



Don Lee has the most common surname in the Lower Mainland.

Lots of Lees

📖 Don Lee came to Canada from China in 1949. He says, “At that time, there were only a few Lees in Vancouver. And most of them were English.”

More and more Lees

During the past 50 years, Don has seen a big increase in the number of Lees in the Vancouver area. Today Lee is the most common surname in the Lower Mainland. Most of the Lees are from China.

Lee replaces Smith

For many years, Smith was the most common surname in the Lower Mainland. Now, it is the fourth most common.

Top 10

Here are the top 10 surnames in the Lower Mainland.

	Surname	Number of people
1	Lee	5,863
2	Wong	5,101
3	Chan	3,752
4	Smith	3,623
5	Kim	2,387
6	Chen	2,368
7	Gill	2,100
8	Li	2,056
9	Brown	1,962
10	Johnson	1,843

Did you know?

Lee is a surname in China, Korea, England, and Ireland.

Names

- A surname is sometimes called a family name or a last name.
- A given name is sometimes called a first name or a Christian name.
- A middle name goes between a first name and a last name. For example, John **David** Smith.
- A maiden name is a woman’s surname before she is married.