

# MUNICIPAL FACTS & FIGURES

## SECTION 21

### Local Government Numbers and Population

	Number	%	Population <sup>+</sup>
Cities	50	26	3,320,609
District Municipalities*	51	27	825,531
Towns	14	7	90,094
Villages**	43	23	45,269
Island Municipality	1	1	3,623
Regional Municipality	1	1	5,457
Indian Government District	2	1	855
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>4,291,438</i>
RD Unincorporated Areas	29	15	***523,289
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,814,727</b>

Adapted from:

2017 estimates in *BC Development Region, Regional District and Municipal Population Estimates, 2011-2017*:

<http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Demography/PopulationEstimates.aspx>

\* includes Resort Municipality of Whistler

\*\* includes Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality

\*\*\* population is for unincorporated areas of regional districts, as well as the Stikine Region and unincorporated areas of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

### Classes of Municipalities

Villages: population less than 2,500

Towns: population between 2,501 and 5,000

Cities: population over 5,000

Districts: large geographic areas (over 800 hectares) with low population density (fewer than five persons a hectare) [s. 10 LGA]

Please note that the above criteria are not applied strictly and there are:

- Cities with populations of 4,000 and even less than 1,000;
- Towns with populations of just over 10,000; and
- District municipalities with higher population densities.

**Employment** Total employment by local governments in BC is estimated to be approximately 44,608\*.

\*Estimate based on self-reported figures from local governments.

<b>Elected Officials</b>	Mayors	160
	Councillors	**870
	<i>Subtotal - Municipal Officials</i>	<i>*1,030</i>
	Electoral Area Directors	157
	Islands Trust Trustees	26
	<b>Total</b>	<b>*1,213</b>

Source: CivicInfo BC 2018 Municipal Election Results.  
[https://bc.localections.ca/Results/index\\_m.html](https://bc.localections.ca/Results/index_m.html)

\* Does not include the appointed Mayor and Council of the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality.

\*\* Includes the Sechelt Indian Government District's 5 member Advisory Council.

<b>Regional Boards Composition</b>	Regional District Boards (including Islands Trust)	28
	Municipal Directors from 161 municipalities*	242
	First Nation Directors	6
	Electoral Area Directors	157
	Islands Trust Trustees	26
	<b>Total number of Directors</b>	<b>431</b>

\*Some municipalities have more than one director because of their population (see Fact Sheet #15 on Regional Districts). Also note that the Sechelt Indian Government District does appoint one voting Director to the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

## Council Sizes

Size of Council (Mayor and Councillors)	Number of Municipalities
3 *	1
5 **	62
7	86
9	12
11	1
	<b>162</b>

Based on CivicInfo BC 2018 Local Government & School District Elections.

\*The appointed mayor and two-member council of the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality.

\*\*Includes the mayor and four-member council of the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality, as well as the Sechelt Indian Government District.

## Community Size and Representation

Municipal Population	Number of Municipalities	Number of Elected Officials
less than 1,000	32	167
1,000 – 1,999	18	94
2,000 – 4,999	36	226
5,000 – 9,999	17	115
10,000 – 24,999	27	187
25,000 – 49,999	11	77
50,000 – 99,999	10	78
100,000 – 199,999	6	52
over 199,999	4	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1034</b>

Based on BC Stats Population Estimates 2017 for Municipalities, Regional Districts and Development Regions:

<http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Demography/PopulationEstimates.aspx>

Includes the Sechelt Indian Government District and Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality, as well as the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality (in the “less than 1000” category).

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