WHO ARE WE AND WHERE DO WE COME FROM?

Demographics provide vital information the helps us understand who makes up our community. Age, gender, race and ethnicity, marital status, education, number of people in household, languages are examples of what is studied to discover who we are.

When we follow our demographic changes over time, they play a crucial role in understanding past trends and in preparing for the future. We are able to identify future economic and social trends. and can better prepare for the potential issues and demands changes such as population growth, aging and migration will bring us.

OUR PEOPLE

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POPULATION
Update

83, 739 (2016)

up 4.2% ⬆ **80,332** in 2011

Median age: **49.9** [1]

Comparison

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
Update

9,660 identify as Indigenous

= **11.8%** of total population

~**45%** of population is under 25

Median age: **28.1** [2]

AGE
TOTAL POPULATION

20.1% — Children & Youth (ages 0-19)

23.9% — Ages 20-44

31.9% — Ages 45-64

23.9% — Seniors (65+) [3]

Comparison

OUR BACKGROUNDS
Visible Minority groups by size

33.1% South Asian

17.3% Chinese

12.5% Filipino

8.0% Black

7.0% Japanese

Visible Minorities = **4%** of total population [4]

Comparison

DIVERSITY

Top 5 Non-Official Languages Spoken:

22.3% **Punjabi**

8.2% **German**

7.4% **Spanish**

7.4% **Korean**

7.1% **Mandarin** [5]

Hallo

Hola!

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Update

Walk of Nations, Duncan BC 2014

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS
Update

of the **25,290** total census families:

68% are married couples

16.8% are common law couples

coupled families

38% with kids at home

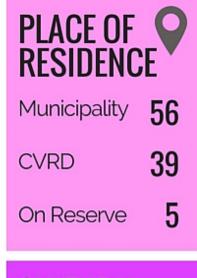62% no kids at home

15.1% are single parent families

75% of which are female-led

25% of which are male-led

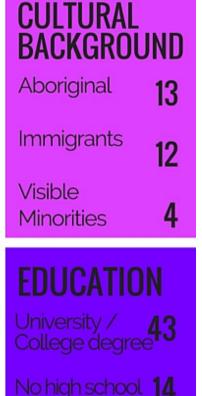*The 2016 census did not provide separate information for married and common law couples

GENDER

Female | 51

Male | 49

AGE

Age 0-4 | 5
Age 5-19 | 17
Age 20-44 | 25
Age 45-64 | 33
Age 65+ | 20

MARITAL STATUS

Married or Common-Law | 51

Single | 18

Previously married | 14

PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Municipality | 56

CVRD | 39

On Reserve | 5

LIFE EXPECTANCY

81.4 years

2017

IF THE COWICHAN VALLEY WAS A VILLAGE OF 100

Based on the 100 People: A World Portrait

Note: Some numbers do not add up to 100. This is the case when all variables for the category were not included.

For more information, visit http://www.100people.org/

CULTURAL BACKGROUND

Aboriginal | 13

Immigrants | 12

Visible Minorities | 4

COMMUTING TO WORK

Drove | 51

Took transit | 1

Walked | 3

Biked | 1

EDUCATION

University / College degree | 43

No high school diploma | 14

In school | 11

FOOD & WATER

Don't have enough to eat | 3

Don't have clean drinking water | 4

HOUSING

Own a home | 80

Have a mortgage | 44

Spend more than 30% of income on housing | 26

INCOME

Has an income greater than $125,000 | 1

Have an income less than $30,000 | 30

EMPLOYMENT

Employed | 54

Unemployed | 5

Self-employed | 1

Not in labour force | 41