

Summary of 1835 Estimates

Haida	6,000	
Tsimshian	8,500	
Kwakiutl	10,700	
Nootka	7,500	
Bella Coola	2,000	
Coast Salish	12,000	
Interior Salish	13,500	46,700
Kootenay	1,000	
Chilcotin	1,000	
Carrier	4,000	
Northern Athapaskans	3,300	
Stikine Tlingits	300	
Nicola Athapaskans	<u>200</u>	23,300
Total	<u>70,000</u>	

### Population Distribution - 1835

The numbers indicated on the map are estimates of the 1835 population based largely on early Hudson's Bay censuses and on the projection of estimated population trends back from the first accurate counts of the 1880's. These estimates will be supported in detail in forthcoming publications. The population in earlier times was probably somewhat greater. Epidemics are thought to have swept through parts of the area as early as the 1780's, but their destructiveness is not known, nor is the degree ~~by~~<sup>to</sup> which the population had recovered by 1835.

The distribution on the map shows the Indians as closely as possible in the locations of their villages, rather than scattered throughout their territories. For most tribes, especially on the coast, this is the winter distribution. Also, it shows them as they were just prior to the establishment of Hudson's Bay Co. forts such as Ft. Simpson and Ft. Rupert, which quickly became the centres of large concentrations of Indian population.