East Fraser includes:
Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, Agassiz, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope and Boston Bar.
- MCFD, SDA Map

51% of the overall population of East Fraser lives in Abbotsford.
- Census 2016

12.2% of the overall population are children between 0–9 years old.
- Census 2016

The top source countries for immigrants in the Region are: India, United Kingdom, United States, Philippines, Netherlands and Germany.
- Census 2016

First Nations Communities. - First Nations Health Authority

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- First Nations Health Authority

6.5% of the overall population report Aboriginal Ancestry (higher than 5.8% for BC).
- Census 2016

The majority of people in East Fraser speak English at home.
- Census 2016

25.4% of the region spends more than 30% of their household income on housing.
Mission is the worst at 28.1% of their population.
- Census 2016

The region has grown in population by 8% between 2006 and 2016.

Between 2006 and 2016, Kent has grown the most at 28%.
- Census 2016

2018 projections are for another 11%, with Kent and Chilliwack the most popular locations.
- Census 2016

43% of Fraser Valley residents have moved within the last 5 years.
- Census 2016

44% of workers in the Fraser Valley work outside the community they live in.
- Census 2016
Children were in the care of the Ministry of Children & Family Development for the East Fraser Region, as of September of 2018.

All of the Fraser East has had **teen birth rates** that were above that of Fraser Health overall.

Highest overall birth rate is in **Abbotsford**, followed by Chilliwack, Mission, Agassiz-Harrison and Hope.

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- Fraser Health

The hardest types of child care to find are **Infant-Toddler and Out of School Care**.

- Local CCRRs

In 2017 we had enough licensed childcare spaces for **12.8%** of our population of children aged **0-12 years**.

- MCFD

The average across East Fraser Communities is **37%**.

- Human Early Learning Partnership (UBC)

The domain of **Physical Health** is of particular concern in Fraser Cascade.

- MCFD

32.2% of food bank users in East Fraser are **children**.

- UFV Project, Chilliwack Poverty Reduction Committee

- Fraser Health Speech Language Pathology Program, Aug 2018.

- Fraser Health Audiology East & Early Hearing Program, Aug/Sep 2018.

**Speech & Language services in Fraser East communities:**

- The average number of children (0-5yrs) seen per month is **275**.
- The average wait time for the first appointment is **3-6 months**.
- The average wait time for a follow-up appointment is **3-6 months** depending on the needs of the child.

**Common concerns requiring speech and language therapy:**

- Not meeting speech and language milestones (e.g. late talker).
- Disordered speech and language (e.g. apraxia).

**Audiology services in Fraser East communities:**

- 97% of newborns are screened for hearing loss.
- The average number of children (birth-19yrs) seen per month is **275**.
- The average wait time is **2-10 months** depending on the community and needs of the child.

**Common concerns requiring audiology services:**

- Rule out hearing loss.
- Provide support for temporary and permanent hearing loss.

- 2017 BC Child Poverty Report Card (First Call)

**320** Children were in the care of the Ministry of Children & Family Development for the East Fraser Region, as of September of 2018.

**1366** Children were being served by MCFD’s Child and Youth with Special Needs Services, as of June 30.

**428** Children were in the Care of FVCFSS (Delegated Aboriginal Agency), as of September 2018.

- MCFD

**298** children and youth were **waiting for Child and Youth Mental Health Services** in the Region; 58.4% of those were in Abbotsford, as of June 2018.

- MCFD

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