

2021 Census

Population Highlights

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Canada's Fastest Growing Metropolitan Area



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Canada, BC, & Central Okanagan Communities

Geographic Name	Population 2021	Population 2016	Population Percentage change 2016 to 2021
Canada	36,991,981	35,151,728	5.2%
British Columbia	5,000,879	4,648,055	7.6%
Kelowna CMA	222,162	194,892	14.0%
City of Kelowna	144,576	127,390	13.5%
City of West Kelowna	36,078	32,655	10.5%
District of Lake Country	15,817	12,922	22.4%
District of Peachland	5,789	5,428	6.7%
Duck Lake IR7	1,847	1,664	11.0%
Central Okanagan - East Electoral	4,258	3,814	11.6%
Central Okanagan - West Electoral	2,897	1,991	45.5%
Tsinstikeptum IR9	9,134	7,612	20.0%
Tsinstikeptum IR10	1,766	1,416	24.7%

** Please note Central Okanagan East 2016 Data revised (less 10), Central Okanagan West 2016 Data (add 10)

Population Growth Comparison

Geographic Name	Population 2021	Population 2016	Population Percentage change 2016 to 2021
Kelowna CMA	222,162	194,892	14.0%
Victoria CMA	397,237	367,770	8.0%
Vancouver CMA	2,642,825	2,463,431	7.3%
Toronto CMA	6,202,225	5,928,040	4.6%
Calgary CMA	1,481,806	1,392,609	6.4%

Key Takeaways

- The Central Okanagan (Kelowna CMA) is the **fastest growing metropolitan area** in Canada
- The region's population growth between 2016 and 2021 was 14%, which is considerably higher than BC's growth at 7.6% and Canada's at 5.2%
- The communities that experienced the highest growth rate in the Central Okanagan were:
 - Central Okanagan West at 45.5%
 - District of Lake Country at 22.4%
 - Tsinstikeptum IR10 at 24.7%

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