

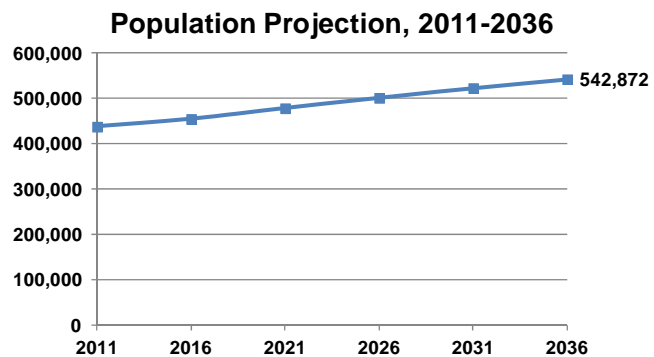
Population Projections (Updated April 2014)

Population projections released by BC Stats in September 2013 show an average increase of about 4,200 people per year in the ICET region through 2036, reaching a total regional population in excess of 540,000. This is an increase of more than 100,000 people compared to the region's current population.

Projected growth in the ICET region averages 0.9 per year, which is slightly below the projected 1.1% rate for BC.

The Southern Interior is also projected to have a 0.9% growth rate while the Major Metros are faster (1.3% per year) and Northern BC slower (0.4% per year).

The BC Stats projections are based on the current age profile of the population, which allows the annual number of births and deaths to be estimated, as well as the projected level of migration into and out of each region. The migration projections are largely based on past trends, so any significant change in the migration outlook (such as a major change in employment opportunities) can have a significant effect on expected future population growth.



Population Projections by BC Region (Projections Released September 2013)

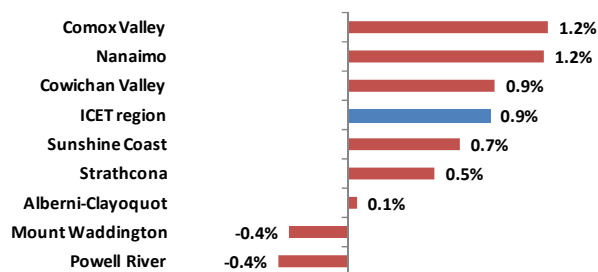
Region	Population Projection						Average Annual Change, 2011-2036	Annual Growth Rate, 2011-2036
	2011* (Estimate)	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036		
ICET Region	438,089	454,970	478,843	501,811	523,262	542,872	4,191	0.9%
Southern Interior	733,533	764,264	804,799	843,683	879,351	911,585	7,122	0.9%
Northern BC	336,419	346,596	354,939	361,949	368,503	375,135	1,549	0.4%
Major Metros	3,068,536	3,270,347	3,525,421	3,777,001	4,013,553	4,228,356	46,393	1.3%
BC Total	4,576,577	4,836,177	5,164,002	5,484,444	5,784,669	6,057,948	59,255	1.1%

*Note: The 2011 estimate does not reflect revised population estimates released by BC Stats in January 2014.
Source: BC Stats

Projected growth in the ICET region over the next 20+ years is expected to be concentrated on the east coast of Vancouver Island in the communities that are already the largest in the region, including Nanaimo, the Comox Valley and the Cowichan Valley.

The Sunshine Coast and Strathcona RDs are also projected to show positive growth in the range of 225-250 people per year, while the Alberni-Clayoquot, Mount Waddington and Powell River RDs are projected to have either very modest growth or outright population declines.

Average Annual Population Growth, 2011-2036



As noted on the previous page, however, these projections are largely driven by past trends in migration. Significant improvements in employment opportunities or other factors that improve the attraction and retention of population will cause the projections shown below to be exceeded.

Population Projections by RD within ICET Region (Projections Released September 2013)

Region	Population Projection						Average Annual Change, 2011-2036	Annual Growth Rate, 2011-2036
	2011* (Estimate)	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036		
Nanaimo	150,726	159,501	171,598	182,971	193,282	202,681	2,078	1.2%
Comox Valley	64,846	68,513	73,341	78,103	82,976	87,756	916	1.2%
Cowichan Valley	83,311	86,739	91,492	96,069	100,378	104,096	831	0.9%
Strathcona	44,495	45,473	46,980	48,452	49,685	50,759	251	0.5%
Sunshine Coast	30,376	31,370	32,640	33,883	35,010	35,976	224	0.7%
Alberni-Clayoquot	31,683	31,388	31,326	31,418	31,705	32,098	17	0.1%
Mount Waddington	12,071	11,760	11,587	11,422	11,199	11,023	-42	-0.4%
Powell River	20,581	20,226	19,879	19,493	19,027	18,483	-84	-0.4%
ICET region	438,089	454,970	478,843	501,811	523,262	542,872	4,191	0.9%

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Appendix: Geographic Areas

The four BC regions shown in this report are based on amalgamations of regional districts. Note that the ICET Region boundaries are an exact match for the area covered by the Trust, but the Southern Interior and Northern BC regions do not exactly match the boundaries of the other two regional trusts in BC (the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust and the Northern Development Initiative Trust).

ICET Region

Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox Valley, Strathcona, Mount Waddington, Powell River, Sunshine Coast

Southern Interior

East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay-Boundary, Okanagan-Similkameen, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap, Thompson-Nicola, Squamish-Lillooet

Northern BC

Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George, Peace River, Northern Rockies, Bulkley-Nechako, Stikine, Kitimat-Stikine, Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Central Coast

Major Metros

Capital, Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley

