

**COMMUNITY PROFILE**  
Chilliwack, British Columbia

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

## Households & Housing

Households	#
Total private households	37,124
Single-detached house	19,285
Semi-detached house	1,440
Row house	5,465
Duplex	1,670
Apartment 5 or less storeys	7,175
Apartment 5+ storeys	265
Movable dwelling	420
Other single-attached house	30

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population

About 80% of Chilliwack households are located in urban or suburban areas. Housing development originated in Chilliwack proper, on the north side of the highway. Then growth spread south through the Sardis-Vedder corridor and up the hillsides, south of the highway. As much of Chilliwack’s land is protected and reserved for agricultural land, growth across the valley floor remains limited.

There are about 35,758 households in Chilliwack with an average household size of 2.6 persons. About 60% of households are one-family only households. About 61% have one to two persons, and the remaining 39% have three or more persons. About 36% of households have children at home.

About 70% of all properties in Chilliwack are owned, which is higher than the BC average. Of the existing housing stock, 50% are single family detached, 21% are apartments, and about 24% are semi-detached houses, townhouses, or duplexes.

There are about 8,000 rented dwellings in Chilliwack. Average monthly shelter cost for a one bedroom rental unit is \$1,300 per month. For a three bedroom unit, average rent is \$2,395 per month. There are about 10 subsidized developments for seniors or low income families in Chilliwack.

## Family Structure

Households	#
Total private households	37,124
One-family-only households	21,480
Couple-family without children	9,295
Couple-family with children	9,150
One-parent-family households	3,040
Two-or-more-family households	1,305
One-person households	9,445

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population

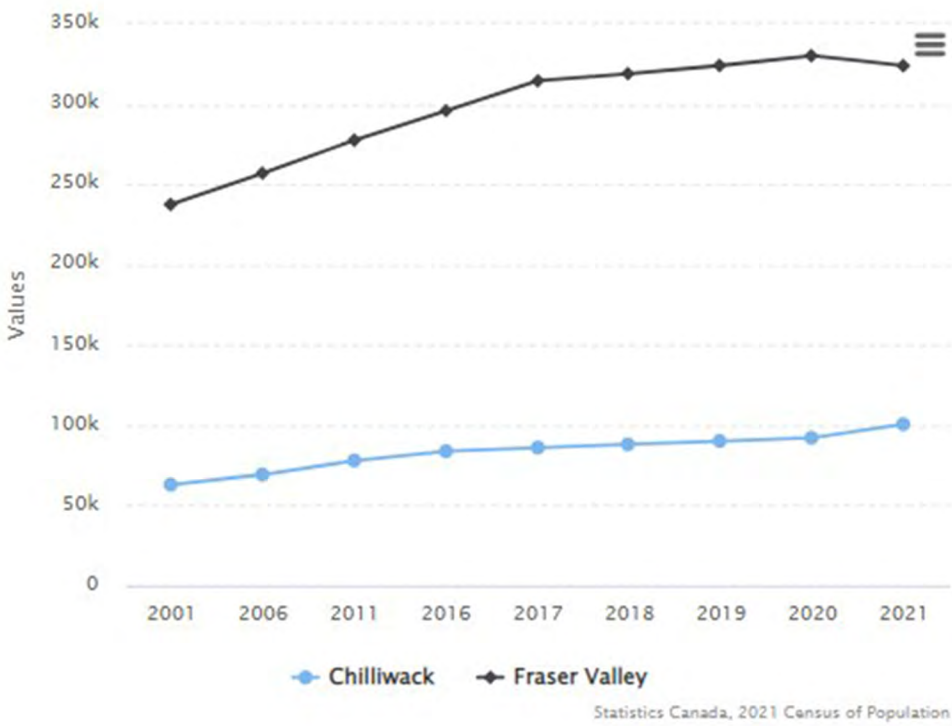
## Marital Status

Status	#
Total population 15+ years	75,495
Married (and not separated)	37,045
Living common law	7,260
Single (never legally married)	19,195
Separated	2,345
Divorced	5,245
Widowed	4,400

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population



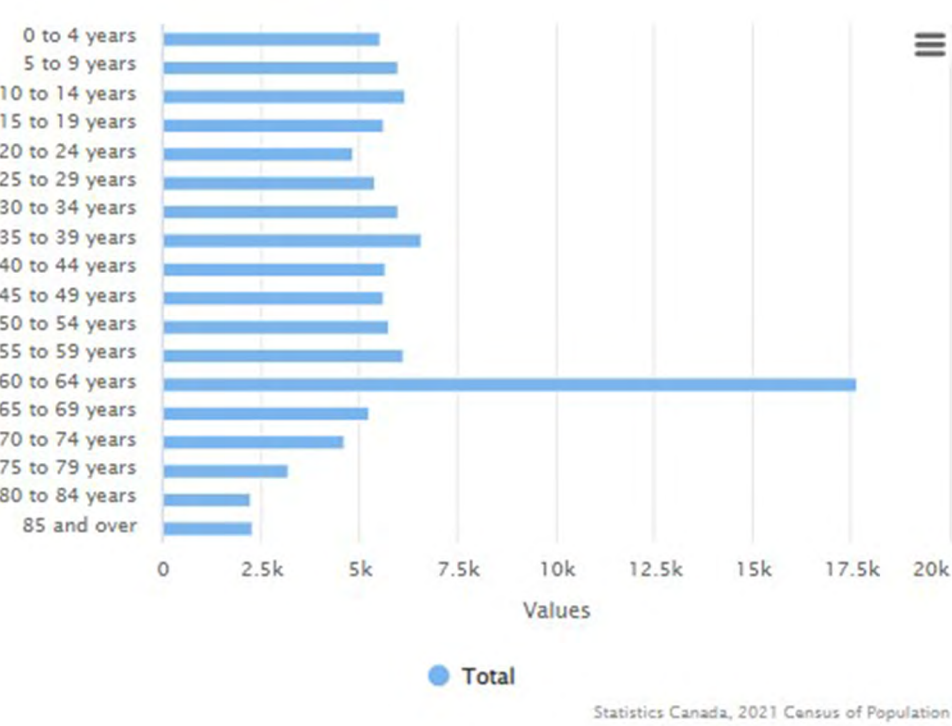
Population Growth



The city of Chilliwack has a 2021 population of approximately 100,580, including First Nation communities within city boundaries. Chilliwack has seen steady growth over the past five years, adding approximately 8,670 residents (9.4%) over this period, and a similar growth rate is expected over the next 5 years.

Chilliwack is the second-fastest growing CMA (Census Metropolitan Area) in Canada with a growth rate of 11.2 percent over the last census period (2016-2021).

Population by Age



The median age in the city of Chilliwack is 40.4, with over 80% of people under the age of 65. Chilliwack has a higher percentage of children up to 14 years at 19% compared to 14.3% in BC. Chilliwack's population of seniors aged 65 and over at 19% is comparable to the BC average at 20.3%.

## Languages

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Language	Population	%
English	86,205	93.2%
German	260	0.28%
Punjabi	885	0.96%
Korean	340	0.37%
Chinese (All)	585	0.63%
Spanish	365	0.39%
Dutch	120	0.13%
French	205	0.22%
Vietnamese	335	0.36%
Romanian	110	0.09%

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Canada is a bilingual country with English and French as the official languages. However, the primary language of the province of British Columbia is English. The data table above shows languages spoken at home in Chilliwack.

## Ethnic Origin

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Origin	#	%
Total Private Households	82,210	100%
North American Aboriginal origins	7,025	9%
Other North American origins	23,860	29%
European origins	66,685	81%
British Isles origins	41,440	50%
French origins	9,035	11%
Western European origins (except French)	28,335	34%
Dutch	11,425	14%
German	18,425	22%
Northern European (except British)	7,435	9%

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## Immigrant Population

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Location	NON-IMMIGRANTS	IMMIGRANTS
Canada	27 million	8.3 million
British Columbia	3.3 million	1.4 million
Chilliwack	77,655	13,605



Religion & Multiculturalism

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Religion	Chilliwack Population	Chilliwack %	BC Population	BC %
Total Population (PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS)	76,925	100	4,324,455	100
Buddhist	300	0.4%	90,620	2%
Christian	43,200	56.2%	1,930,415	45%
Anglican	2,885	3.8%	213,975	5%
Baptist	1,560	2.0%	91,575	2%
Catholic	9,500	12.3%	650,360	15%
Christian Orthodox	290	0.4%	39,845	1%
Lutheran	1,610	2.1%	71,470	2%
Pentecostal	1,880	2.4%	58,300	1%
Presbyterian	1,040	1.4%	44,635	1%

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According to Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey (NHS), 58.3% of the population in Chilliwack reported a religious affiliation, while 41.7% said they had no religious affiliation. For British Columbia as a whole, 55.9% of the population reported a religious affiliation, while 44.1% had no religion. The most frequently reported religious affiliation in Chilliwack was Christian, reported by 43,200 (56.2%) of the population, of which 12.3% were Catholic and 26.3% were other Christian. Other non-christian religions, including Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu, comprised 2.1% of Chilliwack’s population. In comparison, about 45% of the population in British Columbia reported following a Christian religion, while 12% of BC’s population reported following a non-christian religion.

Canada supports and promotes cultural and religious diversities. As such, Statistics Canada reports that there is substantial growth in diverse religions. Public schools in Canada are secular, although there are some private schools that operate under a particular faith. In public schools and other public facilities, Christian holidays, such as Christmas and Easter, are still regularly observed. Supporting multi-culturalism, public institutions and community organizations often also recognize celebrations such as Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Diwali, Baisakhi, Vaisakhi, Robbie Burns Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Ramadan and many others.