



INDIGENOUS IN SURREY

AN OVERVIEW OF SURREY'S INDIGENOUS POPULATION

These statistics, drawn from the 2016 Census, paint a broad stroke of Surrey's Indigenous population, which includes persons who are First Nations, Métis, or Inuk (Inuit).



FIRST NATIONS

First Nations is a broad category, including many Nations with territories throughout much of Canada and the United States. While they may share some similarities, Nations are unique in their history, culture, and language.



MÉTIS

The Métis (michif) are an Indigenous group with connections to various First Nations including the Cree (nêhiy- awak), Dene, as well as European settlers. The Métis' traditional territory is typically the prairie provinces, but in some cases is expanded to include other regions.

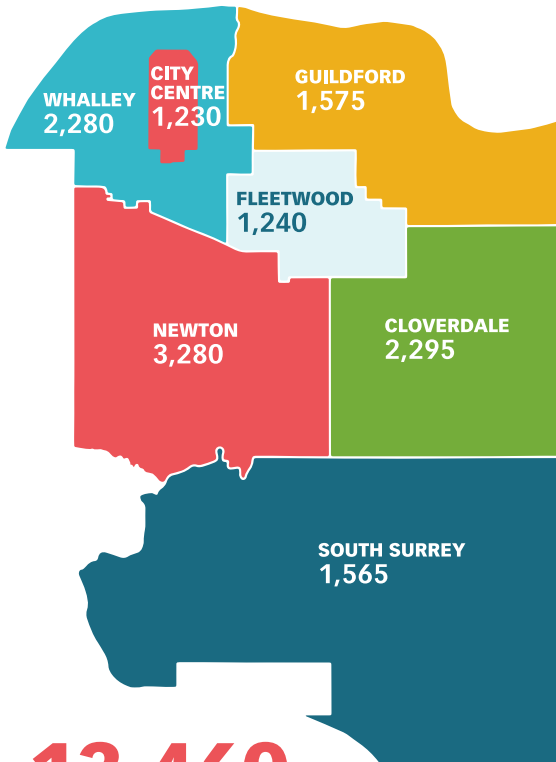


INUIT

Inuit are those Indigenous peoples who have traditionally, and largely continue to, inhabit the northern parts of Canada. They are distinct from both First Nations and Métis peoples.

THE LAND WE'RE ON

The City of Surrey is built on the traditional territories of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt, and Tsawwassen First Nations.



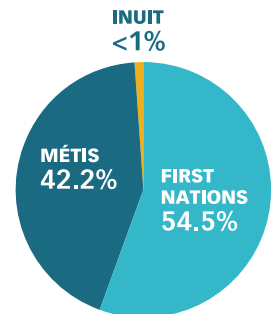
13,460

Indigenous people call Surrey home.

WHO WE ARE

People identifying as Indigenous in Surrey are diverse in their history, culture, and language.

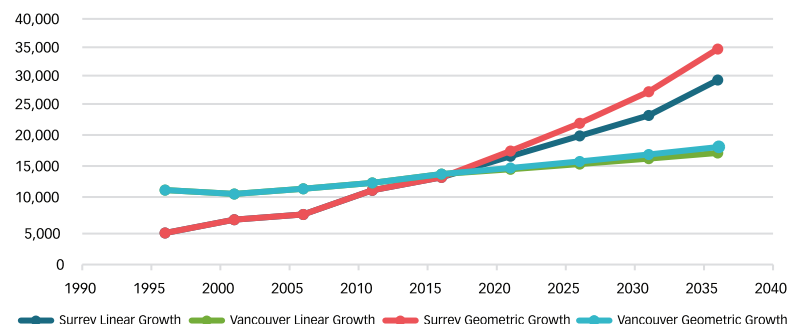
The Métis population is growing rapidly in Surrey, seeing a 34.6% growth between 2011 and 2016. Almost half the Indigenous population is Métis.



WE ARE A GROWING COMMUNITY

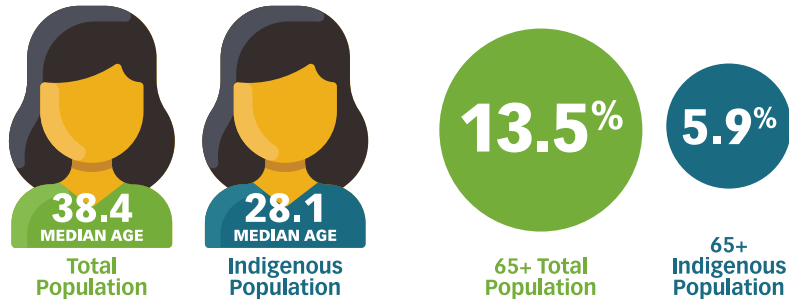
Outpacing other cities, Surrey's Indigenous population grew by a staggering 22.9% between 2011 and 2016. Surrey's Indigenous population surpassed that of Vancouver by 2018, and will double Vancouver's Indigenous population by 2035 - making it the city with the highest total Indigenous population in the province.

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of the total population of Surrey.

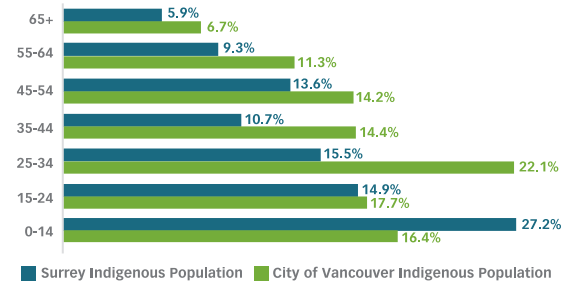


WE ARE YOUNG

Nearly half the Indigenous population in Metro Vancouver is under 24 years old. The median age of the Indigenous population in Surrey is significantly lower than the overall population in Surrey. **Over 60% of the Indigenous population is under the age of 35.**

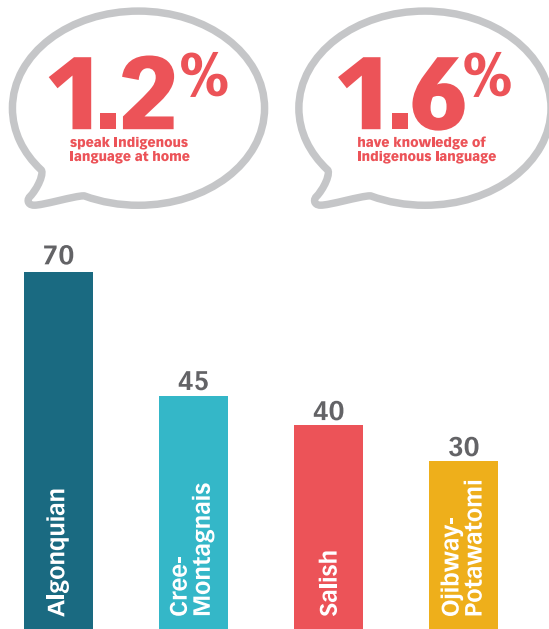


3,655 Indigenous children under 14 live in Surrey, compared to Vancouver, which is home to 2,280 Indigenous children. There are a low number of Indigenous seniors aged 65 and older.



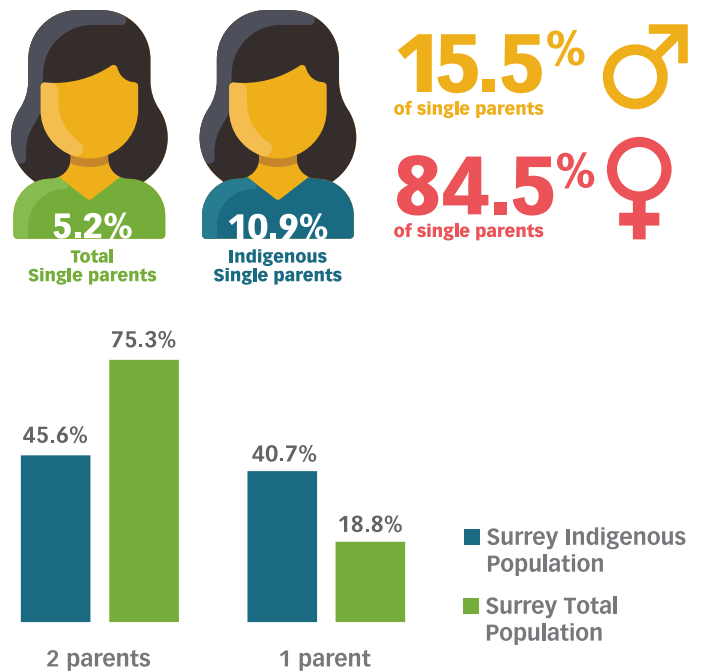
RECLAIMING OUR LANGUAGE

Our community has a strong desire to learn our languages, but we lack the resources to do so. A very small percentage speak an Indigenous language at home, or have knowledge of an Indigenous language. **Despite the strong presence of Métis peoples in Surrey, no households reported having a knowledge of Michif.**



LIVING TOGETHER, LIVING APART

Nearly half of Indigenous people over 15 and living in Surrey are either married or living common-law. **That said, Surrey has a comparatively high number of Indigenous single parents, with far more women than men reporting parenting alone.**



A BROKEN SYSTEM

Surrey's Indigenous children and youth are vastly over-represented in government care. **The number of Indigenous children in government care has increased since 2011.**



47% of all children in foster care in Surrey are Indigenous

