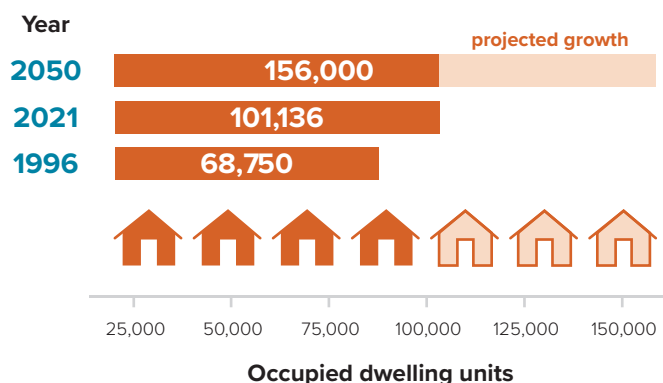


The City is embarking on an exciting project to renew the Burnaby Official Community Plan (OCP). The OCP will provide policy direction on how growth is managed and where people will live, learn, work and play. Learn more about Burnaby's housing trends in this issue of Insights Report.

How has the number of dwelling units increased since the last OCP?

The number of occupied dwelling units or households in Burnaby has increased by over 32,000 more units, from 68,750 in 1996 to 101,136 in 2021.

By 2050, it is predicted that there will be almost 55,000 more dwelling units in the city—an increase of just over 50%.

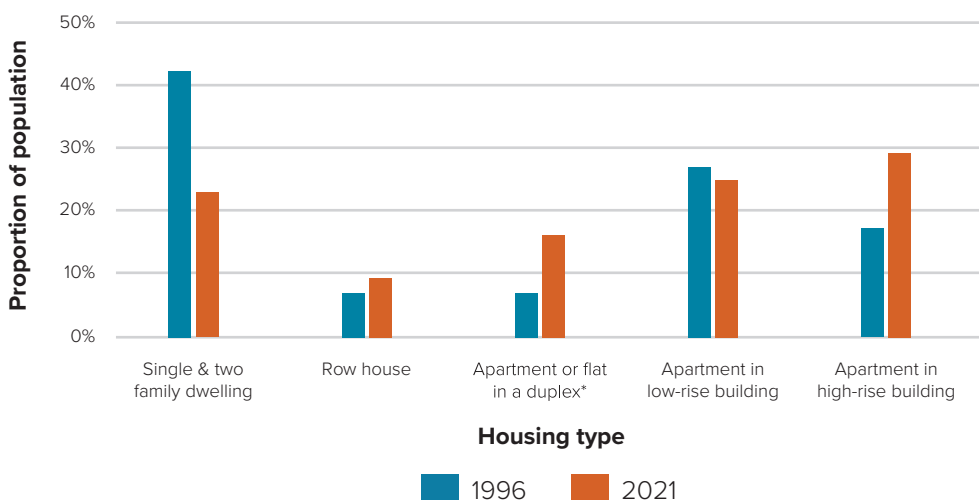


What type of housing are Burnaby residents living in now?

Housing types in Burnaby are becoming more diverse. In 1996, almost 42% of total housing in the city were single-and two-family homes. By 2021, that percentage had dropped to 22%.

Most of the residential development happening in the city is in the form of multi-family buildings, with a higher portion of those dwelling units being provided in high-rise apartments, followed by mid-rise and infill housing in the form of secondary suites.

Housing type 1996 vs 2021

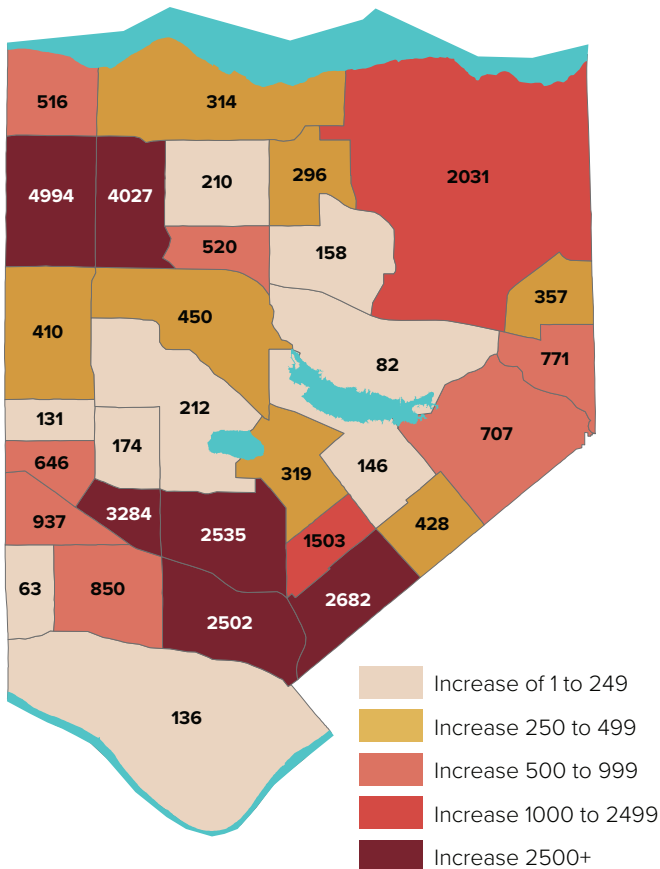


How can we continue to support a diverse range of housing to meet the needs of the community?

**Note: Census data definition of apartment/flat in a duplex has changed since 1996. The category expanded to include units attached to other duplexes, triplexes and non-residential structures.*

**Note: Includes secondary-suites.*

Change in occupied housing units (1996-2021)



All areas of Burnaby have experienced a growth in the number of occupied housing units between 1996 and 2021.

Most of this growth occurred in the Town Centres—Metrotown, Brentwood and Edmonds, as well as the Royal Oak Urban Village.

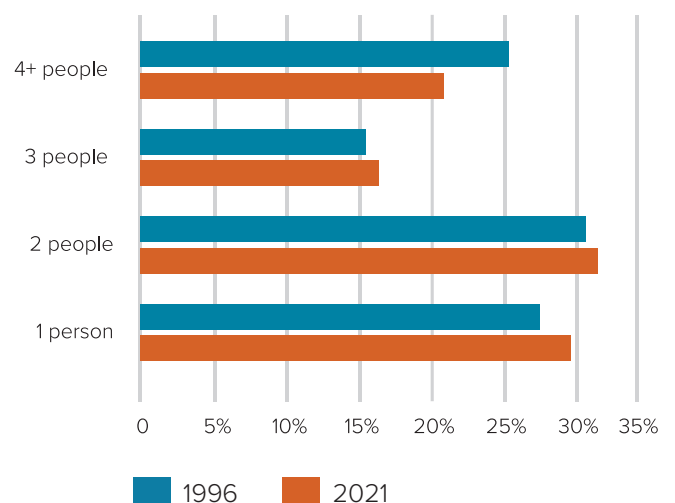
Single- and two-family neighbourhoods also experienced some modest growth, largely because of an increase in secondary suites.



Households are smaller than in 1996

- » The average household size dropped from 2.6 people to 2.4 people per household between 1996 and 2021.

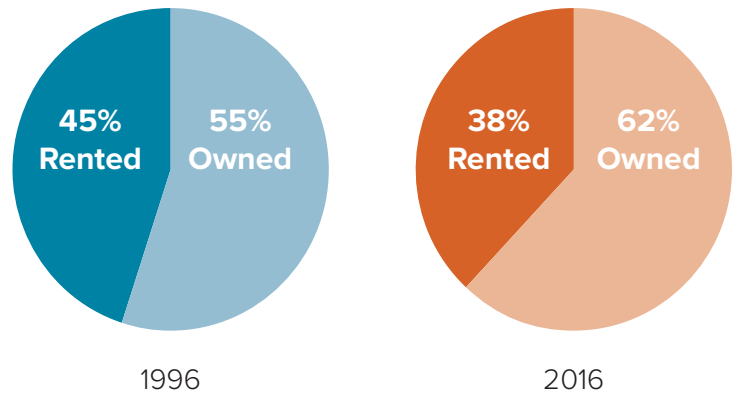
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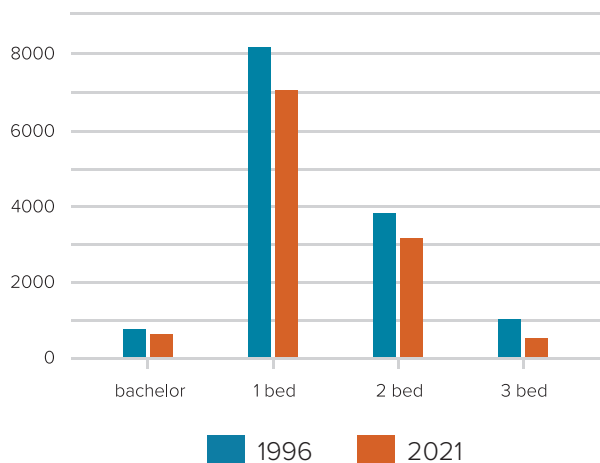
A higher proportion of households own their own home

In 1996, 55% of all households in Burnaby owned their own home. By 2016*, that portion had risen to 62%.

**2021 Census data not yet released.*



Number of purpose-built rental units by bedroom type**



In 1996, there were 13,850 purpose-built rental units in Burnaby. By 2021, that number had dropped to 11,539 units.

Larger 3+ bedroom units accounted for 7% of those units in 1996, and dropped to 5% by 2021. Overall, most purpose-built rental units have one bedroom.

***Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation*

How can we ensure unit sizes meet what the community needs?

