

Need and Demand Study

(Data Sources)



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Data Sources for Housing Need and Demand Studies

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Study Section 2: Community Demographic and Economic Profile

Section	Indicator	Source	Section on Website	Link	Details
2. a.	Total Population	Statistics Canada	Census Profile	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	In the space provided, search for the appropriate community, or choose British Columbia in the browse window on the right to explore various available geographies.
2. a.	Total Population Projections	Statistics Canada	Census Profile	2011 Data Search: http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E 2016 Data Search: http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	Navigate to an appropriate community of British Columbia using browse section on the right. Using the data on total population for the communities over the last few years, the projections can be determined using Excel. Put the data in Excel and add the desired years to the end of the table. Highlight the whole table to make a graph. Once the chart is designed, add the appropriate trendline to demonstrate how it is expected the population will grow over that period of time. You can also purchase projection data from BC Stats based on local health authority boundaries.
2. b.	Median Age	Statistics Canada	Census Profile	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	Census Profile allows you to search by place name, Province or to select from a list. Under the census profile, at the bottom of the age categories, you will find the median age for the community, province or territory
2. b.	Population by Age Groups	Statistics Canada	Census Profile	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	For the most recent Census year, select the appropriate Census Subdivision (Community)/Census Divisions (Regional District). Under the census profile, you will find the number of people broken down by age category.
2. c.	Median Individual Income	Statistics Canada	Census Profiles	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	Metric can be found under the "Income of Individuals" Category in a Census Profile for a community or a regional districts.
2. c.	Employment Status	Statistics Canada	Census Profiles	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	For the most recent Census year, select the community. Under the community profile, you will find the labour force participation, employment, and unemployment rates under Labour Force Activity.
2. c.	Employment by Industry	Statistics Canada	Census Profiles	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	For the most recent Census year, select the community. Under the community profile, you will find the breakdown of the number of people 15 years and over working in each industry under "Occupation - National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2016".
2. e. i.	Household Composition	Statistics Canada	Census Profile	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	Select the community or region. You can select a view in the census profile. Information can be found in the "Family Characteristics" section of the Census Profile for the area.
2. e. ii.	Household Types	Statistics Canada	Census Profile	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	Select the community or region. You can select a view in the census profile. Information can be found in the "Household Type" section of the Census Profile for the area.
2. e. iii.	1. Age and 2. Condition of Dwellings by Tenure and Type	Statistics Canada	Census Profile	https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/dt-td/index-eng.cfm	Select the community or region. You can select a view in the census profile. Information can be found in the "Household Characteristics" section.
2. e. iii.	Tenure types	Statistics Canada	Census Profile	https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/dt-td/index-eng.cfm	Select the community or region. You can select a view in the census profile. Information can be found in the "Household Characteristics" section.
2. e. v. a.	Number of Real Estate Listings	BC Real Estate Association and Canadian Real Estate Association, produced by BC Stats	Housing Starts and House Sales	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/statistics/economy/building-permits-housing-starts-sales	Find the Housing Sales PDF or Excel Document under the Housing Starts and House Sales category. Documents provide information on Number of Real Estate Listings for major BC Communities
2. e. v. b.	Universe of Rental Units by Number of Bedrooms	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Rental Market Report	https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/data-and-research/publications-and-reports/rental-market-reports-canada-and-provincial-highlights	The link will bring you to the Rental Market Report. Select the most recent date and appropriate geography (British Columbia). This data is only available for communities above 10,000 people. Detailed data for each community is available in tables within the report. If you are working with a smaller community, you can look for the appropriate regional data or contact CMHC to see if they have collected data for that community (depending on the sample size it may have been collected, but not released). Sometimes local governments in small communities do their own rental market survey.
2. e. v. b.	Average Rent by Number of Bedrooms	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Publications and Reports, Rental Market Report	https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/data-and-research/publications-and-reports/rental-market-reports-canada-and-provincial-highlights	The link will bring you to the Rental Market Report. Select the most recent date and appropriate geography (British Columbia). This data is only available for communities above 10,000 people. Detailed data for each community is available in tables within the report. If you are working with a smaller community, you can look for the appropriate regional data or contact CMHC to see if they have collected data for that community (depending on the sample size it may have been collected, but not released). Sometimes local governments in small communities do their own rental market survey.
2. e. v. c.	Vacancy Rates	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Publications and Reports, Rental Market Report	https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/data-and-research/publications-and-reports/rental-market-reports-canada-and-provincial-highlights	The link will bring you to the Rental Market Report. Select the most recent date and appropriate geography (British Columbia). This data is only available for communities above 10,000 people. Detailed data for each community is available in tables within the report. If you are working with a smaller community, you can look for the appropriate regional data or contact CMHC to see if they have collected data for that community (depending on the sample size it may have been collected, but not released). Sometimes local governments in small communities do their own rental market survey.
2. e. v. d.	Average Sale Price on Real Estate	BC Real Estate Association and Canadian Real Estate Association, produced by BC Stats	Housing Starts and House Sales	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/statistics/economy/building-permits-housing-starts-sales	Find the Housing Sales PDF or Excel Document under the Housing Starts and House Sales category. Documents provide information on average sale price for major BC Communities
2. e. v. d.	Value of Dwellings	Statistics Canada	Census Profiles	http://www.census.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E	For the most recent Census year, select the community. Under the Household Characteristics, you will find the average and median value of dwellings in a community
2. e. v. e.	Housing Starts	BC Stats	Construction and Housing Residential	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/statistics/economy/building-permits-housing-starts-sales	Find the Housing Starts PDF or Excel Document under the Housing Starts and House Sales category. Documents provide information on housing starts for majority of BC Communities.

Study Section 3: Current Affordable Housing Need

Section	Indicator	Source	Section on Website	Link	Details
3. a.	Households on BC Housing Registry by Client Type	BC Housing			Contact BC Housing Research Department for figures.
3. b. c. d. e.	Number of Households in Core Housing Need	Statistics Canada	Core Housing Need, 2016 Census	https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/chn-biml/index-eng.cfm	Data is available for Canada, Province and Territories, Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) and Census Agglomerations (CA), Census Tracts for CMA's and CA's, Fed. Electoral Districts, Census Divisions, Census Subdivisions. Corresponding Regional District data can be used for smaller communities. Further demographic breakdown of Households in Core Housing Need can be purchased from Stats Canada.
3. a. c.	Affordability and suitability of Rental housing in various jurisdictions in Canada.	BCNPHA		http://rentalhousingindex.ca/en/	Data is available for municipalities and regional districts by income grouping.

Study Section 4: Current Affordable Housing Supply

Section	Indicator	Source	Section on Website	Link	Details
4. all sections	Number of Subsidized Units by Client Type	BC Housing	Research Centre, Community Profiles	https://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/housing-data/community-profiles	You can use a link to get information for previous Fiscal Year. Contact BC Housing Research Department for up-to-date figures.
4. all sections	Number of non-profit societies/buildings/units by client type	BCNPHA			Request through the BCNPHA Research Department.

Study Section 5: Emerging Affordable Housing Need

Section	Indicator	Source	Section on Website	Link	Details
5. all sections	Anticipated Growth in Households and Households Spending 30% or More				Based on projections of Stat Can households and core housing need figures.

Study Section 6: Anticipated Affordable Housing Supply

Section	Indicator	Source	Section on Website	Link	Details
6. all sections	Number Subsidized Units Scheduled for Development	BC Housing			Contact BC Housing Research Department for figures.
6. all sections	Number of Subsidized Units Expiring	BC Housing			Contact BC Housing Research Department for figures.