

Ethnicity Hot Facts

Introduction

This fact sheet provides information from the 2016 Census for:

- the ethnic origin of the Richmond population;
- “visible minorities” in Richmond, and within Richmond Planning Areas;
- the Aboriginal (First Nations) population in Richmond.

Ethnic Origin

Ethnic Origin refers to the ethnic or cultural origins of the respondent’s ancestors. An ancestor is someone from whom a person is descended and is usually more distant than a grandparent. It is distinct from place of birth, immigration status or language spoken. (For more information about those topics, see the separate Immigration and Language Hot Facts sheets.) A person can have more than one ethnic origin.

The Most Frequently Reported Ethnic Origins

Richmond boasts a great diversity of backgrounds: over 150 different ethnic origins with at least 25 people were reported.

The most commonly reported ethnic origin in Richmond is Chinese, with 107,080 people or 54 percent of the City’s population having this background. This proportion has grown from 34% in 1996, 40% in 2001, 45% in 2006, and 49% in 2011. The next ten most common ethnic origins are shown in the table below. Please note that this is a population estimate. The sum of the ethnic groups are greater than the total population estimate because a person may report more than one ethnic origin in the Census.

Ethnic Origin	2016 Census
Chinese	107,080
English	18,015
Filipino	15,480
Canadian	13,540
Scottish	12,990
East Indian	12,335
Irish	9,960
German	8,525
French	5,445
Japanese	4,925
Total Population	196,660

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.



Population Groups and Visible Minority Population Defined

In addition to asking about ethnic ancestry, the Census also asks respondents to identify the population group (or groups) to which they belong, such as White, Chinese, South Asian, Black, etc. Like ethnic origin, this should not be confused with citizenship or nationality.

Visible minority population is defined for federal employment equity purposes as “persons, other than Aboriginal persons, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.”

Visible Minorities are Now the Majority in Richmond

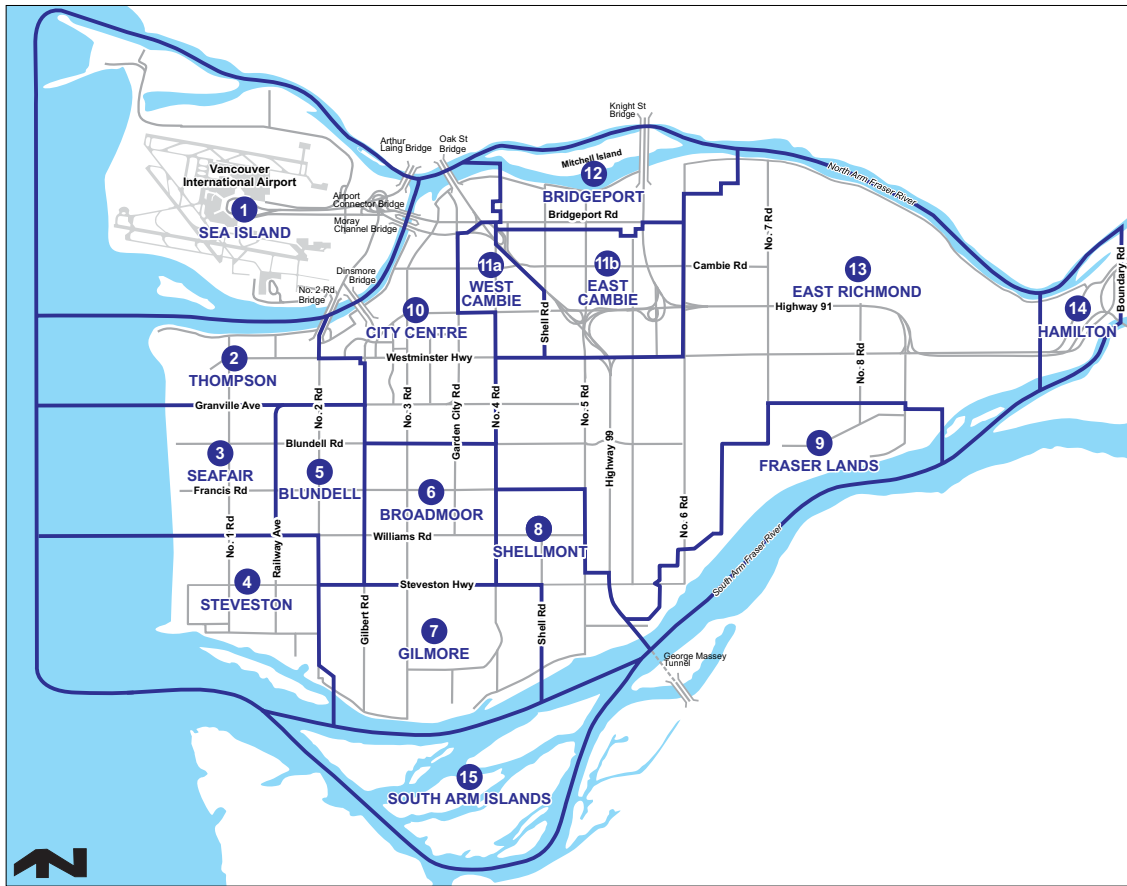
In Richmond in 2016, 76.3% of the population is a visible minority under the definition above, the highest proportion of any municipality in B.C. and the second highest (after Markham, Ontario) in Canada. The predominant minority group in Richmond is Chinese, at 53% of the total population (the highest proportion in Canada). The next most common minority groups are the South Asian group (for example East Indian, Pakistani), at 7.3% of the total, and Filipino at 6.9% of the total.

	2016 Census
Total population by private households by visible minority	196,660
Total visible minority population	150,015
Chinese	104,185
South Asian (e.g., 'East Indian,' 'Pakistani,' 'Sri Lankan', etc.)	14,360
Filipino	13,575
Japanese	3,940
Southeast Asian (e.g., 'Vietnamese,' 'Cambodian,' 'Laotian', 'Thai', etc.)	1,955
Latin American	1,585
Arab	1,485
Korean	1,290
Black	1,270
West Asian (e.g., 'Iranian,' 'Afghan', etc.)	1,230
Visible minority, not included elsewhere	395
Multiple visible minorities (Includes respondents who reported more than one visible minority group by checking two or more mark-in responses, e.g., 'Black' and 'South Asian'.)	4,760
Not a visible minority (Includes respondents who reported 'Yes' to the Aboriginal identity question as well as respondents who were not considered to be members of a visible minority group.)	46,645

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

Population Groups by Planning Area

Richmond's Planning Areas Map



Planning Area	Total Population	% Visible Minority	Population Group											
			Chinese	South Asian	Filipino	Japanese	Southeast Asian	American Latin	Korean	West Asian	Black	Arab	Other & Multiple Groups	Not a Visible Minority
Blundell	18,015	72.7%	56.2%	4.1%	3.5%	1.8%	1.9%	1.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	2.1%	27.3%
Bridgeport	3,150	77.9%	28.7%	20.3%	23.3%	0.0%	1.1%	0.8%	0.0%	0.6%	0.8%	0.6%	1.6%	22.1%
Broadmoor	23,115	71.5%	49.4%	7.2%	6.0%	1.7%	1.0%	0.6%	1.1%	0.2%	0.9%	0.5%	2.8%	28.4%
City Centre	47,595	81.3%	62.1%	2.9%	7.7%	1.2%	1.1%	0.7%	1.5%	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%	2.4%	18.7%
East Cambie	11,130	83.2%	37.8%	22.1%	12.6%	1.3%	1.2%	1.0%	0.2%	2.4%	0.8%	0.9%	3.0%	16.8%
East Richmond/ Fraser Lands	3,470	57.2%	25.8%	22.0%	1.2%	1.3%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	4.5%	42.7%
Gilmore	400	23.8%	13.8%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	77.5%
Hamilton	5,095	71.8%	31.0%	15.8%	12.1%	1.9%	2.2%	1.5%	0.0%	1.4%	1.2%	0.8%	4.0%	28.2%
Sea Island	780	14.7%	3.2%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	85.3%
Seafair	16,420	58.4%	37.9%	5.9%	7.4%	1.7%	0.9%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%	0.3%	0.0%	41.6%
Shellmont	11,175	65.1%	26.7%	22.6%	7.4%	1.4%	1.6%	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%	1.0%	3.3%	34.9%
Steveston	25,155	46.6%	27.4%	4.0%	3.9%	5.2%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.2%	1.0%	53.4%
Thompson	15,975	73.0%	54.6%	5.6%	4.5%	2.1%	0.6%	1.1%	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	3.8%	27.0%
West Cambie	7,845	91.3%	69.5%	8.2%	5.4%	0.8%	1.8%	2.3%	0.3%	0.0%	1.0%	0.4%	4.8%	8.7%
City of Richmond	189,305	70.4%	47.0%	7.7%	6.7%	2.0%	1.1%	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	2.5%	29.6%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey.

Aboriginal Population

Aboriginal identity includes persons who reported being an Aboriginal person, that is, First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or those who reported Registered or Treaty Indian status, and/or those who reported membership in a First Nation or Indian band.

- In Richmond, a total of 1,600 people reported Aboriginal identity in the 2016 Census.
- In Richmond in 2016, the approximate distribution of the population within these groups was (some of the population did not include this information in their response to the question on Aboriginal identity):
 - 58% First Nations (North American Indian);
 - 38% Métis;
 - 2% Inuk (Inuit).
- In 2016, Aboriginal people accounted for 0.8% of the total population of Richmond, compared to 2.5% for Metro Vancouver and 5.9% for BC.

For Further Information:

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