

# Planning Area Profile

Planning Area: Departure Bay • Area of Land: 320 ha • Neighbourhood Association:  
Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association

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Census Data	1996	2001	2006	2006
	Departure Bay	Departure Bay	Departure Bay	City of Nanaimo
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>8470</b>	<b>8310</b>	<b>5305</b>	<b>78690</b>
0-4 years	410 (5%)	350 (4%)	215 (4%)	3455 (4%)
5-19 years	1720 (20%)	1610 (19%)	970 (18%)	13880 (18%)
20-24 years	550 (6%)	510 (6%)	335 (6%)	5520 (7%)
25-34 years	960 (11%)	795 (10%)	440 (8%)	8255 (10%)
35-44 years	1230 (14%)	1110 (13%)	630 (12%)	10435 (13%)
45-54 years	1335 (16%)	1390 (17%)	860 (16%)	12495 (16%)
55-64 years	910 (11%)	1100 (13%)	815 (15%)	10505 (13%)
65-74 years	850 (10%)	815 (10%)	530 (10%)	6915 (9%)
75-84 years	450 (5%)	545 (7%)	395 (7%)	5240 (7%)
85 years and over	65 (7%)	95 (1%)	120 (2%)	1990 (3%)
Average age of population	39.1	40.9	43.4	42.0
Change in population	n/a	-160	-93	5693
% Change in population	n/a	-2.0%	-1.7%	7.8%
<b>Total Population by 5 year mobility status</b>	<b>8055</b>	<b>7950</b>	<b>5075</b>	<b>74160</b>
Non-movers (same address five years ago)	6695 (83%)	4750 (60%)	2880 (55%)	34945 (45%)
Movers	1690 (21%)	3210 (40%)	2200 (42%)	39215 (51%)
Non-migrant movers	2330 (29%)	1665 (21%)	1145 (22%)	21350 (28%)
Migrant movers	2010 (25%)	1545 (19%)	1055 (20%)	17865 (23%)
<b>Households</b>	<b>3350</b>	<b>3490</b>	<b>2275</b>	<b>33525</b>
Persons in private households	8475	8310	5300	76790
Persons per household	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3
Average household income	54647	59000	62374	56744
Median household income	47193	47750	54200	46460
Low Income Families	290 (11%)	290 (12%)	95 (6%)	2698 (12%)
% of all renter households who paid 30% or more of their gross household income on rent.	49	45	42	49
<b>Families</b>	<b>2525</b>	<b>2525</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>22580</b>
Persons per family	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Two-parent families	2185 (86%)	2125 (84%)	1345 (84%)	18785 (83%)
Two-parent families with no children at home	1145 (45%)	1200 (48%)	775 (48%)	10715 (47%)
Two-parent families with children at home	1050 (41%)	930 (37%)	565 (35%)	8070 (36%)
Lone-parent families	335 (13%)	395 (16%)	255 (16%)	3795 (17%)
Total children at home	2480	2290	1380	20110
<b>Occupied Dwellings</b>	<b>3355</b>	<b>3490</b>	<b>2275</b>	<b>33525</b>
Owned dwellings	2320 (69%)	2500 (72%)	1585 (70%)	23635 (70%)
Rented dwellings	1035 (31%)	985 (28%)	690 (30%)	9890 (30%)
Single-detached house	2225 (66%)	2295 (66%)	1400 (62%)	19115 (57%)
Semi-detached/row/duplex	445 (13%)	520 (15%)	395 (17%)	5780 (17%)
Apartments	665 (20%)	675 (19%)	480 (21%)	7755 (23%)
Movable dwelling	0	0	0	870 (3%)
<b>Age of Dwelling</b>				
Built before 1946	85 (2%)	55 (2%)	60 (3%)	2370 (7%)
Built 1946-1960	365 (11%)	385 (11%)	285 (13%)	3635 (11%)
Built 1961-1970	835 (25%)	770 (22%)	675 (30%)	4110 (12%)

Built 1971-1980	1030 (31%)	1290 (37%)	685 (30%)	6465 (19%)
Built 1981-1990	785 (23%)	695 (20%)	435 (19%)	6285 (19%)
Built 1991-1995	255 (8%)	235 (7%)	80 (4%)	5020 (15%)
Built 1996-2006	n/a	70 (2%)	50 (2%)	5635 (17%)
<b>Total Population 15 years and over by Labour Force Activity</b>	<b>6975</b>	<b>7010</b>	<b>4560</b>	<b>65695</b>
In the labour force	4475 (64%)	4355 (62%)	2785 (61%)	40440 (62%)
Employed	4045 (58%)	3980 (57%)	2620 (57%)	37525 (57%)
Unemployed	430 (6%)	375 (5%)	165 (4%)	2915 (4%)
Not in the labour force	2495 (36%)	2650 (38%)	1775 (39%)	25255 (38%)
Unemployment rate	9.8%	8.6%	5.9%	7.2%
<b>Total Employed Labour Force 15 years and over by Mode of Transportation</b>	<b>3740</b>	<b>3620</b>	<b>2430</b>	<b>34465</b>
Car, truck van as driver	2945 (79%)	2880 (80%)	1915 (79%)	27125 (79%)
Car, truck, van as passenger	305 (8%)	255 (7%)	125 (5%)	2460 (7%)
Public transit	195 (5%)	170 (5%)	85 (3%)	1165 (3%)
Walked to work	170 (4%)	215 (6%)	240 (10%)	2450 (7%)
Bicycle	65 (2%)	70 (2%)	45 (2%)	695 (2%)
Motorcycle	0	0	0	140 (0%)
Taxicab	0	0	0	30 (0%)
Other method	40 (1%)	15 (0%)	10 (1%)	410 (1%)
<b>Total Population 20* years and over by Educational Attainment</b>	<b>6975</b>	<b>6345</b>	<b>4560</b>	<b>65690</b>
Less than grade 9	235 (3%)	205 (3%)	920 (20%)	12665 (19%)
Grades 9 to 13	2520 (36%)	1715 (27%)	1305 (29%)	53030 (81%)
Trades certificate or diploma	350 (5%)	810 (13%)	550 (12%)	18950 (29%)
Other non-university education	1890 (27%)	1550 (24%)	785 (17%)	8730 (13%)
University	1980 (28%)	2070 (33%)	990 (22%)	13225 (20%)
<b>Dominant Demographics</b>				
Official home language	English	English	English	English
Non-official home language	Vietnamese	Chinese	Chinese	Punjabi
Immigrant Place of Birth	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	Southeast Asia	Eastern Asia
Ethnic Origin	English	English	English	English
Religion	-	-	-	-
Educational Attainment	Grades 9 to 13	University	Grades 9 to 13	Grades 9 to 13
Labour by Industry	Retail trade	Retail trade	Retail trade	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.

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