



Mobility of Victorians

Mobility refers to how often we move our homes, and this information looks at how mobile City of Victoria residents were in the five years between census dates. To determine how mobile people were, residents were asked where they resided in May 2005, one year prior to the 2006 Census.

From the 2006 Census information, Statistics Canada provides us with valuable information to better understand our community. Objective statistical information provides a solid foundation for informed decisions by elected representatives, businesses, unions and non-profit organizations, as well as individual residents.

How mobile are we?

Total-Mobility status	1996	2001	2006
Non-movers	72%	74%	75%
Movers	28%	26%	25%
Non-migrants (moved within the city)	68%	65%	62%
Migrants (outside of city)	32%	35%	38%
Internal migrants (within Canada)	87%	87%	82%
Intra-provincial migrants (within BC)	63%	67%	63%
Interprovincial migrants (outside of BC)	37%	33%	37%
External migrants (outside of Canada)	13%	13%	18%

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA CENSUS, 2006

Since 1996, the number of non-movers has steadily increased from 72% in 1996 to 75% in 2006. The greatest portion of people who move continues to be residents moving within the City. One noticeable difference between 1996/2001 Census and 2006 is the number of people moving into the City from outside of Canada has increased by 5%.

Mobility Status by Neighbourhood 2006 Census

Neighbourhood	Non-Movers	Movers	Moved within Victoria	From Same Province	From Different Province	From Outside Canada
Burnside Gorge	70%	30%	67%	70%	24%	7%
Downtown	59%	41%	73%	24%	30%	45%
Fairfield	77%	23%	56%	51%	25%	24%
Fernwood	70%	30%	58%	48%	39%	12%
Gonzales	85%	15%	59%	49%	27%	22%
Harris Green	73%	27%	63%	65%	21%	12%
Hillside Quadra	74%	26%	71%	56%	29%	16%
James Bay	78%	22%	57%	40%	37%	22%
North Jubilee	76%	24%	60%	42%	32%	26%
North Park	69%	30%	62%	67%	18%	14%
Oaklands	82%	18%	69%	68%	15%	17%
Rockland	72%	28%	61%	41%	35%	24%
South Jubilee	73%	27%	43%	53%	25%	22%
Victoria West	78%	22%	65%	53%	34%	11%
TOTAL City of Victoria	75%	25%	62%	51%	30%	18%

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The Downtown neighbourhood experienced the highest percentage of movers, receiving both residents from within the City as well as receiving the highest percentage of new residents from outside of Canada. Burnside Gorge and Fernwood also experienced high levels of mobility, but movement was primarily from residents from other parts of the City. Both of these neighbourhoods were amongst the lowest to receive new residents from outside of Canada.