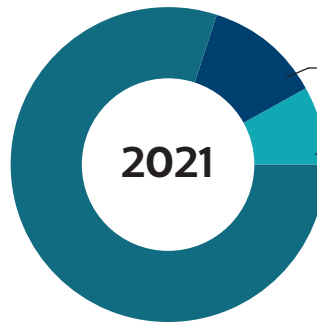


Human rights in Chilliwack

Chilliwack is home to



and is rapidly growing at a rate of **11% per year**

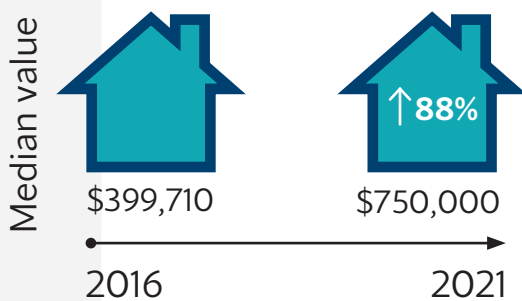


In 2021,

- **12%** were visible minorities
- **8%** of Chilliwack residents were Indigenous

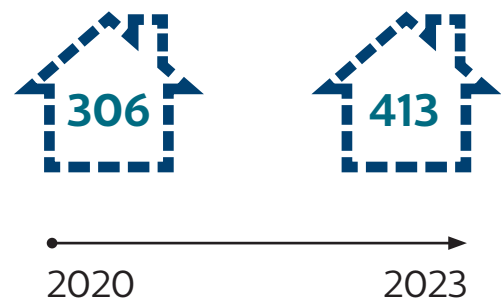
The housing crisis is a human rights issue in Chilliwack

Housing is increasingly unaffordable



Between 2016 and 2021 the median value of a home in Chilliwack increased by 88%. This far exceeds the province wide increase of 57%.

Homelessness is increasing rapidly



From 2020 to 2023, the number of people experiencing homelessness increased from 306 to 413, according to the Homeless Count.

Homelessness is experienced more often by Indigenous people

In 2020, Chilliwack had the highest proportion of homeless people with Indigenous ancestry in the Fraser River Valley at 25 per cent.



Access to health care is a human rights issue in Chilliwack

Discrimination is a barrier to health care



Indigenous people, people with disabilities, people who speak English as an additional language, people experiencing homelessness and/or people who use substances reported experiencing discrimination when trying to access health care.

Discrimination and hate are human rights issues in Chilliwack

Anti-Indigenous, anti-Black hate and Islamophobia

Indigenous and Black people in Chilliwack reported experiencing regular discrimination in retail settings as well as health care and employment.

Rise of anti-LGBTQ2SAI+ hate in Chilliwack

Participants noted a troubling rise in hate and discrimination against the LGBTQ2SAI+ community, especially directed at gender-diverse and trans youth.



Employment and human rights in Chilliwack



Migrant workers' human rights

In 2022, there were 11,831 temporary foreign workers in the agricultural sector in B.C., most of whom migrated from Mexico. These workers face substandard working and living conditions and have reported experiences of psychological, financial, physical and sexual abuse.

About BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner

Under B.C.'s *Human Rights Code*, B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner is responsible for promoting and protecting human rights in the province. Learn more about our Office at bchumanrights.ca

BCOHRC Baseline Project in Chilliwack

The Baseline Project is a multi-year community-based research project, through which BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (BCOHRC) maps out the state of human rights in B.C. Chilliwack was one of four communities that we examined in detail. This work would not have been possible without Chilliwack's Community Partners: Chilliwack Community Services, Mountainside Harm Reduction Society and Unique Get Together Society. We would like to offer our gratitude to the Chilliwack Society for Community Living and to the leadership of Stó:lō Nation and the staff who support Stó:lō people for their contributions to this project.

For more information about Chilliwack's human rights story, please consult the Chilliwack Community Brief at baseline.bchumanrights.ca/chilliwack