



Indigenous Learners in Surrey Schools

How Are We Doing report

Student Learning Survey

Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee report



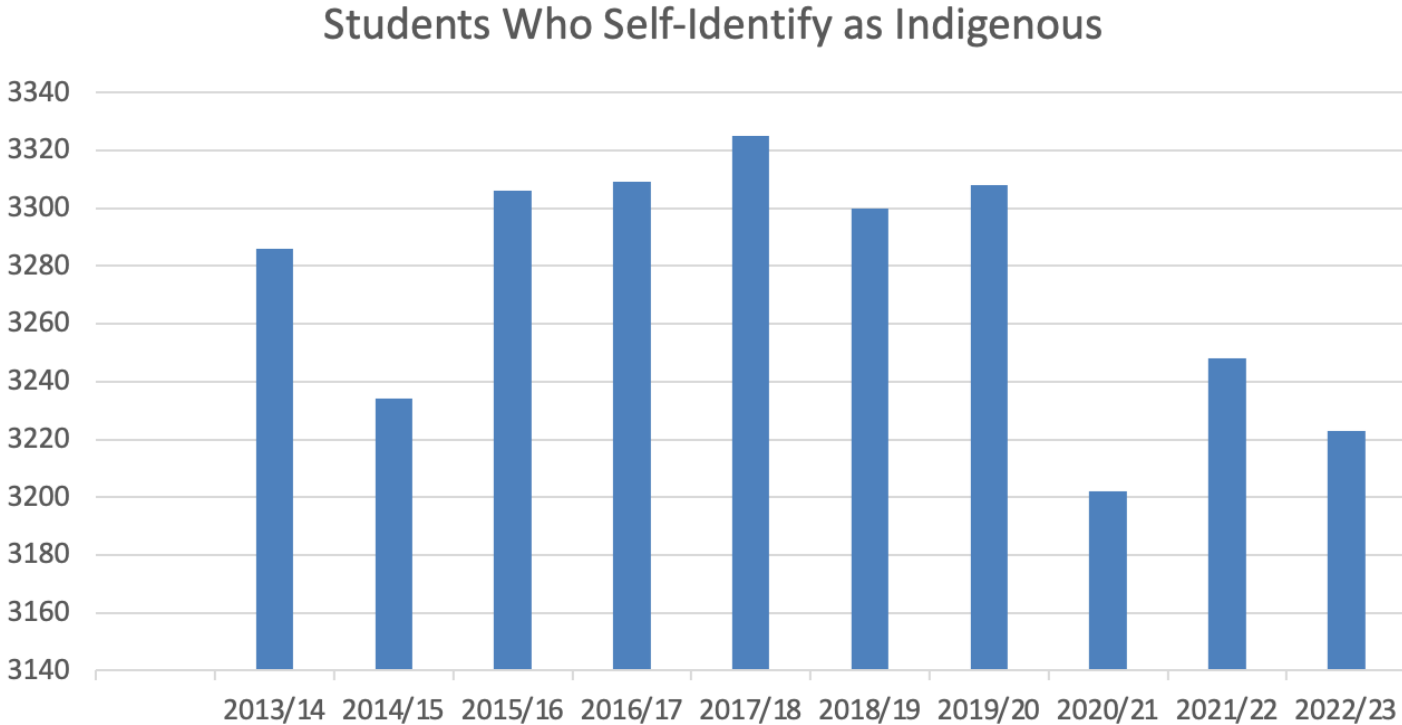
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Students Who Self-Identify as Indigenous

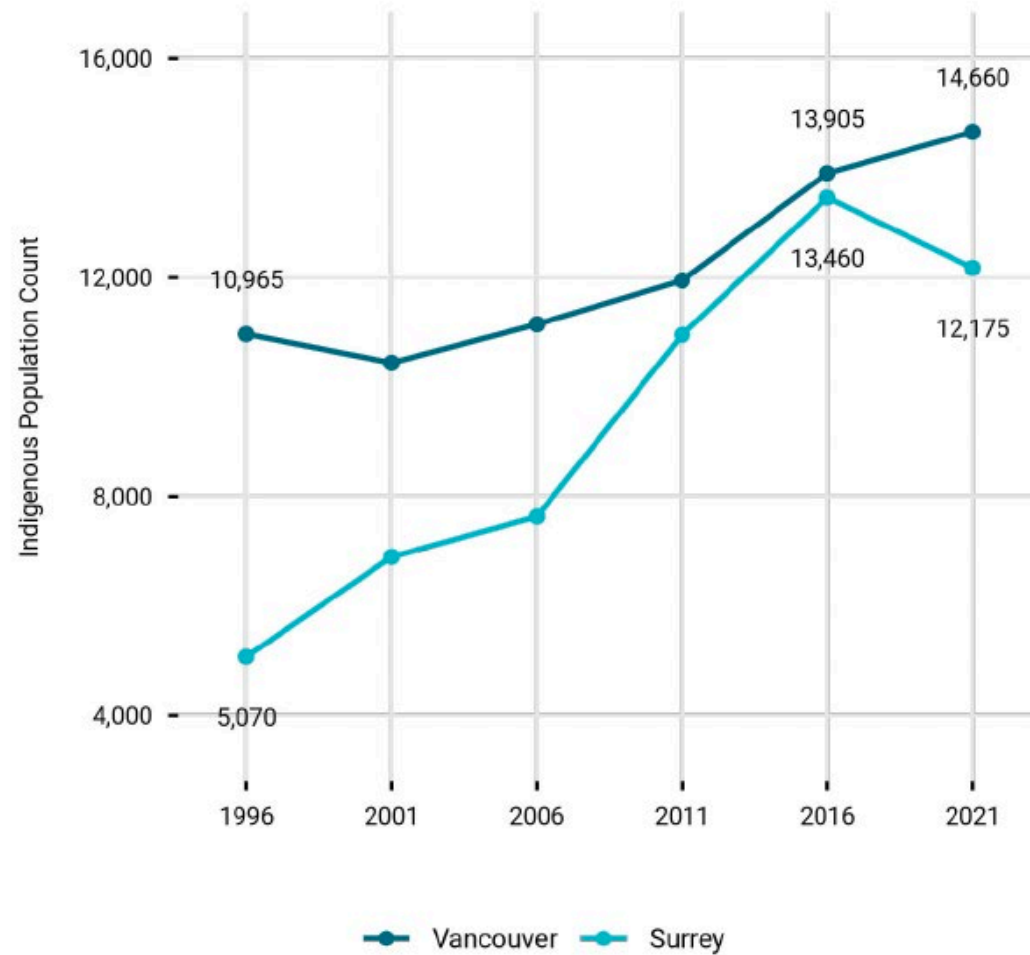
- 3223 self-identify as Indigenous
- 25 fewer Indigenous students from 2021-22 to 2022-23
- 5-year average is 3256



School Year	All Students #	SIA in Year*	
		#	%
2013/14	72,273	3,286	4.5
2014/15	70,764	3,234	4.6
2015/16	70,941	3,306	4.7
2016/17	71,838	3,309	4.6
2017/18	72,781	3,325	4.6
2018/19	73,640	3,300	4.5
2019/20	75,607	3,308	4.4
2020/21	75,698	3,202	4.2
2021/22	75,933	3,248	4.3
2022/23	78,421	3,223	4.1

Indigenous Population in Surrey

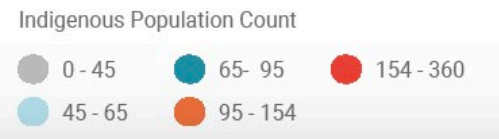
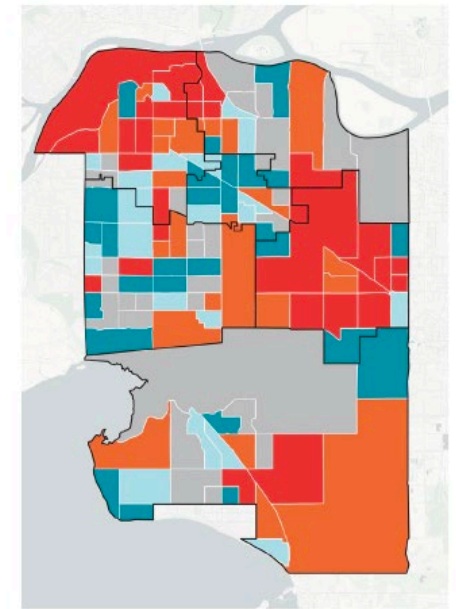
The Indigenous population in Surrey more than doubled between 1996 and 2021, but recently declined between 2016 and 2021.




At over 12,000 people, the Indigenous population in Surrey is the second largest Indigenous population in BC, behind Vancouver.

The largest share of Indigenous residents live in Whalley and the City Centre.


The largest share of Indigenous residents live in Whalley (25%), followed by Cloverdale (21%) and Newton (20%). Between 2016 and 2021, the Indigenous population decreased in each neighbourhood in Surrey, aside from Cloverdale and South Surrey, where the Indigenous populations grew.



Surrey Indigenous Social and Economic Context

- Surrey is home to 4895 children/youth (0-24)
 - A higher proportion of Indigenous children (75%) live in single-parent families than non-Indigenous (18%)
 - The majority of Indigenous households rent (54%) compared to non-Indigenous (34%)
 - There was a 42% increase in median monthly rents between 2016 and 2021
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Surrey Context - Education




Nearly half of Indigenous people (45%) in Surrey aged 25-64 have some form of post-secondary credential

However, this is lower than the rates of the Indigenous population across BC (48%) and Canada (49%)

The number of Indigenous language speakers declined

Since 2016, the number of people with knowledge of an Indigenous language decreased from 225 to 140 in 2021.

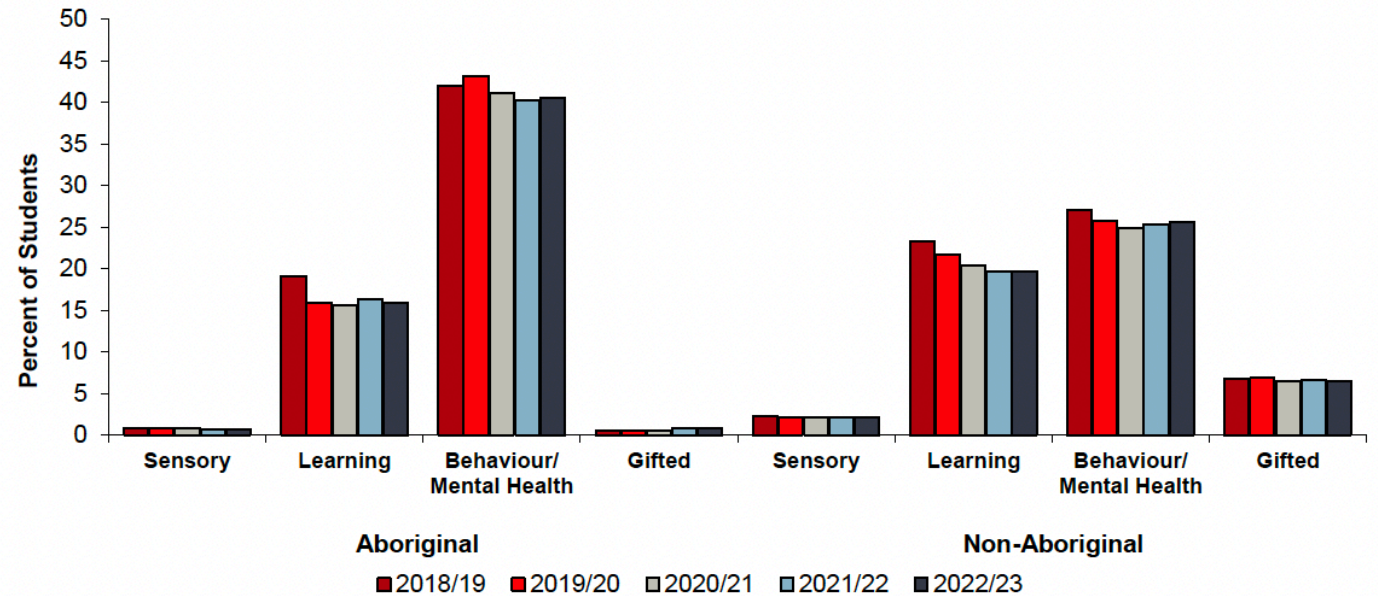


Students with Disabilities or Diverse Abilities (selected Designations)

- 39% of the Indigenous student population have a designation (1254/3223)
- 16% of the Indigenous student population have a Behaviour/Mental Health designation (509/3223)

School Year	Aboriginal		Sensory Designation				Learning Designation				Behaviour/Mental Health Designation				Gifted Designation			
	#	Non-Aboriginal #	Aboriginal #	%	Non-Aboriginal #	%	Aboriginal #	%	Non-Aboriginal #	%	Aboriginal #	%	Non-Aboriginal #	%	Aboriginal #	%	Non-Aboriginal #	%
2018/19	1,217	6,937	10	1	162	2	232	19	1,612	23	511	42	1,874	27	6	0	467	7
2019/20	1,283	7,256	11	1	149	2	204	16	1,572	22	554	43	1,870	26	7	1	494	7
2020/21	1,247	7,407	10	1	152	2	195	16	1,511	20	513	41	1,848	25	7	1	474	6
2021/22	1,254	7,739	8	1	160	2	205	16	1,519	20	504	40	1,956	25	10	1	516	7
2022/23	1,254	8,031	8	1	165	2	199	16	1,578	20	509	41	2,053	26	10	1	519	6

Percent of Students with Disabilities or Diverse Abilities
(Selected Designations)



Children and Youth in Care

- Based on 2021-22 data
- 19% of the Indigenous student population are in care
- Six-Year Completion rate for Indigenous CYIC is 54%

ABORIGINAL CYIC (EVER) AS A PERCENT OF ABORIGINAL ENROLMENT

School Year	All Aboriginal Students	Aboriginal Children in CYIC	
	#	#	%
2017/18	4,030	814	20
2018/19	3,911	775	20
2019/20	3,837	737	19
2020/21	3,670	696	19
2021/22	3,593	680	19

CYIC (EVER) SIX-YEAR COMPLETION RATE

School Year	All CYICs %	Aboriginal			Non-Aboriginal		
		Female %	Male %	Total %	Female %	Male %	Total %
2017/18	53	42	49	45	62	55	58
2018/19	50	57	Msk	47	66	38	52
2019/20	57	52	36	45	68	63	66
2020/21	60	73	38	54	71	54	64
2021/22	55	54	54	54	53	57	55

Strategic Plan - Board Goal

Increase the Indigenous student graduation rate by 15-20% between 2023 to 2028

- 2023 5-year completion rate was 57%
- 2023 6-year completion rate was 74%

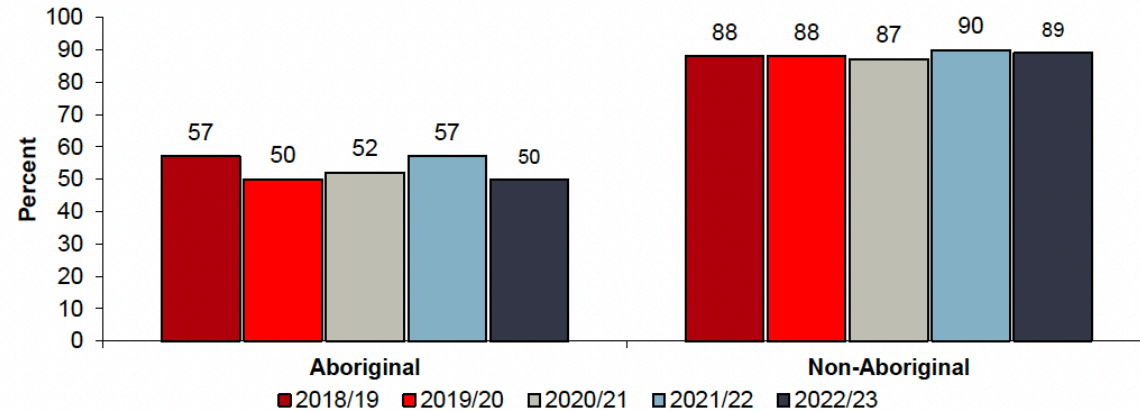
2022/23 Five-Year Completion Rate

- 5-year completion rate is 50%
- 14% decline in the number of Indigenous males completing school
- 1% decline in the number of Indigenous females competing school
- 5-year average is 53%
 - Male 5-year average 50%
 - Female 5-year average 57%
- 6-year completion rate is 64%
- 6-year average is 66%

FIVE-YEAR COMPLETION RATE

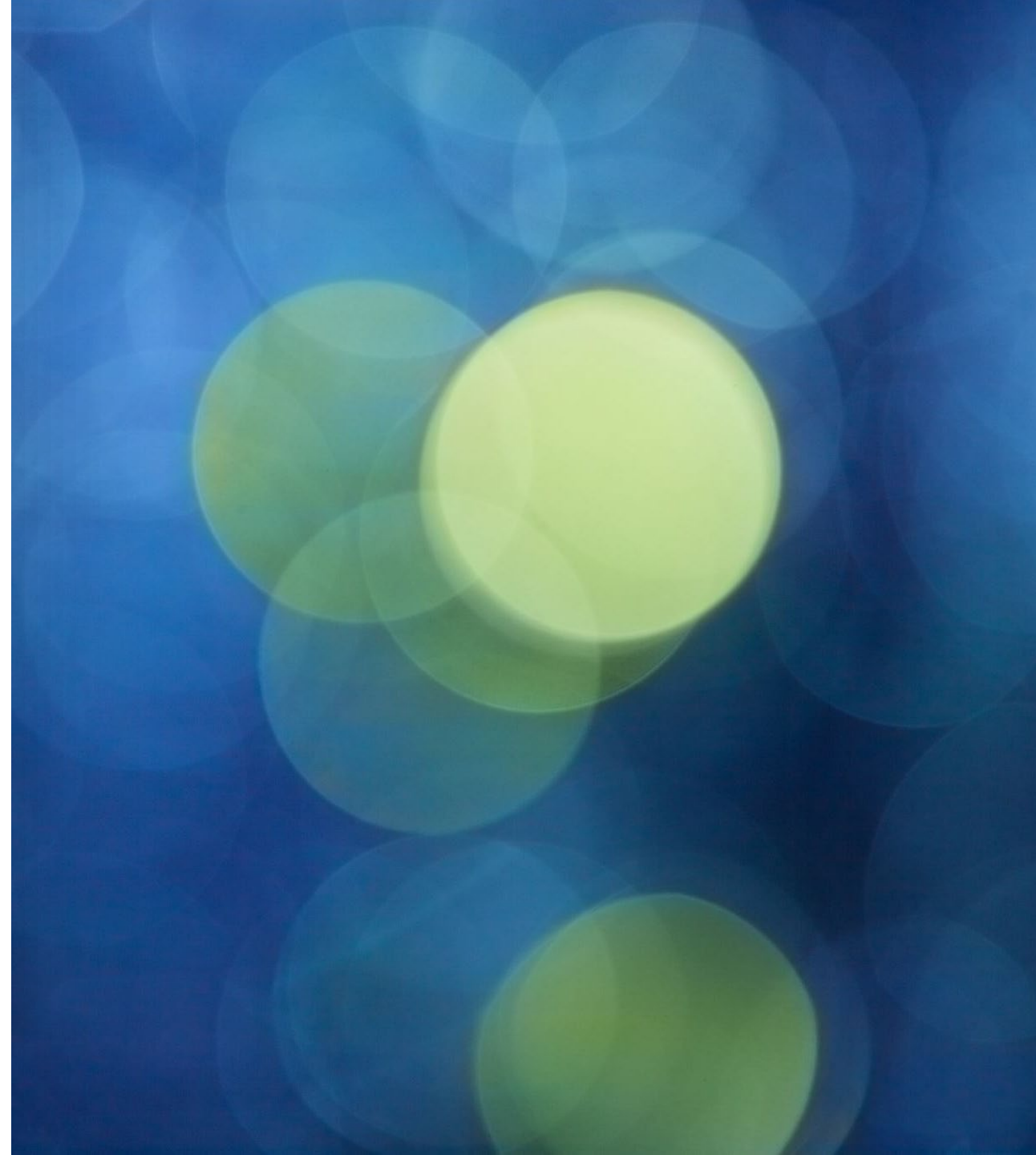
School Year	Aboriginal			Non-Aboriginal		
	All Students %	Female %	Male %	All Students %	Female %	Male %
2018/19	57	63	50	88	92	85
2019/20	50	56	45	88	93	85
2020/21	52	52	53	87	91	84
2021/22	57	57	58	90	93	88
2022/23	50	55	44	89	92	87

Five-Year Completion Rate: Aboriginal/Non-Aboriginal



What are we doing about it? Indigenous Student Success Initiative

-  Key priority and goal in every High school
-  Develop school-based Indigenous teams
-  Intensive support for vulnerable learners
-  Focus on post-secondary and career goals
-  Cultural support
-  Share strategies
-  Review results
-  Hear from students



What Else Are We Doing About It?

- Indigenous Graduation Advocates
- Indigenous Child and Youth Workers/Educational Asst.
- Cultural Facilitators and First Peoples in Residence
- Transition Team
- Helping Teachers
- Windspeaker program
- Carving program
- Equity Scan
- Student forum/leadership





Questions?