

Our City, Our Voices.

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NANAIMOGROWTH
PROJECTIONS

Nanaimo is now home to over 100,000 people.¹ How many will be here in the future? Where will we live? What kind of jobs will there be? Growth projections² have been done to explore where we were at the 2016 Census and project where we will be in the year 2046. This will help our City understand and plan for our future transportation, utilities, facilities, land use, and more. Highlights below!

POPULATION
PROJECTIONSCURRENT
94,525Nanaimo's recorded
population in the
2016 Census.2 PROJECTION
SCENARIOS FOR 2046BASE
+ 31,445
125,970Migration to Nanaimo will
follow projected averages for
BC and Canada, leading to
0.96% average growth
per year.HIGH
+ 46,814
141,339Migration to Nanaimo will be
above average leading to
1.35% average growth
per year.HOUSING UNIT
PROJECTIONS

Total housing units in 2046 are projected to be between **53,900** and **60,000** up from **39,200** units in 2016.

Apartments will be the fastest growing type of housing, likely doubling in number. Other ground-oriented units like townhomes or duplexes will also see strong growth, following an evolution towards higher-density forms.

2046 (high)
26,273
2046 (base)
23,633
2016SINGLE
DETACHED2046 (high)
20,306
2046 (base)
16,562
2016

APARTMENT

2046 (high)
12,024
2046 (base)
11,085
2016
7,088OTHER
GROUND-
ORIENTED

AN AGING POPULATION

MOST
GROWTH
>75
AGE GROUPLEAST
GROWTH
<35
AGE GROUP

An aging population affects the types of housing we will need, employment, transportation, health services, and more.

AGING POPULATION,
SMALLER HOUSEHOLDS

This means our
housing needs will
grow at a faster rate
than population.

NOTES:

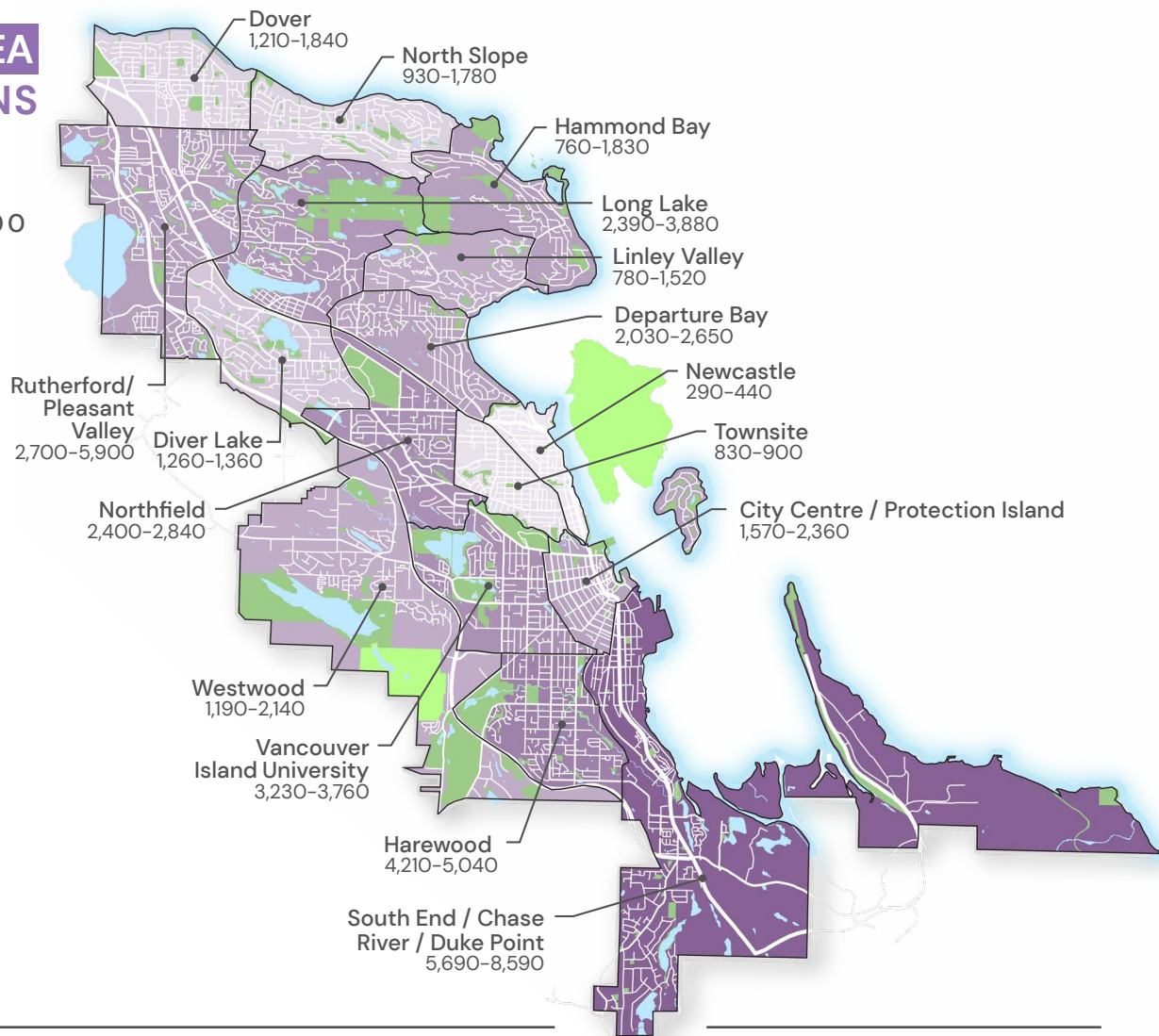
Data is summarized from the City of Nanaimo Population, Housing and Employment Projections prepared by Vann Struth Consulting Group Inc. in June 2020.

Projections were finalized in June 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the purposes of the analysis, the pandemic is assumed to cause a temporary, severe downturn followed by a recovery and resumption of pre-pandemic trends. However, the pandemic may create fundamental changes which could affect projections.

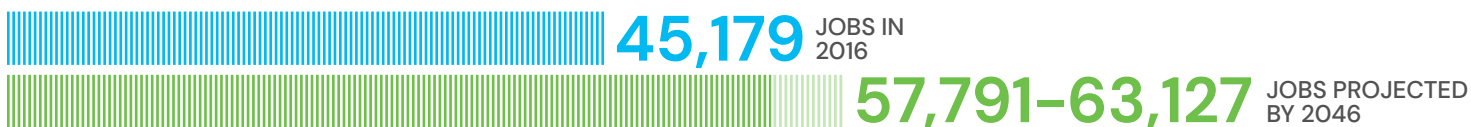
GROWTH AREA PROJECTIONS

WHERE WILL AN ADDITIONAL 30,000 TO 45,000 PEOPLE LIVE?

Projections allocate total projected population growth throughout the City based on amount and type of available land, previous growth patterns, emerging trends, and development constraints. The map summarizes the approximate range of new residents that could be added within different neighbourhoods from 2016 to 2046.



EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS



WHAT KIND OF JOBS WILL THERE BE?

TRENDING UP	MAINTAINING	TRENDING DOWN	AGING POPULATION, SLOWER JOB GROWTH Employment growth will be slower than population growth due to the rapid expansion of the elderly population, most of who will no longer be in the workforce.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Repair, Personal, Non-Profit Services ► Health & Social Services ► Information, Culture & Recreation ► Education ► Accommodation & Food Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Professional, Scientific, Business Services ► Wholesale, Transportation, Warehousing ► Retail ► Construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Primary (farming, forestry) & Utilities ► Public Administration ► Manufacturing ► Finance, Insurance, Real Estate 	

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