

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: 2021 CENSUS OF POPULATION – 2022 JULY 13 AND AUGUST 17
RELEASES**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

The Planning and Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2022 December 13, received and adopted the *attached* report highlighting key information from the 2022 July 13 and August 17 Census releases, including information on families, households, income, languages, and military experience.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

DATE: 2022 November 28

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER
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Reference: OCP

SUBJECT: 2021 CENSUS OF POPULATION – 2022 JULY 13 AND AUGUST 17
RELEASES

PURPOSE: To provide highlights from the third and fourth data releases of the 2021 Census of Population, including information on families, households, income, languages, and military service.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee forward this report to Council for information.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On 2022 February 14, Council received a report introducing the parameters and purposes of the forthcoming Official Community Plan (OCP) update. The report notes the importance of population, dwelling and employment projections in guiding the land use and infrastructure policies of the OCP.

On 2022 March 7, Council received a report summarizing the initial release of the 2021 Census of Population (“Census”), including population and dwelling counts.

On 2022 June 1, Council received a report summarizing the second Census release, including information on age, gender, household size, and housing type.

This report presents highlights from the third and fourth Census releases, including information on families, households, income, languages, and military service. These highlights are presented in graphic format in *Appendix A*.

This is the third in a series of reports summarizing this year’s Census releases, on topics such as demographics, housing, income, employment, mobility and migration, and First Nations,

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Indigenous, and Inuit statistics, as outlined in *Section 2.0*. These reports will contribute to a full community profile to inform the OCP update.

2.0 POLICY CONTEXT

Data review in support of the OCP update aligns broadly with all City policies, including the *Corporate Strategic Plan* (2022) and standalone policy documents such as the current OCP, the “sustainability trio” of the *Burnaby Economic Development Strategy* (2007), the *Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy* (2011), and the *Environmental Sustainability Strategy* (2016), and the more recent *Climate Action Framework* (2020), *HOME: Burnaby’s Housing and Homelessness Strategy* (2021), and *Connecting Burnaby: Burnaby’s Transportation Plan* (2021).

3.0 2021 CENSUS – FAMILIES, HOUSEHOLDS, INCOME AND MILITARY SERVICE

On 2022 July 13, Statistics Canada (“StatCan”) released a third set of data from the 2021 Census. This release includes information on families, households, income, and military service. With the exception of military service, the release includes results for the following geographic levels:

- Census subdivision (the entire municipality)
- Census tracts (larger neighbourhood areas)
- Dissemination areas (smaller neighbourhood areas)

Highlights of the census release are provided in graphic format in *Appendix A*, with some key results noted below.

Military Service

The Census released data on military service at the national, provincial, and Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) levels only. The Census reported 2,425 currently serving members in the Vancouver CMA, which includes all of Metro Vancouver. Approximately 24% of those serving were women. Data on veterans is available only at the national level, with 461,240 veterans counted.

Census Families

The Census counted 68,355 “census families” in Burnaby, a 6% increase since 2016. “Census families” are two or more people living together as a family unit, such as a married or common-law couple with or without children, or a single parent and one or more children.

Approximately 15.7% of census families were single-parent families, a slightly decrease from 16.3% in 2016. The share of single-parent families with a male parent increased by 2% from 2016, from 17% to 19%. Slightly more than half (52%) of couples had children, a 3% decrease from 2016. The average size of a census family decreased from 2.9 to 2.8 people.

Households

In the Census, “household” is a broad category that includes any person or group of persons living in a principal residence. Unlike a “census family,” a household can consist of a single person, groups of unrelated people living together, and households with more than one census family.

The number of households in Burnaby increased by nearly 10% from 2016, from 92,200 to 101,135. Some household types increased relative to others, including census families or singles living with others (by 6%), and singles living alone (by 1%). Household types that proportionately decreased include census families living on their own, particularly those with children (by 6%).

Income

Burnaby’s before-tax median income increased by over 28% from 2015 to 2020, against a background rate of inflation of 10%. The median household income in 2020 was \$83,000, slightly lower than the median income for the region, which was \$90,000. Approximately 40% of Burnaby households had incomes of \$100,000 or more, while 29% of households had incomes of less than \$50,000. Approximately 12% of households had incomes less than \$25,000, while 10% had incomes greater than \$200,000.

Couples with children had the highest median income, at \$131,000. The median income of single parent families was significantly lower, at \$72,500. Single persons without children had the lowest median income, at \$37,600.

Median incomes varied by census tract, with the lowest median incomes in Metrotown, as well as parts of Edmonds and Lougheed Town Centres. The highest median incomes were found in central Burnaby, in the Government Road, Morley-Buckingham, Douglas-Gilpin, and Oakalla neighbourhoods.

4.0 2021 CENSUS – LANGUAGE

On 2022 August 17, StatCan released a fourth set of Census data on languages. The release includes results for the following geographic levels:

- Census subdivision (the entire municipality)
- Census tracts (larger neighbourhood areas)
- Dissemination areas (smaller neighbourhood areas)

The results from Burnaby indicate significant linguistic diversity. As shown in *Appendix A*, more than 120 languages were selected by residents as the language spoken most often at home. In addition, approximately 64% of residents know more than one language, with 15% knowing three or more languages. Approximately 37% of residents speak more than one language on a regular basis at home.

English remained the language spoken most often at home, as reported by 57% of Burnaby residents, a slight drop from 61% of residents in 2016. Approximately one-third of those who speak English most often at home report a different language as their mother tongue. The other most often spoken languages were largely the same as in 2016, with Mandarin, Yue (Cantonese), Korean, Tagalog, Spanish, Punjabi, Iranian Persian, Russian, and Vietnamese in the top 10 rankings.

The percentage of population speaking languages other than English at home was greatest in the Metrotown area (up to 57% of individuals) and least in Burnaby Heights (19%).

5.0 CENSUS RELEASE SCHEDULE

The 2022 July 13 and August 17 releases were the third and fourth in a series of seven major census releases to be made this year. A schedule for these releases and associated reports to Council is provided in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Census Release Dates and Topics

Release Date (2022)	Topic	Report to Council
February 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population and dwelling counts 	March 2022
April 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age, gender, household size, housing type 	June 2022
July 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families and households Income Canadian Military Experience 	December 2022
August 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Languages 	
September 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples Housing 	February 2023 (as part of a full community profile)
October 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizenship and immigration Ethnocultural and religious identification Mobility and migration 	
November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Employment and commuting French instruction 	

As noted above, Census data are important references for the forthcoming OCP update. While the data do not provide specific targets, they do provide baseline figures, trends and insight into our current population and household numbers, and the magnitude of growth that the updated OCP

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must accommodate. Following the final Census release on 2022 November 30, staff will provide a full community profile for use in development of the OCP.

6.0 CONCLUSION

This report highlights key information from the 2022 July 13 and August 17 Census releases, including information on families, households, income, languages, and military experience. Key data are provided in graphic format in *Appendix A*. Future reports will summarize forthcoming Census releases, with a final report providing a full community profile. It is recommended that this report be forwarded to Council for information.



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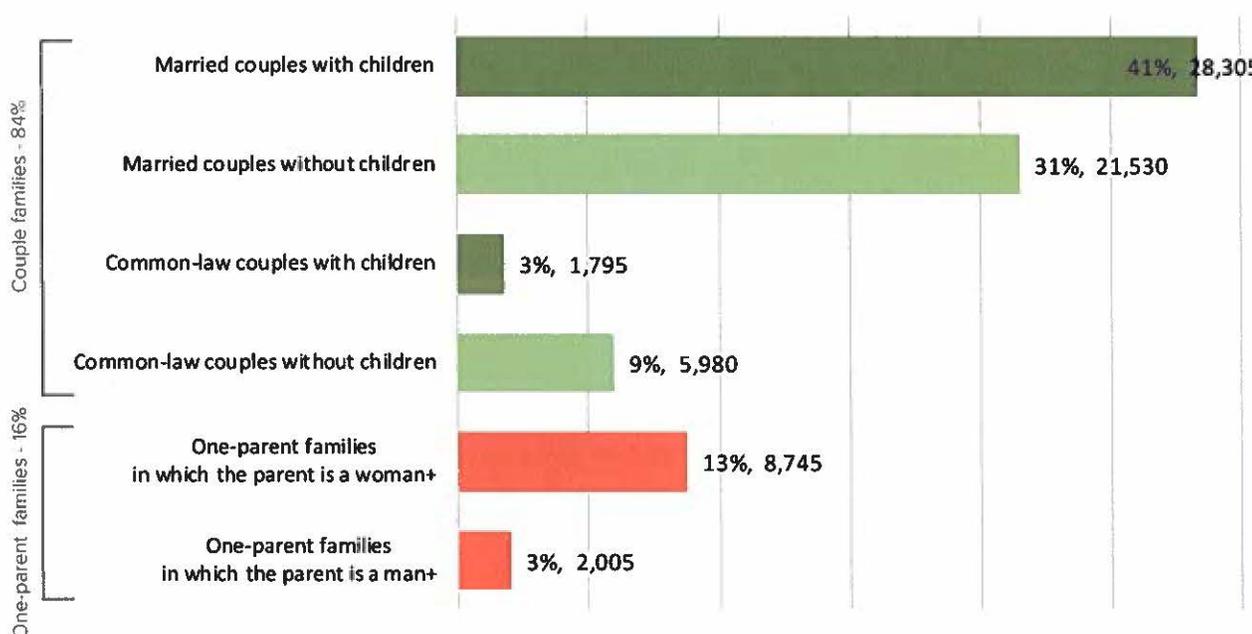


2021 Census Data

FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

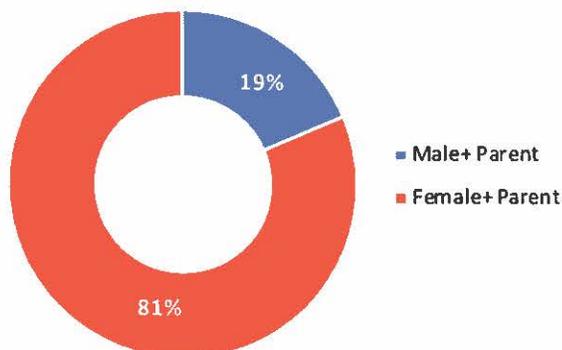
In 2021, there were 68,355¹ census families in Burnaby. The average number of people per family was 2.8, down from 2.9 in 2016. The average number of children in a census family was 1.6.

2.8
people per
family



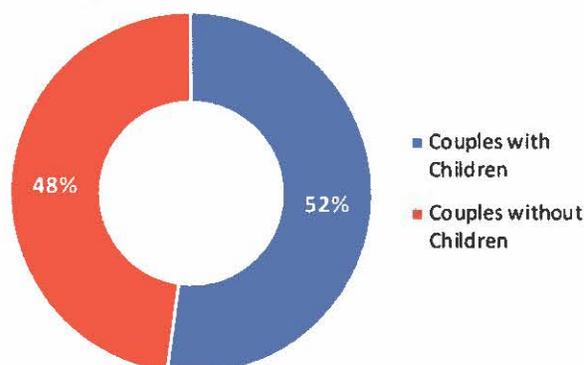
One-parent families

There were 10,745 one-parent families in 2021, up from 10,420 in 2016. The share of one-parent families with a male+ parent increased from 17% in 2016 to 19% in 2021.



Couple families

There were 57,610 couple families in 2021, up from 53,625 in 2016. The share of couples with children decreased from 55% in 2016 to 52% in 2021.

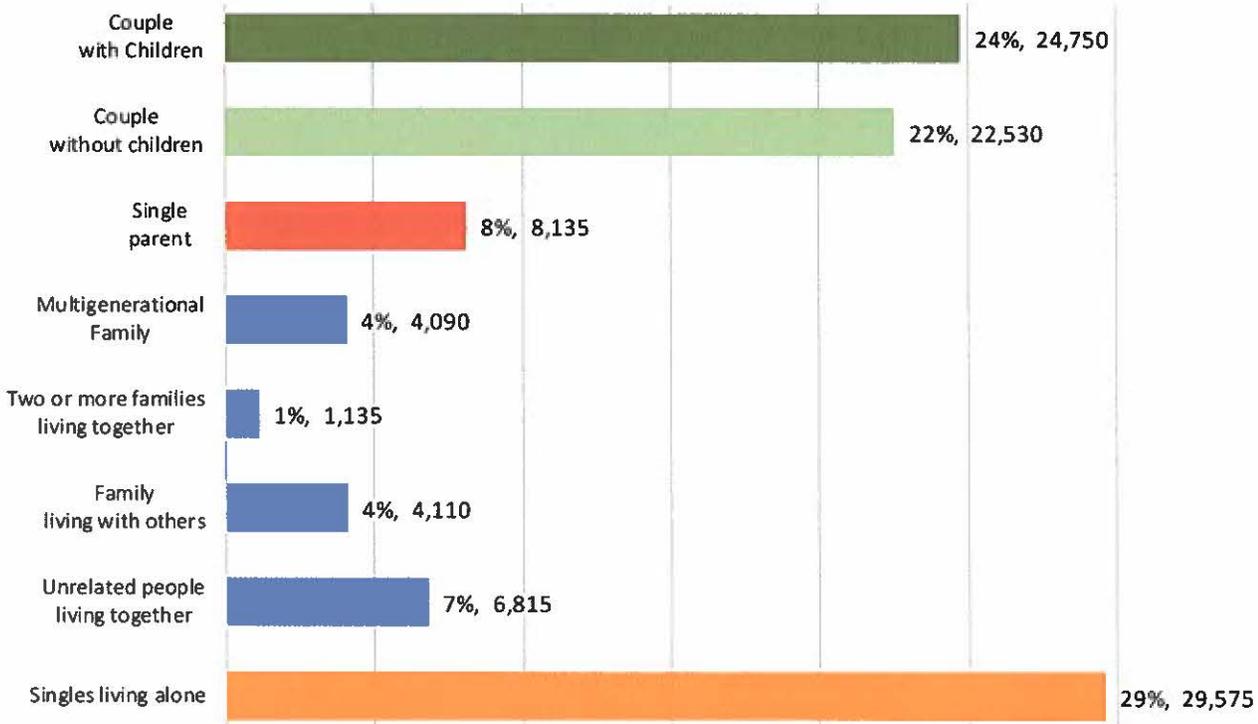


¹There may be minor discrepancies in numbers when subcategories are totalled due to the way the census is processed.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE 2021

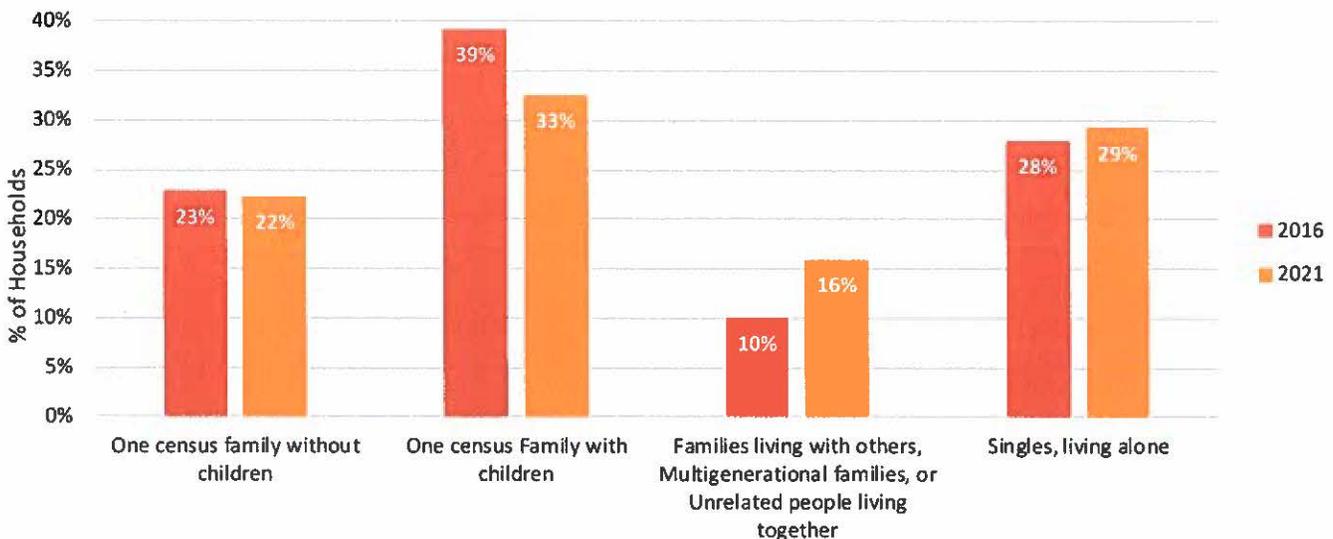
In 2021, there were 101,135 private households in Burnaby, up from 92,200 households in 2016.

+8,935
more
households



Change in household type, 2016-2021

The share of households containing one census family with no additional people is declining. In 2016, 62% of all households were one-census-family households. By 2021, this share fell to 55%, with the remaining 45% comprised of singles, families living with others, multigenerational families, or unrelated people living together. The number of people living alone has increased by 3,815 people, from 25,760 (28% of households) in 2016 to 29,755 (29% of households) in 2021.



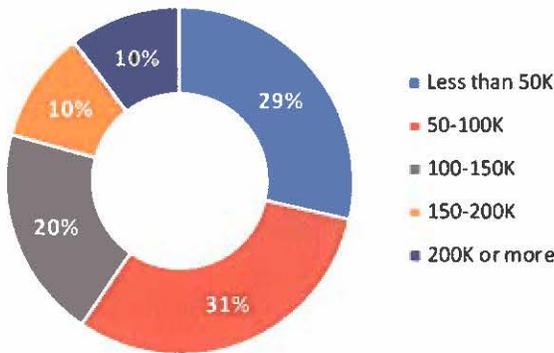
INCOME

\$83,000
median household income

In 2020, the median before-tax household income in Burnaby was **\$83,000**, up from \$64,737 in 2015. The median after-tax household income was \$73,500, up from \$57,107 in 2015.

Household income groups

There were 28,865 households (29%) that earned less than \$50,000 in 2020. There were 10,430 households (10%) that earned \$200,000 or more.



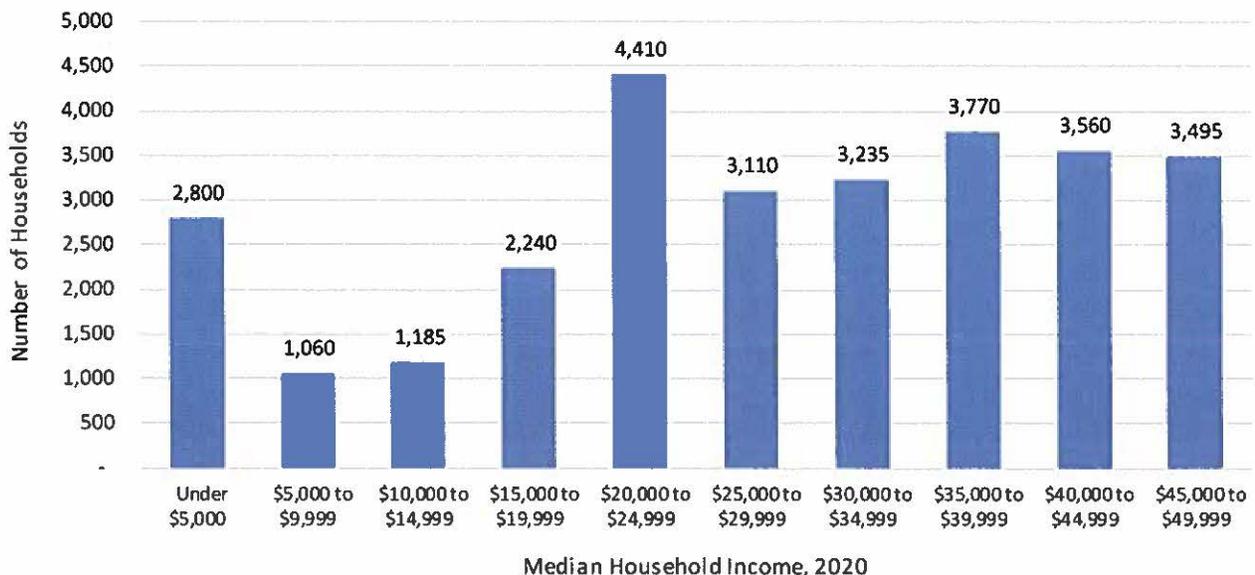
Income by family type

The median income for singles¹ was \$37,600 in 2020. The median income for men+ was \$39,600 compared to \$35,600 for women+.



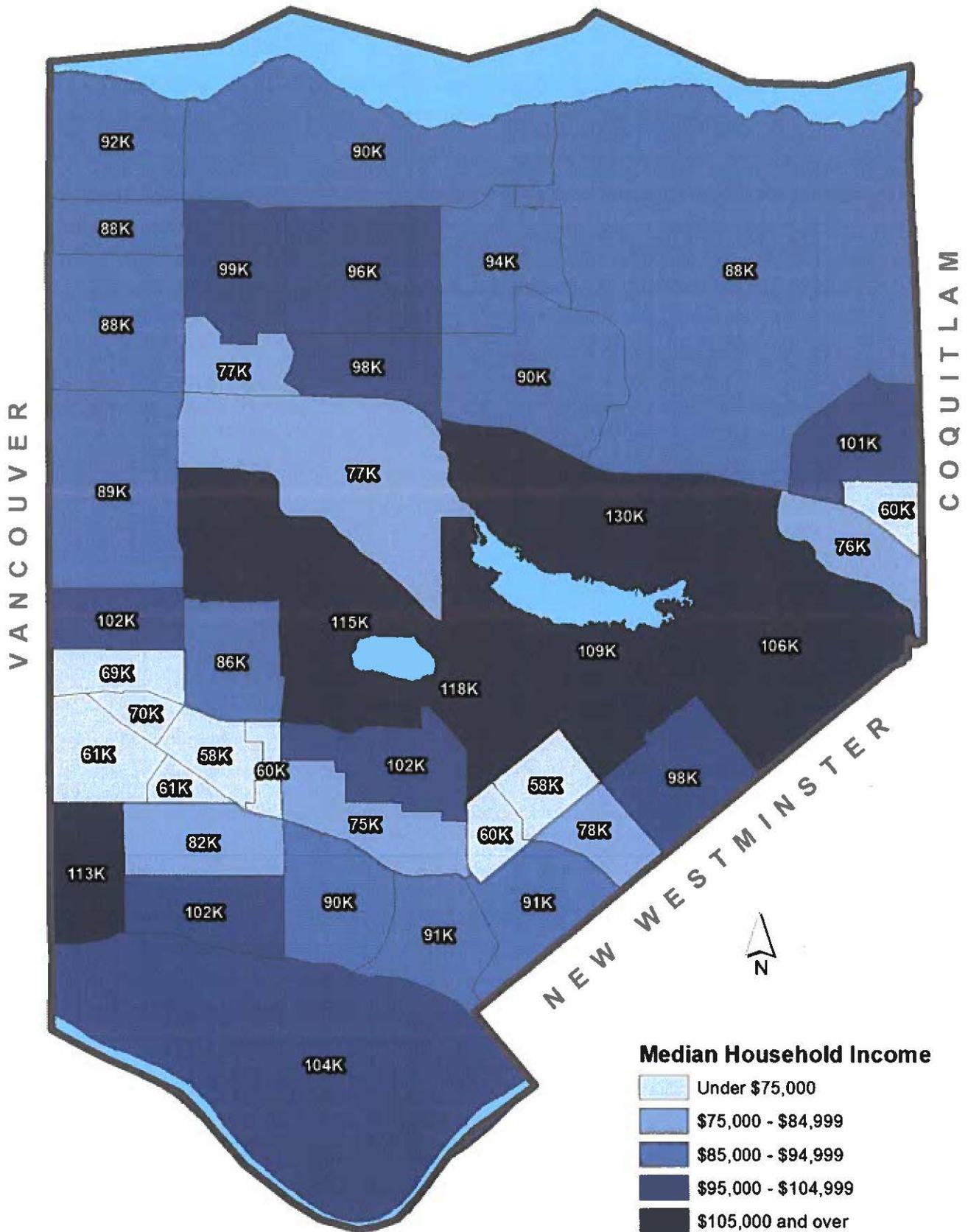
Households earning less than \$50,000

There were 11,695 households in Burnaby with a total household income of less than \$25,000 in 2020. An additional 17,170 households earned \$25,000 to \$50,000.



¹This is the median total income for persons aged 15 years and over who are *not in economic families* in private households. An economic family is a group of related people who live in the same house.

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2020



LANGUAGE DIVERSITY

There are over 120 languages spoken most often at home in Burnaby. There are over 160 languages reported as a mother tongue, meaning that these languages were first learned in childhood and are still understood.

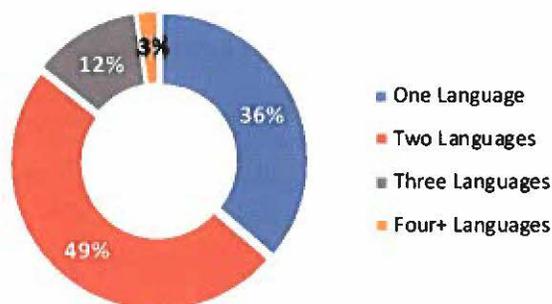
Key Statistics

93% of residents can speak English well enough to conduct a conversation

37% of residents speak more than one language on a regular basis at home

21% of residents speak languages other than English or French on a regular basis at home

Number of Languages Known



Top 10 Languages Spoken Most Often at Home

2016		
1	English	128,085
2	Mandarin	25,855
3	Cantonese	18,670
4	Korean	5,430
5	Tagalog (Pilipino; Filipino)	3,305
6	Persian (Farsi)	2,705
7	Punjabi (Panjabi)	2,695
8	Spanish	2,190
9	Russian	1,835
10	Vietnamese	1,280

2021			Change in Rank
1	English	141,300	
2	Mandarin	25,565	
3	Yue (Cantonese)	19,090	
4	Korean	5,975	
5	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	3,895	
6	Spanish	3,045	↑
7	Punjabi (Panjabi)	2,890	
8	Iranian Persian	2,645	↓
9	Russian	1,895	
10	Vietnamese	1,840	

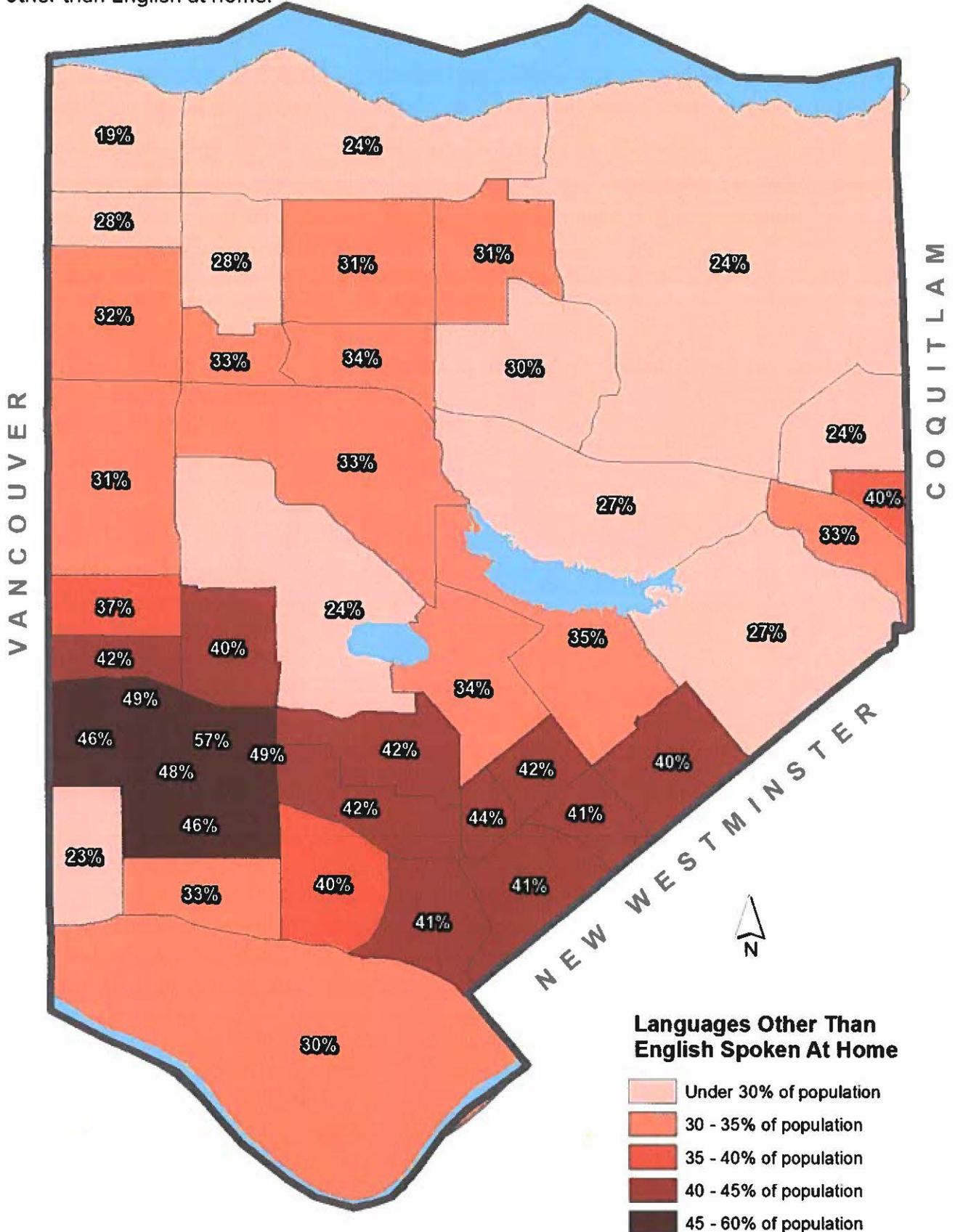
Top 10 Languages reported as Mother Tongue

2016		
1	English	91,850
2	Mandarin	32,295
3	Cantonese	27,375
4	Tagalog (Pilipino; Filipino)	7,435
5	Korean	7,010
6	Punjabi (Panjabi)	5,000
7	Spanish	4,165
8	Persian (Farsi)	4,080
9	Italian	3,975
10	Russian	2,650

2021			Change in Rank
1	English	95,955	
2	Mandarin	31,710	
3	Yue (Cantonese)	28,060	
4	Korean	7,690	↑
5	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	7,020	↓
6	Spanish	5,360	↑
7	Punjabi (Panjabi)	4,980	↓
8	Iranian Persian	3,665	
9	Italian	3,380	
10	Vietnamese	3,205	↑

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH, 2021

This map shows the percentage of the population in each census tract who speak languages other than English at home.



Sources and Definitions:

Source Data:

1. **Statistics Canada. 2022.** Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.
2. **Statistics Canada. 2017.** Census Profile. 2016 Census. Catalogue no. 98-316-X2016001. Ottawa. Released November 29 2017.

Census family is defined as;

- a married couple and the children, if any, of either and/or both spouses
- a couple living common law and the children, if any, of either and/or both partners; or
- a parent of any marital status in a one-parent family with at least one child living in the same dwelling and that child or those children.

All members of a particular census family live in the same dwelling. Children may be biological or adopted children regardless of their age or marital status as long as they live in the dwelling and do not have their own married spouse, common-law partner or child living in the dwelling. Grandchildren living with their grandparent(s) but with no parents present also constitute a census family.

Economic family refers to;

- a group of two or more persons who live in the same dwelling and are related to each other by blood, marriage, common-law union, adoption or a foster relationship. By definition, all persons who are members of a census family are also members of an economic family.

Examples of the broader concept of economic family include the following:

- two co-resident census families who are related to one another are considered one economic family;
- co-resident siblings who are not members of a census family are considered as one economic family; and,
- nieces or nephews living with aunts or uncles are considered one economic family.

Household: A Household refers to a person or group of persons who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada or abroad. The dwelling may be either a collective dwelling or a private dwelling. The household may consist of;

- a family group such as a census family;
- two or more families sharing a dwelling; or
- a group of unrelated persons or of a person living alone.

Household members who are temporarily absent on reference day are considered part of their usual household. A *private household* refers to a household occupying a private dwelling.

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Household Types

- **One-census-family household without additional persons:** Households that contain only one census family, without additional persons not in a census family.
- **Multigenerational household:** Households with three or more generations. These households contain at least one person who is both the grandparent of a person in the household and the parent of another person in the same household.

Note: In 2021 Multigenerational households include some households that were classified in 2016 as 'single-family households with additional persons' as well as others that were previously classified as 'multiple-family households'.

- **Other census family household:** Households that contain only one census family with additional persons not in a census family or more than one census family. Multigenerational households are not included in this category. *Note: This is described as "families living with others" in this bulletin.*
- **One-person household:** Households that contain only one person.
- **Two-or-more-person non-census-family household:** Households containing two or more persons, none of whom belong to a census family. *Note: This is described as "unrelated people living together" in this bulletin.*