

EMRB Municipal Data Sheet

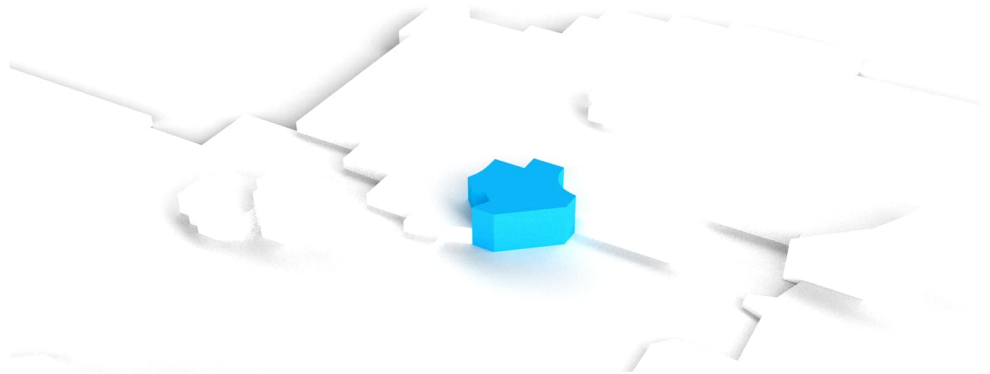
13-member municipalities
3 towns, 4 counties, 6 cities



 68,232

 65.3 km²

(CANADIAN CENSUS, 2021)



Highlights

St. Albert is a bustling city with a rich heritage and a vibrant culture. It is the third-largest municipality in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region.

St. Albert is known as one of Alberta's most beautiful communities with its extensive parks, and more than 85 km of trails, and 1,100 acres of green space.

“ Welcome to St. Albert, the botanical arts City. ”

CATHY HERON | MAYOR



TAX BASE—ASSESSMENT

Residential	\$11.7B
Non-Residential	\$2.0B

The City of St. Albert's total municipal operating budget is \$237 million, with a capital budget of \$93 million.

The City's top three assessment contributors are the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission (AGLC), St. Albert Centre Mall, and Uline Distribution warehouse.

ABOUT US

St. Albert provides high service levels while maintaining low expenditures per capita.

It increasingly has metropolitan needs and demands, which requires innovative thinking and partnerships to effectively achieve.

St. Albert offers a high quality of life that is valued by its residents.



REGIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS

- The Collaborative Economic Development (CED) initiative.
- Enhanced housing options.
- Intermunicipal Planning Framework.

LOCAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Economic Prosperity.
- Vibrant Downtown.
- Community Well-being.
- Adapting to a Changing Natural Environment.
- Financial Sustainability.

Stats & Facts

(CANADIAN CENSUS, 2021)



Commute

→ 60% commute for work outside municipality



Housing

→ 83% own their own homes



Employment

→ 67% employment rate with 72% participation rate



Work Force

(top 2 occupation sectors)

- 19% sales and service
- 17% business, finance, and administration



Education

→ 71% completed post-secondary education



DEMOGRAPHICS

The City of St. Albert's population has increased 4% since the 2016 federal Census.

The average age is 37 years, with roughly 83% of the population being 15 years and older.

Over 17% of the population is 65 years and older.

Visible minorities account for roughly 12% of the municipality's total population. The Indigenous population accounts for 4% and the immigrant population is about 12%.



SETTING IDEAS IN MOTION

St. Albert is committed to creating an attractive environment for entrepreneurs, developers, investors, and local operators to do business.

Downtown St. Albert has the opportunity to be a unique, walkable and attractive community. The downtown plays a vital role, enhancing both the community's economic vitality and the quality of life for its residents. There are numerous City projects currently underway to enhance the downtown core.

Turning Challenges into Opportunities



The City is experiencing growth pressures as it relates to:

- Balancing expectations for high service levels, while keeping tax increases low.
- Demand for new amenities including recreation facilities.
- The rapid absorption of non-residential lands, limiting further business sector growth.

CURRENT CHALLENGES / INVESTMENT NEEDS:

- High residential to non-residential tax revenue ratio.
- High engineering and design standards impacting growth.
- Growth capital plan funding shortfall and surtax for repair, maintain, replace (RMR) capital projects for re-investment in existing infrastructure currently at, or reaching, end of life.

GREATEST RISKS FACING ST. ALBERT:

- Missed industrial and commercial opportunities due to a lack of serviced land and/or limitations in the type and size of industry due to constraints as an urban municipality / proximity to residential development.
- Further development of the Ray Gibbon Drive Corridor and West St. Albert to support regional growth
- Erosion of traditional revenue sources with limited opportunity to offset with current residential to non-residential tax ratio with residential taxation carrying the burden.
- Partnerships to increase the Region's supply of available affordable housing.

Untapped Opportunities

- Regional and sub-regional revenue generation projects and cost sharing opportunities.
- Building and improving relationships with Indigenous partners.



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