











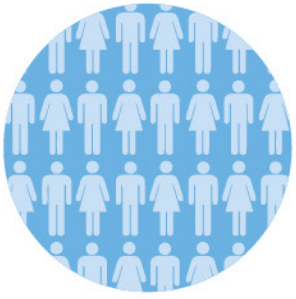
2018 ST. ALBERT CENSUS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY













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OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

In May and June of 2018, the City of St. Albert undertook a municipal census to obtain an accurate count of the population and to update important demographic information. An accurate population count enables better economic development, social, and infrastructure planning and can have impacts on financial resources such as grants.

Census information was collected through online and in-person methods. Residents were mailed a letter containing a unique access code that could be used to respond through a web interface. Households that did not respond online were visited by an enumerator. The 2018 municipal census marked the first year digital tablets were used by enumerators instead of paper forms, resulting in increased accuracy through guided input which reduced transcription errors.

RESPONSE RATE

The population numbers within this document are representations of the raw information collected through the census enumeration process – no extrapolation or imputation was performed. The overall response rate, that is, the number of dwellings with responses divided by the total number of occupied dwellings, was 99.2 per cent.

OVERALL POPULATION

The overall population recorded through this census is 66,082, which is an increase of 2.22 per cent since the last census in 2016 (pop. 64,645). This translates to an annual growth rate of 1.11 per cent. These results are shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1. OVERALL POPULATION

Year	Population	Growth	Percentage	Time Period	Average Annual Growth	Average Annual Growth Between 2008 & 2018
2008	58,501					
2010	60,138	1,637	2.80 %	2 YR	**1.40 %**	
2012	60,994	856	1.42 %	2 YR	**0.71 %**	
2014	63,255	2,261	3.71 %	2 YR	**1.85 %**	
2016	64,645	1,390	2.20 %	2 YR	**1.10 %**	
2018	66,082	1,437	2.22 %	2 YR	**1.11 %**	**1.30 %**

POPULATION BY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Table 2 provides a detailed breakdown of population by neighbourhood. The neighbourhoods with the greatest increases were Erin Ridge North, Ville Giroux and Riverside. Those with the largest decreases were Grandin, Inglewood and Erin Ridge.

TABLE 2. POPULATION BY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Neighbourhood	2016 Population	2018 Population	Change 2016-2018
Akinsdale	4,889	4,844	-45
Braeside	2,846	2,791	-55
Deer Ridge	5,966	6,004	38
Downtown	502	580	78
Erin Ridge	6,009	5,908	-101
Erin Ridge North	1,292	2,085	793
Forest Lawn	2,776	2,704	-72
Grandin	7,444	7,282	- 162
Heritage Lakes	3,835	3,751	-84
Inglewood	1,558	1,413	- 145
Jensen Lakes	0	225	225
Kingswood	2,617	2,520	- 97
Lacombe Park	7,460	7,549	89
Mission	2,450	2,363	- 87
North Ridge	5,298	5,607	309
Oakmont	3,346	3,496	150
Pineview	1,756	1,745	- 11
Riverside	226	523	297
Sturgeon Heights	1,829	1,800	- 29
Ville Giroux	0	319	319
Woodlands	2,548	2,573	25
TOTAL	**64,645**	**66,082**	**1,437**

HOUSING

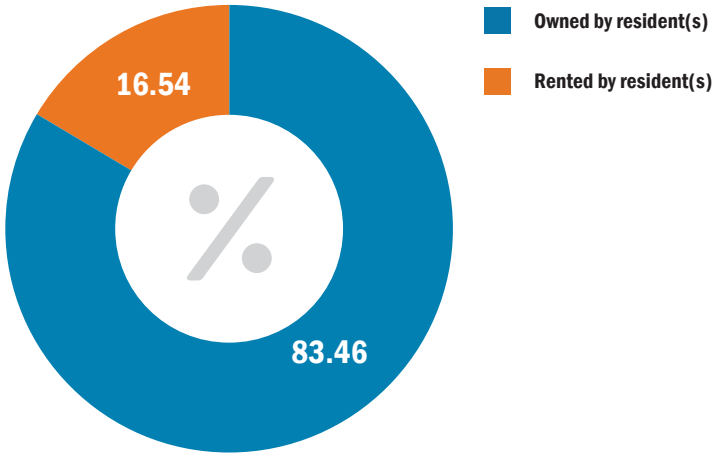
DWELLING COUNT AND OWNERSHIP

The total habitable dwelling count, 26,083, is the total number of residential dwellings that were enumerated during the 2018 municipal census. This figure excludes empty lots and units under construction. There were 862 vacant dwellings reported.

The average number of people per household in St. Albert is 2.53. The average household size in a single detached home is 2.9 persons, in a townhome/duplex 2.2 persons, and in an apartment 1.7 persons.

In 2018, 83.5 per cent of residents own their home. This information is presented graphically in figure 1.

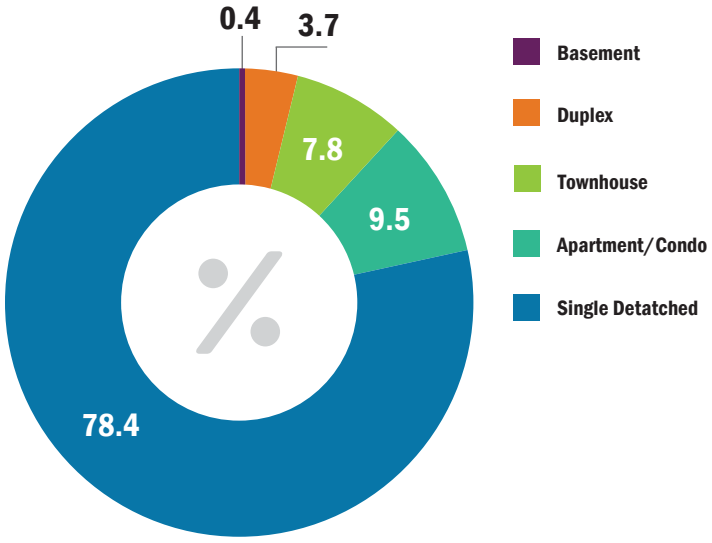
FIGURE 1. OWNERSHIP



HOUSING TYPES

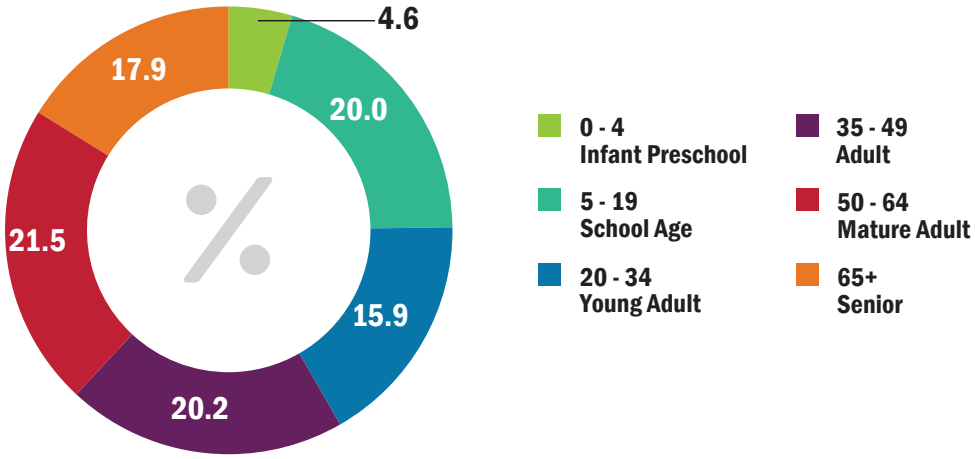
The residents of St. Albert primarily live in single-detached homes (78.4 per cent) with apartments and apartment-style condominiums representing the second most prevalent occupied dwelling type (9.5 per cent), while 0.4 per cent of residents live in secondary or basement suites.

FIGURE 2. HOUSING TYPES



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

FIGURE 3. AGE



AGE AND GENDER

School age (5-19), adult (35-49), and mature adult (50-64) age groups make up the majority of the St. Albert population, as can be seen in figure 3.

FIGURE 4. 5-YEAR COHORT AGE AND GENDER

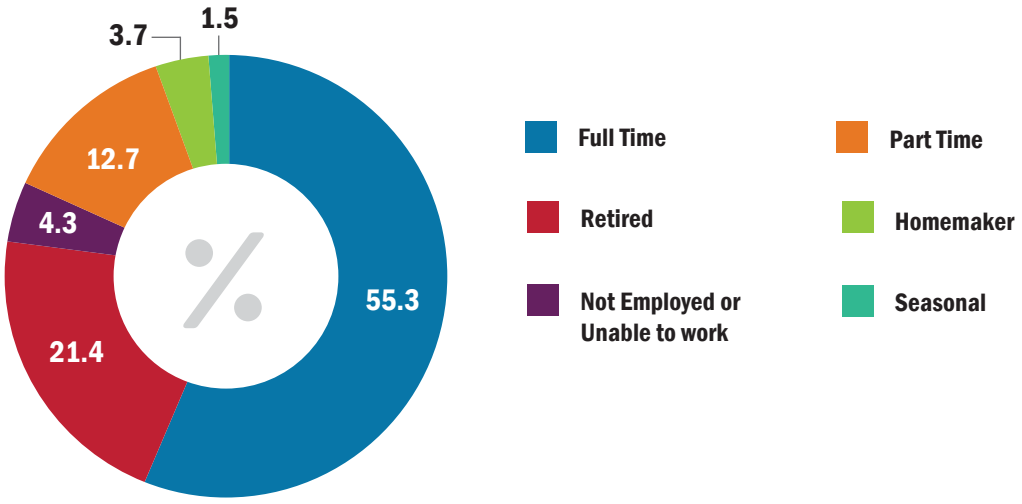


The 5-year cohort age and gender pyramid shows the largest proportion of the population is within the 55 to 59 cohort, which represents approximately 7.5 per cent of the population. The second largest age cohort is the 50 to 54 cohort with 7 per cent of the population. In 2018, the gender distribution was 48.77 percent male and 51.17 percent female. The 2018 Census was the first time there was an option for residents to identify as a gender other than male and female. 0.06 per cent identified as other than male or female, with 0.05 per cent identifying as transgender and 0.01 per cent identifying as Another.

EMPLOYMENT TYPE

Of St. Albert residents who responded with their employment status, about 55.3 per cent work full-time, defined as more than 30 hours a week. About 21.4 per cent are retired. A further breakdown is shown in figure 5.

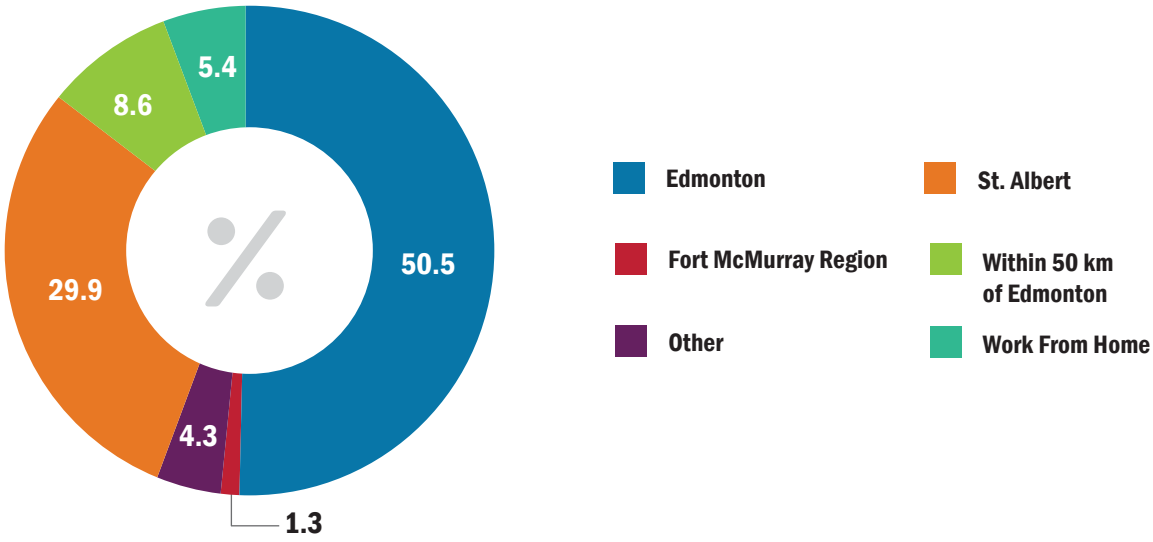
FIGURE 5. EMPLOYMENT TYPE



EMPLOYMENT LOCATION

Of residents who work full or part time and responded with their primary work location, about 50 per cent work in Edmonton, and about 30 per cent work in St. Albert.

FIGURE 6. EMPLOYMENT LOCATION



STUDENT POPULATION

There were 12,042 residents who reported their ages as being in the K-12 age range (5 to 19 years of age). Relatively speaking, in 2018 the junior high cohort is the largest.

There are 2,444 full-time and 955 part-time post-secondary students residing in St. Albert. Of those who reported ages, the majority are aged 15 to 24, as can be seen in figure 8.

FIGURE 7. STUDENT POPULATION

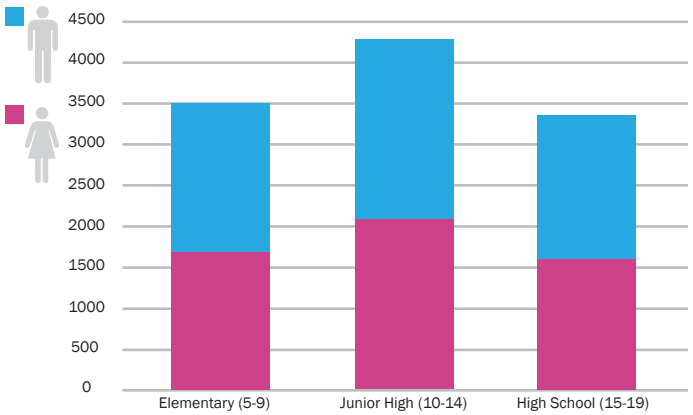
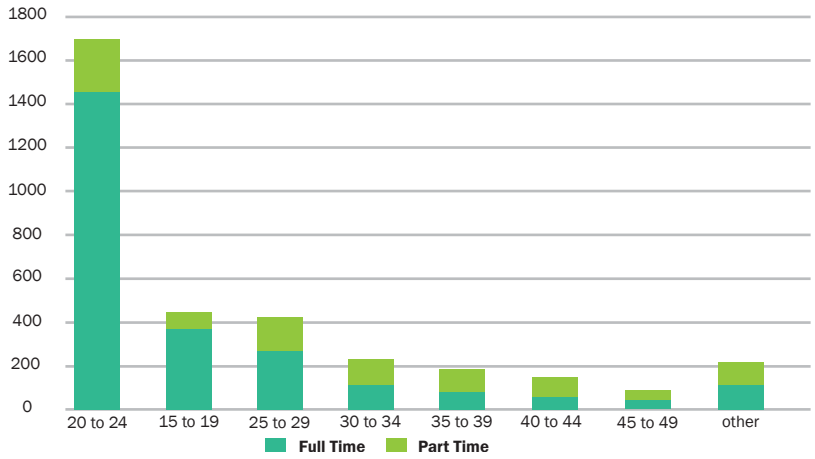


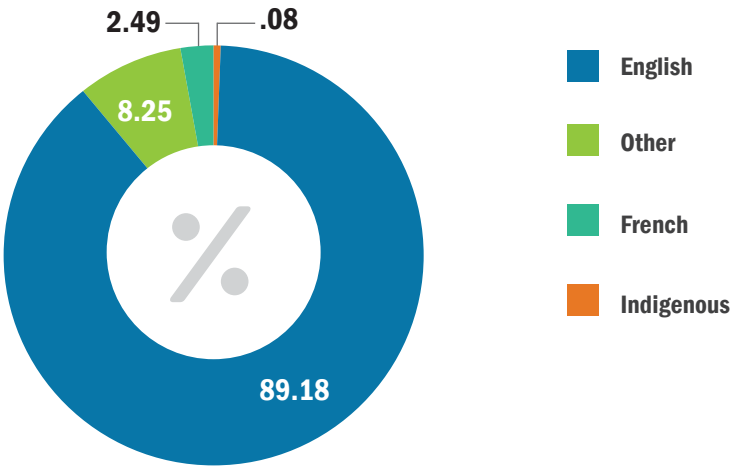
FIGURE 8. POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS



MOTHER TONGUE

The first language learned at home and still understood today is defined as one's mother tongue. There has been a change in the mix of mother tongues spoken from 2016 to 2018. Of those residents who provided a response, about 89 per cent speak English as a mother tongue and 2.5 per cent speak French. The percentage of individuals reporting an Indigenous language as a mother tongue rose from 0.03 to 0.08 per cent and other languages rose from 5.6 per cent to 8.3 per cent.

FIGURE 9. MOTHER TONGUE



SUMMARY

St. Albert continues to grow at a steady, sustainable pace of about 1.1 to 1.3 per cent per year. Like the rest of the country, St. Albert is aging, with the number of older adults and seniors increasing slowly but steadily. St. Albert continues to see a dip in the 20-35 year-old age cohort relative to other age cohorts. The percentage of owner occupied homes has remained constant. The majority of individuals in St. Albert who work full-time do not do so in St. Albert, but the majority of those who have a part-time job stay in the city. St. Albert may be becoming more diverse based on the increase in those who do not speak English as their mother tongue.



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