

DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
Population Estimates and Census Counts, 1953 to Date

Year	Population	Comment
1953	2,500	Estimate. Municipality incorporated. Many construction workers
1954	4,000	Estimate. Majority construction workers, some production workers at Alcan start-up
1955	8,000	Estimate. Rapid expansion in construction and production at Alcan
1956	9,679	First Census figure.
1957	13,800	Estimate. Many construction workers at smelter and in townsite
1958	11,300	Estimate. Some decline in construction activity
1959	8,781	Estimate. Alcan curtails expansion plan, Saguenay-Kitimat Co. disbands
1960	9,336	Estimate
1961	8,217	Census. Temporary shutdown at Kemano Power House
1962	7,703	Estimate
1963	8,497	Estimate
1964	9,000	Estimate
1965	9,500	Estimate Eurocan formed by Finnish Companies
1966	9,735	Census
1967	10,000	Estimate. A few Eurocan employees arrive.
1968	10,500	Estimate. Additional Eurocan employees, most engaged in preliminary planning
1969	12,090	Estimate. Eurocan construction ongoing
1970	12,500	Estimate. Includes Eurocan construction & production workers
1971	11,803	Census. Eurocan Mill completed, construction workers leave
1972	13,272	Estimate. Alcan production increases, service sector jobs created
1973	13,755	Estimate. Alcan production up, service sector increases
1974	13,563	Incremental increase in basic and service sectors
1975	13,500	Estimate
1976	13,000	Estimate (Census: 11,956)
1977	13,200	Estimate
1978	13,000	Estimate
1979	13,500	Estimate
1980	13,650	Estimate
1981	14,500	Estimate (Census: 12,814). Construction workers for Ocelot, Eurocan maxi-stretch, Alcan anode paste plant
1982	14,000	Estimate. Eurocan woodmill closed Nov '81, significant layoffs 81/82. All major construction complete by 1 July
1983	13,500	Estimate
1984	13,500	Estimate
1985	13,000	Estimate
1986	12,500	Estimate
	11,196	Census
	11,633	Estimate, BC Stats
1987	12,000	Estimate, BC Stats: 11,544
1988	11,196	Census figure for 1986, BC Stats: 11,287
1989	11,200	Estimate generated October 1989, BC Stats: 11,327
1990	11,535	Estimate October 1990, BC Stats: 11,428
1991	11,305	Census (June 1991), BC Stats: 11,618
1992	11,305	Estimate, BC Stats: 11,547
1993	11,305	Estimate, BC Stats: 11,480
1994	11,504	BC Stats estimate (1 July 1994), later revised to est 11,765
1995	11,725	Estimate
	11,382	BC Stats Estimate (1 July 1995)
1996	11,136	Census
	11,587	BC Stats (1 July 1996)
1997	11,636	BC Stats (1 July 1997), later revised to est 11,742
1998	11,725	BC Stats (1 July 1998), later revised to est 11,692 and 11,365
1999	11,672	BC Stats (1 July 1999), later revised to est 11,195

Kitimat Population, 1953 to Date cont'd		
Year	Population	Comment
2000	11,533	BC Stats (1 July 2000), later revised to est 10,919 (Eurocan had 40 layoffs) (Alcan had 25 exempt staff severances; more than 170 unionized employees offered voluntary packages)
2001	10,295	Census (Methanex on 12-month Shutdown)
	10,771	BC Stats (1 July 2001)
2002	10,851	BC Stats (1 July 2002), later revised to est 10,430
2003	10,432	BC Stats (1 July 2003), later revised to est 10,116
2004	10,449	BC Stats (1 July 2004), later revised to est 10,014
2005	10,587	BC Stats (1 July 2005), Methanex shutdown Nov 2005. Later revised to 9,633
2006	8,987	Census
	9,328	BC Stats (1 July 2006), incl prelim est of Census undercount
2007	9,044	BC Stats (1 July 2007)
2008	9,183	BC Stats (1 July 2008)
2009	9,238	BC Stats (1 July 2012)
2010	9,178	BC Stats (1 July 2012)
2011	8,335	Census
2012	8,329	BC Stats (1 July 2012)
2013	8,367	BC Stats (1 July 2013)
2014	8,452	BC Stats (1 July 2014)
2015	8,211	BC Stats
2016	8,131	Census
2017	8,490	BC Stats
2018	8,513	BC Stats