

Edmonton sees moderate growth

Census shows the City's population grew by 2.5 per cent

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New municipal census information shows almost 900,000 people now call Edmonton home. Between 2014 and 2016, Edmonton's population grew by more than 21,000 people to 899,447 or 2.5 per cent.

"The impact of the recent economic slowdown and higher unemployment in Alberta and Edmonton is evident in the stable population growth figures recorded over the past two years," said John Rose, Chief Economist for the City of Edmonton.

Census results show Edmonton continues to see growth in developing neighbourhoods, especially those in the south, including Windermere, Chappelle, Laurel and Walker.

"As the city continues to grow, we're planning for sustainable and resilient infrastructure and services to all neighbourhoods," said Peter Ohm, Chief Planner with the City's Sustainable Development Department. "While growth is occurring in developing neighbourhoods, we also want to encourage density in mature and core neighbourhoods to ensure efficient use of infrastructure."

"Although we saw more moderate growth these past two years, Edmonton's population has increased by 117,000 since 2009. When you add to that the growth of neighbouring municipalities, it highlights the need for us to combine our efforts to ensure effective use of land and smart infrastructure planning." said Mayor Iveson. "We need to work together and leverage our resources as well as those of the provincial and federal governments to ensure an ongoing strong and growing region, one that continues to attract and retain people and investments."

Additional census information is being analyzed and will be released this fall. For current information, please visit edmonton.ca/census.

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