

## 21 Facts & Figures

Local Government Numbers & Population	Number	%	Population
Cities	50	26	3,605,450
District Municipalities*	51	27	901,174
Towns	14	7	99,024
Villages**	43	23	49,967
Island Municipality	1	<1	4,222
Regional Municipality	1	<1	4,365
Indian Government District	1	<1	730
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>4,664,932</i>
RD Unincorporated Areas	29	15	***549,873
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5,214,805</b>

Adapted from 2021 estimates in “Municipal and sub-provincial areas population, 2011-2021”:

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\* includes Resort Municipality of Whistler

\*\* includes Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality

\*\*\* includes unincorporated areas of regional districts, as well as the Stikine Region and unincorporated areas of 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.

**Elected Officials**

Mayors	160
Councillors	*870
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<i>Subtotal: Municipal Officials</i>	<i>1,030</i>
Electoral Area Directors	158
Islands Trust Trustees	26
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<i>Subtotal: Non-municipal Officials</i>	<i>184</i>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>1,214</b>

Source: CivicInfo BC 2022 Local Election Results.

<https://localelections.ca/>

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

**Regional Boards Composition**

Regional District Boards (including Islands Trust)	28
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Municipal Directors from 161 municipalities*	230
First Nation Directors	7
Electoral Area Directors	158
Islands Trust Trustees	26
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<b>Total Number of Directors</b>	<b>421</b>

\* Some municipalities have more than one director because of their population (see Fact Sheet #16 – Regional Districts). Also note that the Sechelt Indian Government District does appoint one voting Director to the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

**Council Sizes**

<b>Size of Council (Mayor &amp; Councillors)</b>	<b>Number of Municipalities</b>
* 5	61
7	88
9	12
11	1
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<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>

Source: CivicInfo BC 2022 Local Election Results.

\* Includes Sechelt Indian Government District.

**Community Size & Representation**

<b>Municipal Population</b>	<b>Number of Municipalities</b>	<b>Number of Elected Officials</b>
< 1,000	29	149
1,000 – 1,999	18	94
2,000 – 4,999	34	208
5,000 – 9,999	20	134

10,000 – 24,999	29	203
25,000 – 49,999	11	77
50,000 – 99,999	8	60
100,000 – 199,999	8	70
> 199,999	4	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1033</b>

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