



Community Statistics Census data	1996 Downtown	2001 Downtown	2006 Downtown	2006 City of Vancouver
<b>Area of land</b>				
Hectares	375	375	375	11,467
<b>Population</b>				
Census Population	17,405	27,988	43,415	578,041
Population 5 years prior	8,880	17,405	27,988	545,671
Population change in 5 years	96.0%	60.8%	55.1%	5.9%
<b>Age Groups</b>				
19 and under	5.5%	7.5%	9.6%	17.9%
20-39	49.2%	50.0%	47.9%	34.5%
40-64	35.0%	33.7%	33.9%	34.5%
65 and over	10.3%	8.8%	8.5%	13.1%
<b>Language - Mother Tongue (single response)</b>				
English	65.8%	60.1%	56.2%	49.1%
French	4.3%	3.2%	2.5%	1.7%
Chinese	14.0%	16.4%	14.4%	25.3%
Farsi (Persian)	not available	1.4%	4.2%	0.9%
Korean	not available	1.9%	3.4%	1.4%
Spanish	1.2%	2.1%	2.0%	1.6%
Japanese	1.4%	not available	1.8%	1.2%
<b>Mobility</b>				
Population who moved since the last census	85.3%	81.1%	73.9%	50.2%
<b>Households <i>Please see notes below</i></b>				
Number of private households	11,830	17,770	25,020	253,210
One-person households	69.1%	60.9%	54.2%	38.6%
Average size of household	1.4	1.5	1.7	2.2
Median household income	\$16,273	\$31,272	\$44,218	\$47,299
Population in low income households	47.8%	36.0%	33.2%	26.6%
<b>Families <i>Please see notes below</i></b>				
Number of families	2,545	5,680	9,630	145,605
Children living at home	1,225	2,825	5,605	148,545
Single parent families	12.2%	11.5%	11.3%	16.2%

In 2006 there were changes made to the definition of households. A number of Single Room Occupancy and Seniors facilities were considered to be dwellings in 2001, and collective dwellings in 2006. As a result the residents of those buildings would not be considered to be households in 2006. There is a high likelihood that residents of such facilities have low incomes, and there will have been an impact on the count of households considered to have a low income.

A number of changes were made to the census family concept for 2001 which account for some of the increase in the total number of families, single parent families and children living at home

## DOWNTOWN

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<b>Dwellings</b> Please see note below				
Occupied private dwellings	11,830	17,770	25,020	253,385
Dwellings per hectare	31.5	47.4	66.7	22.1
Rented dwellings	82.4%	68.6%	57.7%	51.9%
Average gross rent **	\$653	\$749	\$992	\$898
<b>Type of dwelling</b> Please see note below				
Single-detached house	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	19.1%
Semi-detached house	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	1.5%
Detached duplex	0.2%	0.5%	0.3%	16.9%
Row house	0.6%	0.9%	2.3%	3.3%
Apartment, under 5 storeys	25.6%	15.5%	7.9%	34.8%
Apartment, 5 or more storeys	73.2%	82.6%	89.3%	24.2%
<b>Age of dwelling</b>				
built before 1946	43.2%	25.8%	14.0%	18.1%
built 1946-1960	2.4%	1.4%	1.2%	13.6%
built 1961-1970	0.7%	1.2%	0.7%	13.1%
built 1971-1980	3.6%	2.7%	1.7%	13.8%
built 1981-1990	15.9%	11.0%	8.5%	14.2%
built 1991-2000	34.2%	58.0%	40.7%	18.3%
built 2001-2006			33.3%	8.9%
<b>Labour force</b>				
Employed labour force	8,940	15,825	25,730	310,640
Working at home	8.1%	10.6%	10.5%	8.6%
Working in the City, outside the home	64.0%	58.8%	56.2%	52.6%
Unemployment rate	16.2%	10.4%	5.8%	6.0%
<b>Mode of travel to work</b>				
Car, truck, van as driver	35.5%	mode of	38.2%	51.5%
Car, truck, van as passenger	3.0%	travel data	3.2%	6.1%
Public transit	18.3%	available due	16.3%	25.1%
Walked to work	39.1%	to a transit	37.9%	12.2%
Bicycle	1.5%	strike.	2.0%	3.7%
Other method	2.5%		2.4%	1.3%

Occupied Dwelling are those with a household living in them. The change to the definition of households (already noted) also affects the number of occupied dwellings.

In 2006 there was a change made to the definition of duplex. While it is still defined as a dwelling in a building with two dwellings, one above the other, in 2001 these were only detached properties, while in 2006 they can be joined to other similar properties. In 2006 Statistics Canada also seem to have identified more duplexes than before.

\* The City of Vancouver excludes the Musqueam IR lands, but includes Stanley Park.

\*\* Adjusted by Consumer Price Index.