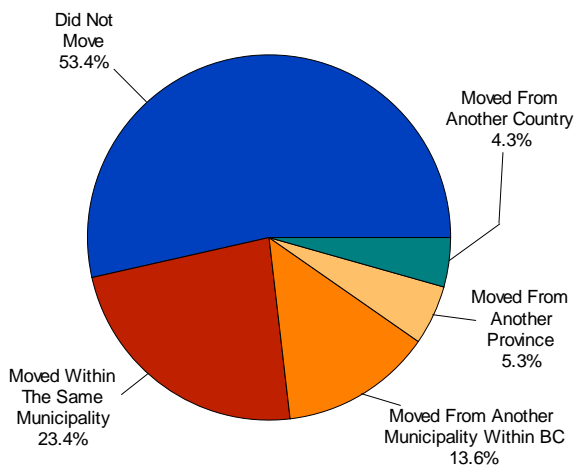


Mobility and Migration: Census 2006

The results from the 2006 Census show that over 1.8 million people residing in British Columbia on May 16, 2006 lived at a different address five years previously, in 2001. This represents 47% of the population, up from the 46% who moved between 1996 and 2001. (Note that all statistics reported here are for population aged five years old and over.)

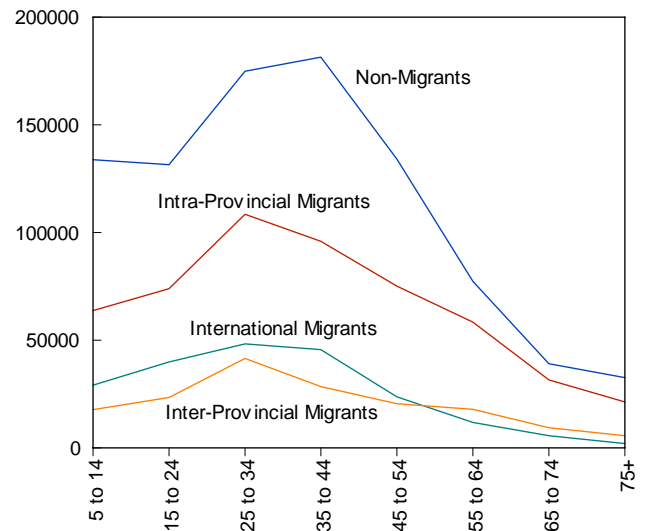
Figure 1: BC Mobility 2001 to 2006



Of the BC residents who did move between 2001 and 2006, approximately 50% moved within the same municipality, 29% moved to a different municipality within the province, 9% moved in from another province, and nearly 12% arrived from a different country. This pattern is practically unchanged from the 1996 to 2001 period.

In general, young adults tend to move more often than people in other age groups, with seniors moving the least. The motivation for moving may also be different among the age groups. For example, 15–24 year olds are often moving away from their parents, in search of education or employment, and individuals aged 25–34 often move to start families.

Figure 2: Movers by Age Group



The most mobile age group in BC were those 25 to 34. Nearly 75% of this group moved at some point between 2001 and 2006, whereas only about a quarter of those older than 75 moved. Additionally, the distance younger people move is somewhat greater, with about 8% of movers aged

Table 1: BC 5 Year Mobility Status

Mobility Status	# of People	% of Total	% of Movers
Population 5+ years old	3,871,915	-	-
Non-Movers (Did Not Move)	2,067,785	53.4	-
Non-Migrants (Moved Within The Same Municipality)	904,705	23.4	50.1
Intraprovincial Migrants (Moved From Another Municipality Within BC)	528,500	13.6	29.3
Interprovincial Migrants (Moved From Another Province)	164,715	4.3	9.1
International Migrants (Moved From Another Country)	206,215	5.3	11.4

Table 2: BC 5 Year Mobility by Age Group

Mobility Status	Total	5-14 years	15-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years	75+
Total - Mobility status 5 years ago	3,871,915	477,300	537,975	497,660	622,525	661,400	502,620	310,455	261,980
Non-movers	2,067,785	232,850	269,155	124,525	271,160	407,920	337,160	224,750	200,270
Movers	1,804,125	244,455	268,825	373,140	351,365	253,480	165,460	85,695	61,715
Non-migrants	904,705	133,780	131,515	174,845	181,385	134,115	77,335	39,100	32,625
Migrants	899,420	110,670	137,305	198,285	169,975	119,365	88,120	46,600	29,085
Internal	693,210	81,520	97,390	149,995	124,330	95,670	76,290	40,935	27,060
Intra-provincial	528,500	63,720	73,935	108,460	95,905	75,115	58,400	31,565	21,380
Inter-provincial	164,715	17,805	23,455	41,530	28,425	20,550	17,895	9,370	5,685
External	206,215	29,145	39,915	48,290	45,645	23,695	11,830	5,660	2,025
Percentage of age group who move	46.60%	51.22%	49.97%	74.98%	56.44%	38.32%	32.92%	27.60%	23.56%

25 to 34 coming from a different province, compared with only 2% of movers 75 years or older. Indeed, the majority of movers in BC are non-migrants. A non-migrant is defined as a person who had a change of address between 2001 and 2006, but still lived in the same census subdivision (CSD) as they did five years earlier.

Following the net migrant outflow to other provinces of more than 23,000 people in the 1996 to 2001 period, BC returned to a net migrant inflow of about 22,000 people from the rest of Canada in the 2006 Census. Among the other provinces, only Alberta had higher net interprovincial migration, with 88,000 new

residents. Prince Edward Island also had a net inflow of migrants from the rest of Canada. All other provinces experienced a net outflow of migrants, with Ontario and Saskatchewan both losing over 25,000 people, and about 20,000 leaving Manitoba.

Of the 164,710 people to move to BC, most came from Alberta (38.1%) and Ontario (34.0%). Together, these two provinces provided nearly 120,000 new residents to BC. Over 10,000 people also arrived from each province of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Quebec.

Of the 206,215 people who moved to BC from

Table 3: 5 Year Interprovincial Mobility

Province	In	Out	Net
Alberta	226,865	138,690	88,175
British Columbia	164,710	142,575	22,135
Prince Edward Island	8,300	7,690	610
Nunavut	2,425	2,770	-345
Yukon Territory	3,665	4,015	-350
Northwest Territories	6,360	7,045	-685
Newfoundland and Labrador	25,780	32,020	-6,240
Nova Scotia	48,035	56,040	-8,005
New Brunswick	31,575	42,180	-10,605
Quebec	73,550	85,200	-11,650
Manitoba	36,585	57,330	-20,745
Saskatchewan	38,930	64,310	-25,380
Ontario	185,785	212,705	-26,920
Canada	852,570	852,570	0

Table 4: Movers to B.C. (5 Year Mobility)

Province	Movers to BC	%of total
Alberta	62,795	38.1%
Ontario	56,035	34.0%
Manitoba	11,455	7.0%
Saskatchewan	10,700	6.5%
Quebec	10,070	6.1%
Nova Scotia	5,960	3.6%
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,220	1.3%
New Brunswick	2,165	1.3%
Yukon Territory	1,480	0.9%
Northwest Territories	1,165	0.7%
Prince Edward Island	470	0.3%
Nunavut	195	0.1%
Total	164,710	100.0%

outside of Canada during the 2001-2006 period, over 80% settled in the Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area, representing over 8% of the population aged 5 and over. Victoria and Abbotsford were the second most popular destinations for external migrants, receiving 10,675 and 6,640 individuals, respectively. Vancouver was also the most popular destination among interprovincial movers, accounting for 36.8% of BC's intake,

followed by Victoria (12.0%) and Kelowna (7.6%).

For people moving within the province (both non-migrant and intraprovincial movers), Vancouver was again the most popular destination, taking in more than 720,000 migrants, constituting 50.4% of BC's total. Other areas with a large share of movers coming from within BC include Victoria (115,520), Abbotsford (62,695) and Kelowna (62,395).

Table 5: Census Metropolitan Area (CMS) and Census Agglomeration (CA) 5 Year Mobility

CMA/CA	Population 5 Yrs of Age Plus	Non- Movers	Non- Migrants	Intra- provincial Migrants	Inter- provincial Migrants	Inter- national Migrants
Abbotsford	146,460	72,525	41,415	21,280	4,595	6,640
Campbell River	34,525	18,280	8,655	5,590	1,565	435
Chilliwack	75,315	38,015	19,630	13,735	2,810	1,125
Courtenay	46,650	23,785	8,875	8,470	4,700	825
Cranbrook	22,655	13,060	4,990	2,840	1,490	275
Dawson Creek	10,140	4,995	2,995	1,360	630	150
Duncan	39,090	22,165	8,440	6,165	1,745	575
Fort St. John	23,130	10,475	6,620	3,635	2,100	300
Kamloops	87,580	46,825	22,015	13,795	3,685	1,255
Kelowna	153,165	74,865	40,385	22,010	12,480	3,425
Kitimat	8,540	5,815	1,840	615	260	10
Nanaimo	87,260	42,935	23,790	13,485	4,930	2,115
Parksville	25,510	12,795	3,635	6,105	2,460	505
Penticton	41,200	21,875	8,665	7,405	2,810	445
Port Alberni	23,915	14,400	5,365	3,285	705	160
Powell River	15,595	9,505	3,130	1,905	630	435
Prince George	77,910	44,210	21,565	8,540	2,725	860
Prince Rupert	12,495	7,325	3,345	1,395	260	175
Quesnel	21,160	13,545	4,840	2,200	395	185
Salmon Arm	14,975	7,605	2,915	3,030	1,175	255
Squamish	14,225	7,230	3,325	2,370	670	625
Terrace	17,355	10,665	4,155	1,990	430	110
Vancouver	1,992,490	1,043,415	482,670	240,045	60,675	165,685
Vernon	51,960	26,365	12,280	9,545	2,960	810
Victoria	311,060	165,100	77,665	37,855	19,760	10,675
Williams Lake	17,605	10,000	4,070	2,770	610	155
British Columbia	3,871,915	2,067,785	904,705	528,500	164,715	206,215

Movers from within the province made up over a third of the population in most of the census areas. Chilliwack and Fort St. John had the largest proportion of these movers, representing 44.3% of both areas' population. At the low end, Kitimat (28.8%) and Powell River (32.3%) were the only areas to have less than one third of their population comprised of intraprovincial movers.

Only five Census Agglomerations had more movers than non-movers in the 2001 to 2006 interval: Fort St. John (45.3%), Kelowna (48.9%), Nanaimo (49.2%), Dawson Creek (49.3%), and Abbotsford (49.5%). However, it should be noted that these areas also had among the high-

est levels on non-migration moves, indicating that many of the moves were short distance.

The three Census Agglomerations that had the most people with the same address in 2006 as in 2001 were Kitimat (68.1%), Quesnel (64.0%), and Terrace (61.5%). However, as this statistic ignores the number of people who have moved out of the area since 2001, it should not be interpreted as a reliable measure of overall stability. Sub-provincial out-migration figures have not been released to date. As these areas experienced population declines between 2001 and 2006, it is likely that they had a considerable amount of out-migration.

Table 6: CMA and CA 5 Year Mobility (% of Population 5 Years of Age Plus)

CMA/CA	Non-Movers	Non-Migrants	Intra-provincial Migrants	Inter-provincial Migrants	International Migrants
Abbotsford	49.5%	28.3%	14.5%	3.1%	4.5%
Campbell River	52.9%	25.1%	16.2%	4.5%	1.3%
Chilliwack	50.5%	26.1%	18.2%	3.7%	1.5%
Courtenay	51.0%	19.0%	18.2%	10.1%	1.8%
Cranbrook	57.6%	22.0%	12.5%	6.6%	1.2%
Dawson Creek	49.3%	29.5%	13.4%	6.2%	1.5%
Duncan	56.7%	21.6%	15.8%	4.5%	1.5%
Fort St. John	45.3%	28.6%	15.7%	9.1%	1.3%
Kamloops	53.5%	25.1%	15.8%	4.2%	1.4%
Kelowna	48.9%	26.4%	14.4%	8.1%	2.2%
Kitimat	68.1%	21.5%	7.2%	3.0%	0.1%
Nanaimo	49.2%	27.3%	15.5%	5.6%	2.4%
Parksville	50.2%	14.2%	23.9%	9.6%	2.0%
Penticton	53.1%	21.0%	18.0%	6.8%	1.1%
Port Alberni	60.2%	22.4%	13.7%	2.9%	0.7%
Powell River	60.9%	20.1%	12.2%	4.0%	2.8%
Prince George	56.7%	27.7%	11.0%	3.5%	1.1%
Prince Rupert	58.6%	26.8%	11.2%	2.1%	1.4%
Quesnel	64.0%	22.9%	10.4%	1.9%	0.9%
Salmon Arm	50.8%	19.5%	20.2%	7.8%	1.7%
Squamish	50.8%	23.4%	16.7%	4.7%	4.4%
Terrace	61.5%	23.9%	11.5%	2.5%	0.6%
Vancouver	52.4%	24.2%	12.0%	3.0%	8.3%
Vernon	50.7%	23.6%	18.4%	5.7%	1.6%
Victoria	53.1%	25.0%	12.2%	6.4%	3.4%
Williams Lake	56.8%	23.1%	15.7%	3.5%	0.9%
British Columbia	53.4%	23.4%	13.6%	4.3%	5.3%