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Location

West Vancouver Baptist Church is located in West Vancouver, British Columbia and is situated on Vancouver's spectacular North Shore, which is the scenic backdrop for this world-class city. *The North Shore* is the name commonly used to refer to the area north of Vancouver's Burrard Inlet, and is made up of the following communities within Metro Vancouver:

- District of West Vancouver
- City of North Vancouver
- District of North Vancouver

Surrounded by ocean and mountains and graced with stunning natural beauty, the North Shore is a destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Recreational opportunities abound and include everything from skiing, snow shoeing, mountain biking and hiking – to sailing, kayaking, rowing, and scuba diving. A broad range of many other sports is also well supported with excellent community recreational facilities across the North Shore.

West Vancouver's Cypress Mountain enjoys the distinction of being one of the competition venues for the upcoming Winter Olympics that will be held in Vancouver during February of 2010. Whistler, one of North America's top-ranked mountain resorts as well as a key 2010 Olympic venue, is an approximate 2-hour drive to the north.

Proximity to the downtown Vancouver financial, shopping, and entertainment district is amongst the features making the North Shore a desirable place to live. Its location offers the convenience of being close to the metropolitan core, while being removed enough to offer a more suburban lifestyle. Access from the North Shore to Vancouver is via two bridges that span Burrard Inlet: the Lions Gate Bridge and the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge.

Vancouver is recognized as one of the most liveable cities in the world.

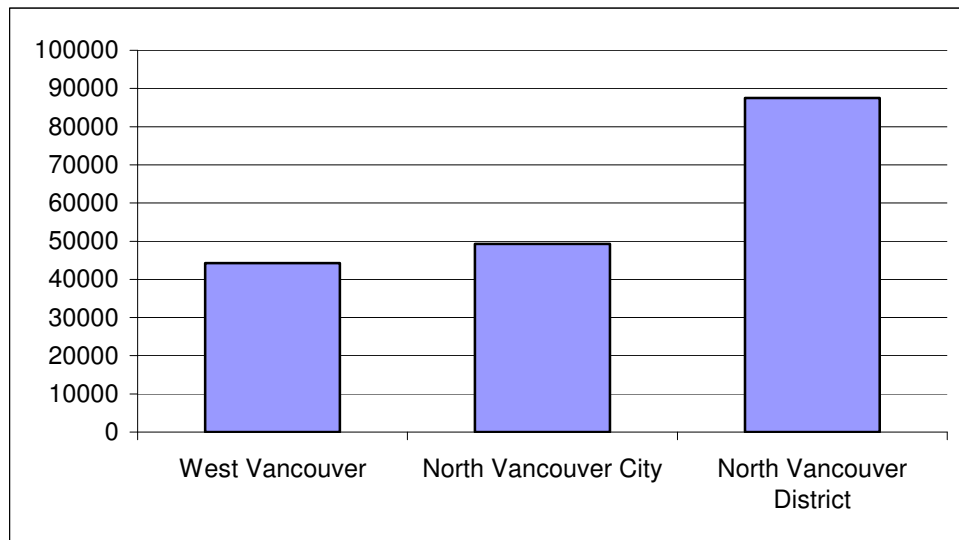
Population

The breakdown of the North Shore population is as follows:

West Vancouver District: 44,272*
North Vancouver City: 49,248*
North Vancouver District: 87,518*

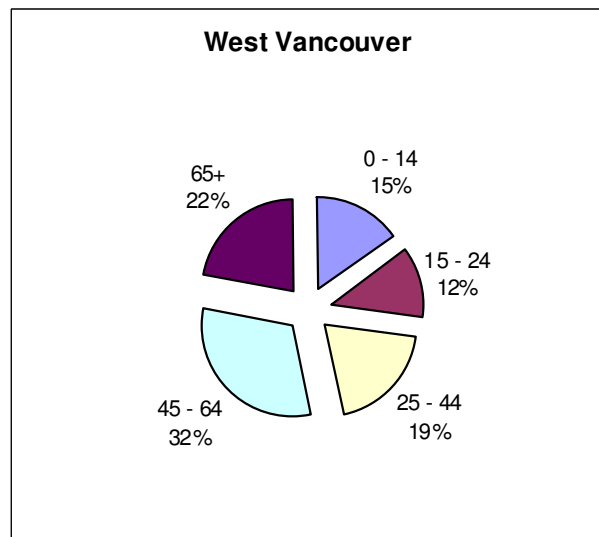
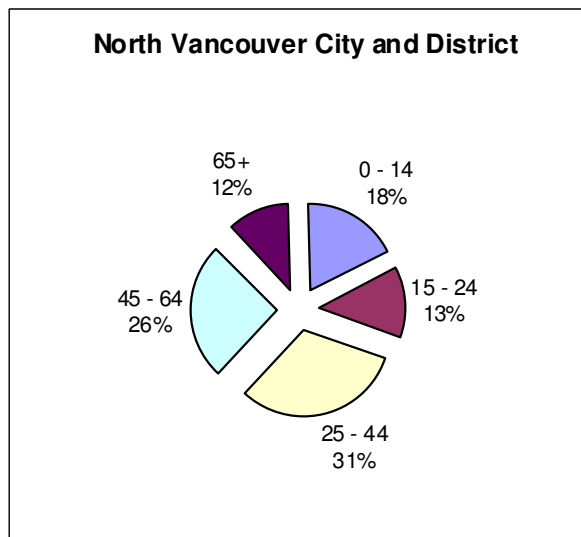
*B.C. Stats data for 2006

Populations of the North Shore Communities



Population...

Age Distribution of the North Shore Population



Annual Income

The North Shore is generally an affluent community. Income levels can vary significantly between the communities of West and North Vancouver as shown by the following data:

Average annual incomes for 2005:

West Vancouver:	\$ 78,731*
North Vancouver (City and District)	\$ 45,211*

As a point of reference, the average annual income for the province of British Columbia for 2005 was \$ 35,834.*

* *B.C. Stats data*

Climate

Vancouver enjoys some of the mildest weather in Canada. Unlike the more typical Canadian climate, a fairly moderate temperature is maintained year round. Temperatures average 3°C in January and 18°C in July. Vancouver's average annual precipitation is 1,219 mm, with most rainfall occurring in the winter.

Housing

With the world-class status that Vancouver holds, housing prices within the city and its surrounding communities have risen significantly over the past years. Average and median prices on the North Shore are as follows:

District of West Vancouver.....	Average: \$ 1,825,000
	Median: \$ 1,600,000
City and District of North Vancouver.....	Average: \$ 850,000
	Median: \$ 800,000

Education

There are two public school districts on the North Shore that support a broad range of educational programs from Kindergarten to Grade 12:

- School District # 44 (North Vancouver District and City)
- School District # 45 (West Vancouver)

In addition there are a number of private elementary and secondary schools, as well as numerous colleges and several universities in the Metro Vancouver area.