.0	2.1	
Nanaimo	100.0	9.9	27.5	21.9	1.2	7.8	17.0	7.8	1.6	2.8	1.3	1.2	
Alberni-Clayoquot	100.0	4.0	65.0	17.1	1.3	2.7	2.4	4.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.3	
Comox-Strathcona	100.0	6.9	19.5	24.9	3.0	6.9	16.9	11.1	0.5	7.4	1.6	1.3	
Powell River	100.0	9.2	18.4	27.6	11.5	10.3	3.4	3.4	0.0	2.3	5.7	8.0	
Sunshine Coast	100.0	11.5	3.8	37.7	2.3	18.5	0.0	11.5	1.5	4.6	3.1	5.4	
Squamish-Lillooet	100.0	4.8	62.5	12.6	0.0	7.3	2.8	4.8	1.3	4.0	0.0	0.0	
Thompson-Nicola	100.0	4.3	42.2	17.0	2.6	18.4	3.2	5.1	1.3	2.9	1.5	1.5	
Central Okanagan	100.0	8.9	31.2	14.4	1.6	21.4	2.7	3.9	6.2	6.4	1.5	1.7	
North Okanagan	100.0	4.3	37.8	19.0	0.0	19.8	6.8	3.3	0.8	5.3	2.5	0.5	
Columbia-Shuswap	100.0	12.8	28.3	5.9	2.7	22.5	2.1	11.8	5.3	5.3	0.0	3.2	
Cariboo	100.0	6.5	70.0	9.3	0.0	6.8	1.2	4.0	0.0	1.3	0.6	0.4	
Mount Waddington	100.0	12.2	7.0	37.4	0.0	3.5	0.0	27.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	6.1	
Central Coast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	100.0	1.6	28.6	16.8	2.3	4.1	12.4	26.7	0.7	3.2	2.1	1.4	
Kitimat-Stikine	100.0	8.0	50.1	16.5	0.0	7.5	2.0	8.2	1.5	3.7	2.0	0.5	
Bulkley-Nechako	100.0	3.3	61.0	5.4	0.8	6.2	7.9	9.1	0.0	3.3	2.1	0.8	
Fraser-Fort George	100.0	8.3	46.7	22.6	2.1	4.9	1.4	6.8	1.1	2.2	1.8	2.1	
Peace River	100.0	11.8	12.3	25.6	6.4	7.4	3.4	19.7	2.0	4.9	2.5	3.9	
Stikine Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fort Nelson-Liard	100.0	0.0	25.0	20.8	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.0	0.0	
British Columbia	100.0	3.5	24.0	45.4	2.9	4.5	3.8	7.1	3.0	2.7	1.2	1.8	

% Distribution of Visible Minority Population by Regional District

	Total Visible Minority Population	Black	South Asian	Chinese	Korean	Japanese	Southeast Asian	Filipino	Arab/West Asian	Latin American	Visible Minority.nie	Multiple Origin
East Kootenay	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.5
Central Kootenay	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Kootenay Boundary	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.1
Okanagan-Similkameen	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.6
Fraser Valley	3.0	3.9	8.1	0.6	3.5	1.9	3.6	1.3	1.2	5.0	3.4	2.6
Greater Vancouver	85.5	70.5	75.8	93.1	89.7	73.4	80.4	86.5	90.4	78.3	84.2	86.2
Capital	3.5	9.2	2.9	3.2	2.0	4.8	4.6	3.7	3.8	5.1	1.9	3.9
Cowichan Valley	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4
Nanaimo	0.9	2.6	1.1	0.5	0.4	1.6	4.1	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.6
Alberni-Clayoquot	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Comox-Strathcona	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.1	1.3	0.6	0.3
Powell River	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3
Sunshine Coast	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
Squamish-Lillooet	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Thompson-Nicola	0.9	1.1	1.6	0.3	0.8	3.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.8
Central Okanagan	0.8	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.4	3.8	0.6	0.4	1.6	1.9	1.0	0.8
North Okanagan	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.1
Columbia-Shuswap	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3
Cariboo	0.5	0.9	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1
Mount Waddington	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3
Central Coast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.3
Kitimat-Stikine	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1
Bulkley-Nechako	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1
Fraser-Fort George	0.7	1.5	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.8
Peace River	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Stikine Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Nelson-Liard	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
British Columbia	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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