



2016 Census Profile on the Town of Richmond Hill

Release #1: Population and dwelling counts

Every 5 years, Statistics Canada (on behalf of the Government of Canada) undertakes a nation-wide Census. The purpose of this Census is to collect quantitative information on the country's population, and provides a detailed snapshot of the demographic, social, and economic conditions of the country.

Census data is extremely important because it provides the information necessary to identify emerging trends that shape Richmond Hill and guide the Town's plans.

Prior to 2011, the Census was comprised of two portions: a mandatory "short form" survey sent to all households, and a mandatory "long form" questionnaire sent to a sample of households (approximately 1 in 5 households). In 2011, the format of the Census was modified to comprise the "short form" version as the Census of Population, with information previously collected in the "long form" questionnaire replaced by the voluntary National Household Survey (NHS). For 2016, the mandatory "long-form" census returned, similar to how collection was done prior to 2011.

Because of the differences in data collection between the 2011 and 2016 Census, some data sets may not be able to be compared between Census periods.

Data collected from the 2016 Census will be released in stages between February 2017 and November 2017. The following is a summary of the data from the first release, containing population and dwelling counts.

Release dates, 2016 Census Program

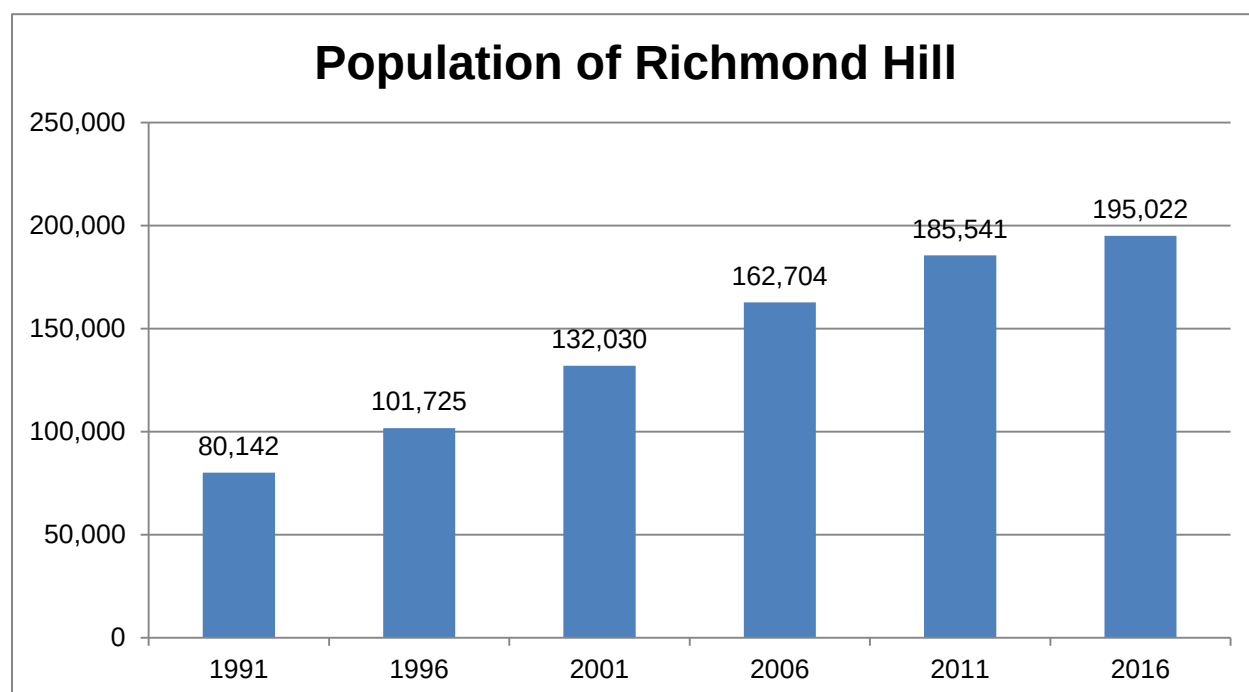
Data from the 2016 Census is currently expected to be released in stages between February 2017 and November 2017 on the following dates:

Release Date	Data Product
February 8, 2017	• Population and dwelling counts
May 3, 2017	• Age and sex • Type of dwelling
August 2, 2017	• Families • Households and marital status • Language
September 13, 2017	• Income
October 25, 2017	• Immigration and ethnocultural diversity • Housing • Aboriginal peoples
November 29, 2017	• Education • Labour • Journey to work • Language of work • Mobility and migration

Population

- Richmond Hill's population was counted at 195,022 as of May 10, 2016.
- The population of Richmond Hill increased by 9,481 people between 2011 and 2016. This is a rate of increase of 5.1%.
- The number of residential dwellings also increased, by 6,296 new dwellings between 2011 and 2016.
- Along with the population, the population density has increased between Census periods.

Year	2006	2011	2016
Population	162,704	185,541	195,022
Population Change	-	14.0%	5.1%
Number of private dwellings	53,028	60,169	66,465
Population Density (persons per square kilometre)	1,612.7	1,838.0	1,928.8
Average number of residents per private dwelling	3.07	3.08	2.93



Comparisons with other jurisdictions

- Richmond Hill's rate of population increase is similar to the average rate of population increase across Canada; however, it is lower than the York Region and Toronto Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) rates.
- As shown on the graph below, the rate of population increase in the 2011-2016 period is less than the rate for the 2006-2011 period, as is the case for York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.

Year	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
Population, 2016	195,022	1,109,909	5,928,040	13,448,494	35,151,728
Population, 2011	185,541	1,032,524	5,583,064	12,851,821	33,476,688
Population Increase (2011-2016)	5.1%	7.5%	6.2%	4.6%	5.0%
Number of private dwellings	66,465	369,928	2,235,145	5,598,391	15,412,443
Population Density (persons per square kilometre)	1,928.8	629.9	1,003.8	14.8	3.9

