



Health Facilities

- 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)

Other Features

- Health Authority
- Local Health Area
- Highway/Road
- Gravel Road
- Former Indian Residential Schools

Fast Facts about Northern BC

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.

Local Health Areas (LHAs) are administrative units used by the province of British Columbia to facilitate the planning and delivery of health and other services.

Local Health Areas	Sq. Km.	Population 2010
28 Quersnel	23,434.07	23,784
50 Haida Gwaii	9,632.89	4,553
51 Snow Country	28,045.08	541
52 Prince Rupert	5,963.95	14,372
53 Upper Skeena	4,473.47	5,407
54 Smithers	9,881.97	16,214
55 Burns Lake	25,527.60	7,960
56 Nechako	41,340.90	15,099
57 Prince George	80,583.70	97,036
59 Peace River South	28,343.70	27,501
60 Peace River North	69,813.60	35,407
61 Kitimat	9,484.90	10,237
611 Fort Nelson	86,652.70	6,319
67 Skineh	141,679.00	886
68 Terrace	13,382.30	20,536
92 Nisga'a	5,005.74	1,958
94 Telegraph Creek	24,025.00	709
Total	617,270.97	288,569

Source: Square Kilometers summary provided to Northern Health by BC Stats, May 2010.
Source: Populations by LHA from BC Stats, PEOPLE 30 for year 2010.

Aboriginal People and Communities in Northern BC

Approximately 17.5% of northerners (or about 52,000 persons) identified themselves as Aboriginal (First Nations, Metis or Inuit) during the last Canadian Census in 2006.

There are 54 First Nations Bands located in northern BC. Many of these bands have more than one community under their governance. The last census (2006) indicated that there were more than 80 inhabited First Nations communities in northern BC.

The table below lists the numerous First Nations Bands in the North. We have included the INAC identification numbers for clarification purposes as there is often confusion.

Northern Interior - 25 First Nations

501 Taku River Tlingit	682 Tahltan
504 Dease River Band (Good Hope Lake)	683 Iskut
671 Gitlax	678 Lak Galt'ap
677 Gitlax/Samiks / New Aiyansh	679 Gitvintshilov
531 Gitnanmax	535 Gitsegukla
537 Gitwani	536 Gitwani
533 Sik E Dakh / Glen Vowell	532 Anspayaxw / Kispiox
534 Tse-Nya / Hagwilt	530 Norcietown / Key ah' w'iget
649 Old Massett Village Council	670 Skidegate
675 Gitga'at / Hartley Bay	672 Gitwaala / Kitkatla
673 Metlakatla / Metlakatla	674 Lax Kw'aleams
676 Kitimaat Village Council / Haisla	681 Kitsumkalum
680 Kistakeh / Gitsegukla	

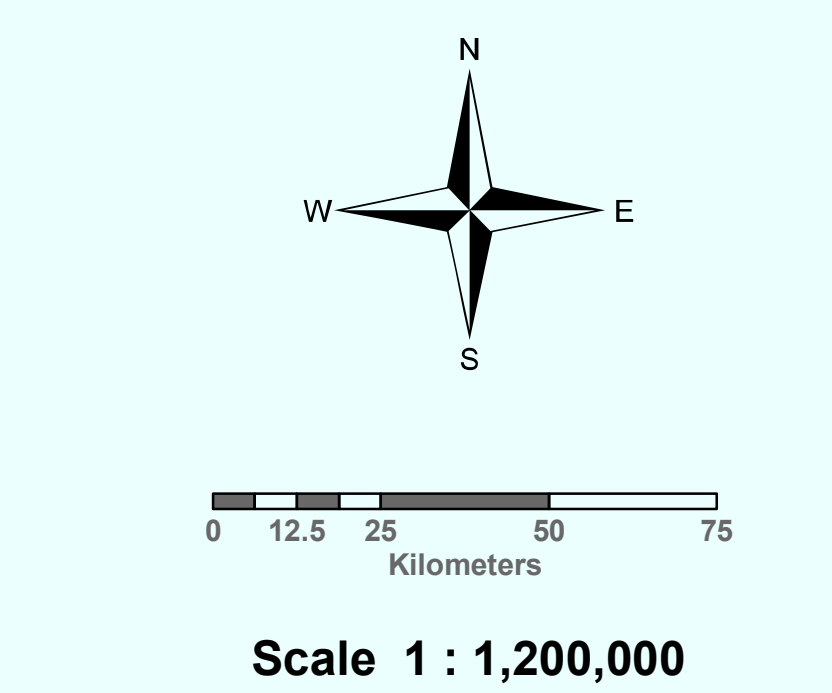
Northern Interior - 21 First Nations

619 Tsi'ka Kwa / Burns Lake Band	620 Chelatta Carter
729 Skin Tye	726 Nee Tah' Buhn
607 Lake Babine Nation	725 Westswet'en
612 Stellat'en	613 Nadleh Whut'en
614 Nakazdi	617 T'it'at'en
615 Yekooche	615 Saik'uz
608 Takla Lake	609 Tsay Keh Dene
610 Kwadacha	611 Lheidli T'enneh
618 McLeod Lake	715 Lhako Dene / Red Bluff
709 Esdliagh / Alexandria	721 Lhooskuz Dene / Klusku
720 Naxko	

Northern Interior - 8 First Nations

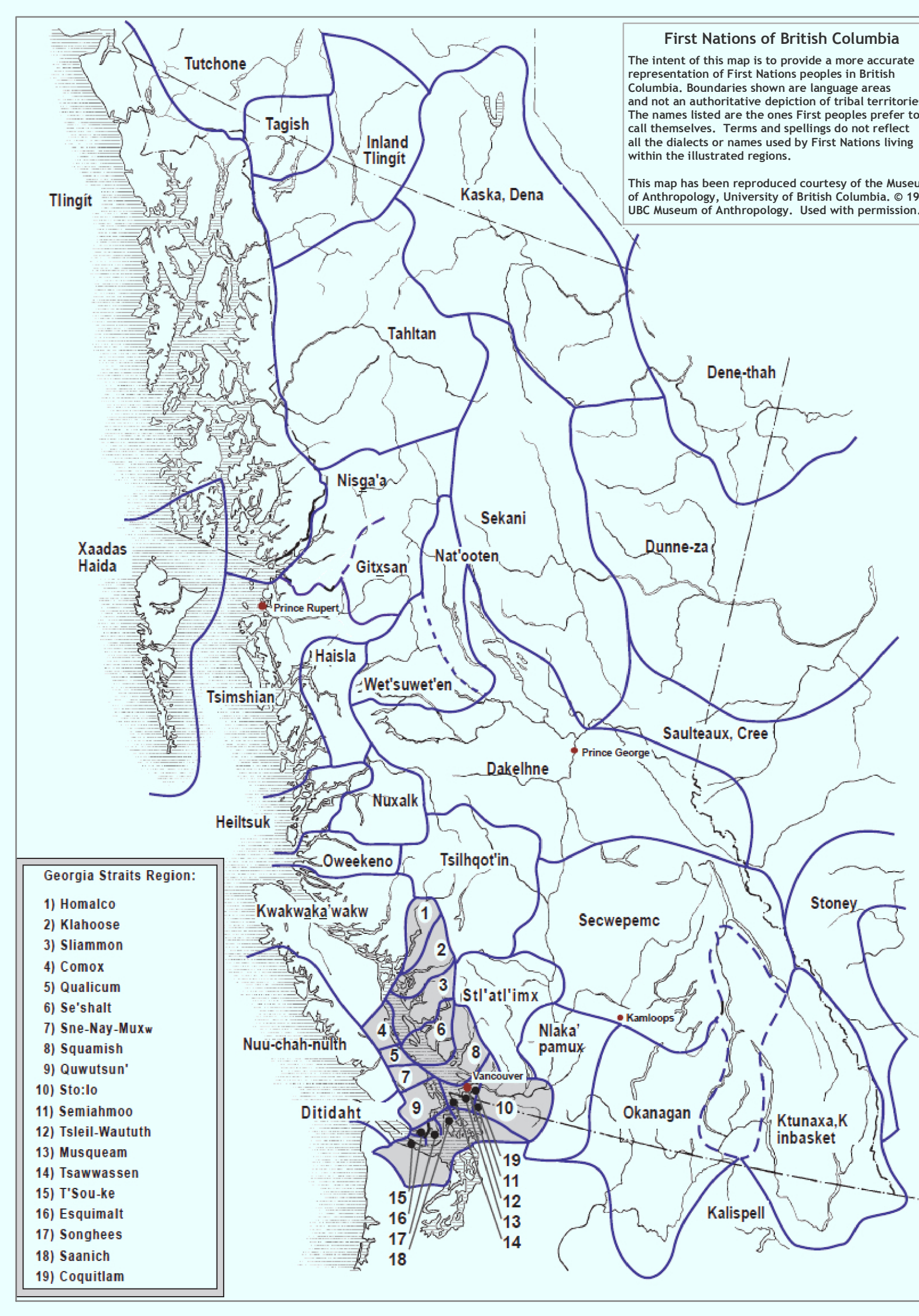
1059 Daylu Dena / Lower Post	543 Fort Nelson
544 Prophet River / Dene Tsa Tse K'nal	547 Blueberry River
548 Dolg River / Taahche Wadane	546 Halfway River / Choanachee
542 Saulteau	545 Lax Moberly

Source: Regional Profiles of First Nations: First Nations Health Council, September 2010. <http://www.fnhc.ca/>
Source: Indian and Northern Affairs, First Nations in British Columbia, January 2011. <http://www.inac.gc.ca/>



Indigenous Languages in British Columbia

British Columbia is home to an amazing diversity of Aboriginal languages and cultures. In fact over sixty percent of the First Nations Languages in Canada are spoken in British Columbia.



This map was created for the people of Northern British Columbia by Northern Health; prepared by BC Stats, June 2011. 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. We hope that by including this work, there will be a renewed interest in the amazing diversity and history of the First Peoples in BC. Please note that this work is © 1994 UBC, Museum of Anthropology.