Housing and Dwelling Units Profile

Housing supply
In 2011, Port Coquitlam had a total of 20,655 occupied dwelling units. Over the last 20 years, the number of dwelling units increased by 42%. The largest increase occurred between 1991 and 1996 with a 25% increase and steady growth in the number of units has continued over the last decade.

The housing supply is more diverse than in previous years. Recent apartment and townhouse development in the City has contributed to a changing unit mix across the community. Between 1991 and 2001, single detached dwelling units increased by over 1000 units. In the following decade, these numbers have decreased as more multiple family developments have been built. At present, single detached housing is still the most prevalent housing type in the City comprising 42% of the housing supply, but ground oriented multiple family (34%) and apartment units (24%) are closing the gap.

![Dwelling Units by Type](chart)

![Percentage of Dwelling Unit by Structural Type - 1991](pie_chart_1991)

![Percentage of Dwelling Units by Structural Type - 2011](pie_chart_2011)

The primary data source for this factsheet is Statistics Canada Census of Canada. Other sources are used only when identified. Further information may be obtained at [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca).
Housing Supply Growth 2006 – 2011*

The total housing supply increased between 2006 and 2011, from 18,700 to 20,650 dwelling units. The map shows the rate of increase in occupied dwelling units by dissemination area, which is a small geographic area created by Statistics Canada to represent a population of 400 to 700 people. The greatest growth in the number of dwelling units occurred in the downtown as well as a newly subdivided area east of Woodland Drive. Most of the established single residential neighbourhoods are shown to have experienced little change in the total number of dwelling units.

* The data represent the number of occupied dwelling units at the time of the Census. Data may not reflect actual construction activity in the municipality between Censuses.
Housing Costs*

The average price of different housing types has varied over time, but a general increasing trend is occurring. According to data from Metro Vancouver’s Housing Data Book, between 2006 and 2012, single detached housing has increased in price by 18%, compared to ground oriented multiple family units, which increased by 9% and apartments price increase of 8%. The 2012 Housing Price Index in Port Coquitlam was well below regional levels. Housing costs across housing types remain lower than in the other Tri-Cities municipalities.

Average Unit Cost by Housing Type

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* The data shown on this page were collected from the Metro Vancouver Housing Data Book available at www.metrovancouver.org.