Population Growth Profile

A Growing City

Over the past 50 years, Port Coquitlam’s population has continually grown. Within the last two decades, the greatest rate of growth was experienced between 1991 and 2001, when the population increased by 28%. This growth rate slowed considerably to 9% between 2001 and 2011, a rate lower than the regional average of 14%. Metro Vancouver’s Regional Growth Strategy projects Port Coquitlam’s population to grow by 17% to 68,000 by 2021, a growth rate considerably more rapid than what the City has recently experienced.

Slower but Steady Growth Compared to our Neighbours

Between 2006 and 2011, Port Coquitlam had the lowest percentage of population growth, at 7%, compared to nearby municipalities. By contrast, Port Moody and Surrey’s populations grew the most rapidly, with 16.6% and 15.6% growth rates respectively.

Percentage Population Growth in Port Coquitlam and Nearby Municipalities 2006 - 2011

The primary data source for this factsheet is Statistics Canada’s Census of Canada. Other sources may be used when identified. Further information may be obtained at www.statcan.gc.ca.
Population Growth by Dissemination Area 2006 – 2011

The map depicts percentage population change by dissemination area, which is a small geographic area created by Statistics Canada to represent a population of 400 to 700 people. In the 2006-2011 period, the areas with the highest population growth were concentrated in the Downtown, North Side, and a newly-subdivided area east of Woodland Drive. The newly-built Riverwood neighbourhood also showed a greater increase in its population growth. Most of the established single residential neighbourhoods are shown to have experienced little change, or a slight decline, in their total population.
Population Density by Dissemination Area 2011

The map depicts the number of people per square kilometre by dissemination area, which is a small geographic area created by Statistics Canada to include a population of 400 to 700 people. Not surprisingly, the lowest density areas include those areas with large parks, shopping centres or industrial developments. The highest density areas are located in the Downtown and North Side where most housing units are located in apartment buildings or mixed-use developments. The map reveals that some areas developed with single detached houses have relatively high densities, indicating the influence of smaller lots and secondary suites in these areas.