

# GROWTH REPORT

## BRIGHT FUTURE: OUR CITY, OUR REGION

Edmonton is working hard to accommodate rapid growth. With a projected population of 2.1 million in 50 years<sup>1</sup>, long term land use plans to support new residents, industry, transportation, facilities, social amenities and underground infrastructure are happening now. As the hub for employment, education, business, recreation as well as medical and social services, Edmonton's sustainable growth is important to the region.

### EDMONTON IS THE REGION'S CITY.

Whether you live in Calmar, Gibbons, Stony Plain or Ardrossan, keeping Edmonton a strong hub benefits everyone in the region. Citizens rely on skilled professional services to support their businesses and daily lives. Seventy per cent of the region's population lives in Edmonton<sup>2</sup>. Edmonton's current population of

878,000<sup>4</sup> in a region of 1.2 million<sup>5</sup> provides the mass population to attract and retain top talent in sectors such as health care, business, services and investment to enhance quality of life in the region.

### 75 PER CENT OF ALBERTA'S POPULATION WILL LIVE ON 6 PER CENT OF ALBERTA'S LAND IN URBAN CENTRES<sup>6</sup>.

By 2041, almost eight out of 10 Albertans are expected to live in the Edmonton–Calgary corridor. The Government of Alberta says urbanization will continue with the majority population living in the Edmonton and Calgary metropolitan areas. The Edmonton region is projected to have 34 per cent of the provincial population in 2041<sup>7</sup>. Accommodating future growth remains critical.

*72 per cent of the region's total housing starts were in Edmonton<sup>3</sup>*

### PROUDLY INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE AND REGION.

Edmonton is investing and developing large scale projects and infrastructure that are catalysts for benefits regionally. Edmonton has invested \$488M in downtown with projects such as Rogers

Place, the Quarters Downtown and drainage infrastructure to service the many new towers.

These investments help catalyze up to \$4.8B<sup>8</sup> private and public projects planned for the city's core. Investments are also occurring in transportation and roads such as the Metro Line and Valley Line LRT (City investing \$928M into total \$2.5B) and the Queen Elizabeth II 41 Avenue SW Interchange (City investing \$72.5M

into total \$205M). These investments are increasing quality of life and creating more jobs, housing, and services while facilitating significant movement of people and goods to benefit Edmonton and the region.

Working collaboratively with government, municipalities and businesses enables Edmonton to keep providing the diversity of services required for a thriving and exciting future in our region. Edmonton gets it. We're on it.

To learn more, visit  
[edmonton.ca/growth](http://edmonton.ca/growth)

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