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Metro Vancouver Population Projections



Metro Vancouver's latest population projections indicate slower and less predictable growth than previously projected due to recent federal immigration policy changes. The region is now estimated to grow by an annual average of 42,500 net new residents, reaching a population of 4.1 million people by 2050 — a decrease from the 50,000 projected in 2024.

Metro Vancouver will continue to release long-range projections for jobs and homes — supporting long-range planning for housing, infrastructure, utilities, and transit. Find updates in the next bulletin, and watch for annual updates.

Housing and Transportation Cost Burden Study



The 2025 update to the Housing and Transportation Cost Burden Study analyzes how combined housing and transportation expenses affect household affordability across the region. Key findings show that residents are spending an average of \$41,000 annually on housing and transportation — with transportation costs now rivaling housing expenses in some communities.

Learn More: [Housing and Transportation Cost Burden Study](#)

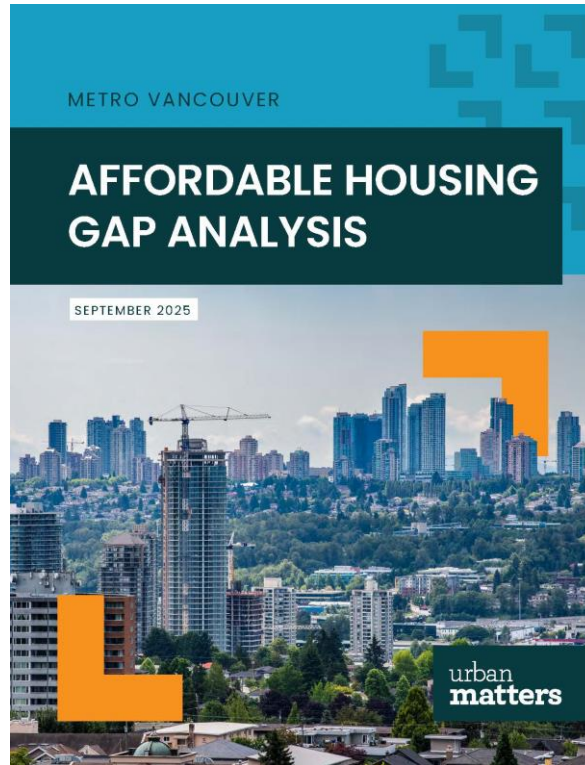
Regional Parking Study

Metro Vancouver released a Regional Parking Study — a database of parking use in the region based on over 33,000 parking stalls and 217 buildings. This study helps planners, developers, and member jurisdictions understand parking use trends and supports informed planning and development decisions.

Learn More: [Regional Parking Study](#)

Learn More: [Regional Parking Database](#)

Affordable Housing Gap Analysis



Metro Vancouver’s Affordable Housing Gap Analysis highlights that, despite a significant increase in recent funding for housing, the region still faces a significant shortfall in affordable rental housing, with tens of thousands of new units needed over the next five years. This will require \$10.1 billion to \$19.3 billion in investments across all governments, with leadership from federal and provincial governments. This report is a key milestone of Housing 2050, Metro Vancouver’s roadmap to strengthen coordination, advocacy, and delivery of affordable rental housing.

Learn More: [Affordable Housing Gap Analysis](#)

Learn More: [Housing 2050](#)

Housing 2050: Interim Engagement Summary



As part of Housing 2050, Metro Vancouver has been collecting input from municipalities, First Nations, other governments, and organizations working in the affordable housing sector. This work will help identify new actions, advocacy strategies, and policy approaches to advance affordable rental housing in the region.

Learn More: [Housing 2050 Engagement Summary](#)

Development Cost Charge (DCC) Program Update

Metro Vancouver is revising its DCC program to ensure it is responsive to social, political, and economic circumstances. The current revision began in 2025 and will continue through 2027, with new rates taking effect in 2028. The update will include the latest population estimates, feedback from the development community, continuous improvements, and more.

Learn More: [Development Cost Charge Revisions](#)

Policy Toolkit for Local Governments — Thermal Safety in Apartment Buildings



Metro Vancouver has released a policy toolkit to help local governments improve thermal safety in apartment buildings. Developed with Vancouver Coastal Health and several municipalities, it outlines 31 measures to protect vulnerable residents from extreme heat. Heat pumps are an important solution that align climate, health, and affordability goals.

Learn More: [Thermal Safety in Existing Multi-Unit Residential Buildings](#)

Trends in Building and Transportation Emissions



New data on building and transportation trends related to greenhouse gas emissions, technology, and policy are available now. Highlights include:

- Over one-quarter of new vehicles sold in the region last year were electric vehicles (EVs).
- New buildings are becoming more energy efficient, but standards for upgrading existing buildings remain limited.

Learn More: [Trends in Emissions from Buildings Staff Report](#)

Learn More: [Trends in Emissions from Transportation \(Personal Mobility\) Staff Report](#)

Climate 2050 Progress Report 2025

Metro Vancouver publishes annual progress reports on Climate 2050, the region's climate strategy. Highlights in the 2025 update include:

- Regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have increased slightly since 2010.
- Transportation and buildings continue to be the largest sources of emissions, but there are signs of reductions from both sectors.
- Initiatives led by Metro Vancouver, member jurisdictions, and other partners illustrate successful climate actions that have the potential to be scaled up.

Learn More: [Climate 2050 Progress Report 2025](#)