

BC Population Highlights

UBCM Housing Summit

Highlights

- ▶ Findings on B.C.'s population growth published in BC Stat's [Sustaining Growth Report](#)
- ▶ The province is expected to reach 5.5 million people by end 2023, increasing to 7.9 million in 2046.
- ▶ Population growth was over 3% this year, the highest annual growth rate in decades.
 - This growth is expected to reduce to 1.5% - 1.7% annually going forward, beginning in 2025

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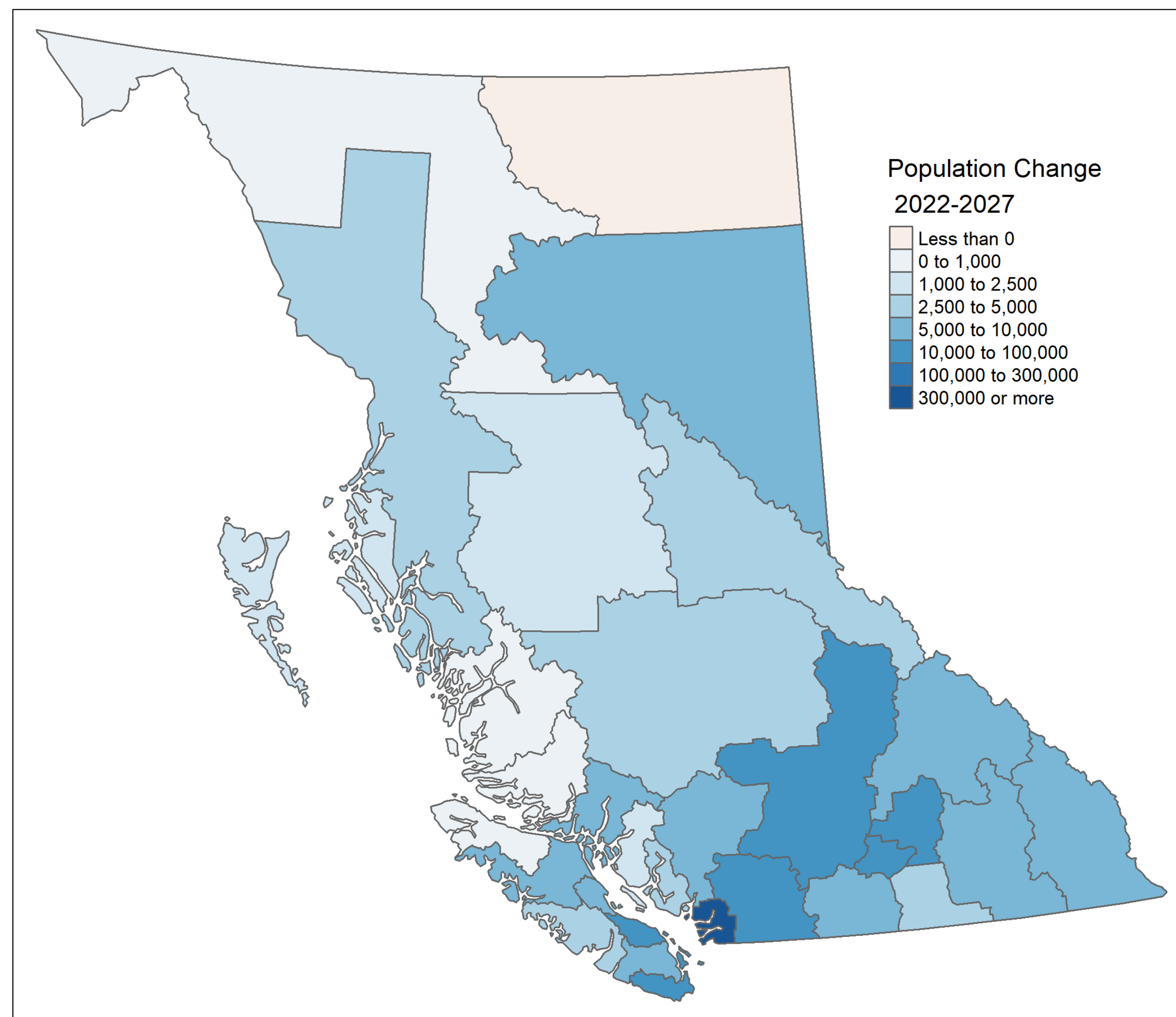
- ▶ B.C.'s fertility rate is one of the lowest in Canada.
 - the number of deaths in B.C. now in line with the number of births
- ▶ Population growth in 2024 and beyond is expected to be driven almost entirely by international migration.
 - Permanent Residents will be the largest population growth driver
 - Non-permanent residents expected to go back to historic inflows
- ▶ Most growth occurs in the largest metropolitan areas, where international migrants tend to arrive.

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BC Regional Districts 2022-2027

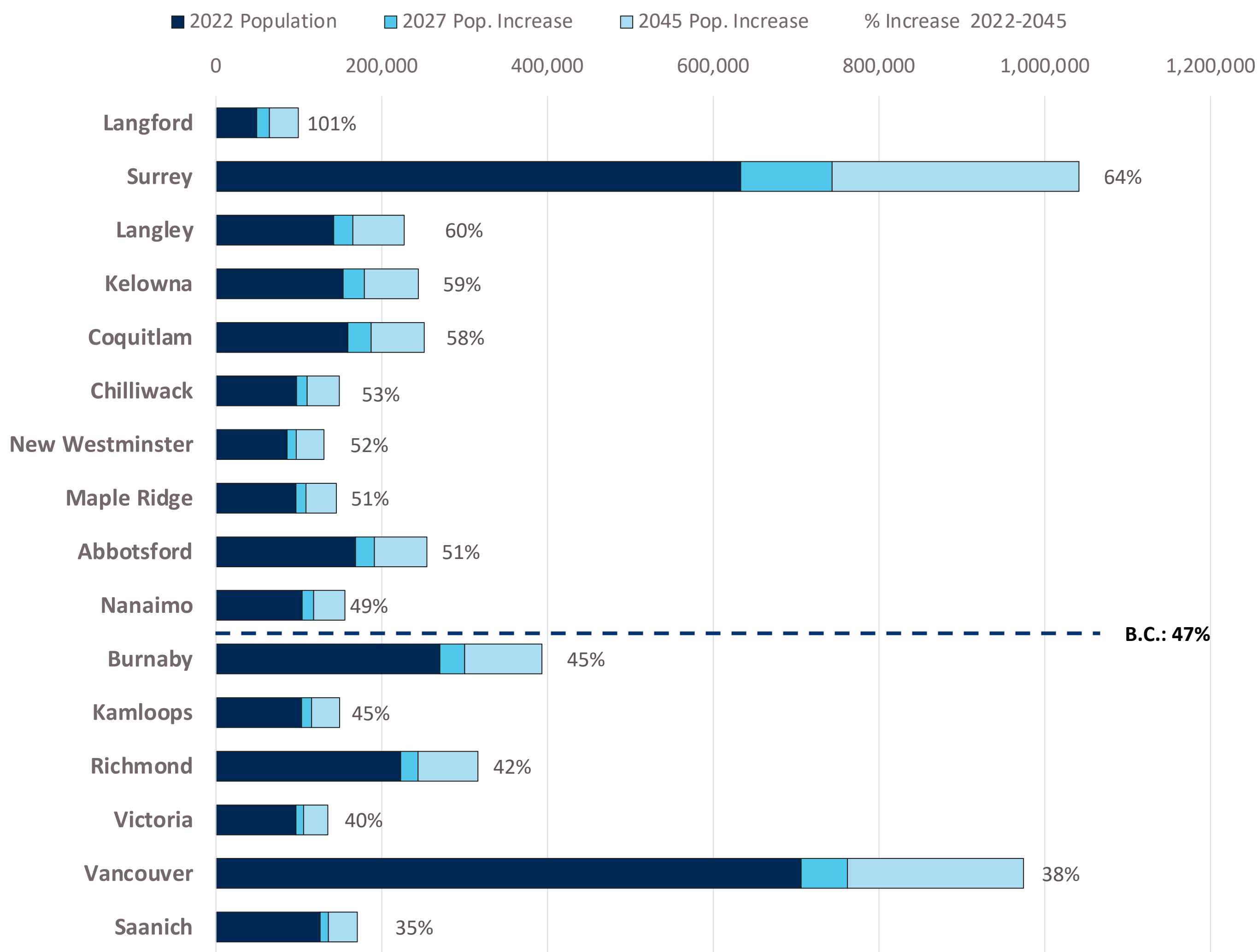
- ▶ Most of the population growth between 2022 and 2027 is expected to concentrate in the most urban regional districts.
- ▶ Greater Vancouver, Capital, the Fraser Valley and Central Okanagan will concentrate almost 80% of the expected growth in this period.



Sub-Provincial Projection

2022-2045

- ▶ The most population growth is in the main metropolitan areas in the province.
- ▶ Surrey and Vancouver are the municipalities expected to have the largest population increase.
- ▶ Langford, Coquitlam, and Langley are expected to experience the fastest population growth.



Self-Serve Data – Population

Population Estimates & Projections for British Columbia

More BCStats Statistics...

Main

Methods

Step 1: Select data

Use the Ctrl or Shift key to select multiple entries.

Select a region type

Children and Family Development

College Region

Community Health Service Area

Development Region

Health Authority

Health Service Delivery Area

Local Health Area

Municipality

Regional District

School District

Trustee Electoral Area

Select region(s)

0 - British Columbia

1003 - Elkford

1006 - Sparwood

1012 - Fernie

1022 - Cranbrook

1028 - Kimberley

1039 - Invermere

Estimate and projection figures can be updated independently at different times of the year.

Estimates: Years 2022 and earlier

Projections: Years 2023-2046

Select year(s)

Step 2: Choose statistic

Select which statistic to display

☒ Count

☐ Proportion

☐ Average Age

☐ Median Age

☐ Change in Total Population

Step 3: Select age format

Select type of age group

☒ Totals

☐ Single Year Age Groups

☐ 5-year Age Groups

☐ Custom Age Groups

Step 4: Customize Layout

Select variable to display as columns

☒ Age

☐ Gender

☐ Year

☐ None

Generate output

Reset selection


Download data as csv

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Show 10 entries

	Region	Municipality	Year	Gender	Total
1	0	British Columbia	2023	T	5,490,376

Self-Serve Data – Households



Household Estimates & Projections for British Columbia

MainMethods

Step 1: Select data

Select a region type

Development Region

Regional District

Municipality

Select region(s)

0 - British Columbia

1003 - Elkford

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Select year(s)

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

-- Estimates above, Projections below --

Produced by BC Stats

Data available on the [BC Data Catalogue](#)

Step 2: Action

Generate output

Reset selection

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Show10entries

	Region ID	Municipality	Year	Type	Number of households
1	0	British Columbia	2022	Estimate	2,079,810

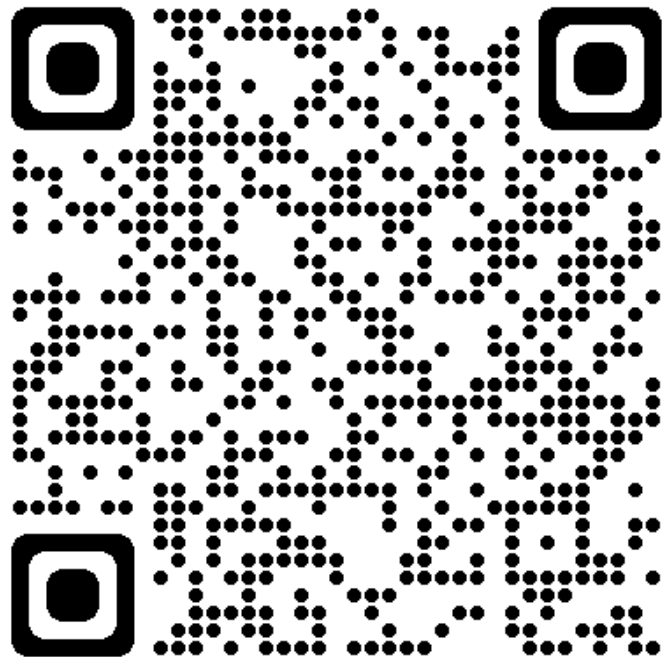
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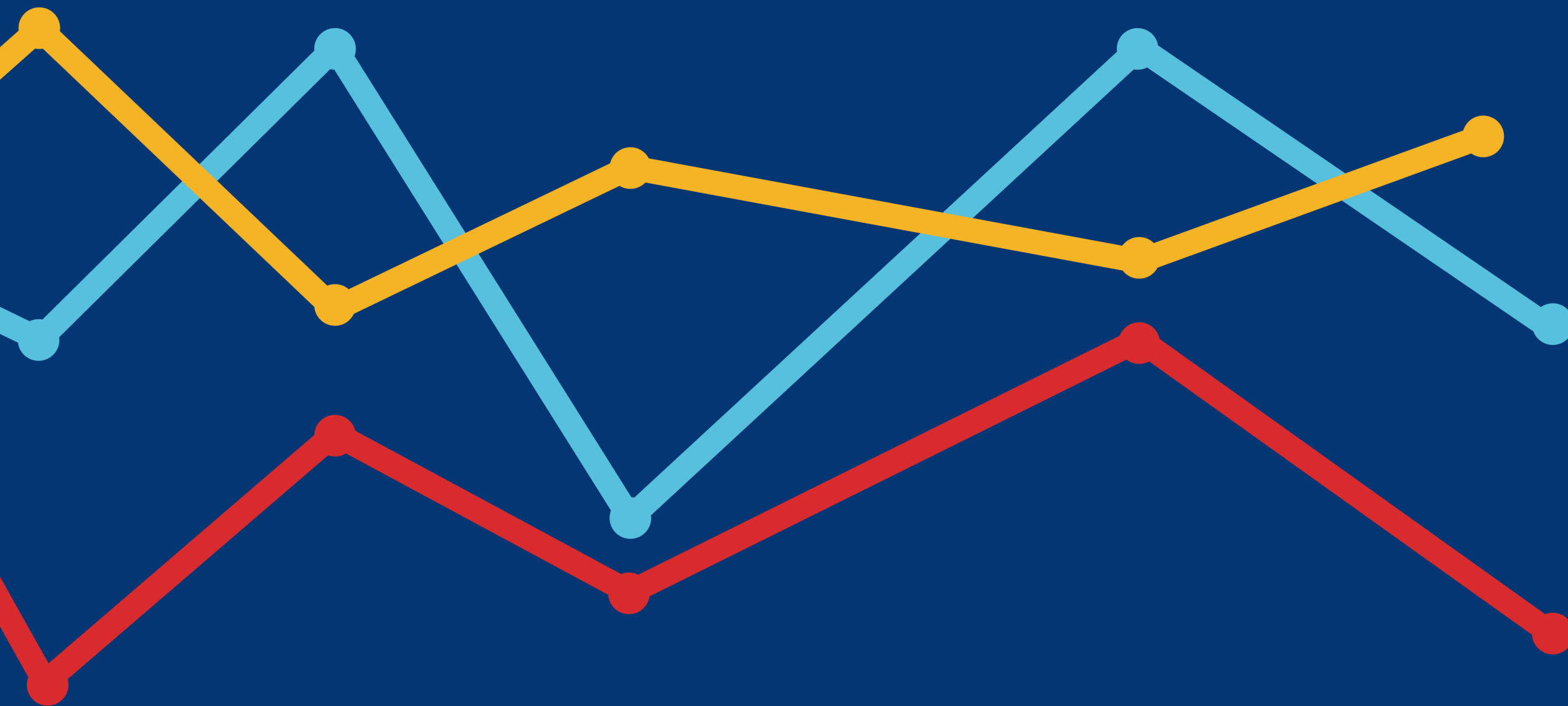
- All figures are as of July 1 and are adjusted for census net undercoverage (including adjustment for incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves).
- Data obtained through this application is distributed under the [Open Government License](#).
- Wondering about the location of a particular region or its boundaries? Check out the [Administrative Boundaries](#) page for more information.
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B.C. Population Projections

<https://bcstats.shinyapps.io/hsdProjApp/>



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