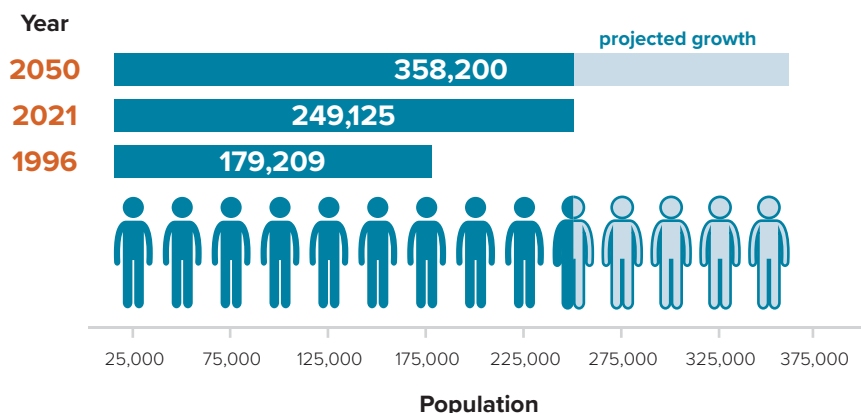


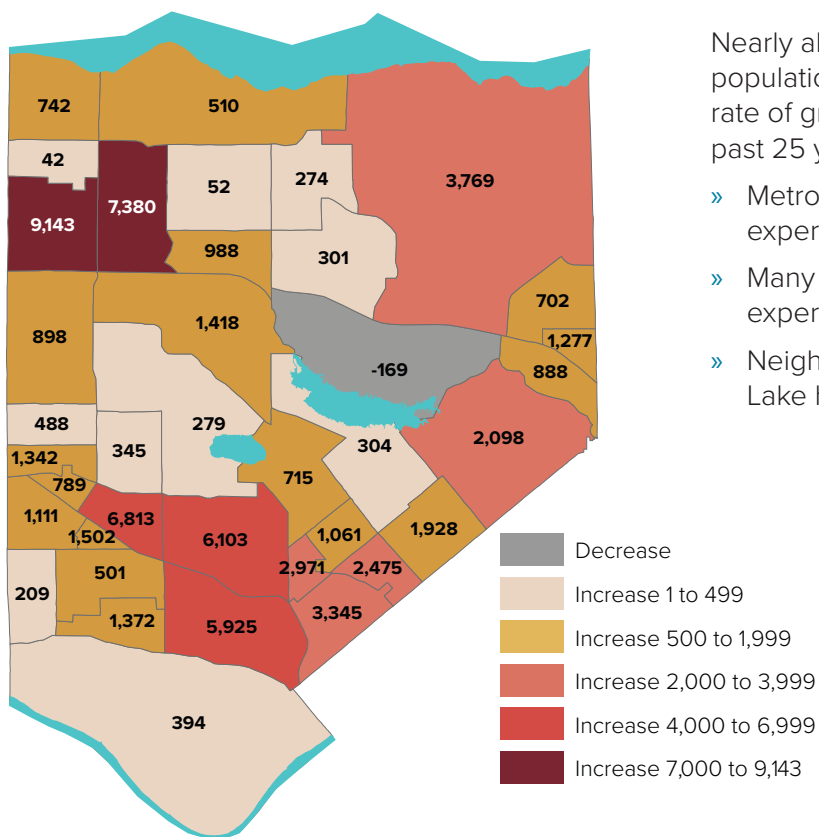
The City is embarking on an exciting new project to renew the Burnaby Official Community Plan (OCP). Learn more about how the population has changed since the last OCP was adopted in this issue of the Insights Reports.

### How has the population grown since the last Official Community Plan (OCP)?\*

- » Burnaby currently has a population of 250,000 people.
- » The city has grown by 70,000 more people since 1996, when the current OCP was prepared.
- » Burnaby's growth rate is approximately 1.5% per year.
- » By 2050, it is projected that 109,000 more people will be living in Burnaby (approximately 360,000 people total).



### Where has the population settled since 1996?\*



Nearly all areas of Burnaby have experienced population growth between 1996 and 2021. The rate of growth across the city has varied over the past 25 years:

- » Metrotown, Brentwood and Royal Oak have experienced the greatest change in population.
- » Many single family neighbourhoods have experienced low increase in population.
- » Neighbourhoods immediately north of Burnaby Lake have experienced a decrease in population.

**How will our city's population increase by 2050? Where will the additional 109,000 people settle?**

## Burnaby's population is aging

Burnaby is getting older. The median age of people living in the city has increased from 36 years (1996) to just over 40 years (2021).

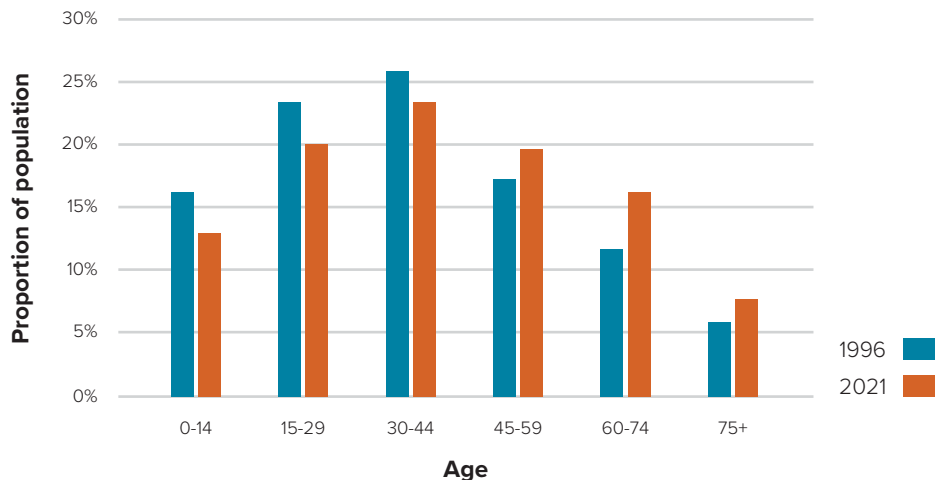
What services will we need to assist our aging population?

- » There is a higher percentage of seniors living in Burnaby now than in 1996.

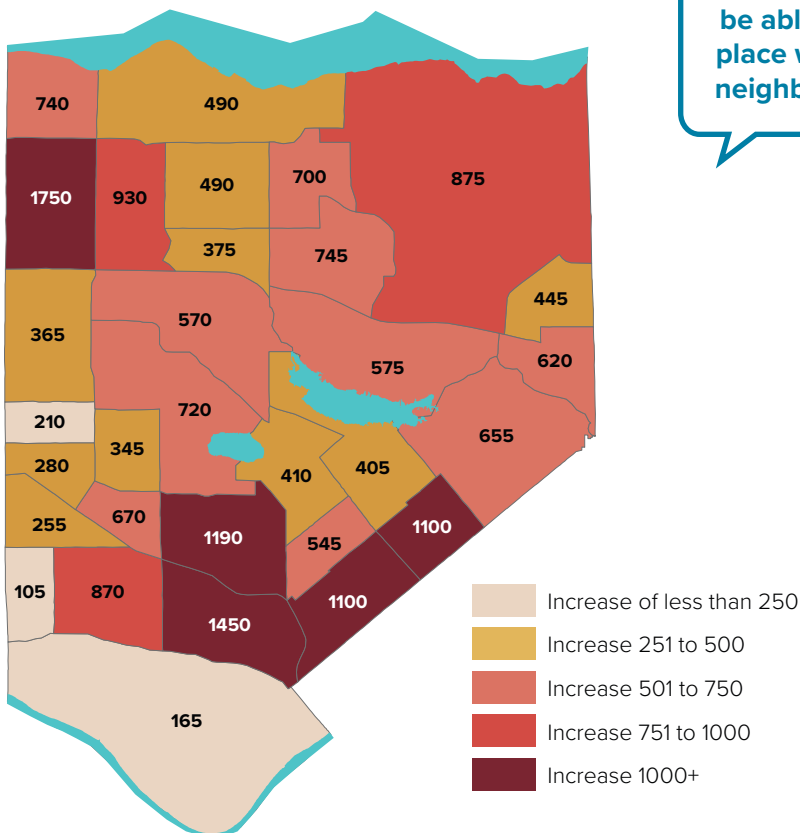
percentage of population over **65**:

**13%** vs **18%**  
in 1996 in 2021

**Population 1996 vs 2021\***



**Change in senior population (1996-2021)\***



How will seniors be able to age in place within their neighbourhoods?



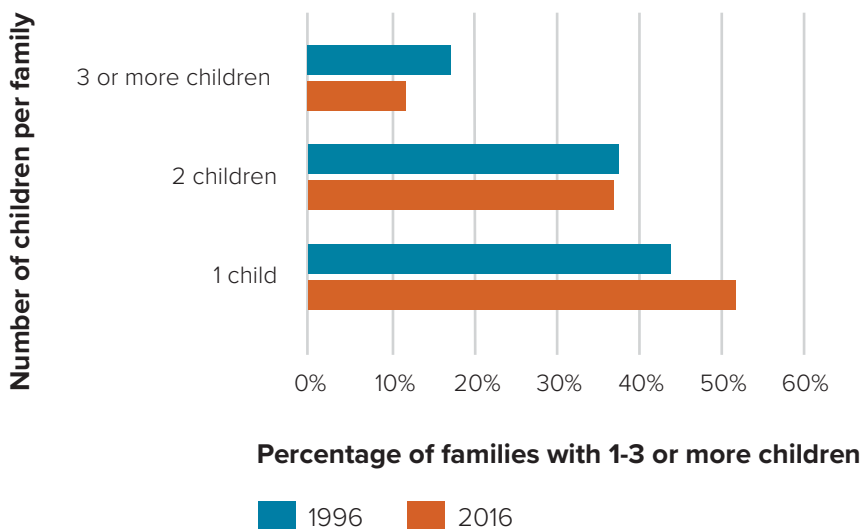
\*Source: Statistics Canada: 1996, 2016 and 2021 Census

## Fewer families with children under 15 years old are living in Burnaby

Between 1996 and 2016\*\*, the proportion of families with children, both single parent and with two parents, has dropped from 64% to 62%. Those families are having fewer children than they did in 1996.

\*\*2021 number of children in census families data not available yet

### Number of children per family in Burnaby\*



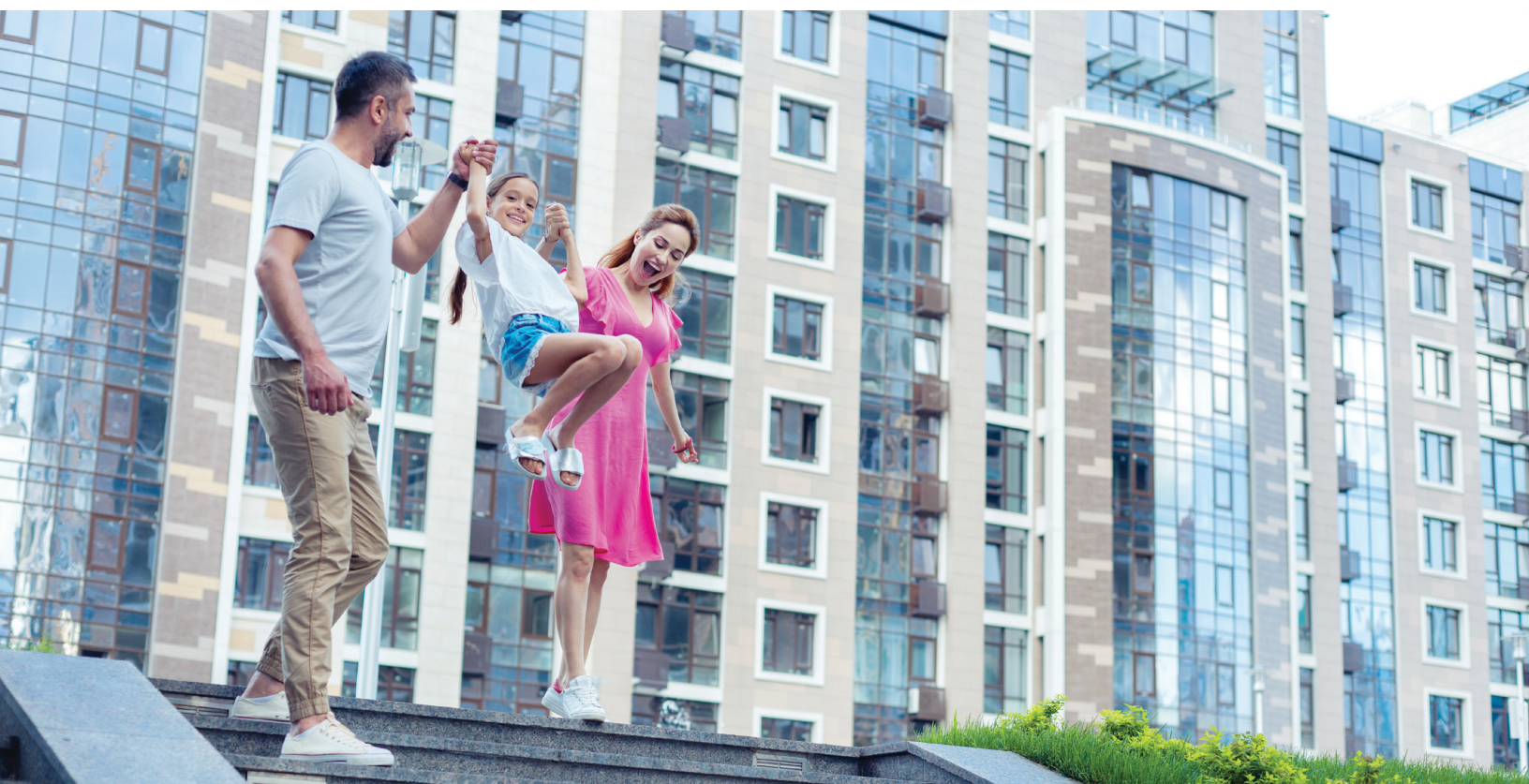
» Overall, the percentage of children has dropped since 1996.

percentage of population under **15:**

**16%** vs **13%**  
in 1996 in 2021

**What amenities do we need to serve families with children living in our town centres?**

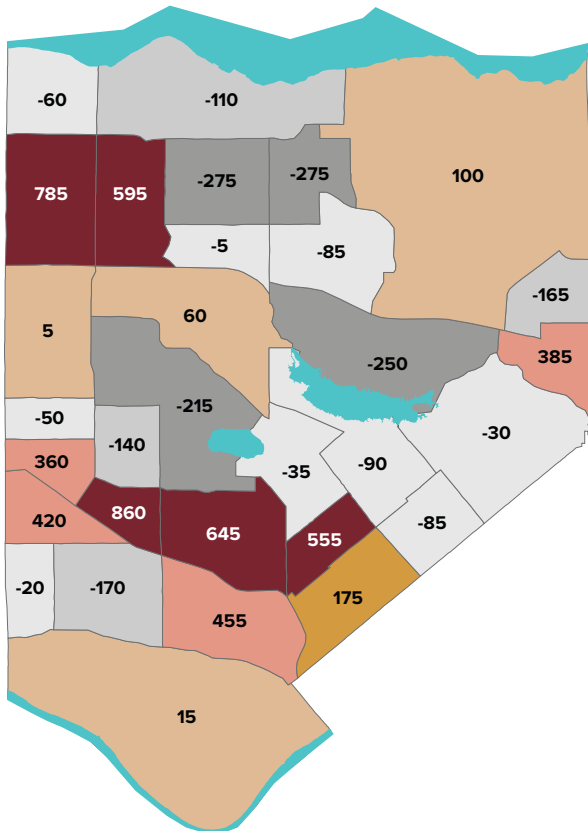
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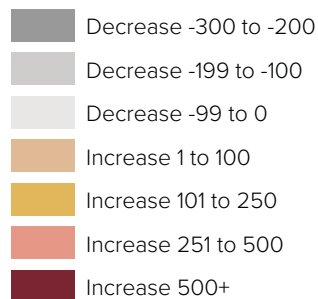


Many Burnaby neighbourhoods have experienced a decrease in the proportion of children between 1996 and 2021.

### Change in child population (1996-2021)\*



» Since 1996, Burnaby's population has increased by 70,000; however, children account for less than 4,000 of that increase. The map illustrates the change in the number of children within the city's census tracts. It shows a decrease in the number of children in many of the single family areas.



How do we attract more families with children?

\*Source: Statistics Canada: 1996, 2016 and 2021 Census

