

## Planning Area Profile

**Planning Area:** City Centre / Protection Island • **Area of Land:** 260 ha • **Neighbourhood Associations:**  
 Nanaimo Old City Association  
 Protection Island Residents Association  
 Neighbours of Nob Hill

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Census Data	1996 City Centre / Protection Island	2001 City Centre / Protection Island	2006 City Centre / Protection Island	2006 City of Nanaimo
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>4035</b>	<b>4070</b>	<b>4335</b>	<b>78690</b>
0-4 years	175 (4%)	135 (3%)	130 (3%)	3455 (4%)
5-19 years	525 (13%)	480 (12%)	445 (10%)	13880 (18%)
20-24 years	360 (9%)	345 (8%)	320 (7%)	5520 (7%)
25-34 years	680 (17%)	500 (12%)	560 (13%)	8255 (10%)
35-44 years	615 (15%)	605 (15%)	585 (13%)	10435 (13%)
45-54 years	505 (13%)	655 (16%)	730 (17%)	12495 (16%)
55-64 years	310 (8%)	425 (10%)	620 (14%)	10505 (13%)
65-74 years	385 (10%)	390 (10%)	375 (9%)	6915 (9%)
75-84 years	380 (9%)	370 (9%)	375 (9%)	5240 (7%)
85 years and over	115 (3%)	170 (4%)	195 (4%)	1990 (3%)
Average age of population	42.5	44.4	46.1	42.0
Change in population	n/a	35	265	5693
% Change in population	n/a	0.8%	6.5%	7.8%
<b>Total Population by 5 year mobility status</b>	<b>3710</b>	<b>3740</b>	<b>3955</b>	<b>74160</b>
Non-movers (same address five years ago)	1175 (32%)	1440 (39%)	1620 (40%)	34945 (45%)
Movers	2530 (68%)	2300 (61%)	2335 (57%)	39215 (51%)
Non-migrant movers	1325 (36%)	1360 (36%)	1180 (29%)	21350 (28%)
Migrant movers	1200 (32%)	945 (25%)	1155 (28%)	17865 (23%)
<b>Households</b>	<b>2085</b>	<b>2240</b>	<b>2355</b>	<b>33525</b>
Persons in private households	3830	3875	4080	76790
Persons per household	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.3
Average household income	31938	34893	39070	56744
Median household income	25279	25074	28913	46460
Low Income Families	185 (20%)	230 (24%)	230 (22.2%)	2698 (12%)
% of all renter households who paid 30% or more of their gross household income on rent.	56	58	54	49
<b>Families</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>22580</b>
Persons per family	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.7
Two-parent families	685 (75%)	660 (70%)	775 (76%)	18785 (83%)
Two-parent families with no children at home	455 (50%)	470 (50%)	550 (54%)	10715 (47%)
Two-parent families with children at home	225 (25%)	195 (21%)	225 (22%)	8070 (36%)
Lone-parent families	220 (24%)	285 (30%)	240 (24%)	3795 (17%)
Total children at home	755	715	690	20110
<b>Occupied Dwellings</b>	<b>2085</b>	<b>2235</b>	<b>2355</b>	<b>33525</b>
Owned dwellings	810 (39%)	910 (41%)	995 (42%)	23635 (70%)

Rented dwellings	1275 (61%)	1330 (60%)	1360 (58%)	9890 (30%)
Single-detached house	730 (35%)	785 (35%)	665 (28%)	19115 (57%)
Semi-detached/row/duplex	245 (12%)	190 (9%)	270 (11%)	5780 (17%)
Apartments	1095 (53%)	1250 (56%)	1410 (60%)	7755 (23%)
Movable dwelling	10 (0%)	10 (0%)	5 (0%)	870 (3%)
<b>Age of Dwelling</b>				
Built before 1946	705 (34%)	725 (32%)	555 (24%)	2370 (7%)
Built 1946-1960	220 (10%)	185 (8%)	345 (15%)	3635 (11%)
Built 1961-1970	240 (11%)	265 (12%)	295 (13%)	4110 (12%)
Built 1971-1980	355 (17%)	305 (14%)	330 (14%)	6465 (19%)
Built 1981-1990	245 (12%)	220 (10%)	220 (9%)	6285 (19%)
Built 1991-1995	320 (15%)	365 (16%)	370 (16%)	5020 (15%)
Built 1996-2006	n/a	170 (8%)	230 (10%)	5635 (17%)
<b>Total Population 15 years and over by Labour Force Activity</b>				
	<b>3400</b>	<b>3455</b>	<b>3705</b>	<b>65695</b>
In the labour force	2005 (59%)	1950 (56%)	2050 (55%)	40440 (62%)
Employed	1675 (49%)	1625 (47%)	1820 (49%)	37525 (57%)
Unemployed	330 (10%)	330 (10%)	230 (6%)	2915 (4%)
Not in the labour force	1395 (41%)	1505 (44%)	1650 (45%)	25255 (38%)
Unemployment rate	16.5%	16.90%	11.2%	7.2%
<b>Total Employed Labour Force 15 years and over by Mode of Transportation</b>				
	<b>1570</b>	<b>1450</b>	<b>1625</b>	<b>34465</b>
Car, truck van as driver	865 (55%)	895 (62%)	925 (57%)	27125 (79%)
Car, truck, van as passenger	125 (8%)	40 (3%)	100 (6%)	2460 (7%)
Public transit	65 (9%)	45 (3%)	90 (6%)	1165 (3%)
Walked to work	205 (29%)	360 (25%)	350 (22%)	2450 (7%)
Bicycle	15 (2%)	55 (4%)	110 (7%)	695 (2%)
Motorcycle	0	0	0	140 (0%)
Taxicab	0	10 (1%)	0	30 (0%)
Other method	10 (1%)	45 (3%)	50 (3%)	410 (1%)
<b>Total Population 20* years and over by Educational Attainment</b>				
	<b>3400</b>	<b>3270</b>	<b>3700</b>	<b>65690</b>
Less than grade 9	355 (10%)	225 (7%)	830 (22%)	12665 (19%)
Grades 9 to 13	1265 (37%)	1035 (32%)	895 (24%)	53030 (81%)
Trades certificate or diploma	225 (7%)	440 (13%)	525 (14%)	18950 (29%)
Other non-university education	845 (25%)	740 (23%)	625 (17%)	8730 (13%)
University	710 (21%)	830 (25%)	825 (22%)	13225 (20%)
<b>Dominant Demographics</b>				
Official home language	English	English	English	English
Non-official home language	Chinese	Vietnamese	Chinese	Punjabi
Immigrant Place of Birth	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	United States	Eastern Asia
Ethnic Origin	English	English	English	English
Religion	-	-	-	-
Educational Attainment	Grades 9 to 13	Grades 9 to 13	Grades 9 to 13	Grades 9 to 13
Labour by Industry	Retail trade	Accommodation and food services	Health care and social assistance	Retail trade
Labour by Occupation	Sales and service	Sales and service	Sales and service	Sales and service

**Please Note –** The census tract boundaries may have been different between 1996 & 2001.

\*This number was 15 in the 1996 Census.