

## Planning Area Profile

**Planning Area:** Newcastle • **Area of Land:** 450 ha (includes Newcastle Island) • **Neighbourhood Associations:**  
Brechin Hill Neighbourhood Association  
Newcastle Ratepayers Association

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Census Data	1996 Newcastle	2001 Newcastle	2006 Newcastle	2006 City of Nanaimo
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3045</b>	<b>3110</b>	<b>3185</b>	<b>78690</b>
0-4 years	125 (4%)	105 (3%)	95 (3%)	3455 (4%)
5-19 years	355 (12%)	315 (10%)	330 (10%)	13880 (18%)
20-24 years	230 (8%)	195 (6%)	230 (7%)	5520 (7%)
25-34 years	430 (14%)	375 (12%)	305 (10%)	8255 (10%)
35-44 years	415 (14%)	450 (14%)	360 (11%)	10435 (13%)
45-54 years	415 (14%)	500 (16%)	500 (16%)	12495 (16%)
55-64 years	280 (9%)	370 (12%)	510 (16%)	10505 (13%)
65-74 years	410 (13%)	360 (12%)	400 (13%)	6915 (9%)
75-84 years	330 (11%)	340 (11%)	320 (10%)	5240 (7%)
85 years and over	75 (2%)	105 (3%)	125 (4%)	1990 (3%)
Average age of population	45.5	46.7	48.1	42.0
Change in population	n/a	65	70	5693
% Change in population	n/a	2.0%	2.2%	7.8%
<b>Total Population by 5 year mobility status</b>	<b>2935</b>	<b>3005</b>	<b>3085</b>	<b>74160</b>
Non-movers (same address five years ago)	1225 (42%)	1420 (47%)	1310 (41%)	34945 (45%)
Movers	1710 (58%)	1585 (53%)	1780 (56%)	39215 (51%)
Non-migrant movers	940 (32%)	775 (26%)	795 (25%)	21350 (28%)
Migrant movers	770 (26%)	810 (27%)	985 (31%)	17865 (23%)
<b>Households</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>33525</b>
Persons in private households	2955	3090	3045	76790
Persons per household	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.3
Average household income	37463	38619	44178	56744
Median household income	30265	28190	35493	46460
Low Income Families	120 (16%)	120 (15%)	110 (13.8%)	2698 (12%)
% of all renter households who paid 30% or more of their gross household income on rent.	47	57	50	49
<b>Families</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>22580</b>
Persons per family	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.7
Two-parent families	620 (83%)	645 (86%)	695 (90%)	18785 (83%)
Two-parent families with no children at home	420 (56%)	475 (63%)	490 (64%)	10715 (47%)
Two-parent families with children at home	200 (27%)	165 (22%)	200 (26%)	8070 (36%)
Lone-parent families	125 (17%)	110 (15%)	80 (10%)	3795 (17%)
Total children at home	485	480	415	20110
<b>Occupied Dwellings</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>33525</b>
Owned dwellings	865 (54%)	955 (54%)	860 (50%)	23635 (70%)
Rented dwellings	745 (46%)	835 (47%)	845 (50%)	9890 (30%)
Single-detached house	625 (39%)	590 (33%)	570 (33%)	19115 (57%)
Semi-detached/row/duplex	120 (7%)	180 (10%)	155 (9%)	5780 (17%)
Apartments	870 (54%)	970 (54%)	985 (58%)	7755 (23%)
Movable dwelling	0	55 (3%)	0	870 (3%)
<b>Age of Dwelling</b>				
Built before 1946	250 (15%)	200 (11%)	245 (14%)	2370 (7%)
Built 1946-1960	435 (27%)	415 (23%)	425 (25%)	3635 (11%)

Built 1961-1970	270 (17%)	395 (22%)	350 (21%)	4110 (12%)
Built 1971-1980	330 (20%)	405 (23%)	260 (15%)	6465 (19%)
Built 1981-1990	130 (8%)	120 (7%)	160 (9%)	6285 (19%)
Built 1991-1995	195 (12%)	215 (12%)	220 (13%)	5020 (15%)
Built 1996-2006	n/a	45 (3%)	10 (1%)	5635 (17%)
<b>Total Population 15 years and over by Labour Force Activity</b>	<b>2700</b>	<b>2820</b>	<b>2905</b>	<b>65695</b>
In the labour force	1515 (56%)	1580 (56%)	1600 (55%)	40440 (62%)
Employed	1330 (49%)	1345 (48%)	1420 (49%)	37525 (57%)
Unemployed	185 (7%)	235 (8%)	180 (6%)	2915 (4%)
Not in the labour force	1185 (44%)	1240 (44%)	1300 (45%)	25255 (38%)
Unemployment rate	12.2%	14.9%	11.3%	7.2%
<b>Total Employed Labour Force 15 years and over by Mode of Transportation</b>	<b>1265</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>1310</b>	<b>34465</b>
Car, truck van as driver	880 (70%)	915 (79%)	915 (70%)	27125 (79%)
Car, truck, van as passenger	90 (7%)	25 (2%)	60 (5%)	2460 (7%)
Public transit	35 (5%)	40 (3%)	110 (8%)	1165 (3%)
Walked to work	80 (11%)	105 (9%)	140 (11%)	2450 (7%)
Bicycle	10 (1%)	30 (3%)	40 (3%)	695 (2%)
Motorcycle	10 (1%)	10 (1%)	0	140 (0%)
Taxicab	0	15 (1%)	0	30 (0%)
Other method	15 (2%)	20 (2%)	45 (3%)	410 (1%)
<b>Total Population 20* years and over by Educational Attainment</b>	<b>2700</b>	<b>2690</b>	<b>2900</b>	<b>65690</b>
Less than grade 9	255 (9%)	165 (6%)	435 (15%)	12665 (19%)
Grades 9 to 13	1040 (39%)	965 (36%)	760 (85%)	53030 (81%)
Trades certificate or diploma	105 (4%)	400 (15%)	395 (14%)	18950 (29%)
Other non-university education	700 (26%)	510 (19%)	685 (24%)	8730 (13%)
University	600 (22%)	650 (24%)	615 (21%)	13225 (20%)
<b>Dominant Demographics</b>				
Official home language	English	English	English	English
Non-official home language	Chinese	Chinese	German	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	Accommodations and food services	Accommodations and food services	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 between 1996 & 2001.

\* This number was 15 in the 1996 Census.