

Preface

Statistics Canada conducts its *Census of Population* every five years with the most recent census having occurred in 2006. The Census provides information on the demographic, social and economic conditions of the population on Census day (May 16 in 2006).

While the Census aims to enumerate all permanent residents of Canada, it will miss some residents while counting others more than once. In acknowledgement of this Statistics Canada publishes a net undercount that is used to adjust the population count. Based on these adjustments BC Stats produces quarterly and annual population estimates.

The City of Surrey's Planning Department also maintains building permit statistics. The number of existing buildings (updated with new constructions and demolitions) provides an accurate estimate of occupied dwellings. The dwelling count is combined with Statistics Canada Census variables to produce the City of Surrey's demographic profiles.

Where possible a comparison is made between the current and previous censuses. A regional comparison is also provided between Surrey and key municipal neighbours. Finally, for the purpose of this and other fact sheets, Surrey is divided into six communities: Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton, South Surrey, and Whalley. City Centre is also identified as a sub-community planning area within Whalley. Unless otherwise indicated, statistical information provided at the community and sub-community level is based on a twenty percent sample of the Census enumeration.

Mobility

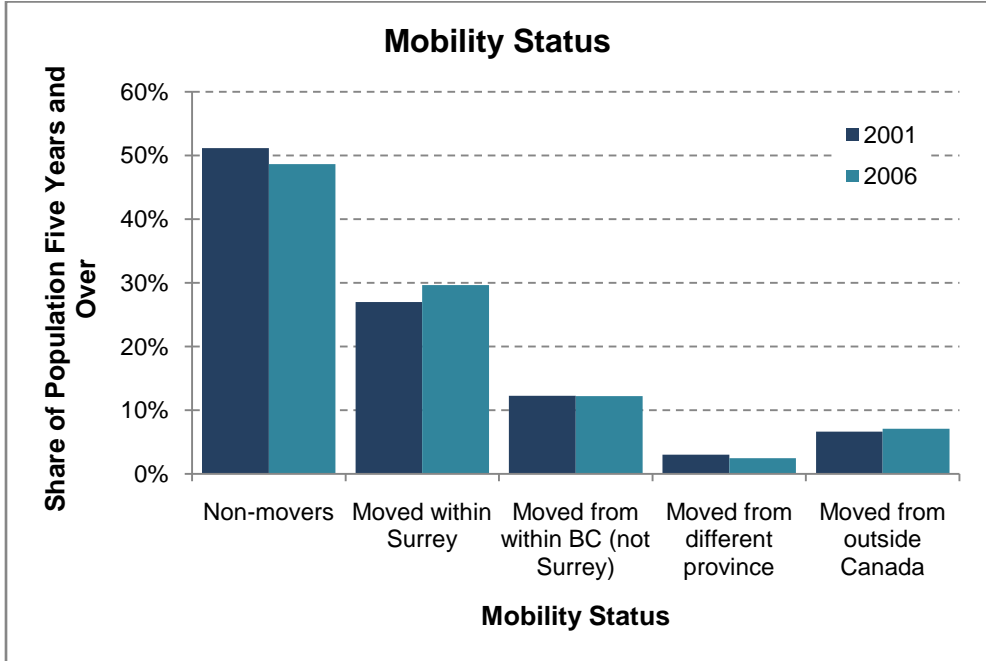
The Census tracks the mobility status of residents. It monitors whether residents have moved within two specified periods of time: one year prior to Census day and five years prior to Census day. It categorizes mobility status according to where residents lived one year and five years ago. In order for results to be meaningful this information is tabulated for only those individuals who were alive at the beginning of each period in question. Additionally, institutional residents were excluded. These include those living in hospitals, nursing homes, correctional institutions, and homeless shelters.

If an individual's place of residence on Census Day was the same as it was one year (or five years) earlier, she is considered to be a non-mover. Otherwise, residents are described as having moved within the same municipality, moved within the same province (from a different municipality), moved from another province, or moved from outside Canada.

Typically there is a much higher degree of mobility when comparing places of residence five years apart, rather than one year apart. In both 2001 and 2006 over eighty percent of Surrey's population one year and over lived in the same place on Census day as they had a year earlier. This may reasonably be expected to occur year after year. For this reason only the five year comparison for mobility status is included in this fact sheet.

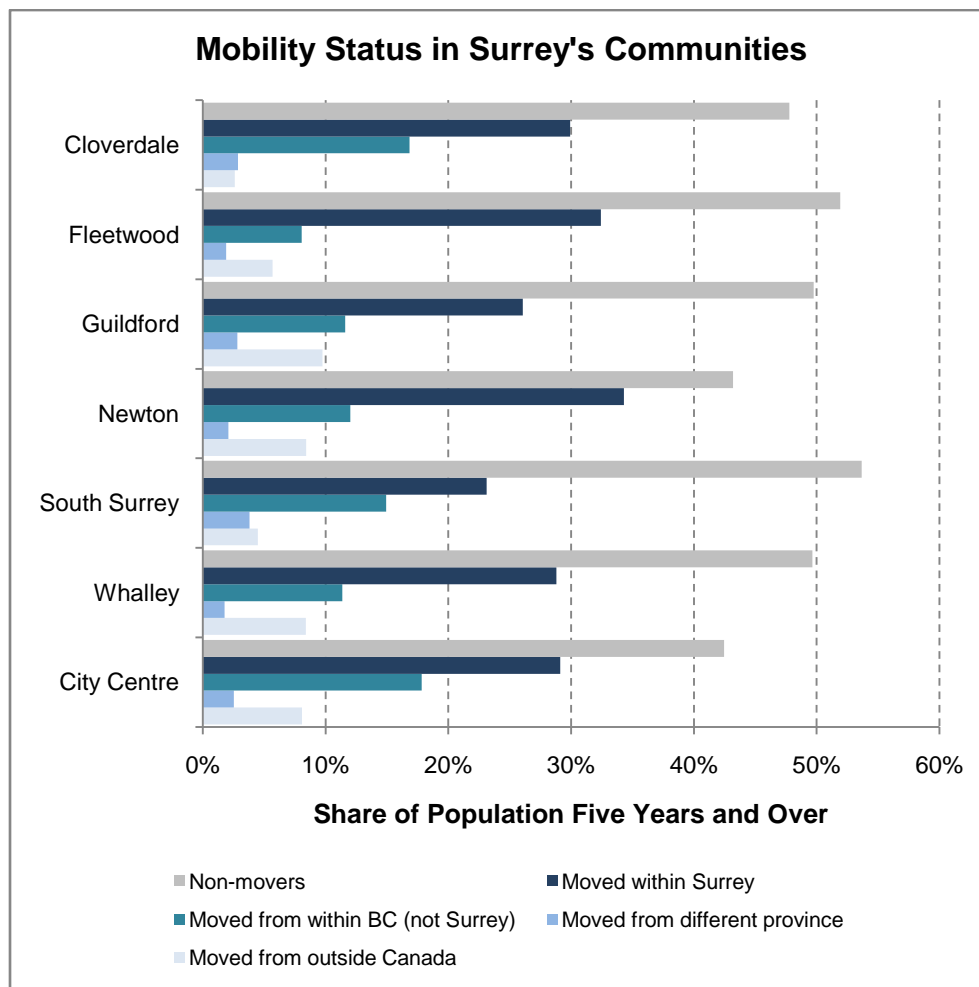
Mobility Status (Five Years Prior)

Between 2001 and 2006 the mobility of Surrey's residents increased. During this period non-movers declined from 51.1% to 48.6% of all individuals five years and over. At the same time residents moving within the city increased from 27.0% to 29.6% of the total. The number of movers from elsewhere in BC and Canada and international movers remained relatively static.



Mobility Status (Five Years Prior) in Surrey's Communities

In 2006 Newton, among Surrey's communities, had the smallest proportion of residents (43.2%) that hadn't moved in the previous five years. Yet, in South Surrey 53.7% of residents hadn't moved in the previous five years. This is an indication of the relative locational stability of each community's population. From another perspective the proportion of residents who had, five years ago, lived outside Canada was highest in Guildford (9.7%), Newton (8.4%) and Whalley (8.4%).



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	City Total
Total population 5 years and over	34,965	47,185	49,380	101,275	57,425	77,720	16,585	367,950
Non-movers	16,705	24,495	24,575	43,750	30,815	38,590	7,040	178,940
Moved within Surrey	10,460	15,305	12,875	34,725	13,280	22,390	4,830	109,035
Moved from within BC (not Surrey)	5,885	3,800	5,725	12,170	8,570	8,835	2,955	44,970
Moved from different province	1,005	900	1,390	2,100	2,190	1,385	420	8,980
Moved from outside Canada	910	2,680	4,810	8,530	2,570	6,515	1,340	26,025

Mobility Status (Five Years Prior) in Metro Vancouver

Surrey has a relatively mobile population compared with the rest of Metro Vancouver. At 48.6% Surrey has the fourth lowest proportion of non-movers in the region. Relatively few residents moved to Surrey from elsewhere in the province (12.2%) while relatively large numbers moved within the municipality (29.6%).

