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# indicators

2006-2011 Census Population

## Edmonton's population growth accelerates

*February 08, 2012* – Today's release of census population figures for 2011 confirms Edmonton's outstanding growth performance in recent years. The Edmonton Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) saw its population grow to 1,159,869 in 2011 and recorded the second fastest pace of growth of any metropolitan area in Canada over the period from 2006 to 2011 (see Table 1 below).

The City of Edmonton recorded equally impressive growth in population reaching a total of 812,201 in 2011. It is important to note that the City's population growth from 2006 to 2011 was faster than that recorded in the previous census. These very solid growth figures indicate that migration into both the city and the Capital Region was less negatively effected by the recent recession than previously thought. This bodes well for future growth as it indicates the region is able to attract and retain migrants, even in difficult economic times.

Alberta was the fastest growing province in Canada, driven by the growth of Calgary, Edmonton and Wood Buffalo. While Alberta has traditionally drawn much of its rising population from other provinces, international migration is playing an increasing role. Alberta's share of the international migrants arriving in Canada has grown consistently over the past decade, resulting in a more diverse and cosmopolitan provincial population.

At the national level, our country's total population grew to 33.5 million in 2011. Broadly speaking, growth was fastest in western Canada while the Maritimes lagged behind the national average. Interestingly, both Saskatchewan and Newfoundland managed to reverse their former trend of population loss, with both provinces reporting gains in the period from 2006 to 2011.

**Table 1**  
**Selected Population Figures**

Geographic name	Population				
	-			% change	
	2011	2006	2001	2006 to 2011	2001 to 2006
Canada	33,476,688	31,612,897	30,007,094	5.9	5.4
Alberta	3,645,257	3,290,350	2,974,807	10.8	10.6
Edmonton CMA	1,159,869	1,034,945	937,845	12.1	10.4
City of Edmonton	812,201	730,372	666,104	11.2	9.6
Calgary CMA	1,214,839	1,079,310	951,494	12.6	13.4
City of Calgary	1,096,833	988,193	870,003	10.9	12.4
Strathcona County	92,490	82,511	71,986	12.1	14.6
St. Albert	61,466	57,764	53,081	6.4	8.7
Parkland County	30,568	29,220	27,217	4.6	7.5
Spruce Grove	26,171	19,541	15,983	33.9	22
City of Leduc	24,279	16,967	15,032	43.1	12.9
Sturgeon County	19,578	18,566	18,067	5.5	3.1
Fort Saskatchewan	19,051	14,957	13,121	27.4	14
Leduc County	13,541	13,135	12,528	3.1	1.6
Stony Plain	15,051	12,363	9,624	21.7	28.5
Beaumont	13,284	8,961	7,006	48.2	27.9
Morinville	8,569	6,775	6,540	26.5	3.6
Devon	6,510	6,256	4,969	4.0	25.9

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