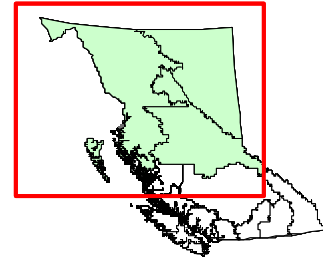


Northern BC Communities Map

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.

Across this vast landscape resides less than 7% of the BC population (less than 300,000 people).



We created the Northern BC Communities Map to help us understand:

- the vast size of northern BC;
- the many communities we serve;
- the challenges we have in service delivery;
- the opportunities we have for partnerships and innovation; and,
- some of the many things that make this part of the world so unique.

A few of the features included on this map are:

-  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)
-  Former Indian Residential Schools

Indigenous Language Areas: we are very grateful that the University of British Columbia, Museum of Anthropology, has permitted us to include their work: the First Nations of British Columbia. This work, included as an inset within the larger map, features the linguistic and socio-cultural areas of the First People in British Columbia.

We hope that by including the work of the UBC, Museum of Anthropology, there will be a renewed interest in the amazing diversity and richness that surrounds us in northern BC.

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- +** **Health and Wellness Centres:** we asked the question: “Is there a dedicated physical space in the community where health and wellness activities take place on a regular basis?”

This definition is intentionally broad. The programs and services vary by community and might include immunizations and screening, well mom clinics, programs for youth and men, scheduled and drop-in appointments with visiting health professionals and much more.

Health and Wellness Centres are found in many of the smaller rural communities.

- **Aboriginal Friendship Centres:** (AFC) connect and deliver a range of health related services to a mostly urban population for whom we are often not the provider of choice.

The programs and services offered by AFCs vary by location and might include parenting and family skills, addictions support, well mom programs, job skills and training programs, food banks, recreation programs, preschool and daycare, literacy and wellness programs, counseling services, housing and employment services and much more.

Aboriginal Friendship Centres are found in the larger and more urban locations.

Community	Friendship Centre
Prince Rupert	Prince Rupert Friendship House
Terrace	Kermode Friendship Centre
Smithers	Dze L K’ant Friendship Centre
Houston	Dze L K’ant Friendship Centre
Prince George	Prince George Native Friendship Centre
Quesnel	Quesnel Tillicum Native Friendship Centre
Williams Lake	Cariboo Friendship Society
Chetwynd	Tansi Friendship Centre
Dawson Creek	Nawican Friendship Centre
Fort St John	Fort St. John Friendship Centre
Fort Nelson	Fort Nelson Friendship Centre

- 📌** **Former Indian Residential Schools:** this experience is a multi-generational determinant of health, affecting the health of our friends, families, relationships and communities.

There are 6 locations currently recognized as residential school sites in north-central BC:

- Williams Lake
- Anahim Lake
- Fraser Lake (Lejac)
- Kitimaat
- Port Simpson
- Lower Post

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