

# Environment Fact Sheets: Long-term population density change in Toronto and Vancouver, 1971 to 2016

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From 1971 to 2016, Toronto and Vancouver census metropolitan areas experienced significant growth—their combined populations rose from 3.8 million to 8.4 million people. Population growth can have different effects on urban form and can lead to redevelopment and infill development. It can also lead to the expansion of built-up areas on the periphery of cities and influence the supply and value of ecosystem services.

New maps released in *Environment Fact Sheets* illustrate these changes in urban ecosystems. They show the changes in the extent and density of populated areas on the periphery of these metropolitan areas, as well as changes in population density within previously settled areas.

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers [3901](#) and [5114](#).

The article "[Long-term population density change in Toronto and Vancouver, 1971 to 2016](#)" is now available in the publication *Environment Fact Sheets* ([16-508-X](#)).

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