

2015 Municipal Affairs Population List

Population figures are based on the latest municipal or federal census counts reported to the Minister as of September 1, 2015 in compliance with the Determination of Population Regulation 63/2001 under Section 604 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

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Introduction

Each year the ministry publishes a population list of all Alberta municipalities based on the most recent municipal census or latest federal census. This list contains municipal census population figures submitted to Alberta Municipal Affairs as of September 1 of the current year, in accordance with Sections 57 and 604 of the [Municipal Government Act](#) and the Determination of Population Regulation. Municipalities completing their own census must follow mandatory requirements as specified in the [Determination of Population Regulation \(63/2001\)](#) and the [Municipal Census Manual](#). In most instances where a municipal census was conducted, the municipal census count would supersede the federal census count.

Conducting a municipal census is at the discretion of the municipality. Most municipalities rely on the information provided by the federal census prepared by Statistics Canada once every five years. The most recent federal census was completed in 2011 and the next federal census is scheduled for 2016.

This publication also contains the population counts for all First Nations and all Métis Settlements in Alberta. The population counts for First Nations were obtained from [Alberta Aboriginal Relations](#).

2015 Municipal Census Participation List

The following 42 municipalities conducted a municipal census in 2015.

City of Airdrie	Town of Elk Point
City of Brooks	Town of High Level
City of Calgary	Town of Innisfail
City of Chestermere	Town of Magrath
City of Fort Saskatchewan	Town of Milk River
City of Grande Prairie	Town of Okotoks
City of Leduc	Town of Oyen
City of Lethbridge	Town of Rainbow Lake
City of Lloydminster	Town of Raymond
City of Medicine Hat	Town of Rocky Mountain House
City of Red Deer	Town of Stony Plain
City of Spruce Grove	Town of Strathmore
Mackenzie County	Town of Sylvan Lake
Wood Buffalo, Regional Municipality	Town of Taber
Strathcona County	Town of Turner Valley
Opportunity No. 17, M.D. of	Town of Westlock
Vermilion River, County of	Village of Barnwell
Town of Beaumont	Village of Big Valley
Town of Blackfalds	Village of Hay Lakes
Town of Coalhurst	Village of Stirling
Town of Cochrane	Village of Thorsby

2015 Municipal Population

For most municipalities, only “usual residents” are included in their population counts. The shadow population counts are included with the usual resident count if the municipality has received approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs prior to conducting a census. The list of municipalities that undertook a shadow population count is included in [page 13](#).

Cities (18)

City	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Airdrie	58,690	15-Apr-15	
Brooks	14,185	1-May-15	
Calgary	1,230,915	1-Apr-15	
Camrose	18,038	1-Apr-14	
Chestermere*	18,496	1-May-15	
Cold Lake	15,736	1-Apr-14	
Edmonton	877,926	1-Apr-14	
Fort Saskatchewan	24,040	20-Apr-15	
Grande Prairie	68,556	17-Apr-15	
Lacombe	12,728	7-Apr-14	
Leduc	29,304	28-Apr-15	
Lethbridge	94,804	1-Apr-15	
Lloydminster –Alberta side only (see p. 13 for additional information)	19,740	1-Apr-15	
Medicine Hat	63,018	10-Apr-15	
Red Deer	100,807	1-Apr-15	
Spruce Grove	32,036	8-Apr-15	
St. Albert	63,255	7-Apr-14	
Wetaskiwin	12,621	1-May-14	
Cities - Total	2,754,895		

* The Town of Chestermere became the City of Chestermere effective January 1, 2015.

Specialized Municipalities (5)

Specialized Municipality	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass	5,565		10-May-11
Municipality of Jasper	4,584	30-Jun-11	
Mackenzie County	11,750	1-Mar-15	
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (see p. 13 for populations of the Fort McMurray urban service area and rural service areas including shadow population)	125,032	1-Apr-15	
Strathcona County (see p. 13 for population of the Sherwood Park urban service area and rural service area)	95,597	1-May-15	
Specialized Municipalities - Total	242,528		

Municipal Districts (64)

Municipal District	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Acadia No. 34, M.D. of	495		10-May-11
Athabasca County	7,662		10-May-11
Barrhead No. 11, County of	6,096		10-May-11
Beaver County	5,689		10-May-11
Big Lakes County	3,861	15-May-13	
Bighorn No. 8, M.D. of	1,341		10-May-11
Birch Hills County	1,582		10-May-11
Bonnyville No. 87, M.D. of (see page 13 for Shadow Population)	13,233	1-Apr-14	
Brazeau County	7,201		10-May-11
Camrose County	8,004		10-May-11
Cardston County	4,167		10-May-11
Clear Hills County	2,829	22-May-12	
Clearwater County	12,278		10-May-11
Cypress County	7,214		10-May-11
Fairview No. 136, M.D. of	1,673		10-May-11
Flagstaff County	3,244		10-May-11
Foothills No. 31, M.D. of	21,258		10-May-11
Forty Mile No. 8, County of	3,336		10-May-11
Grande Prairie No. 1, County of	20,347		10-May-11
Greenview No. 16, M.D. of	5,299		10-May-11
Kneehill County	4,921		10-May-11
Lac La Biche County (see page 13 for Shadow Population)	12,220	15-May-13	
Lac Ste. Anne County	10,260		10-May-11
Lacombe County	10,312		10-May-11
Lamont County	3,872		10-May-11
Leduc County*	13,524		10-May-11
Lesser Slave River No. 124, M.D. of	3,074	1-May-14	
Lethbridge County	10,061		10-May-11
Minburn No. 27, County of**	3,383		10-May-11
Mountain View County	12,359		10-May-11
Newell, County of	7,138		10-May-11
Northern Lights, County of	3,555		10-May-11
Northern Sunrise County (see page 13 for Shadow Population)	2,525	5-Mar-13	
Opportunity No. 17, M.D. of	3,214	1-Apr-15	
Paintearth No. 18, County of	2,029		10-May-11
Parkland County	30,568		10-May-11
Peace No. 135, M.D. of*	1,446		10-May-11
Pincher Creek No. 9, M.D. of	3,158		10-May-11
Ponoka County	8,856		10-May-11
Provost No. 52, M.D. of	2,288		10-May-11
Ranchland No. 66, M.D. of	104	21-Jun-13	

Municipal District	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Red Deer County	18,351		10-May-11
Rocky View County	38,055	1-May-13	
Saddle Hills County	2,288		10-May-11
Smoky Lake County	2,459		10-May-11
Smoky River No. 130, M.D. of	2,126		10-May-11
Spirit River No. 133, M.D. of	713		10-May-11
St. Paul No. 19, County of	6,168	1-Apr-12	
Starland County	2,071	8-Apr-13	
Stettler No. 6, County of*	5,103		10-May-11
Sturgeon County	19,578		10-May-11
Taber, M.D. of	7,116	15-May-13	
Thorhild County	3,417		10-May-11
Two Hills No. 21, County of	3,160		10-May-11
Vermilion River, County of	8,116	29-Apr-15	
Vulcan County	3,893	4-Apr-12	
Wainwright No. 61, M.D. of	4,138		10-May-11
Warner No. 5, County of	3,841		10-May-11
Westlock County	7,644		10-May-11
Wetaskiwin No. 10, County of	10,866		10-May-11
Wheatland County	8,285		10-May-11
Willow Creek No. 26, M.D. of	5,107		10-May-11
Woodlands County	4,612	1-May-14	
Yellowhead County	10,469		10-May-11
Municipal Districts - Total	463,252		

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**The Village of Minburn dissolved, and became part of the County of Minburn effective July 1, 2015.

Towns (107)

Town	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Athabasca	2,990		10-May-11
Banff (see page 13 for Shadow Population)	9,386	16-Jun-14	
Barrhead	4,432		10-May-11
Bashaw	873		10-May-11
Bassano	1,282		10-May-11
Beaumont	16,768	15-Apr-15	
Beaverlodge	2,365		10-May-11
Bentley	1,122	1-May-14	
Black Diamond	2,373		10-May-11
Blackfalds	8,793	1-May-15	
Bon Accord	1,488		10-May-11

Town	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Bonnyville	6,921	1-May-14	
Bow Island	2,025		10-May-11
Bowden	1,241		10-May-11
Bruderheim	1,348	1-Apr-14	
Calmar	2,101	7-Jun-14	
Canmore	13,077	21-May-14	
Cardston	3,580		10-May-11
Carstairs	3,442		10-May-11
Castor	932		10-May-11
Claresholm	3,758		10-May-11
Coaldale	7,526	1-Apr-13	
Coalhurst	2,522	20-May-15	
Cochrane	23,084	10-Apr-15	
Coronation	947		10-May-11
Crossfield	2,918	1-May-14	
Daysland	807		10-May-11
Devon	6,650	5-Jun-14	
Didsbury	4,957		10-May-11
Drayton Valley	7,049		10-May-11
Drumheller	8,029		10-May-11
Eckville	1,125		10-May-11
Edson	8,646	31-May-12	
Elk Point	1,646	17-Apr-15	
Fairview	3,162		10-May-11
Falher	1,075		10-May-11
Fort Macleod	3,117		10-May-11
Fox Creek	2,112	13-May-13	
Gibbons	3,030		10-May-11
Grande Cache	4,319		10-May-11
Granum	447		10-May-11
Grimshaw	2,515		10-May-11
Hanna	2,673		10-May-11
Hardisty	639		10-May-11
High Level	3,823	1-Mar-15	
High Prairie	2,600		10-May-11
High River	12,920		10-May-11
Hinton	9,640		10-May-11
Innisfail	7,953	4-May-15	
Irricana	1,162		10-May-11
Killam	981		10-May-11
Lamont	1,753		10-May-11
Legal	1,225		10-May-11
Magrath	2,398	30-Mar-15	
Manning	1,164		10-May-11
Mayerthorpe	1,398		10-May-11

Town	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
McLennan	809		10-May-11
Milk River	892	13-Apr-15	
Millet	2,092		10-May-11
Morinville	9,402	15-Apr-14	
Mundare	855		10-May-11
Nanton	2,132		10-May-11
Okotoks	28,016	6-May-15	
Olds	8,617	9-Apr-14	
Onoway	1,039		10-May-11
Oyen	1,006	8-May-15	
Peace River*	6,729		10-May-11
Penhold	2,842	14-May-14	
Picture Butte	1,650		10-May-11
Pincher Creek	3,619	1-Apr-13	
Ponoka	6,773		10-May-11
Provost	2,041		10-May-11
Rainbow Lake	938	1-Mar-15	
Raymond	4,139	15-May-15	
Redcliff	5,588		10-May-11
Redwater	2,116	16-May-12	
Rimbey	2,378		10-May-11
Rocky Mountain House	7,220	7-Apr-15	
Sedgewick	857		10-May-11
Sexsmith	2,418		10-May-11
Slave Lake	6,782		10-May-11
Smoky Lake	1,022		10-May-11
Spirit River	1,025		10-May-11
St. Paul	6,004	15-May-14	
Stavely	505		10-May-11
Stettler	5,748		10-May-11
Stony Plain	16,127	1-Apr-15	
Strathmore	13,327	15-Apr-15	
Sundre	2,695	7-Jun-12	
Swan Hills	1,465		10-May-11
Sylvan Lake	14,310	14-Apr-15	
Taber	8,380	6-May-15	
Three Hills	3,230	2-Apr-12	
Tofield	2,182		10-May-11
Trochu	1,072		10-May-11
Turner Valley	2,511	15-May-15	
Two Hills	1,431	7-May-12	
Valleyview	1,972	1-Jun-13	
Vauxhall	1,288		10-May-11
Vegreville	5,758	1-Apr-12	
Vermilion	4,545	15-Apr-12	
Viking	1,041		10-May-11
Vulcan	1,836		10-May-11

Town	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Wainwright	6,289	1-May-13	
Wembley	1,410	15-Apr-12	
Westlock	5,147	15-Apr-15	
Whitecourt	10,574	1-May-13	
Towns - Total	468,153		

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Villages (92)

Village	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Acme	653		10-May-11
Alberta Beach	865		10-May-11
Alix	830		10-May-11
Alliance	174		10-May-11
Amisk	207		10-May-11
Andrew	379		10-May-11
Arrowwood	188		10-May-11
Barnwell	960	1-Jun-15	
Barons	318	16-Jun-14	
Bawlf	403		10-May-11
Beiseker	785		10-May-11
Berwyn	526		10-May-11
Big Valley	347	11-May-15	
Bittern Lake	224		10-May-11
Botha	175		10-May-11
Boyle	948	4-Jun-14	
Breton	581	15-May-12	
Carbon	592		10-May-11
Carmangay	262	15-May-13	
Caroline	501		10-May-11
Cereal	134		10-May-11
Champion	378		10-May-11
Chauvin	340	18-May-11	
Chipman	284		10-May-11
Clive	675		10-May-11
Clyde	503		10-May-11
Consort	722	15-May-12	
Coutts	277		10-May-11
Cowley	236		10-May-11
Cremona	457		10-May-11
Czar	167		10-May-11
Delburne	830		10-May-11
Delia	186		10-May-11
Dewberry	201		10-May-11

Village	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Donalda	259		10-May-11
Donnelly	305		10-May-11
Duchess	992		10-May-11
Edberg	168		10-May-11
Edgerton	401	1-May-12	
Elnora	320	4-May-11	
Empress	188		10-May-11
Ferintosh	181		10-May-11
Foremost	526		10-May-11
Forestburg	880	15-Apr-14	
Gadsby	25		10-May-11
Galahad	119		10-May-11
Girouxville	266		10-May-11
Glendon	486		10-May-11
Glenwood	287		10-May-11
Halkirk	121		10-May-11
Hay Lakes	492	4-Jun-15	
Heisler	151		10-May-11
Hill Spring	186		10-May-11
Hines Creek	380		10-May-11
Holden	381		10-May-11
Hughenden	258	5-May-12	
Hussar	176		10-May-11
Hythe	820		10-May-11
Innisfree	220		10-May-11
Irma	457		10-May-11
Kitscoty	967	1-May-13	
Linden	725		10-May-11
Lomond	173		10-May-11
Longview	307		10-May-11
Lougheed	273	24-Apr-13	
Mannville	803		10-May-11
Marwayne	667	31-May-13	
Milo	122		10-May-11
Morrin	245		10-May-11
Munson	204		10-May-11
Myrnam	370		10-May-11
Nampa	362		10-May-11
Nobleford	1,000		10-May-11
Paradise Valley	174		10-May-11
Rockyford	325		10-May-11
Rosalind	190		10-May-11
Rosemary	421	14-May-12	
Rycroft	628		10-May-11
Ryley	497		10-May-11
Spring Lake	614	1-May-12	
Standard	379		10-May-11

Village	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Stirling	1,215	11-May-15	
Strome	228		10-May-11
Thorsby	1,025	19-Apr-15	
Veteran	249		10-May-11
Vilna	290	18-Jun-12	
Wabamun	661		10-May-11
Warburg	789		10-May-11
Warner	392		10-May-11
Waskatenau	255		10-May-11
Willingdon	275		10-May-11
Youngstown	178		10-May-11
Villages - Total	39,356		

Summer Villages (51)

Summer Village	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Argentia Beach	15		10-May-11
Betula Beach	10		10-May-11
Birch Cove	45		10-May-11
Birchcliff	112		10-May-11
Bondiss	106		10-May-11
Bonnyville Beach	95		10-May-11
Burnstick Lake	16		10-May-11
Castle Island	19		10-May-11
Crystal Springs	90		10-May-11
Ghost Lake	81		10-May-11
Golden Days	141		10-May-11
Grandview	108		10-May-11
Gull Lake	122		10-May-11
Half Moon Bay	38		10-May-11
Horseshoe Bay	37		10-May-11
Island Lake	243		10-May-11
Island Lake South	72		10-May-11
Itaska Beach	20		10-May-11
Jarvis Bay	203		10-May-11
Kapasiwin	14	19-Jun-12	
Lakeview	26		10-May-11
Larkspur	38		10-May-11
Ma-Me-O Beach	113		10-May-11
Mewatha Beach	79		10-May-11
Nakamun Park	36		10-May-11
Norglenwold	232		10-May-11
Norris Beach	46		10-May-11
Parkland Beach	124		10-May-11
Pelican Narrows	162		10-May-11
Point Alison	10	28-Jun-13	

Summer Village	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Poplar Bay	80		10-May-11
Rochon Sands*	65		10-May-11
Ross Haven	137		10-May-11
Sandy Beach	223		10-May-11
Seba Beach	143		10-May-11
Silver Beach	52		10-May-11
Silver Sands	154	1-May-12	
South Baptiste	52		10-May-11
South View	76	1-May-12	
Sunbreaker Cove	69		10-May-11
Sundance Beach	82		10-May-11
Sunrise Beach	149		10-May-11
Sunset Beach	44		10-May-11
Sunset Point	221		10-May-11
Val Quentin	157		10-May-11
Waiparous	64	21-May-14	
West Baptiste	52		10-May-11
West Cove	121		10-May-11
Whispering Hills	108		10-May-11
White Sands	91		10-May-11
Yellowstone	131	1-May-12	
Summer Villages - Total	4,724		

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Improvement Districts (8)

Improvement District	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
I.D. No. 04 (Waterton)	88		10-May-11
I.D. No. 09 (Banff)	1,175		10-May-11
I.D. No. 12 (Jasper National Park)	34		10-May-11
I.D. No. 13 (Elk Island)	10		10-May-11
I.D. No. 24 (Wood Buffalo)	590		10-May-11
I.D. No. 25 (Willmore Wilderness)	0		10-May-11
I.D. No. 349	0		10-May-11
Kananaskis Improvement District	249		10-May-11
Improvement Districts - Total	2,146		

Special Areas (3)

Special Areas	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Special Areas Board (2, 3, and 4)	4,499		10-May-11
Special Areas - Total	4,499		

Métis Settlements (8)

The population figures for Métis Settlements in Alberta are from the 2015 census conducted by the Population Research Laboratory for the Métis Settlements General Council.

Métis Settlement	Population	Municipal Census Date	Federal Census Date
Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement	676	25-May-15	
East Prairie Métis Settlement	459	25-May-15	
Elizabeth Métis Settlement	690	25-May-15	
Fishing Lake Métis Settlement	491	25-May-15	
Gift Lake Métis Settlement	651	25-May-15	
Kikino Métis Settlement	918	25-May-15	
Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement	530	25-May-15	
Peavine Métis Settlement	639	25-May-15	
Métis Settlements - Total	5,054		

Alberta First Nations Population (45)

The population figures for First Nation people in Alberta are supplied by [Alberta Aboriginal Relations](#) in the August 15, 2015 edition of the *Métis Settlements and First Nations in Community Profiles* publication. The data reflects First Nations people that are members of a first Nation living on- or off-reserve.

First Nation	Reserve and Crown Land	Off Reserve	Total
Alexander First Nation	N/A	N/A	2,015
Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation	1,039	763	1,802
Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	240	840	1,080
Beaver First Nation	449	548	997
Beaver Lake Cree Nation	390	664	1,054
Bigstone Cree Nation	3,193	4,296	7,489
Blood Tribe	8,151	3,504	11,655
Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	376	443	819
Cold Lake First Nations	1,329	1,331	2,660
Dene Tha' First Nation	2,017	854	2,871
Driftpile First Nation	927	1,678	2,605
Duncan's First Nation	144	130	274
Enoch Cree Nation #440	1,627	759	2,386
Ermineskin Tribe	3,405	995	4,400
Fort McKay First Nation	392	386	778
Fort McMurray #468 First Nation	269	414	683
Frog Lake First Nation	1,898	1,065	2,963
Heart Lake First Nation	202	118	320
Horse Lake First Nation	466	587	1,053
Kapawe'no First Nation	232	131	363
Kehewin Cree Nation	1,165	831	1,996
Little Red River Cree Nation	4,390	611	5,001
Loon River Cree	452	102	554
Louis Bull Tribe	1,734	428	2,162
Lubicon Lake Band	N/A	N/A	N/A

First Nation	Reserve and Crown Land	Off Reserve	Total
Mikisew Cree First Nation	782	2,075	2,857
Montana First Nation	753	224	977
O'Chiese First Nation	332	391	723
Paul First Nation	1,351	638	1,989
Peerless Trout First Nation #478	708	123	831
Piikani Nation	2,402	1,214	3,616
Saddle Lake First Nation*	N/A	N/A	7,087
Samson Cree Nation	6,199	1,795	7,994
Sawridge First Nation	N/A	N/A	461
Siksika Nation	3,970	2,929	6,899
Smith's Landing First Nation	158	174	332
Stony Nakoda First Nation**	4,776	437	5,213
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation	1,440	1,596	3,036
Sucker Creek First Nation	769	1,945	2,714
Sunchild First Nation	860	421	1,281
Swan River First Nation	408	868	1,276
Tallcree First Nation	537	703	1,240
Tsuu T'ina Nation	1,590	452	2,042
Whitefish Lake First Nation	1,503	1,010	2,513
Woodland Cree First Nation	792	268	1,060
First Nations - Total	63,817	38,741	112,121

Municipal Population Summary

The table provides population figures for each type of municipality, Indian Reserves and Métis Settlements in Alberta. The population counts include shadow populations as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The unofficial Alberta population total may differ from the Official Alberta Population Estimate published by the [Office of Statistics and Information](#) due to differences in methodology.

Municipality Type	Population
Cities	2,754,895
Specialized Municipalities	242,528
Municipal Districts	463,252
Towns	468,153
Villages	39,356
Summer Villages	4,724
Improvement Districts	2,146
Special Areas	4,499
Municipal Population Total	3,979,553
First Nations Population (on reserve and crown land)	63,817
Townsite of Redwood Meadows	983
Métis Settlements	5,054
Unofficial Alberta Population - Total	4,049,407

Additional Information

Additional Information	Population
City of Lloydminster	31,377
Saskatchewan side	11,637
Alberta side	19,740
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	125,032
Urban service area (Fort McMurray)	82,724
Rural service area	42,308
Strathcona County	95,597
Urban service area (Sherwood Park)	68,782
Rural service area	26,815
Townsite of Redwood Meadows	983
Redwood Meadows is situated on an Indian Reserve and is therefore not included in the municipal population total. The population for Redwood Meadows is based on the 2011 Federal Census.	

Shadow Population

Shadow population refers to temporary residents of a municipality who are employed by an industrial or commercial establishment in the municipality for a minimum of 30 days within a municipal census year.

The following municipalities' shadow population counts have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and are recognized on the Municipal Affairs Population List.

Municipality	Census Date	Usual Resident count	Shadow Population	Population Total
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo				
Urban Service Area (Fort McMurray)	1-Apr-15	78,382	4,342	125,032
Rural Service Area		3,566	38,742	
Bonnyville No. 87, MD of	1-Apr-14	11,836	1,397	13,233
Lac La Biche County	15-May-13	9,094	3,126	12,220
Northern Sunrise County	5-Mar-13	1,933	592	2,525
Town of Banff	16-Jun-14	8,421	965	9,386