

## POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

The total population for the Central Okanagan from the 2006 Census was 167,417. The estimated population for 2009 is 180,234. Population growth in the Central Okanagan has historically outpaced growth in the province overall. Note that the large percentage change in unincorporated areas resulted from the incorporation of West Kelowna in 2008.

### Population Growth<sup>1</sup>

	1996	2001	2006	2007	2008	% Change	2009 <sup>2</sup> (Estimates)
British Columbia	3,724,500	3,907,738	4,113,487	4,310,305	4,399,200	1.7%	4,448,134
<b>Central Okanagan</b>	141,628	154,156	167,417	174,052	180,114	3.5%	180,234
Kelowna	92,859	100,512	110,351	114,731	118,507	3.3%	119,253
Lake Country	9,330	9,518	9,790	10,233	11,051	8.0%	N/A
Peachland	4,675	4,710	4,938	5,125	5,232	2.1%	N/A
West Kelowna	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27,161	n/a	N/A
Unincorporated Areas	34,764	39,416	42,338	43,963	18,163	-58.7%	N/A

Note: BC Stats populations generally differ from Statistics Canada census counts and projections.

<sup>1</sup> *Municipalities, Regional Districts and Development Regions Population Estimates, BC STATS, Service BC, BC Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services, February 2009,*

[http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/mun/PopulationEstimates\\_1996-2008.xls](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/mun/PopulationEstimates_1996-2008.xls) (Accessed April 16, 2009)

<sup>2</sup> *Financial Post, 2009, FP Markets Canadian Demographics 2009*