

Our lives at home



Where We Live

~ 55%

of us live in suburban neighbourhoods

~ 50%

of us live in single, detached houses

60%

of us own our homes

40%

of us rent

Sources: Federal Census 2001, 2006.
Municipal Census 2009. City of Edmonton
Planning Department.

Our homes

There's been a change in our city, from 2001 to 2006: the number of homes where 3, 4 or 5 people live together decreased, while those with just one or 2 people increased. Almost one-third of Edmontonians live alone.

On average, 2.4 people lived in an Edmonton household in 2006.

Our income

While our household size is going down slightly, our incomes are going up.

From 2001 to 2006:

- the number of Edmonton households earning more than \$100,000 a year increased: from one in eight ('01) to one in five ('06),
- the proportion of households earning less than \$50,000 went down,
- our median yearly income has increased, from \$47,009 in 2001 to \$49,679 (in constant dollars).





Affordability

More of us can afford to buy our own homes earlier in life than people living in other major cities, such as Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver. Generally, housing is considered affordable when less than 30% of a household's income is spent on rent or home ownership costs (mortgage, property taxes, and utilities).⁸

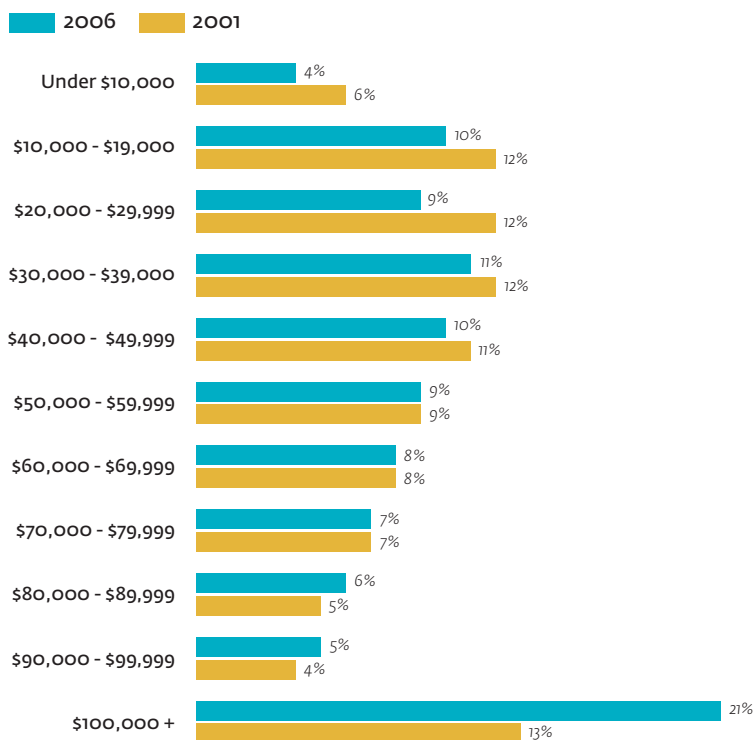
In 2006, the proportion of Edmontonians (15%) spending more than 30% of their income on rent was significantly higher than the provincial rate (10%). Many of these people are from working, low-income households. *"If something were to happen (i.e. I get hurt or sick and can't work), we would be in big trouble"*⁹, said one respondent to a 2008 Edmonton Renters Survey.

Ten per cent of Edmontonians (compared to 12% of Albertans) spend more than 30% of their income on owned shelter.

⁸ Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, January 2007.

⁹ Edmonton Social Planning Council, Not Just A Roof Over Our Heads Exploring the State of Rental Housing in Edmonton One Year Later, September 2008.

Household income in Edmonton



Source: Federal Census 2006, 2001.