

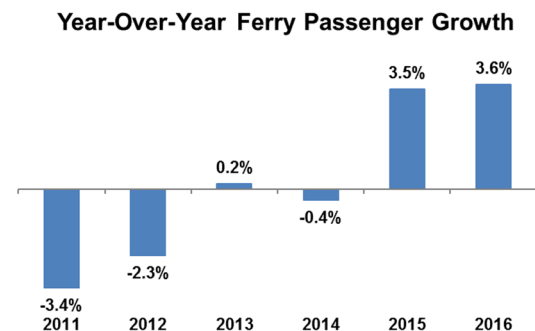
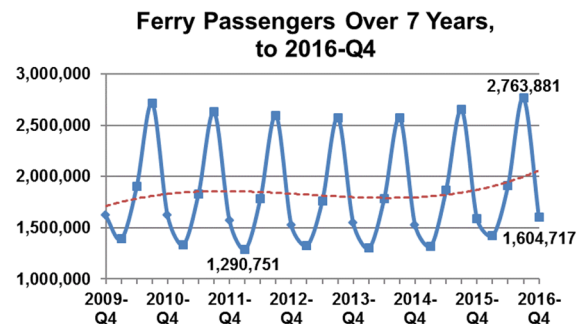
Ferry Passengers (Updated March 2017)

There were just over 1.6 million ferry passengers traveling in or out of the Island Coastal region in the 4th quarter of 2016, continuing a steady upward trend in ferry traffic over the last few years. This was the highest 4th quarter total since 2010.

Among individual ferry routes, the Nanaimo to Tsawwassen route had the largest increase, up 11.5% compared to the 4th quarter of 2015. The Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay (West Vancouver) and Sunshine Coast to Horseshoe Bay routes were down slightly compared to the previous year.

In total for 2016, regional ferry traffic was just under 7.7 million passengers, the highest total in the last seven years (prior data is not available). The positive trend of the last few years is reflected in the 2nd chart – year-over-year traffic dropped in 2011 and 2012, was virtually flat in 2013 and 2014, but has been strongly higher in 2015 and 2016.

Ferry traffic is influenced by a variety of factors, including price and levels of service, population growth within the region and the adjacent Lower Mainland, and tourism. BC had a very good year in tourism in 2016, with international visitation up 11%.



Ferry Passengers between Island Coastal Region and Rest of BC

Region	2016-Q4	One Year Trend		Five-Year Trend		Full Year Trend		
		2015-Q4	Annual Growth	2011-Q4	Annual Growth	2016	2015	Annual Growth
Nanaimo –West Vancouver	698,986	715,627	-2.3%	713,230	-0.4%	3,433,349	3,365,756	2.0%
Sunshine Coast - West Vancouver	559,512	563,528	-0.7%	558,016	0.1%	2,652,457	2,558,894	3.7%
Port Hardy - Prince Rupert	5,635	5,466	3.1%	5,145	1.8%	42,592	43,778	-2.7%
Nanaimo - Tsawwassen	340,584	305,573	11.5%	295,006	2.9%	1,570,523	1,461,860	7.4%
Island Coastal Region	1,604,717	1,590,194	0.9%	1,571,397	0.4%	7,698,921	7,430,288	3.6%

Source: BC Ferries.