

## Edmonton's 2014 census confirms strong population growth

*City's population sits at 877,926, an increase of 7.39% over 2012*

Edmonton's population has grown by more than 60,000 over the past two years to a total of 877,926, according to the municipal census conducted this spring.

This is a steep increase in the rate that Edmonton is growing, a 7.39% increase over 2012.



"Edmonton's population growth indicates that we are a city of opportunity," says Mayor Don Iveson. "Significant growth in the working-age population puts Edmonton in a good position for the long term. While our economic stability, educational opportunities and quality of life attract newcomers to Edmonton, we face pressure to manage our growth responsibly and effectively."

The census figures show Edmonton has one of the youngest populations in Canada. The largest single age group is 20-39 year olds. "This is a population profile that any city would envy," says the City of Edmonton's Chief Economist, John Rose. "The significant growth in our working age population puts Edmonton in a very good labour-force position. The momentum of a growing population makes the city's economy less vulnerable to external shocks. The census shows an increase in the number of young families, another major economic driver."

The City of Edmonton has been preparing for a growing population with major infrastructure investments. From 2004 to 2014, the City has made an unprecedented investment of \$9.3 billion in capital projects (recreation centres, LRT, libraries, police and fire stations, roadway arteries, waste facilities and increased drainage capacity) to support our growing city.

A large proportion of the growth occurred in south Edmonton, though downtown neighbourhoods and some mature neighbourhoods did see some growth. "The 2014 census results reinforce our integrated growth strategy of balancing upward, inward and outward growth," says Peter Ohm, Manager of Urban Planning and Environment with the City's Sustainable Development Department. "The planning we do today is critical to meeting the needs of a growing major city."

Edmonton is on track to becoming a city of more than 2.1 million people in less than 50 years.

For complete results, please visit [edmonton.ca/census](http://edmonton.ca/census).

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