



2021 CENSUS Population & Dwelling Count

Population and dwelling unit figures for the East Kootenay are shown in the table below. The information is from the 2021 Census of Canada based on census subdivisions and dissemination areas. Information is also provided for communities identified as unincorporated places or UNPs (see page 5).

The census includes only those people who are permanent residents of the East Kootenay and certain types of non-residents. It does not include visitors or seasonal residents. The number of dwellings includes all homes whether occupied or not.

In addition to population and dwelling unit counts, the RDEK has census information available on many other topics as they are released. Some of these include age, gender religion, and ethnic income. Statistics Canada and BC Stats update this information regularly.

Census data is used by many individuals and organizations. Businesses and their investors use the information to determine size and composition of their markets. Governments base their funding allocations for schools, hospitals, social programs and other government services on the census. Planners monitor community change through the census.

The Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) includes the area from Ryan bridge east to Yahk to just north of Spillimacheen, from the height of land in the Purcell Mountains to the British Columbia-Alberta border. The RDEK is divided into six electoral areas and includes 8 municipalities.

LOCATION	POPULATION	DWELLINGS
ELECTORAL AREA A		
City of Fernie	6320	3256
District of Sparwood	4148	2183
District of Elkford	2749	1602
Municipal Total	13217	7041
Rural Area north of Highway 3 between Fernie & Sparwood	524	232
Elk Valley Rural north of Sparwood	376	185
Rural Area south of Highway 3 between Fernie & Sparwood / Flathead / Corbin / Fernie Alpine Resort / Cokato Rd	614	598
Anderson Road	361	160
Rural Total	1875	1175
Electoral Area A Total	15092	8216

LOCATION	POPULATION	DWELLINGS
ELECTORAL AREA B		
Jaffray / Wardner / Caven Creek Road	421	168
Tie Lake / Rosen Lake	461	438
Baynes Lake / Koocanusa Landing / Dorr / Newgate	622	398
Burton Lake / Elko / Wigwam / Grasmere	507	274
Rural Total	2011	1278
Tobacco Plains IR #2 (Yaqit ?a·knuqfi 'it)	96	60
Electoral Area B Total	2107	1338
ELECTORAL AREA C		
City of Cranbrook	20499	9058
Municipal Total	20499	9058
North of Cranbrook to Wycliffe Park Road	1129	440
Wycliffe Park Road / Clearview / Perry Creek Road / Pighin Road	570	239
Jim Smith Lake	877	353
Bull River / Fort Steele / Colony Road / Wardner / Rosicky Road	679	345
Hidden Valley Road / Monroe Lake / North and East Side of Moyie Lake	704	454
Pyatts Lake / East Side of Moyie Lake south to US Border	488	219
Gold Creek / Gold Creek Road / Bulkot Road / Betts Road	560	234
West Hill / Mission Road	519	243
Gold Creek (25 Street S to 53 Street S)	550	207
Silver Springs / North of Moyie River FSR	460	183
Rural Total	6536	2917
Kootenay IR #1 (?aqam)	145	43
St Mary's	10	4
Cassimayook IR #5 / Isadore's Ranch	5	1
Electoral Area C Total	27195	11942

LOCATION	POPULATION	DWELLINGS
ELECTORAL AREA E		
City of Kimberley	8115	4263
Municipal Total	8115	4263
Stirton Road / Porteous Road / Meadowbrook (Kincaid Road to Clarricoates Road)	514	227
Lazy Lake / Wasa / Premier Lake	486	356
St Mary's Lake Road / St Mary's Lake	377	195
McGinty Road / Ta Ta Creek / Torrent Road	309	199
Rural Total	1686	977
Electoral Area E Total	9801	5240
ELECTORAL AREA F		
District of Invermere	3917	2238
Village of Canal Flats	802	470
Municipal Total	4719	2708
Dutch Creek / East side Hwy 93/95 / East Side Columbia Lake North to Cross River FSR	878	705
Coy Road / East side of Lake Windermere west of Hwy 93/95 except portion of Windermere (North Street to Windermere Road & east of Victoria Ave)	846	1323
Windermere (North Street to Windermere Road & east of Victoria Ave) / East of Hwy 93/95 to Windermere Loop Road	514	336
Toby Creek Road / Westside Road south of Ruault Road to Hwy 93/95 / west of Hwy 93/95 south to the Area E boundary	587	554
Fairmont Hot Springs	696	632
Rural Total	3521	3550
Shuswap IR	319	183
Columbia Lake IR #3 (ʔakisq̓nuk)	149	195
Electoral Area F Total	8708	6636

LOCATION	POPULATION	DWELLINGS
ELECTORAL AREA G		
Village of Radium Hot Springs	1339	1366
Municipal Total	1339	1366
Wilmer to Spillimacheen west of Hwy 93/95 and Hwy 95	473	254
District of Invermere to Spillimacheen east of Hwy 93/95 and Hwy 95	602	550
Edgewater	579	308
Rural Total	1654	1112
Electoral Area G Total	2993	2478
RDEK TOTALS		
Rural Areas	17283	11009
Municipalities	47889	24436
First Nations Reserves	724	486
RDEK Total	65896	35931

Unincorporated Places Data

In addition to the Census Dissemination Areas as shown in the table above. Some communities within the Regional District are designated as unincorporated places or UNPs. This designation identifies a smaller area than is reflected in the dissemination area and shows the population and dwelling count for the community. For the 2021 Census the following communities were designated as a UNP:

LOCATION	POPULATION	DWELLINGS
<u>ELECTORAL AREA A</u>		
Fernie Alpine Resort	165	377
Hosmer	234	109
<u>ELECTORAL AREA B</u>		
Jaffray	510	209
<u>ELECTORAL AREA C</u>		
Moyie (South)	266	221
Wardner	172	122
<u>ELECTORAL AREA E</u>		
Wasa	365	264
<u>ELECTORAL AREA F</u>		
Fairmont Hot Springs	781	694
Panorama	122	215
Windermere	1511	1717
<u>ELECTORAL AREA G</u>		
Edgewater	720	378
Wilmer	242	127

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