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# 2023 Municipal Affairs Population List



Data for this publication is from the 2021 Federal Census of Canada, or from the most recent municipal census conducted by the municipality.

For more detailed data on the censuses conducted by Alberta municipalities, please contact the municipalities directly. Additional census information on Alberta municipalities from the 2021 federal census can be found from the [Statistics Canada](#) website.

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# Introduction

## Municipal Census in Alberta

The *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* is the enabling legislation that allows municipalities to conduct their own censuses. The *MGA* stipulates that the Minister of Municipal Affairs may regulate how municipal populations are determined and how censuses are conducted. The [Municipal Census Regulation](#) and the accompanying [Municipal Census Manual](#), specify how a municipal census is to be conducted within the province of Alberta.

The regulation provides a three-month period for municipalities to conduct censuses, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> and concluding on July 31<sup>st</sup>. During this time, municipalities must set a census date and complete their enumeration. After enumeration has concluded, the unofficial municipal census results are to be submitted into the ministry on or before September 1 of the same year in which the census was conducted. After reviewing the submissions, the census results, should they be accepted by the Minister, become the new population for the submitting municipality or Metis Settlement.

Municipal censuses are conducted at the discretion of the municipality or Metis Settlement. Most municipalities rely on the information provided from the federal census prepared by [Statistics Canada](#) and released once every five years. The most recent federal census was completed in 2021 and released on February 9, 2022.

## The Municipal Affairs Population List

The 2023 Municipal Affairs Population List ('this document') was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs for departmental purposes, and contains the population counts for all municipalities, Metis Settlements, and First Nations in Alberta.

This document continues the long history of the ministry publishing population figures for departmental purposes. Following the approval of the [Municipal Census Regulation](#) and accompanying [Municipal Census Manual](#) in 2023, municipalities and Metis Settlements are able once again to have their municipal census results recognized by the ministry. The purpose of this document is to combine several data sources with the end goal of supporting various ministry initiatives while providing readers with reliable and relevant population figures.

In 2023, five municipalities conducted a municipal census, recording a combined population of 224,477 and 94,804 dwellings.

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### 2023 MUNICIPAL CENSUSES

	Population	Private Dwellings	Census Day
City of Fort Saskatchewan	28,624	11,952	01-April-23
City of Lacombe	14,258	6,486	04-April-23
City of Leduc	36,060	15,345	03-April-23
City of Lethbridge	106,550	44,095	01-April-23
City of Spruce Grove	38,985	16,926	17-April-23
<b>CENSUS (5) - TOTAL</b>	<b>224,477</b>	<b>94,804</b>	

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Every five years, the ministry re-aligns the Municipal Affairs Population List with the results released by [Statistics Canada](#). Unless otherwise specified, the 2021 Federal Census date of May 11, 2021 applies to all municipalities and Metis Settlements listed within this document. Due to differences in methodology, the population counts within this document will differ from the [Alberta Population Estimates](#) published by the Office of Statistics and Information.

## Population Summary

Population figures referenced within this document include any shadow population counts that were approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and any [revisions](#) posted by Statistics Canada since the last federal census.

For comparison purposes, the following table includes the percentage increase/decrease from those figures published in the 2019 Municipal Affairs Population List.

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### 2023 ALBERTA POPULATION (BY TYPE)

	2023	2019	Change (%)
<b>Population of Alberta Municipalities (n=332)</b>	<b>4,267,819</b>	<b>4,188,708</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Cities (19)	3,037,489	2,959,559	2.6
Municipal District (63)	472,413	471,852	0.1
Town (105)	471,944	466,470	1.2
Specialized Municipality (6)	240,565	242,395	-0.8
Village (80)	32,820	36,585	-10.3
Summer Village (51)	5,921	5,200	13.9
Special Areas (1)	4,238	4,184	1.3
Improvement District (7)	2,429	2,463	-1.4
First Nation Communities (on reserve and Crown land)	82,276	77,419	6.3
Metis Settlements	4,238	5,632	-24.8
<b>2023 Municipal Affairs Population</b>	<b>4,354,333</b>	<b>4,271,759</b>	<b>1.9</b>

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# Population Listings

## Cities

There are nineteen cities in Alberta ranging in population from 12,594 to 1,306,784. Cities represent nearly 70 per cent of the total population in Alberta, while accounting for only 0.4 per cent of Alberta's total land base. Approximately 71 per cent of the total private dwellings in the province are located within cities. Edmonton and Calgary account for 76 per cent of dwellings within the 'city' municipal type.

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### CITIES

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Airdrie	74,100	85.98	861.83	27,037	
Beaumont	20,888	24.26	861.01	7,168	
Brooks	14,924	19.20	777.29	5,489	
Calgary	1,306,784	851.38	1,534.90	531,062	
Camrose	18,772	44.12	425.48	8,747	
Chestermere	22,163	37.10	597.39	6,925	
Cold Lake	15,661	66.71	234.76	6,767	
Edmonton	1,010,899	782.06	1,292.61	428,857	
Fort Saskatchewan	28,624	57.76	475.48	11,952	01-April-23
Grande Prairie	64,141	136.63	469.45	27,551	
Lacombe	14,258	21.75	655.54	6,486	04-April-23
Leduc	36,060	43.03	838.02	15,345	03-April-23
Lethbridge	106,550	123.86	860.25	44,095	01-April-23
Lloydminster	* 19,739	39.94	494.22	8,530	
Medicine Hat	63,271	119.84	527.96	28,732	
Red Deer	100,844	106.94	943.00	43,404	
Spruce Grove	38,985	36.74	1,061.11	16,926	17-April-23
St. Albert	68,232	65.25	1,045.70	27,019	
Wetaskiwin	12,594	19.80	636.06	5,643	
<b>CITIES (19) - TOTAL</b>	<b>3,037,489</b>	<b>2,682.35</b>	<b>1,132.40</b>	<b>1,257,735</b>	

\* Figure is representative of the Alberta portion of the [City of Lloydminster](#).

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## Special Areas

Special Areas refers to three rural areas in southeast portion of the province, which are administered by the Special Areas Board (a board of four people appointed by the Lieutenant Governor) and an advisory council of thirteen, elected in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

Established under the *Special Areas Act* in 1938, the Special Areas Board is responsible for roads, parks, water and emergency services, public land and community pastures, economic development, and overseeing agricultural conservation strategies. The Special Areas Board has several shared use agreements ranging from fire protection, ambulance, library, recreation, regional waste collection, limited family and community services, and the development and operation of medical centres. Since being proclaimed, the *Special Areas Act* has remained relatively unchanged, apart from a few minor amendments in 1966 and 1985.

The total population of the Special Areas is 4,238 and represents nearly 0.1 per cent of the total population while accounting for 3.2 per cent of Alberta's total land base. Six urban municipalities including the towns of Hanna and Oyen, and the villages of Consort, Empress, Veteran, and Youngstown are located within the Special Areas.

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### SPECIAL AREAS

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Special Areas 2	1,860	9,751.80	0.19	783	
Special Areas 3	1,142	6,815.04	0.18	527	
Special Areas 4	1,236	4,565.83	0.27	489	
<b>Special Areas (1) - TOTAL</b>	<b>4,238</b>	<b>21,132.67</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>1,799</b>	

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## Specialized Municipalities

Specialized municipalities allow for unique local governments recognizing unique local circumstances; most (but not all) specialized municipalities enable urban and rural communities to coexist under a single municipal government. Currently there are six specialized municipalities in Alberta ranging in population from 4,738 to 109,004. Specialized municipalities represent nearly 5.5 per cent of the total population in Alberta while accounting for just under 25 per cent of Alberta's total land base and 4.6 per cent of the total private dwellings.

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### SPECIALIZED MUNICIPALITIES

		Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Lac La Biche County	*	9,099	13,531.49	0.67	3,996	
Mackenzie County		12,804	81,861.86	0.16	3,756	
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass		5,695	379.49	15.01	3,403	
Municipality of Jasper		4,738	750.46	6.31	1,910	
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	*	109,004	65,702.47	1.66	30,451	
Strathcona County		99,225	1,145.51	86.62	38,203	
<b>SPECIALIZED MUNICIPALITY (6) - TOTAL</b>		<b>240,565</b>	<b>163,371.28</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>81,719</b>	

\* Figure includes [Shadow Population](#).

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### Urban / Rural Service Areas

The formation of an urban service area typically occurs if there is a large unincorporated community within a specialized municipality with the capacity to provide a full range of urban services. Depending on the municipality's formation order, amendments to these areas are possible through either a municipal motion in council, or on the recommendation of the Minister through an Order in Council. In Alberta, three of the six specialized municipality areas have clearly defined urban service areas.

Urban and rural service areas are historically enumerated during a municipal census; however, as no municipal census has occurred since the publication of the last federal census, the following figures were determined geospatially using the [2021 census boundary files](#) published by Statistics Canada, and therefore do not include shadow populations.

#### Urban and Rural Service Areas

		Urban	Rural	Total	Municipal Census Date
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	*	69,652	4,185	73,837	
Strathcona County		72,115	27,110	99,230	
Lac La Biche	*	3,716	4,401	8,117	
<b>SERVICE AREAS (3) - TOTAL</b>		<b>145,483</b>	<b>35,696</b>	<b>181,184</b>	

\* Figures do not include [Shadow Population](#).

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## Municipal Districts

Municipal districts and counties govern rural areas of the province, including farmland as well as unincorporated communities such as hamlets and rural residential subdivisions. There are sixty-three municipal districts and counties in Alberta, ranging in population from 110 to 41,028. While municipal districts represent nearly 11 per cent of the total population in Alberta, they account for nearly 60 per cent of Alberta's total land base, and just over 11 per cent of the total private dwellings.

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### MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

		Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Athabasca County		6,959	6,388.67	1.09	3,746	
Beaver County		5,868	3,599.40	1.63	2,434	
Big Lakes County		3,664	12,996.18	0.28	2,058	
Birch Hills County		1,516	2,907.61	0.52	637	
Brazeau County		7,179	3,054.35	2.35	3,167	
Camrose County		8,504	3,599.03	2.36	3,688	
Cardston County		4,856	3,513.39	1.38	1,387	
Clear Hills County		3,006	15,187.68	0.20	1,107	
Clearwater County		11,865	18,805.94	0.63	5,605	
County of Barrhead No. 11		5,877	2,476.08	2.37	2,677	
County of Forty Mile No. 8	+	3,600	7,416.34	0.49	994	
County of Grande Prairie No. 1	*	24,623	5,978.36	4.12	9,387	
County of Minburn No. 27		3,014	3,009.17	1.00	1,337	
County of Newell		7,465	6,200.30	1.20	2,642	
County of Northern Lights		3,601	19,273.37	0.19	1,608	
County of Paintearth No. 18		1,990	3,461.25	0.57	720	
County of St. Paul No. 19		6,306	3,527.08	1.79	3,764	
County of Stettler No. 6		5,666	4,319.58	1.31	2,310	
County of Two Hills No. 21		3,412	2,761.14	1.24	1,590	
County of Vermilion River	+	8,043	5,715.14	1.41	3,341	
County of Warner No. 5		4,290	4,611.18	0.93	1,032	
County of Wetaskiwin No. 10	+	11,217	3,303.06	3.40	5,677	
Cypress County		7,524	13,500.92	0.56	3,149	
Flagstaff County		3,694	4,165.10	0.89	1,558	
Foothills County		23,199	3,670.12	6.32	9,075	
Kneehill County	+	4,914	3,399.63	1.45	1,881	
Lac Ste. Anne County	+	11,300	3,000.53	3.77	5,788	
Lacombe County		10,283	2,913.90	3.53	4,616	
Lamont County		3,754	2,493.07	1.51	1,829	
Leduc County		14,416	2,588.09	5.57	5,990	
Lethbridge County		10,120	2,884.73	3.51	3,136	
Mountain View County		12,981	3,807.16	3.41	5,743	
Municipal District of Acadia No. 34		494	1,109.75	0.45	196	

		Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8		1,598	2,727.76	0.59	875	
Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87	** +	11,864	11,933.10	0.99	5,100	
Municipal District of Fairview No. 136		1,580	1,418.75	1.11	707	
Municipal District of Greenview No. 16		8,584	33,326.02	0.26	3,955	
Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124		2,861	10,775.84	0.27	1,500	
Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17		3,382	30,172.79	0.11	1,524	
Municipal District of Peace No. 135		1,581	915.34	1.73	654	
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9		3,240	3,497.42	0.93	1,801	
Municipal District of Provost No. 52		2,071	3,741.46	0.55	969	
Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66		110	2,616.80	0.04	55	
Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130	+	1,895	2,891.20	0.66	878	
Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133		649	685.68	0.95	315	
Municipal District of Taber		7,447	4,265.32	1.75	3,481	
Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61	+	4,446	4,272.63	1.04	1,852	
Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26		6,081	4,566.28	1.33	2,115	
Northern Sunrise County		1,711	21,450.77	0.08	765	
Parkland County		32,205	2,559.52	12.58	13,544	
Ponoka County		9,998	2,886.67	3.46	4,255	
Red Deer County		19,933	4,057.36	4.91	8,674	
Rocky View County		41,028	3,913.26	10.48	14,714	
Saddle Hills County		2,338	5,876.59	0.40	1,115	
Smoky Lake County		2,517	2,778.73	0.91	1,460	
Starland County		1,821	2,612.84	0.70	679	
Sturgeon County		20,061	2,124.82	9.44	7,599	
Thorhild County		3,042	2,034.51	1.50	1,852	
Vulcan County	+	4,262	5,546.42	0.77	1,640	
Westlock County		7,186	3,231.85	2.22	3,134	
Wheatland County		8,738	4,650.35	1.88	3,108	
Woodlands County		4,558	7,757.25	0.59	1,991	
Yellowhead County		10,426	22,512.27	0.46	4,859	
<b>MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS (63) - TOTAL</b>		<b>472,413</b>	<b>397,436.90</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>199,039</b>	

\* Village of Hythe was dissolved into the County of Grande Prairie No.1 on July 1, 2021 (OC 168/2021). The population of the former village has been added into the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

\*\* Improvement District 349 was dissolved into the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 on January 1, 2021 (OC 121/2021). The population of the former improvement district has been added into the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87.

+ 2021 Federal Census count [amendment](#) published by Statistics Canada.

## Towns

There are 105 towns in Alberta ranging in population from 495 to 32,199. Towns represent 10.8 per cent of the total population in Alberta while only accounting for 0.2 per cent of Alberta's total land base. Just over 11 per cent of the total private dwellings in the province are located within towns.

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### TOWNS

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Athabasca	2,759	18.53	148.89	1,325	
Banff	8,305	3.93	2,113.23	3,287	
Barrhead	4,320	7.94	544.08	1,983	
Bashaw	848	3.04	278.95	415	
Bassano	1,216	4.86	250.21	595	
Beaverlodge	2,271	5.34	425.28	1,022	
Bentley	1,042	2.47	421.86	471	
Blackfalds	10,470	16.90	619.53	3,952	
Bon Accord	1,461	4.01	364.34	590	
Bonnyville	6,404	16.88	379.38	2,986	
Bow Island	2,036	5.94	342.76	724	
Bowden	1,280	3.97	322.42	622	
Bruderheim	1,329	9.28	143.21	552	
Calmar	2,183	4.62	472.51	937	
Canmore	15,990	67.14	238.16	9,173	
Cardston	3,724	8.36	445.45	1,335	
Carstairs	4,898	11.16	438.89	1,883	
Castor	803	2.70	297.41	426	
Claresholm	3,804	10.28	370.04	1,826	
Coaldale	8,771	14.10	622.06	3,343	
Coalhurst	2,869	2.72	1,054.78	1,055	
Cochrane	32,199	31.73	1,014.78	12,578	
Coronation	868	3.57	243.14	485	
Crossfield	3,599	11.84	303.97	1,381	
Daysland	789	1.83	431.15	356	
Devon	6,545	14.31	457.37	2,588	
Diamond Valley	* 5,341	12.23	436.71	2,366	
Didsbury	5,070	15.36	330.08	2,157	
Drayton Valley	7,291	31.50	231.46	3,250	
Drumheller	7,909	111.20	71.12	3,557	
Eckville	1,014	1.61	629.81	472	
Edson	8,374	26.04	321.58	3,768	
Elk Point	1,399	4.76	293.91	683	
Fairview	2,817	11.41	246.89	1,376	

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Falher	1,001	2.79	358.78	474	
Fort Macleod	3,297	23.77	138.70	1,440	
Fox Creek	** + 2,192	15.52	141.24	1,071	
Gibbons	3,218	9.59	335.56	1,291	
Grimshaw	2,601	6.37	408.32	1,232	
Hanna	2,394	9.08	263.66	1,257	
Hardisty	548	5.10	107.45	382	
High Level	3,922	21.06	186.23	1,467	
High Prairie	2,380	6.71	354.69	1,119	
High River	14,324	23.02	622.24	5,950	
Hinton	9,817	33.12	296.41	4,405	
Innisfail	7,985	19.37	412.24	3,670	
Irricana	1,179	3.22	366.15	483	
Killam	918	6.01	152.75	442	
Lamont	1,744	9.21	189.36	743	
Legal	1,232	3.27	376.76	489	
Magrath	2,481	5.82	426.29	830	
Manning	1,126	4.18	269.38	540	
Mayerthorpe	+ 1,343	3.50	383.71	615	
Mclennan	695	3.34	208.08	322	
Milk River	824	2.35	350.64	436	
Millet	1,890	6.67	283.36	839	
Morinville	10,385	11.32	917.40	3,981	
Mundare	+ 792	4.24	186.79	395	
Nanton	2,167	4.78	453.35	1,004	
Nobleford	1,438	2.03	708.37	462	
Okotoks	30,405	39.00	779.62	10,750	
Olds	9,209	16.90	544.91	4,096	
Onoway	966	3.46	279.19	388	
Oyen	917	4.68	195.94	404	
Peace River	6,619	28.75	230.23	2,997	
Penhold	3,484	11.04	315.58	1,396	
Picture Butte	1,930	2.93	658.70	729	
Pincher Creek	3,622	10.06	360.04	1,661	
Ponoka	7,331	17.56	417.48	3,340	
Provost	1,900	5.04	376.98	862	
Rainbow Lake	495	11.16	44.35	352	
Raymond	4,199	7.51	559.12	1,383	
Redcliff	5,581	16.68	334.59	2,276	

		Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Redwater		2,115	20.53	103.02	1,000	
Rimbey		2,470	11.23	219.95	1,180	
Rocky Mountain House		6,765	12.94	522.80	3,075	
Sedgewick		761	2.68	283.96	421	
Sexsmith		2,427	13.15	184.56	929	
Slave Lake		6,836	15.11	452.42	2,681	
Smoky Lake	+	1,031	4.12	250.24	518	
Spirit River	+	992	3.27	303.36	510	
St. Paul		5,863	10.26	571.44	2,466	
Stavely		544	1.77	307.34	287	
Stettler		5,695	13.79	412.98	2,574	
Stony Plain		17,993	36.86	488.14	7,475	
Strathmore		14,339	28.00	512.11	5,754	
Sundre		2,672	12.73	209.90	1,270	
Swan Hills		1,201	26.01	46.17	728	
Sylvan Lake		15,995	22.57	708.68	7,141	
Taber		8,862	19.49	454.69	2,119	
Thorsby		967	3.69	262.06	442	
Three Hills	+	3,171	6.73	471.17	1,290	
Tofield		2,045	8.61	237.51	871	
Trochu		998	2.76	361.59	469	
Two Hills		1,416	3.12	453.85	527	
Valleyview		1,673	8.78	190.55	782	
Vauxhall		1,286	2.59	496.53	457	
Vegreville		5,689	14.23	399.79	2,735	
Vermilion		3,948	13.29	297.07	1,976	
Viking		986	3.62	272.38	490	
Vulcan		1,769	6.10	290.00	876	
Wainwright		6,606	12.38	533.60	2,914	
Wembley		1,432	4.82	297.10	616	
Westlock		4,921	13.93	353.27	2,385	
Whitecourt		9,927	31.38	316.35	4,341	
<b>TOWNS (105) - TOTAL</b>		<b>471,944</b>	<b>1,312.31</b>	<b>359.63</b>	<b>200,791</b>	

\* The Town of Diamond Valley was formed on January 1, 2023 through the amalgamation of the former towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley (OC 156/2022)

\*\* Figure includes [Shadow Population](#).

+ 2021 Federal Census count [amendment](#) published by Statistics Canada.

## Villages

There are 80 villages in Alberta ranging in population from 92 to 1,164. Villages represent 0.8 per cent of the total population in Alberta and account for 0.02 per cent of Alberta's total land base. Just under one per cent of the total private dwellings in the province are located within villages.

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### VILLAGES

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Acme	606	2.56	236.72	294	
Alberta Beach	864	2.72	317.65	743	
Alix	774	3.30	234.55	385	
Alliance	166	0.55	301.82	100	
Amisk	219	0.60	365.00	105	
Andrew	366	1.18	310.17	238	
Arrowwood	188	0.40	470.00	78	
Barnwell	978	1.48	660.81	264	
Barons	313	0.65	481.54	148	
Bawlf	412	0.73	564.38	176	
Beiseker	754	2.85	264.56	333	
Berwyn	577	1.49	387.25	274	
Big Valley	331	1.80	183.89	186	
Bittern Lake	216	6.62	32.63	84	
Boyle	825	6.58	125.38	433	
Breton	567	1.60	354.38	296	
Carbon	492	1.96	251.02	240	
Carmangay	269	1.86	144.62	147	
Caroline	470	1.58	297.47	246	
Champion	351	0.86	408.14	192	
Chauvin	304	2.30	132.17	162	
Chipman	246	10.05	24.48	143	
Clive	775	2.09	370.81	321	
Clyde	415	1.28	324.22	197	
Consort	644	2.96	217.57	300	
Coutts	224	1.26	177.78	152	
Cowley	216	1.65	130.91	110	
Cremona	437	1.55	281.94	210	
Czar	248	1.04	238.46	99	
Delburne	919	3.66	251.09	453	
Delia	152	0.99	153.54	96	
Donalda	226	0.89	253.93	123	
Donnelly	338	1.31	258.02	185	
Duchess	1,053	1.86	566.13	404	

		<b>Population</b>	<b>Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Density (per km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Private Dwellings</b>	<b>Municipal Census Date</b>
Edberg		126	0.34	370.59	67	
Edgerton		385	2.01	191.54	197	
Elnora		288	1.39	207.19	156	
Empress		148	1.60	92.50	112	
Foremost	+	501	1.95	256.92	222	
Forestburg		807	4.02	200.75	417	
Girouxville		278	0.85	327.06	150	
Glendon	+	516	1.98	260.61	256	
Glenwood		272	1.36	200.00	124	
Halkirk		92	0.70	131.43	58	
Hay Lakes		456	0.63	723.81	185	
Heisler		135	0.54	250.00	79	
Hill Spring		168	0.84	200.00	92	
Hines Creek		335	3.00	111.67	184	
Holden		338	1.67	202.40	205	
Hughenden		213	0.78	273.08	112	
Hussar		164	0.57	287.72	85	
Innisfree		187	0.94	198.94	124	
Irma		477	1.25	381.60	240	
Kitscoty		852	1.56	546.15	335	
Linden	+	747	2.54	294.09	333	
Lomond		178	0.90	197.78	98	
Longview		297	1.01	294.06	147	
Lougheed		225	2.11	106.64	117	
Mannville		765	1.57	487.26	397	
Marwayne		543	1.76	308.52	263	
Milo	+	111	0.85	130.59	58	
Morrin		205	0.66	310.61	131	
Munson		170	2.65	64.15	82	
Myrnam		257	2.39	107.53	161	
Nampa		367	1.77	207.34	189	
Paradise Valley		153	0.51	300.00	75	
Rockyford		395	1.17	337.61	154	
Rosalind		162	0.64	253.13	84	
Rosemary		370	0.52	711.54	167	
Rycroft		550	1.86	295.70	299	
Ryley		484	2.73	177.29	250	
Spring Lake		711	2.83	251.24	308	
Standard		353	1.83	192.90	160	

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Stirling	1,164	2.77	420.22	379	
Veteran	214	0.80	267.50	130	
Vilna	268	0.86	311.63	119	
Warburg	676	2.60	260.00	325	
Warner	364	1.14	319.30	201	
Waskatenau	247	0.59	418.64	138	
Youngstown	171	0.76	225.00	95	
<b>VILLAGES (80) - TOTAL</b>	<b>32,820</b>	<b>142.06</b>	<b>231.03</b>	<b>16,177</b>	

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## Summer Villages

Generally, the legislative provisions related to a village apply to a summer village except that elections and annual meetings are required to be held in the summer. Those who own property in the summer village, and others who are over age 18 and reside in the summer village on election day are entitled to vote. However, electors for school representation, if any, must be defined as resident. A summer village is the only type of municipality where a person can vote twice in municipal elections: once in the summer village and once in the municipality where their permanent residence is located. Summer villages can no longer be created in Alberta.

There are 51 summer villages in Alberta ranging in permanent population from 15 to 306. Summer villages represent 0.1 per cent of the total population in Alberta and account for 0.01 per cent of Alberta's total land base. Just over 0.4 per cent of the total private dwellings in the province are located within summer villages.

### SUMMER VILLAGES

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Argentia Beach	39	0.61	63.93	101	
Betula Beach	27	0.12	225.00	46	
Birchcliff	211	0.93	226.88	229	
Bonnyville Beach	70	0.19	368.42	66	
Castle Island	15	0.06	250.00	18	
Crystal Springs	74	0.34	217.65	130	
Ghost Lake	82	0.50	164.00	91	
Golden Days	248	2.15	115.35	284	
Grandview	143	0.47	304.26	203	
Gull Lake	226	0.55	410.91	243	
Island Lake	174	1.45	120.00	219	
Itaska Beach	30	0.37	81.08	73	
Kapasiwin	24	0.28	85.71	46	
Lakeview	29	0.33	87.88	35	
Ma-Me-O Beach	+ 128	0.37	345.95	254	04-Oct-23
Nakamun Park	78	0.36	216.67	151	
Norglenwold	306	0.59	518.64	204	
Point Alison	18	0.13	138.46	31	



	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Poplar Bay	113	0.59	191.53	182	
Rochon Sands	97	1.97	49.24	156	
Ross Haven	126	0.69	182.61	212	
Sandy Beach	278	2.31	120.35	258	
Seba Beach	229	0.49	467.35	333	
Silver Beach	55	0.47	117.02	99	
Silver Sands	214	2.35	91.06	234	
South View	72	0.25	288.00	86	
Sundance Beach	42	0.25	168.00	68	
Sunset Point	257	1.06	242.45	336	
Val Quentin	158	0.29	544.83	160	
West Cove	222	1.08	205.56	238	
Yellowstone	117	0.26	450.00	149	
Sunset Beach	55	0.54	101.85	92	
Half Moon Bay	65	0.13	500.00	63	
Mewatha Beach	103	0.39	264.10	177	
Pelican Narrows	158	0.84	188.10	95	
White Sands	174	1.68	103.57	304	
Bondiss	124	0.91	136.26	177	
Island Lake South	81	0.40	202.50	85	
South Baptiste	70	0.61	114.75	76	
West Baptiste	46	0.45	102.22	64	
Whispering Hills	128	1.57	81.53	134	
Parkland Beach	168	0.97	173.20	232	
Horseshoe Bay	81	1.20	67.50	105	
Larkspur	53	0.27	196.30	78	
Jarvis Bay	213	0.49	434.69	141	
Waiparous	57	0.52	109.62	52	
Birch Cove	67	0.23	291.30	61	
Norris Beach	71	0.19	373.68	92	
Sunrise Beach	153	1.69	90.53	139	
Sunbreaker Cove	131	0.54	242.59	236	
Burnstick Lake	21	0.19	110.53	54	
<b>SUMMER VILLAGES (51) - TOTAL</b>	<b>5,921</b>	<b>35.67</b>	<b>165.99</b>	<b>7,392</b>	

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## Improvement Districts

The Government of Alberta, through Alberta Municipal Affairs (or Alberta Forestry and Parks for Kananaskis Improvement District), is responsible for all functions of local government in the Improvement Districts. This municipality type is subject to many of the provisions of the *MGA*, where the Minister has the authority of a municipal council with some exceptions, including the council delegation of authority.

There are seven improvement districts, five of which are located within national parks (Waterton, Banff, Jasper, Elk Island, and Wood Buffalo). The remaining two improvement districts are provincial parks (Kananaskis and Willmore Wilderness).

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### IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
Improvement District No. 04 (Waterton)	*	563	498.64	1.13	209
Improvement District No. 09 (Banff)	1,004	6,842.52	0.15	123	
Improvement District No. 12 (Jasper National Park)	-	10,473.00	-	-	
Improvement District No. 13 (Elk Island)	-	193.15	-	-	
Improvement District No. 24 (Wood Buffalo)	706	36,216.74	0.02	133	
Improvement District No. 25 (Willmore Wilderness)	-	4,604.37	-	-	
Kananaskis Improvement District	156	4,262.17	0.04	152	
<b>IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (7) - TOTAL</b>	<b>2,429</b>	<b>63,090.59</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>617</b>	

\* Figure includes [Shadow Population](#).

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## Alberta First Nations Populations

There are 49 First Nations in Alberta. The population figures for First Nation communities in Alberta are as of October 4, 2023 and were obtained from the federal ministry of [Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada](#). The data reflects First Nations people that are members of a First Nation living on- or off-reserve.

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### FIRST NATIONS

	On-Reserve and Crownland	Off-Reserve	Total
Alexander First Nation	1,187	1,310	2,497
Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation	1,363	937	2,300
Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	267	1,220	1,487
Beaver First Nation	490	855	1,345
Beaver Lake Cree Nation	432	985	1,417
Bigstone Cree Nation	3,761	5,020	8,781
Blood Tribe	8,823	4,045	12,868
Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	405	630	1,035
Cold Lake First Nations	1,416	1,776	3,192
Dene Tha' First Nation	2,156	1,104	3,260
Driftpile Cree Nation	1,047	2,145	3,192
Duncan's First Nation	140	246	386
Enoch Cree Nation #440	1,987	1,067	3,054
Ermineskin Tribe	3,915	1,285	5,200
Fort McKay First Nation	450	562	1,012
Fort McMurray #468 First Nation	291	789	1,080
Frog Lake First Nation	2,247	1,404	3,651
Heart Lake First Nation	235	194	429
Horse Lake First Nation	525	855	1,380
Kapawe'no First Nation	145	326	471
Kehewin Cree Nation	1,336	1,059	2,395
Little Red River Cree Nation	5,808	720	6,528
Loon River Cree	586	127	713
Louis Bull Tribe	1,949	510	2,459
Lubicon Lake Band	450	364	814
Mikisew Cree First Nation	777	2,445	3,222
Montana First Nation	828	284	1,112
O'Chiese First Nation	1,021	515	1,536
Onion Lake Cree Nation	*	-	-
Paul First Nation	1,482	753	2,235
Peerless Trout First Nation	938	142	1,080
Piikani Nation	2,426	1,464	3,890
Saddle Lake Cree Nation	**	5,888	9,172
Samson Cree Nation	7,124	2,366	9,490
Sawridge First Nation	54	599	653

	On-Reserve and Crownland	Off-Reserve	Total
Siksika Nation	4,402	3,308	7,710
Smith's Landing First Nation	164	218	382
Stoney (Bears paw) First Nation	1,801	178	1,979
Stoney (Chiniki) First Nation	1,661	164	1,825
Stoney (Goodstoney) First Nation	1,660	198	1,858
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation	1,581	2,209	3,790
Sucker Creek First Nation	815	2,400	3,215
Sunchild First Nation	985	538	1,523
Swan River First Nation	469	1,182	1,651
Tallcree Tribal Government	616	881	1,497
Tsuut'ina Nation	***	270	2,617
Whitefish Lake First Nation	1,725	1,410	3,135
Whitefish (Goodfish) #128 First Nation	1,178	600	2,378
Woodland Cree First Nation	923	376	1,299
<b>FIRST NATIONS (49) - TOTAL</b>	<b>82,276</b>	<b>55,919</b>	<b>138,195</b>

\* The Onion Lake Cree Nation is primarily located within Saskatchewan, having only the Makao Indian Reserve No. 120 located within Alberta. Due to data limitations, a population determination for the reserve was not possible.

\*\* The population for [Whitefish \(Goodfish\) #128 First Nation](#) was removed from the Saddle Creek Cree Nation and listed independently as Alberta recognizes the Whitefish (Goodfish) #128 First Nation as a separate Nation from that of Saddle Creek Cree Nation.

\*\*\* Includes the [Townsite of Redwood Meadows](#). As the Tsuut'ina Nation First Nation was not enumerated in 2021 by Statistics Canada, the population for the townsite remains at 1,080 as published in the 2019 MAPL.

## Metis Settlements

Alberta is home to more than 127,000 Métis people and is the only province in Canada with a recognized Metis land base.

In 1985, the Alberta Legislature unanimously endorsed a resolution that transferred land to the Metis Settlements and established legislation that provided the Settlements with greater local autonomy. The [Alberta-Metis Settlements Accord](#) was signed in 1989. The [Metis Settlements Act](#) provides a structure and system for local government on Alberta's eight Metis Settlements covering a total area of 5,214 square kilometers.

There are presently 4,238 Métis people residing in eight settlements. To be included in the Municipal Affairs Population List, population counts for Metis Settlements must be conducted in accordance with the [Municipal Census Manual](#) and [Municipal Census Regulation](#). The ministry will recognize Members on Leave, when enumerated in accordance with the regulation and manual.

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### METIS SETTLEMENTS

	Usual Resident Count	Members on Leave	Population	Municipal Census Date
Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement	379	-	379	
East Prairie Metis Settlement	310	-	310	
Elizabeth Metis Settlement	594	-	594	
Fishing Lake Metis Settlement	414	-	414	
Gift Lake Metis Settlement	625	-	625	
Kikino Metis Settlement	978	-	978	
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement	551	-	551	
Peavine Metis Settlement	387	-	387	
<b>METIS SETTLEMENTS (8) - Total</b>	<b>4,238</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,238</b>	

# Shadow Population

Temporary residents of a municipal authority who are employed by an industrial or commercial establishment in the municipal authority, and who have worked at least 120 hours for that employer in the three-month period immediately preceding the municipal census day, are considered to be the Shadow Population. These individuals reside temporarily in the municipality, but do not consider it to be their usual residence. Post-secondary students are not considered part of the shadow population count.

The enumeration process for shadow population is outlined within the [Municipal Census Manual](#) and accompanying [Municipal Census Regulation](#). The shadow population information is collected during a municipal census and, if approved by the minister, is valid until the publication of the next federal census.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs recognizes a shadow population count for Lac La Biche County, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, the Town of Fox Creek and Improvement District No. 4 (Waterton). However, for the 2024 municipal census year, these municipalities must undertake a new municipal census for their shadow population to be recognized.

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## SHADOW POPULATION COUNT

	Usual Resident Count	Shadow Population	Total Population	Shadow Population Date
Lac La Biche County	8,117	982	9,099	17-Apr-19
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	72,326	36,678	109,004	09-Apr-18
Town of Fox Creek	1,792	400	2,192	03-Jun-19
Improvement District No. 04 (Waterton)	158	405	563	22-Jun-18
<b>SHADOW POPULATION (4) - TOTAL</b>	<b>82,393</b>	<b>38,465</b>	<b>120,858</b>	

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## Growth Management Boards

Growth Management Boards (GMBs) help to ensure coordinated and sustainable growth occurs in the Edmonton and Calgary Regions. GMBs serve to address future growth through regional land-use planning and new regional servicing plans. The membership of the boards includes the cities of Calgary and Edmonton, all adjacent rural municipalities, and all urban municipalities in each region with a population exceeding 5,000 residents.

In 2017, amendments to the *MGA* expanded the mandate of the Edmonton GMB and established a mandatory GMB for the Calgary metropolitan region. Regulations establishing both growth management boards were approved in October 2017.

Collectively, the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) and Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) account for 66.7 per cent of the entire population of the province while occupying only 2.8 per cent of the total land base.

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### CALGARY METROPOLITAN REGION BOARD (CMRB)

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
City of Airdrie	74,100	85.98	861.83	27,037	
City of Calgary	1,306,784	851.38	1,534.90	531,062	
City of Chestermere	22,163	37.10	597.39	6,925	
Foothills County	23,199	3,670.12	6.32	9,075	
Rocky View County	41,028	3,913.26	10.48	14,714	
Town of Cochrane	32,199	31.73	1,014.78	12,578	
Town of High River	14,324	23.02	622.24	5,950	
Town of Okotoks	30,405	39.00	779.62	10,750	
<b>CMRB (8) - TOTAL</b>	<b>1,544,202</b>	<b>8,652</b>	<b>178.49</b>	<b>618,091</b>	

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### EDMONTON METROPOLITAN REGION BOARD (EMRB)

	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Private Dwellings	Municipal Census Date
City of Beaumont	20,888	24.26	861.01	7,168	
City of Edmonton	1,010,899	782.06	1,292.61	428,857	
City of Fort Saskatchewan	28,624	57.76	475.48	11,952	01-Apr-23
City of Leduc	36,060	43.03	838.02	15,345	03-Apr-23
City of Spruce Grove	38,985	36.74	1,061.11	16,926	17-Apr-23
City of St. Albert	68,232	65.25	1,045.70	27,019	
Leduc County	14,416	2,588.09	5.57	5,990	
Parkland County	32,205	2,559.52	12.58	13,544	
Strathcona County	99,225	1,145.51	86.62	38,203	
Sturgeon County	20,061	2,124.82	9.44	7,599	
Town of Devon	6,545	14.31	457.37	2,588	
Town of Morinville	10,385	11.32	917.40	3,981	
Town of Stony Plain	17,993	36.86	488.14	7,475	
<b>EMRB (13) - TOTAL</b>	<b>1,404,518</b>	<b>9,490</b>	<b>148.01</b>	<b>586,647</b>	

## City of Lloydminster

The City of Lloydminster has the unusual geographic distinction of straddling the provincial border between Alberta and Saskatchewan. The [Lloydminster Charter](#) provides the framework required to harmonize the operation of the city under the applicable Alberta and Saskatchewan legislation.

As municipal programs and services are provided seamlessly throughout the municipality, many of the ministry's online datasets and dashboards will reference the total population, rather than separating it based on provincial jurisdiction. For this publication however, the populations of city are specified below.

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### CITY OF LLOYDMINISTER

	Population
<b>City of Lloydminster</b>	
Saskatchewan	11,843
Alberta	19,739
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,582</b>

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