

HOUSING FACT SHEET

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Community Planning and Development



POPULATION GROWTH

Census 2021

Population for the District of Kitimat changed by +1.3 % in 2021 compared to 2016 which is a change from 8131 residents in 2016 to 8236 residents in 2021. This is a total change in the population and the District thinks that this might not reflect the total number of new Kitimat residents as some residents might have left in this five year period which has been replaced by the new residents but is not reflective in the latest census data of total population change. However, the total population has still not reached to the 2011 levels of 8335 residents.

For the same five year period, total number of private dwellings increased by 137 dwellings, from 4244 in 2016 to 4381 in 2021. Whereas, the Census 2021 data also reported an increase of 104 dwellings for the total number of private dwellings occupied by usual residents (refers to a private dwelling in which a person or a group of persons is permanently residing) from 3500 dwellings in 2016 to 3604 dwellings in 2021. Moreover, the total population increase and slight decrease in District's land due to updated land survey data has increased the overall population density of Kitimat.

Detailed data on household, dwelling and family characteristics will be released by Census of Canada in the coming months and will be provided to the council.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

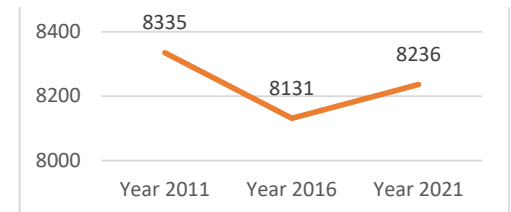
Building Permits

There have been a total of 109 building permits which have been issued for new residential dwelling units in the last five year period. These permits have seen a slight increase in the years 2018 and 2019, however, dipped in 2020, most likely due to the pandemic, but increased tremendously last year. This is in-line with the latest census data about the increase in the total number of private dwellings occupied by usual residents by 104 dwellings in the same time period. Whereas, a total of 309 building permits were issued in the same five year period which includes permits for renovations. The total permits issued annually reduced by half for the year 2017 and 2018 but almost doubled in number in the following three years after the Final Investment Decision by LNG Canada in October 2018.

Occupancy Permits

The number of residential occupancy permits issued annually since 2016, decreased in 2017, and remained stable since then. A total of 79 residential occupancy permits have been issued between 2016 and 2021 which is about 66 percent of the total building permits issued for the new dwellings in the same time period.

Population Change from 2011 to 2021:



Source: Census of Canada

Population Density

Year	Population Density
2016	33.9
2021	34.4

persons per square kilometre

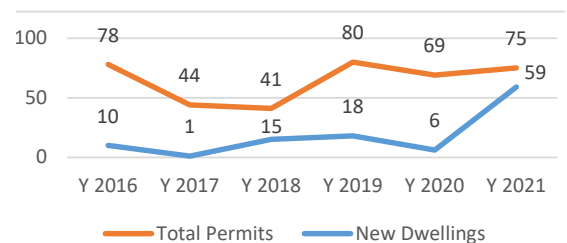
Source: Census of Canada

Land Area (in square kilometres)

Year	Land Area
2016	240.01
2021	239.28

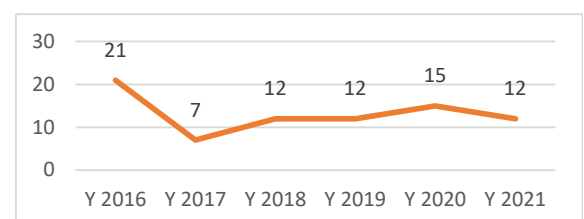
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Residential Building Permits issued between 2016 and 2021:



Source: District of Kitimat

Residential Occupancy Permits issued between 2016 and 2021:



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