



Health Facilities

- Hospitals and Hospitals with Health Centres
- Health Centres (Diagnostic or Treatment)
- Nursing Stations (Northern Health)
- Nursing Stations (Other Providers)
- Health and Wellness Centres
- Aboriginal Friendship Centres
- Ambulance Stations (BC Ambulance Service)
- Air Ambulance (BC Ambulance Service)

Other Features

- Health Authority
- Local Health Area
- Highway/Road
- Gravel Road
- Former Indian Residential Schools

Fast Facts about Northern BC

The area served by Northern Health lies roughly between 53 and 60 degrees north latitude and covers 617,271 square kilometers. This region accounts for nearly two-thirds of the land area of British Columbia, an area the size of France.

Local Health Areas (LHAs) are administrative units used by the province of British Columbia to facilitate the planning and delivery of health and other services.

Local Health Area	Sq. Km.	Population 2010
28	Chase	23,434
30	Delta	9,432
51	Stikine Country	28,045
52	Thompson	9,863
53	Upper Skeena	4,473
54	Wells	16,214
55	Williams Lake	15,009
56	Yukon	41,240
57	Peace River South	28,343
58	Peace River North	89,412
60	Klamath	9,484
80	Fort Nelson	49,412
81	Stikine	141,679
82	Yukon	13,382
83	Yukon	5,005
94	Telegraph Creek	24,022
Total	Sq. Km. and population	617,270.97

Source: Statistics Canada, 2010
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Aboriginal People and Communities in Northern BC

Approximately 17.5% of northerners (for about 52,000 persons) identified themselves as Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) during the last Canadian census in 2006.

There are 54 First Nations Bands located in northern BC. Many of these bands have more than one community under their governance. The last census (2006) indicated that there were more than 80 unincorporated First Nations communities in northern BC.

The table below lists the northern First Nations Bands in the North. We have included the NHC identification numbers for identification purposes as there is often confusion.

Northern - 25 First Nations		Northern - 21 First Nations	
001	Taku River (Tlingit)	480	Tahltan
004	Dease River Band (Good Hope Lake)	483	Katli
005	Gitksan	486	Gitksan
007	Gitksan / Skeena / Skeena Valley	490	Gitksan
010	Gitksan	536	Gitksan
011	Gitksan	537	Gitksan
012	Gitksan / Skeena / Skeena Valley	538	Gitksan
013	Gitksan	539	Gitksan
014	Gitksan	540	Gitksan
015	Gitksan	541	Gitksan
016	Gitksan	542	Gitksan
017	Gitksan	543	Gitksan
018	Gitksan	544	Gitksan
019	Gitksan	545	Gitksan

Indigenous Languages in British Columbia

British Columbia is home to an amazing diversity of Aboriginal languages and cultures. In fact over sixty percent of the First Nations languages in Canada are spoken in British Columbia. Source: First Peoples Language of British Columbia.



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