

Population in the Fraser River Basin

Population Status and Growth

- The population of the Fraser River Basin is approximately 1.3 million, roughly 30% of the total population of BC.
- Between 1996 and 2001, the population of the Fraser River Basin increased by 8.2%, with the greatest increases occurring in the Cariboo-Chilcotin Region (12.8%) and the Lower Fraser Region (10%). Both the Nechako Region (-2.7%) and the Fraser Canyon Region (-1%) showed declines. The Over this same time period, the population of BC increased by 5.7%. The Fraser Headwaters Region showed an increase of 5% and the Thompson Region increased by 2.5%.
- Of these 1.3 million people, approximately 78% reside in the Lower Fraser Region, 11% in the Thompson Region, 7% in the Nechako Region, 3% in the Cariboo-Chilcotin Region, 1% in the Fraser Canyon Region, and 0.2% in the Fraser Headwaters Region.
- The total includes 918,000 people living in Cities, 312,000 in District Municipalities, 38,000 in Unincorporated Places, 22,000 in Indian Reserves, and 20,000 in Villages.
- This population total should be considered as extremely conservative, as it does not include those residents living outside of community boundaries, and does not include some major communities, such as Vancouver, Surrey, and Delta, that straddle the Fraser River Basin boundaries but have the majority of their population located outside of the Basin.

List of Communities within the Fraser River Basin (population > 100)

Community	Area Type	2001 Population
<i>Lower Fraser Region:</i>		
Abbotsford	C	121,263
Bell Acres	UNP	556
Burnaby	C	204,407
Chilliwack	DM	65,850
Coquitlam	C	118,621
Cultus Lake	UNP	637
Deroche	UNP	149
Durieu	UNP	156
East Popkum	UNP	134
Harrison Hot Springs	VL	1,399
Harrison Mills	UNP	141
Hatzic Island	UNP	534
Kent	DM	5,170
Laidlaw	UNP	148
Lake Errock	UNP	368
Langley District	DM	90,989
Lindell Beach	UNP	135
Maple Ridge	DM	66,269
Mission	DM	32,793
New Westminster	C	57,713
Pemberton	VL	1,752
Pitt Meadows	DM	15,393
Port Coquitlam	C	53,941
Richmond	C	172,547
West Popkum	UNP	838
<i>Lower Fraser Total</i>		<i>1,011,903</i>
<i>Fraser Canyon Region</i>		
Boston Bar	UNP	233
Dogwood Valley	UNP	133
Hope	DM	6,443
Lillooet	VL	2,874
Lytton	VL	336
North Bend	UNP	150
Yale	UNP	171
<i>Fraser Canyon Total</i>		<i>10,340</i>
<i>Thompson Region</i>		
100 Mile House	DM	1,854
103 Mile	UNP	523
Anderson Subdivision	UNP	304
Anglemont	UNP	385
Ashcroft	VL	1,854
Blind Bay	UNP	2,464
Cache Creek	VL	1,096
Cedar Hill/Glenemma	UNP	510
Celista	UNP	461
Chase	VL	2,553
Cherryville	UNP	619
Clinton	VL	646
Deep Creek	UNP	585
Eagle Bay	UNP	423
Enderby	C	2,933
Falkland	UNP	747
Forest Grove	UNP	371
Grindrod	UNP	1,419
Imperial Ranchettes	UNP	453
Kamloops	C	81,053
Kingfisher	UNP	195
Lee Creek	UNP	366
Logan Lake	DM	2,263
Lone Butte	UNP	266
Lumby	VL	1,689
Magna Bay	UNP	205
Malakwa	UNP	649
Mara	UNP	327

Source:

1996, 2001 Census Data, Statistics Canada. Prepared by BC Stats. Ministry of Management Services, Victoria <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/cen01/c2001pop.htm>

Merritt	C	7,416
Notch Hill	UNP	452
Ranchero	UNP	960
Salmon Arm	DM	15,847
Scotch Creek	UNP	527
Shuswap Falls	UNP	168
Sicamous	DM	2,828
Silver Creek	UNP	1,062
Solsqua	UNP	3417
Sorrento	UNP	1,197
Sunnybrae	UNP	631
Swansea Point	UNP	267
Tappen	UNP	788
White Lake	UNP	571
<i>Thompson Total</i>		<i>143,344</i>
<i>Cariboo-Chilcotin Region</i>		
150 Mile House	UNP	1,142
Alexis Creek	UNP	162
Anahim Lake	UNP	163
Barlow Creek	UNP	663
Big Lake	UNP	337
Chilcotin Road Area	UNP	737
Commodore Heights	UNP	725
Dog Creek Road Area	UNP	1,739
Esler Subdivision	UNP	268
Fox Mountain	UNP	523
Gateway/Bufalo Crk	UNP	701
Hixon	UNP	264
Horsefly	UNP	238
Kersley	UNP	396
Lac la Hache	UNP	396
McLeese Lake	UNP	261
Mile 108 Rec. Ranch	UNP	2,441
North Lakeside	UNP	287
Pine Valley	UNP	210
Quesnel	C	10,526
South Lakeside	UNP	348
Wildwood	UNP	675
Williams Lake	C	11,716
<i>Cariboo-Chilcotin Total</i>		<i>34,918</i>
<i>Nechako Region</i>		
Burns Lake	VL	2,044
Decker Lake	UNP	228
Fort Fraser	UNP	308
Fort St. James	DM	2,032
Fraser Lake	VL	1,333
Prince George	C	76,197
Southbank	UNP	122
Tintagle	UNP	209
Vanderhoof	DM	4,617
<i>Nechako Region Total</i>		<i>87,090</i>
<i>Fraser Headwaters Region</i>		
Willow River	UNP	197
McBride	VL	747
Valemount	VL	1,252
Wells	DM	245
<i>Headwaters Total:</i>		<i>2,441</i>
<i>Total Fraser River Basin *</i>		<i>1,290,036</i>

Area Types: C-City; VL-Village; DM-District Municipality; UNP-Unincorporated Place.

Source: 2001 Census. Prepared by BC Stats.

* Note: Does not include the ~285 Indian Reserves with 22,176 residents (2001 statistics), also in the Fraser River Basin.