



# **1996 Census Profile of British Columbia's Census Subdivisions (CSD)**

## **Profile of Cowichan Valley Regional District**

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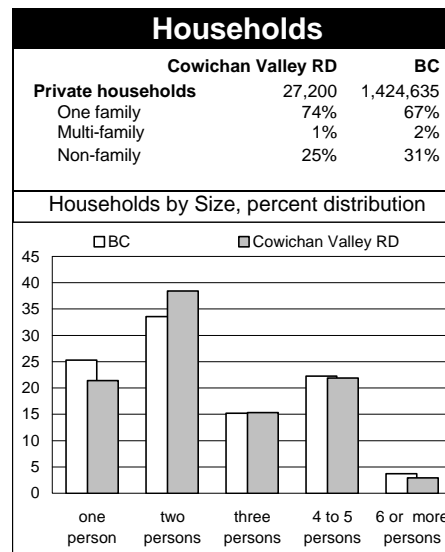
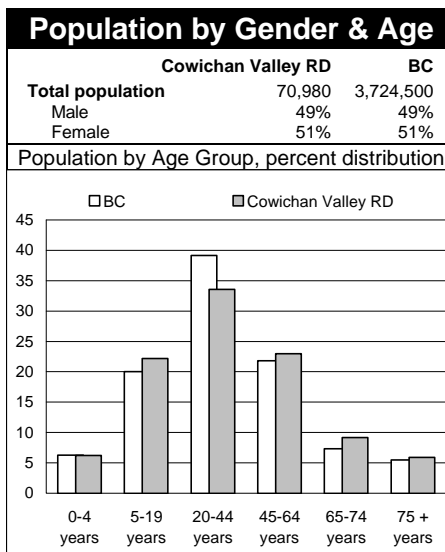
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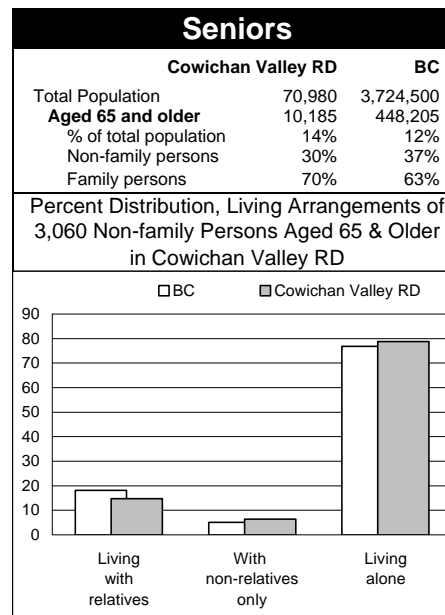
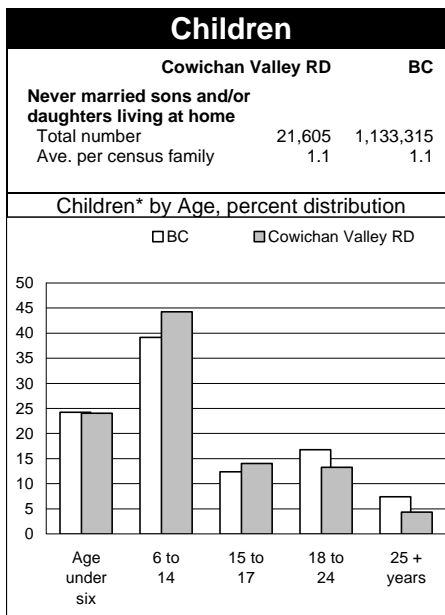
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Summary		
	Cowichan Valley RD	BC
<b>Total population</b> (as of May 14, 1996)	70,978	3,724,500
Share of BC	1.9%	100.0
<b>1991 Census Population</b> (as of June 4, 1991)	60,560	3,282,061
Percent change 1991-1996	17.2%	13.5%
<b>Land area 1996</b> km <sup>2</sup>	3,379.38	892,677
Cowichan Valley Regional District		
<b>Top 3 industries</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Experienced Labour Force	32,565	100%
Retail trade	4,250	13%
Manufacturing	4,150	13%
Health, social services	3,075	9%
<b>Top 3 occupations</b>		
Experienced Labour Force	32,570	100%
Sales & service n.e.c.	2,805	9%
Clerical	2,645	8%
Teachers & professors	1,280	4%

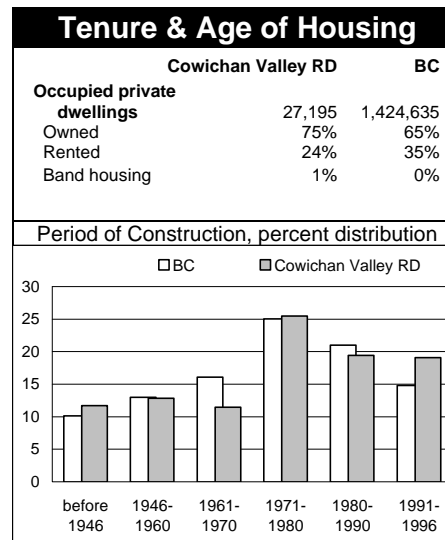
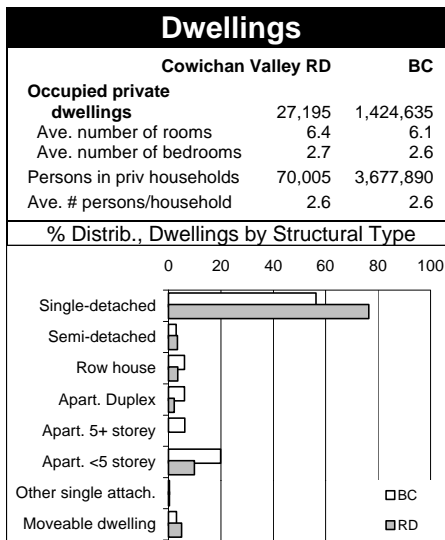


Marital Status & Families		
	Cowichan Valley RD	BC
<b>Population 15+ years</b>	55,695	2,989,325
Single, never married	25%	31%
Legally married	57%	52%
Separated	3%	3%
Divorced	9%	8%
Widowed	6%	6%
Census Families by Structure		
<b>Number of census families</b>	20,555	1,008,440
<b>Husband-wife families</b>	17,930	869,430
Now-married couples	15,685	765,565
Without child* at home	51%	43%
With children* at home	49%	57%
Common-law couples	2,250	103,865
Without child* at home	50%	62%
With children* at home	50%	38%
<b>Single-parent families</b>	2,625	139,010
Male parent	20%	17%
Female parent	80%	83%

child\*/children\* - defined as never married sons and/or daughters at home



Affordability		
	Cowichan Valley RD	BC
<b>Average value of occupied private dwellings</b>	\$191,888	\$239,745
<b>Occupied dwellings</b>	27,195	1,424,635
Regular maintenance	67%	69%
Require minor repairs	24%	24%
Require major repairs	9%	8%
<b>Tenant 1-family households, non-farm, non-reserve, without extra persons</b>	3,245	211,925
Average gross rent	\$697	\$772
Gross rent spending 30% or more of hh income on shelter	1,705	89,820
Above as % of tenants	53%	42%
<b>Owner 1-family households, non-farm, non-reserve, without extra persons</b>	14,505	623,225
Average owner's major payments	\$686	\$840
Owners major payments spending 30% or more of hh income on shelter	2,000	111,685
Above as % of owners	14%	18%



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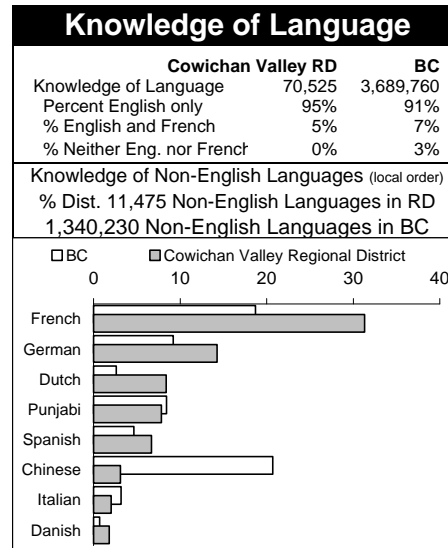
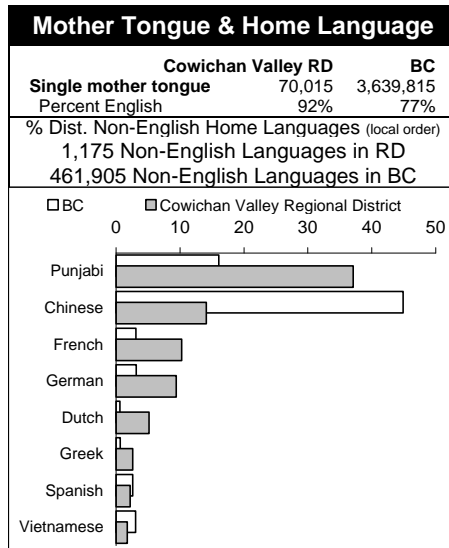
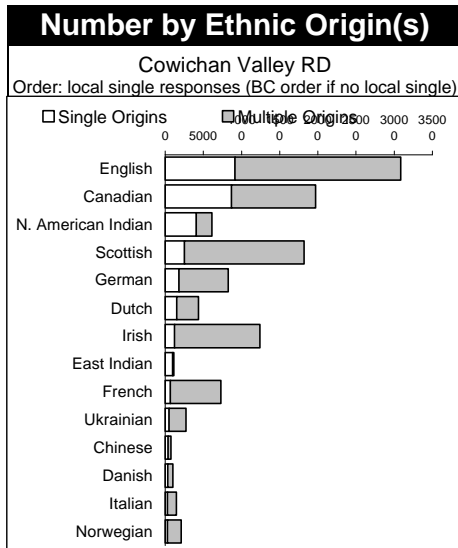
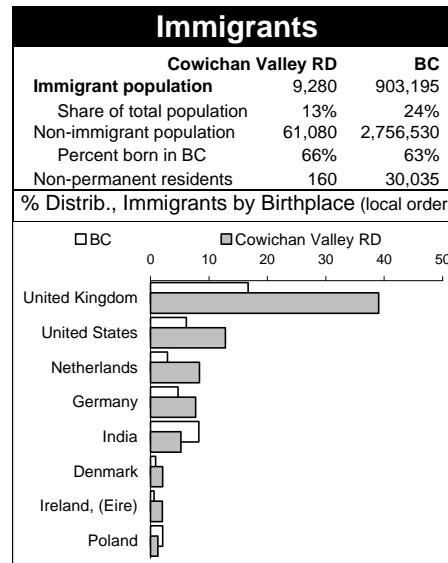
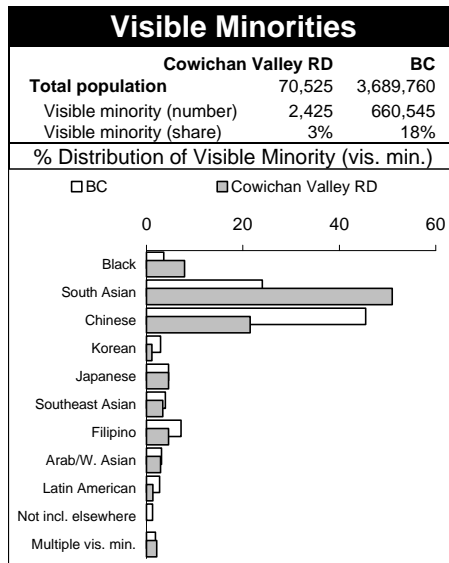
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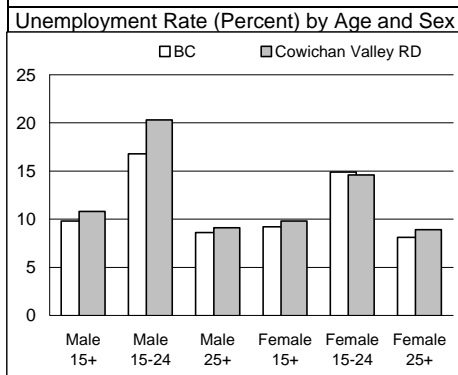
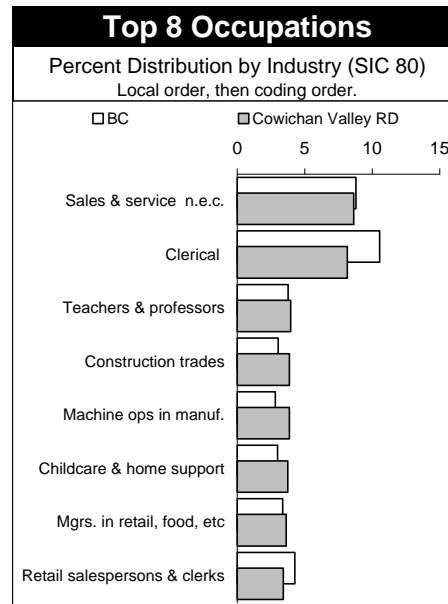
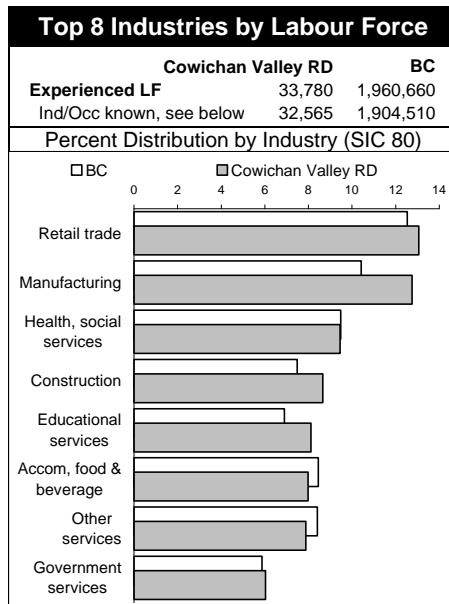
First Nations		
	Cowichan Valley RD	BC
<b>Total population</b>	70,525	3,689,755
<b>Aboriginal identity</b>	5,655	139,655
Share of total population	8%	4%
North American Indian (*si...	4,805	107,370
Metis (*single response)	660	25,575
Inuit (*single response)	0	740
Multiple Aboriginal response	25	1,205
Other Aboriginal response	160	4,765
<b>Aboriginal ethnic origin</b>		
<b>Single response</b>	4,130	76,430
North American Indian	98%	94%
Metis	2%	6%
Inuit	0%	0%
<b>Multiple response</b>	2,645	112,665
North American Indian	78%	76%
Metis	22%	22%
Inuit	0%	1%

The 1996 Census had a question on Aboriginal identity. Origin data is more comparable with previous censuses.



**Labour Force Activity**

	Cowichan Valley RD	BC
<b>Pop 15+ in labour force</b>	33,780	1,960,660
Employed	30,290	1,773,285
Unemployed	3,490	187,375
Not in labour force	21,460	994,040
Participation rate	61.2	66.4
Unemployment rate	10.3	9.6

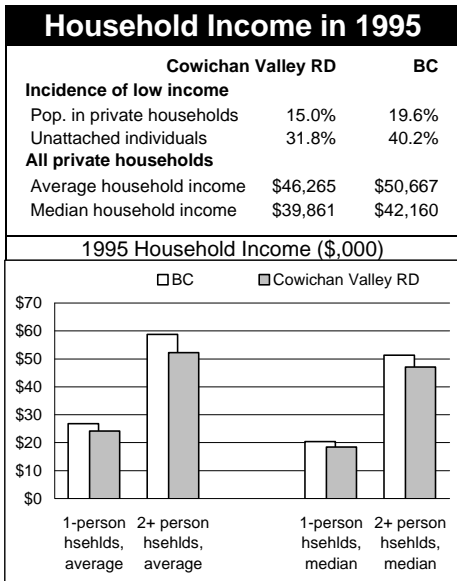
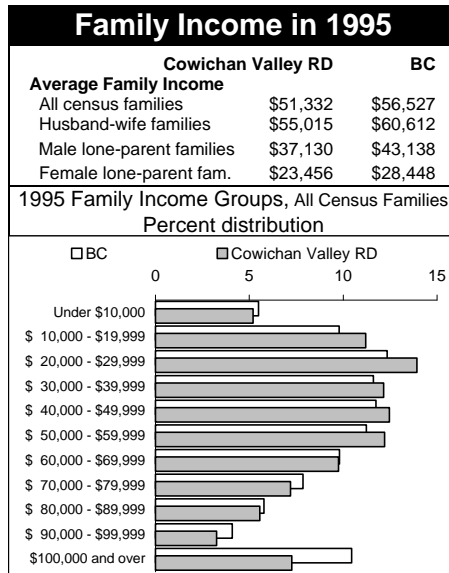
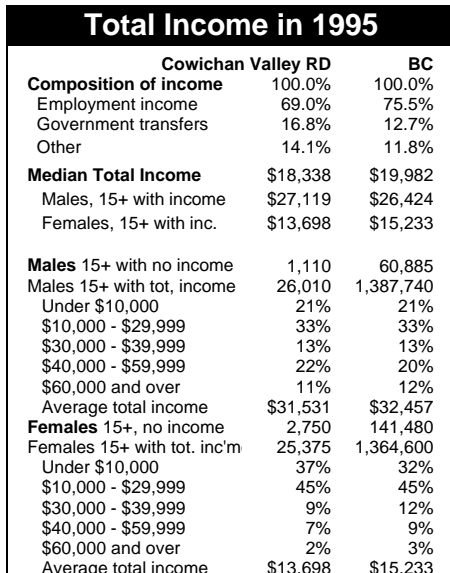
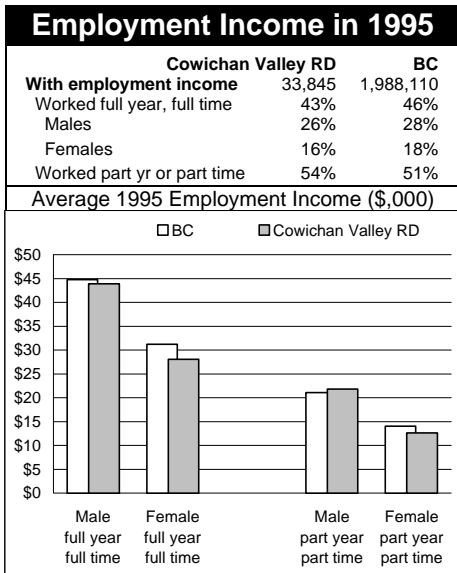
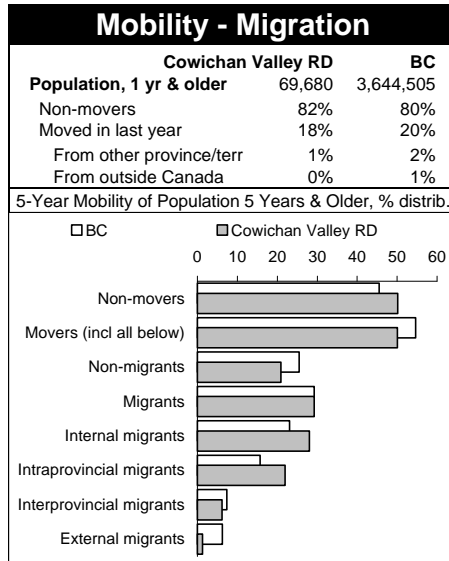
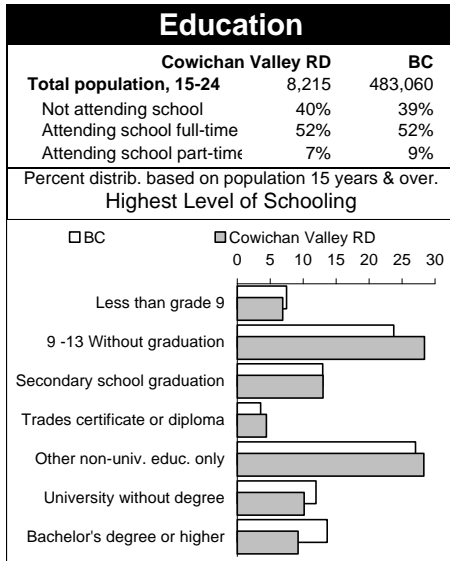
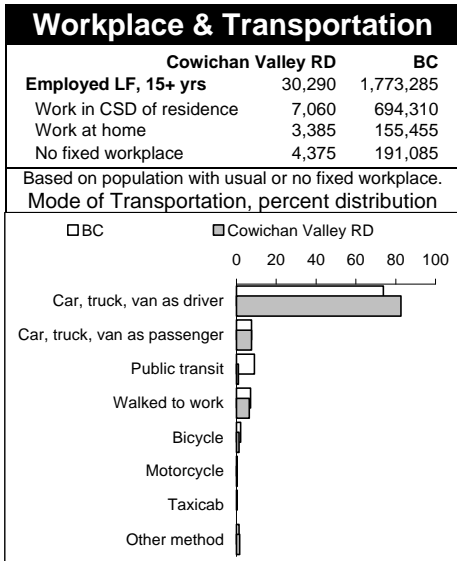


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### Notes

**Population** - effective for 1991 & 1996 Census, non-permanent residents included in total population.

**1991 Census population** - based on 1996 boundaries.

**Family** - refers to two or more persons living in the same dwelling, related to each other by blood, marriage, common-law or adoption.

**Experienced labour force** - includes persons who worked since Jan 1, 1995 and who were employed or unemployed during the reference week.

**Non-movers** - on Census Day were living at the same address as one or five years previous.

**Non-migrant movers** - lived at a different address but in the same census subdivision (CSD).

**Average** - or arithmetic mean is calculated by dividing the sum of included categories by the number of included categories.

**Median** - an alternate measure of 'averageness'. Median income of a specific group is that amount which divides their income size distribution into two halves (below and above the median).

**Incidence of low income** - the percentage of a specific group below Statistics Canada's low income cut-offs (LICO).

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[www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/regions.htm](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/regions.htm)

Statistics Canada offers community profiles.  
<http://CEPS.statcan.ca/english/profil/PlaceSearchForm1.cfm>

The British Columbia Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration offers extensive profiles.  
[www.gov.bc.ca/mi/rpts/profiles.htm](http://www.gov.bc.ca/mi/rpts/profiles.htm)

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has a growing statistics site.  
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<b>Gender &amp; Age</b>		<b>Households</b>		<b>Children &amp; Seniors</b>	
Total pop. by sex & age groups		Total number of occupied private dwellings by structural type of dwelling		Total number of never-married sons and/or daughters at home	
Male, total	70,980	Single-detached house	27,195	Under 6 years of age	21,605
0-4	35,130	Semi-detached house	20,760	6 - 14 years	5,200
5-9	2,275	Row house	905	15 - 17 years	9,565
10-14	2,800	Apartment, detached duplex	930	18 - 24 years	3,035
15	2,785	Apartment building, five or more storeys	580	25 years and over	2,860
16	535	Apartment building, less than five storeys	10	Total number of persons 65 years and over	940
17	550	Other single attached house	2,640	Number of non-family persons 65 years +	10,185
18	485	Movable dwelling	55	Living with relatives	3,060
19	450	Total number of private households by household size	1,320	Living with non-relatives only	450
15-19	415	1 person	27,200	Living alone	195
20-24	2,430	2 persons	5,825	Number of family persons 65 years & over	2,410
25-29	1,675	3 persons	10,455		7,125
30-34	1,685	4 - 5 persons	4,160		
35-39	2,455	6 or more persons	5,950		
40-44	2,915	Total number of occupied private dwellings	27,195	<b>First Nations (identity and origin)</b>	
45-49	2,830	Average number of rooms per dwelling	6.4	Total population by Aboriginal groups and non-Aboriginal population	70,525
50-54	2,820	Average number of bedrooms per dwelling	2.7	Total Aboriginal population	5,655
55-59	2,015	Average value of dwelling \$	191,888	North American Indian single response	4,805
60-64	1,770	Owned	20,480	Metis single response	660
65-69	1,685	Rented	6,460	Inuit single response	-
70-74	1,770	Band housing	260	Multiple Aboriginal responses	25
75-79	1,475	Regular maintenance only	18,290	Other Aboriginal response	160
80-84	910	Minor repairs	6,555	Total non-Aboriginal population	64,875
85+	560	Major repairs	2,360	<b>Aboriginal Ethnic Origin</b>	
Female, total	35,855	Period of construction, before 1946	3,185	North American Indian - Single responses	70,525
0-4	2,155	Period of construction, 1946-1960	3,495	Metis - Single responses	5,655
5-9	2,635	Period of construction, 1961-1970	3,120	Inuit - Single responses	4,805
10-14	2,635	Period of construction, 1971-1980	6,925	North American Indian - Multiple resp.	2,075
15	530	Period of construction, 1981-1990	5,285	Metis - Multiple responses	570
16	545	Period of construction, 1991-1996	5,185	Inuit - Multiple responses	-
17	530	Total number of private households by household type	27,200	<b>Immigration</b>	
18	455	One-family households	20,080	Total population by place of birth	70,525
19	395	Multiple-family households	235	Non-immigrant population	61,080
15-19	2,460	Non-family households	6,885	Born in province of residence	40,595
20-24	1,660	Number of persons in private households	70,005	Total immigrants by selected birthplace	9,280
25-29	1,880	Average number of persons in private households	2.6	United Kingdom	3,620
30-34	2,590	Tenant one-family households without additional persons	3,245	United States	1,185
35-39	3,100	Average gross rent \$	617	Netherlands	770
40-44	3,035	Gross rent spending 30% or more of household income on shelter costs	3,340	Germany	710
45-49	2,570	Owner one-family households without additional persons	14,505	India	480
50-54	2,050	Average owner's major payments \$	640	Denmark	190
55-59	1,705	Owner's major payments spending 30% or more of household income on shelter costs	3,055	Ireland, (Eire)	185
60-64	1,680	<b>Marital Status</b>		Poland	110
65-69	1,720	Total pop. 15 + by legal marital status	55,695	China, (PRC)	100
70-74	1,535	Never married (single)	13,740	South Africa, Rep	100
75-79	1,205	Legally married (and not separated)	31,790	Italy	90
80-84	735	Separated, but still legally married	1,905	Austria	85
85+	495	Divorced	4,815	Hungary	80
		Widowed	3,450	Hong Kong	70
				Belgium	65
				Philippines	60
<b>Education</b>					
Total population, 15 to 24 years by school attendance				Trades certificate or diploma	2,405
Not attending school	8,215			Other non-university education only	15,610
Attending school full-time	3,315			Without certificate or diploma	3,565
Attending school part-time	4,280			With certificate or diploma	12,050
Total population 15 years and over by highest level of schooling	615			University	10,625
Less than grade 9	55,235			Without degree	5,565
Grades 9 to 13	3,770			Without certificate or diploma	2,400
Without secondary school graduation certificate	22,820			With certificate or diploma	3,165
With secondary school graduation certificate	15,665			With bachelor's degree or higher	5,060
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<b>Ethnic Origins</b>		
Total population by ethnic origin (single and multiple responses)		70,530
	<b>Single</b>	<b>Multiple</b>
Total population	35,115	35,415
English	9,130	21,700
Canadian	8,670	11,025
N. American Indian	4,060	2,075
Scottish	2,500	15,710
German	1,815	6,450
Dutch	1,520	2,835
Irish	1,195	11,200
East Indian	970	175
French	655	6,655
Ukrainian	500	2,205
Chinese	370	370
Danish	330	675
Italian	310	1,165
Norwegian	305	1,795

<b>Labour Force Activity</b>		
Unemployment rates	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Age 15+	10.8	9.8
Age 15-24	20.3	14.6
Age 25+	9.1	8.9

<b>Employment Income in 1995</b>		
All persons with employment income by work activity		33,845
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
With emp. income by work activity	18,290	15,550
Ave. emp. income \$	32,377	18,065
Standard error of Ave. emp. income \$	448	263
Worked full year, full time	8,830	5,555
Ave. emp. income \$	43,900	28,026
Std. error of Ave. emp. income \$	764	476
Worked part year or part time	9,040	9,385
Ave. emp. income \$	21,803	12,623
Std. error of Ave. emp. income \$	423	258

<b>Total Income in 1995</b>		
Population 15+ by income	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Without income	27,115	28,125
With income	1,110	2,750
Under \$1,000	26,010	25,375
\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,999	1,160	1,700
\$ 3,000 - \$ 4,999	1,045	1,730
\$ 5,000 - \$ 6,999	755	1,670
\$ 7,000 - \$ 9,999	985	1,915
\$ 10,000 - \$ 11,999	1,490	2,255
\$ 12,000 - \$ 14,999	1,035	1,835
\$ 15,000 - \$ 19,999	1,550	2,520
\$ 20,000 - \$ 24,999	2,225	3,260
\$ 25,000 - \$ 29,999	1,920	2,115
\$ 30,000 - \$ 34,999	1,885	1,810
\$ 35,000 - \$ 39,999	1,825	1,420
\$ 40,000 - \$ 44,999	1,650	900
\$ 45,000 - \$ 49,999	1,660	655
\$ 50,000 - \$ 59,999	1,445	480
\$ 60,000 and over	2,625	620
Average income \$	2,750	495
Median income \$	31,531	17,519
Std. error of ave. income \$	27,119	13,698
	342	186

<b>Household Income in 1995</b>		
One person households \$	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
Std. error of ave. income \$	24,159	18,422
Two or more person households \$	475	
Std. error of ave. income \$	52,295	47,034
	494	

<b>Workplace and Transportation</b>		
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by place of work status		30,290
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Total employed labour force	16,385	13,900
Usual place of work	11,545	11,170
In CSD of residence	3,595	3,465
In different CSD	7,945	7,705
In same CD	4,950	5,555
At home	1,465	1,920
Outside Canada	20	30
No fixed workplace	3,355	780
Total employed labour force 15 years and over by mode of transportation		26,845
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Total employed labour force	14,900	11,950
Car, truck, van as driver	12,385	9,760
Car, truck, van as passenger	1,150	855
Public transit	100	115
Walked to work	700	1,005
Bicycle	240.0	70.0
Motorcycle	40.0	-
Taxicab	-	20
Other method	275	120

<b>Mobility &amp; Migration</b>		
Total by mobility status over period	<b>1-year</b>	<b>5-year</b>
Non-movers	69,680	66,120
Movers	57,430	33,085
Non-migrants	12,240	33,030
Migrants	6,235	13,750
Internal migrants	6,005	19,275
Intraprovincial migrants	5,820	18,465
Interprovincial migrants	4,800	14,440
External migrants	1,020	4,020
	180	815

<b>Experienced Labour Force by Industry</b>	
Total labour force 15 years and over by industry divisions	33,780
Industry - Not applicable	1,210
All industries	32,565
Division A - Agricultural and related service industries	1,095
Division B - Fishing and trapping industries	270
Division C - Logging and forestry industries	1,475
Division D - Mining (+ milling), quarrying & oil well ind.	95
Division E - Manufacturing industries	4,150
Division F - Construction industries	2,815
Division G - Transportation and storage industries	1,235
Division H - Communication and other utility industries	665
Division I - Wholesale trade industries	950
Division J - Retail trade industries	4,250
Division K - Finance and insurance industries	690
Division L - Real estate operator & insurance agent ind.	555
Division M - Business service industries	1,485
Division N - Government service industries	1,960
Division O - Educational service industries	2,640
Division P - Health and social service industries	3,075
Division Q - Accommodation, food & beverage service	2,595
Division R - Other service industries	2,560

<b>Top 10 Occupations</b>	
Sales & service n.e.c.	2,805
Clerical	2,645
Teachers & professors	1,280
Construction trades	1,250
Machine ops in manuf.	1,250
Childcare & home support	1,210
Mgrs. in retail, food, etc	1,170
Retail salespersons & clerks	1,100
Transp equip operators, etc	1,070
Technical, sciences related	980