

Strathcona County

2008 Municipal Census Report



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I. Introduction and Overview of this Report

This report presents the results of the Strathcona County Census¹ that was conducted during May 2008. An up-to-date census count helps the County obtain federal and provincial funding that goes toward services for residents. The census count serves as a foundation for planning new community services and enhancing existing ones. Without the correct census information we cannot plan community projects such as schools, libraries, police stations, health and childcare, and transportation. An accurate count reflects the growth of the County and ensures that maximum per capita grants are received. Participation in the census by Strathcona County residents was voluntary.

The census data is also important to businesses that operate throughout the County. The information contained in this report can assist businesses in deciding where to locate factories, shopping centers, movie theaters, banks and offices -- activities that often lead to new jobs while enhancing the quality of life in Strathcona County.

Questions asked in the 2008 census include the following:

- Population Numbers and Distribution within Strathcona County
- Aspects of Dwellings within Strathcona County as of May 1st 2008 (including type of dwelling, vacant vs. occupied status, number of dwellings under construction, ownership status and location of dwellings)
- Enumeration Area Breakdowns
- School residency of residents
- Gender & Year of Birth of residents
- Marital Status
- Length of residence in the County
- Employment or student status
- Work/School location

¹ Strathcona County conducts a municipal census on a regular basis (approximately every 2-3 years). Prior to the current census, the last municipal census was conducted on May 1st, 2005.

The data presented in this report presents overall totals for Strathcona County, as well as geographic breakdowns² for:

- The urban service area (which is classified as Sherwood Park); and
- The rural portion of Strathcona County (other geographic areas in the county, which includes farms, country residential communities and other hamlets).

Specific breakdowns for particular regions in the county, as well as different groupings of demographic data derived from the 2008 census (within reasonable limits) are available upon request. Please contact Dr. Phil Kreisel, Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs at (780) 464-8252 or via e-mail (kreisel@strathcona.ab.ca).

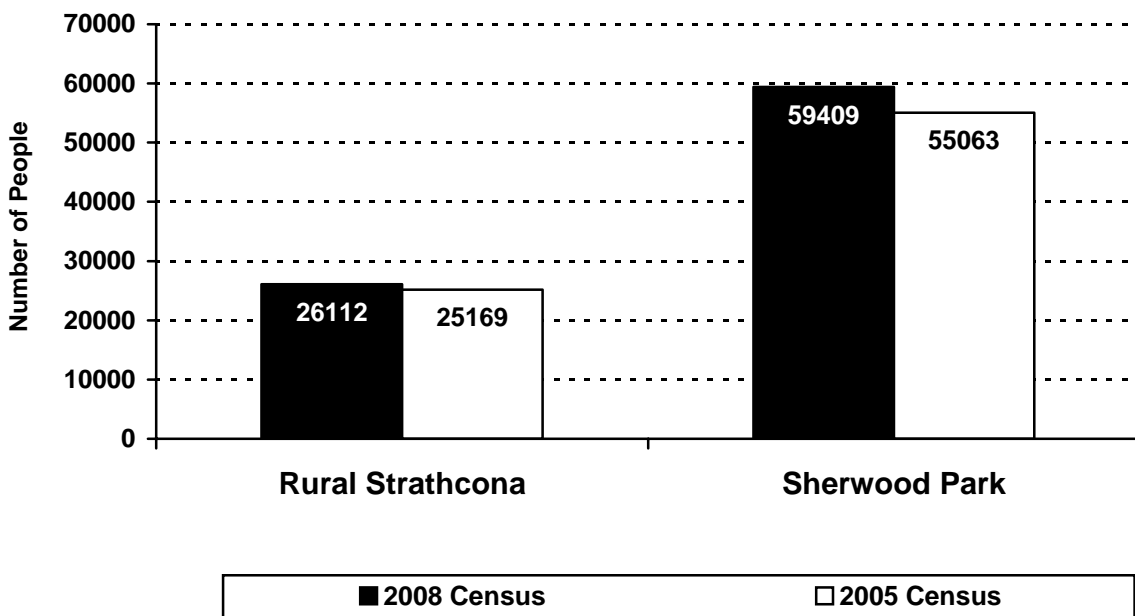
² A visual depiction of the enumeration areas contained in both the urban and rural portions of the County can be found in Appendix B of this report.

II. Results

A. Population Breakdowns

The population distribution for the rural and urban portions of Strathcona County in the year 2008, along with 2005 statistics is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Population Distribution in Strathcona County
(2008 and 2005 Comparisons)



Census Highlights – Population

- The total population in Strathcona County for the year 2008 is 85,521 people. In 2005, 80,232 people resided in the County.
- There has been an increase of 5,289 people in Strathcona County since the 2005 census, which is a growth of 6.6% over this three year period.
- Between 2005 and 2008, the population in rural Strathcona has increased by 943 people, which is a 3.7% increase from 2005. The 2008 rural population total is now 26,112.
- In Sherwood Park, the population has increased by 4,346 people, which is a 7.9% increase from 2005. There are now 59,409 people living within Sherwood Park as of 2008.

- A breakdown of population within the rural hamlets of Strathcona County can be seen in Figures 2a and 2b below. Overall, *Ardrossan* experienced the largest growth rate of all the hamlets since the 2005 census, with *Collingwood Cove*, showing modest gains.

Figure 2a
Population within Strathcona County Hamlets
(2008 and 2005 Comparisons)

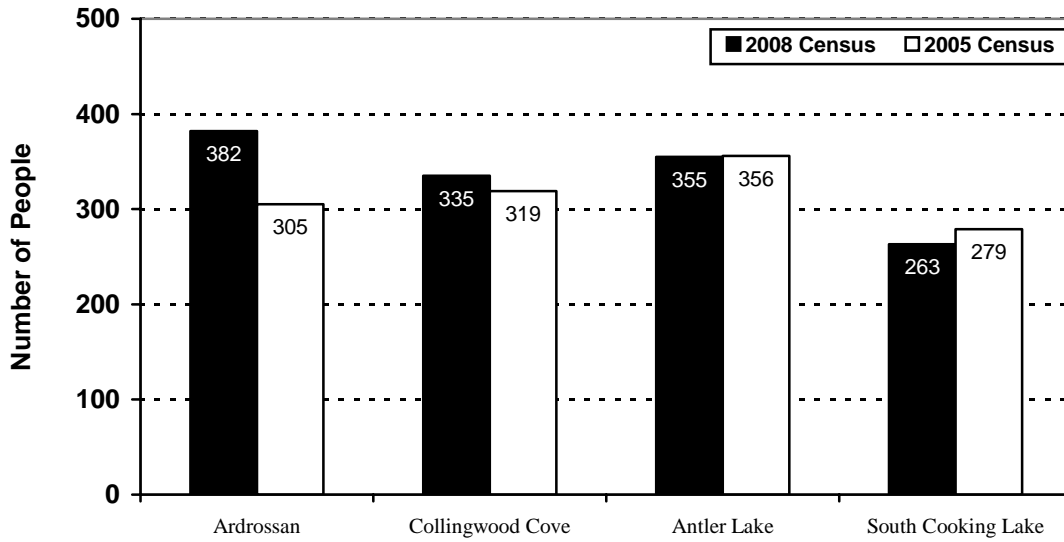
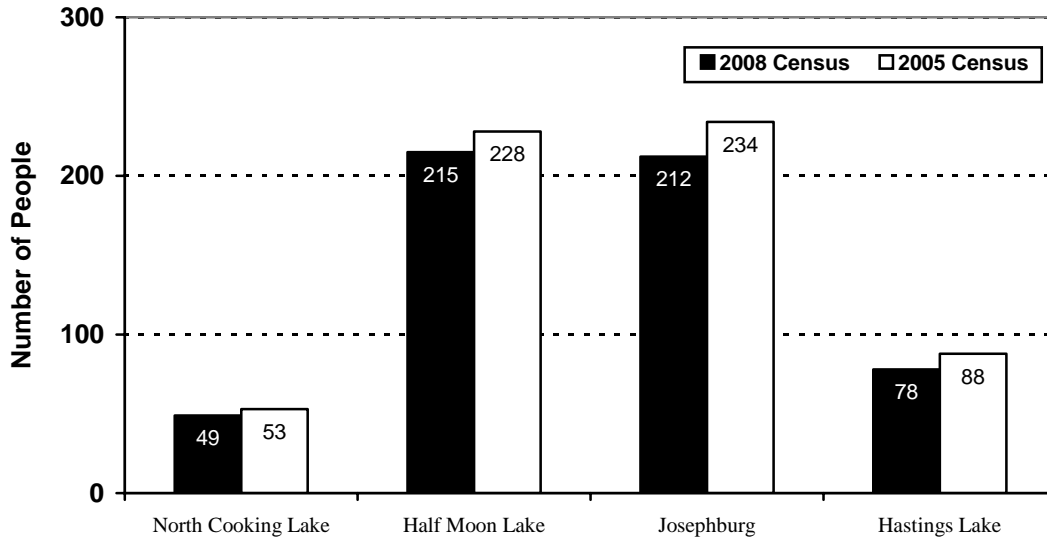
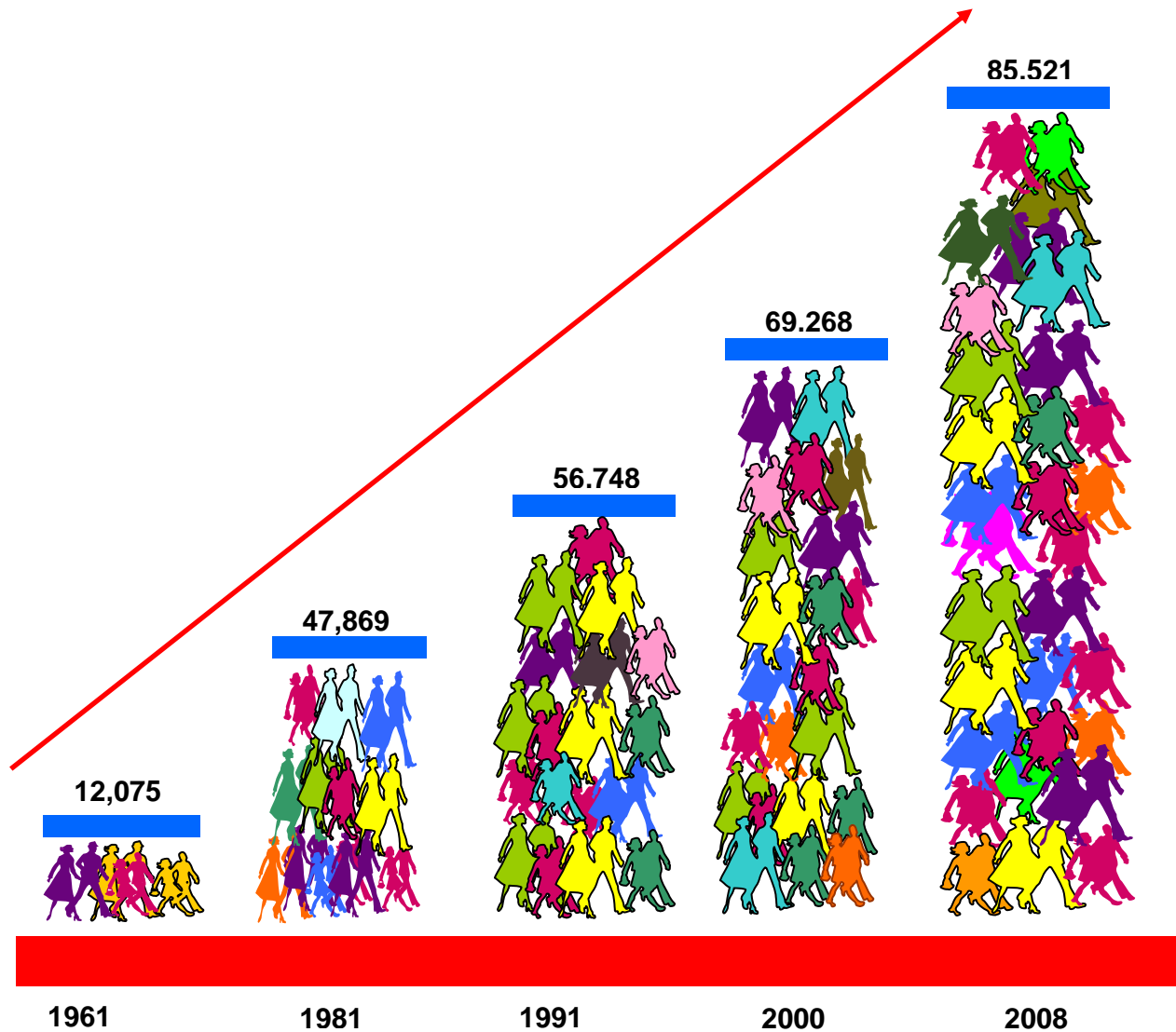


Figure 2b
Population within Strathcona County Hamlets
(2008 and 2005 Comparisons)



- Overall, of the 26,112 residents living in Rural Strathcona, 1,889 live in the 8 hamlets noted on the previous page, 19,711 live on country residential estates and 4,512 live on farms (which include Hutterite colonies).
- A visual depiction of the changing size of Strathcona County since 1961 is shown in Figure 3. It can be seen that the size of the County has increased dramatically since 1961. The County has experienced a growth increase of over 78% since 1981. Within the last 17 years (since 1991), it has increased in size by close to 51%.

Figure 3
Population Growth in Strathcona County (1961 – 2008)

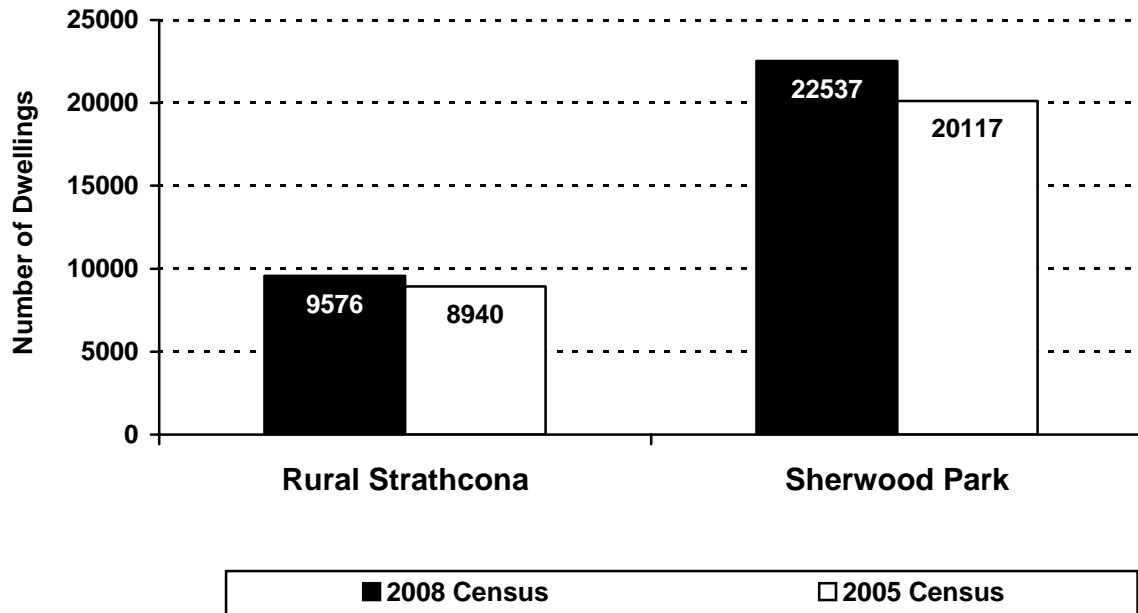


B. Dwelling Statistics

Number of Dwellings

The total number of dwellings in the rural and urban portions of Strathcona County is depicted in Figure 4. The numbers shown in this figure is the combined total of occupied dwellings, vacant dwellings and dwellings that were under construction as of May 1st 2008. Statistical information from 2005 is also shown.

Figure 4
Total Number of Dwellings in Strathcona County



Census Highlights – Dwellings

- The total number of dwellings in Strathcona County for the year 2008 is 32,113. In 2005, there were 29,117 dwellings throughout the County. Since 2005, there has been an increase of 2,996 dwellings (or 10.3% more than what was recorded in 2005).
- The majority of additional dwellings in the County are in Sherwood Park, where the number of dwellings has increased by 2,420 since 2005. This is a 12% increase over 2005 figures.
- There are 636 additional dwellings in rural Strathcona since 2005. This is a 7.1% increase for this portion of the county.

Location of Dwellings throughout the County

A breakdown of where the dwellings are located throughout Strathcona County, along with a breakdown of the number of dwellings that are occupied, vacant or under construction is shown in Table 1.

Table 1
Dwelling Location by Status³ of Dwellings*

	Total	Occupied		Vacant		Under	
	N	Dwellings		Dwellings		Construction	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%
Sherwood Park	22,537	21,331	70.7%	790	60.2%	416	65.4%
Rural Strathcona	9,576	8,833	29.3%	523	39.8%	220	34.6%
Total - Strathcona County	32,113	30,164	100.0%	1313	100.0%	636	100.0%

* In this table, the symbol “N” refers to the Number of Dwellings. Percentages add up to 100% by columns.

Census Highlights – Dwelling Location

- This table presents a breakdown of the number of occupied and vacant dwellings throughout Strathcona County as of May 1st 2008. The percentages in this table depict the percentage comparison of the number of occupied dwellings in the urban and rural regions of Strathcona County. For example, of the 30,164 occupied dwellings in the County, the majority of them (N=21,331 or 70.7%) are located in Sherwood Park.
- The other two columns depict breakdowns of the number of vacant dwellings and the number of dwellings under construction. The percentages add up to 100% in each column.
- The majority of dwellings that exist throughout the County are occupied. As seen in Figure 5 on the next page (and in Table 2 on page 9 of this report), it can be seen that for the County as a whole, 93.9% of the dwellings are occupied, 4.1% are vacant, and 2% are under construction. A breakdown for Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona can also be seen in Table 2.

³ It should be noted that during the data collection process, although guidelines were provided on how to classify a dwelling, individual judgment calls were often made by enumerators as whether a dwelling was “vacant” or “under construction.” In this regard, it is possible that some dwellings classified as vacant should instead have been classified as under construction, particularly in new neighbourhoods.

Figure 5
Occupancy Patterns of Dwellings in Strathcona County
(2008)

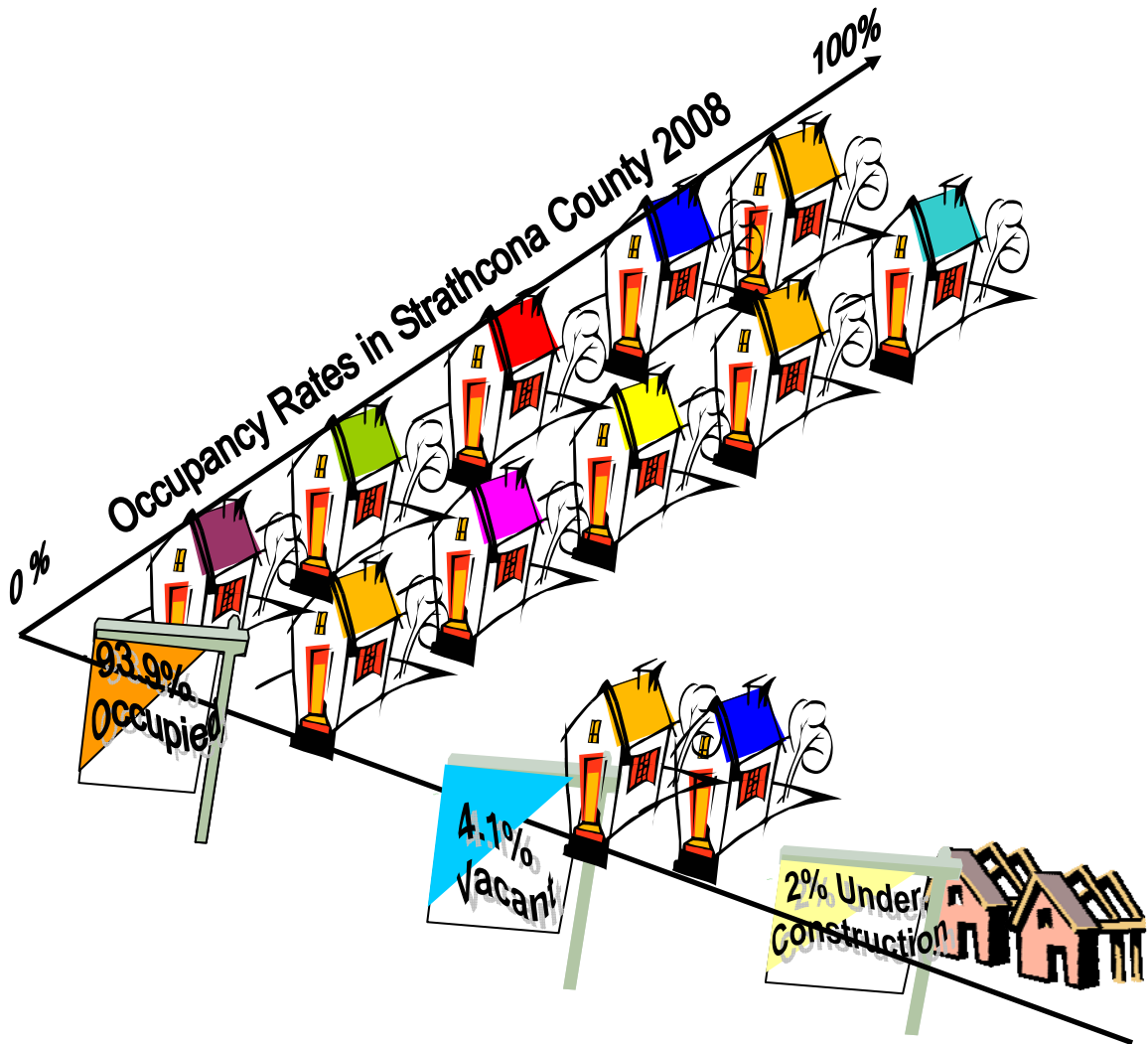


Table 2 presents a percentage breakdown of the status of dwellings by urban and rural parts of the County

Table 2
Status of Dwellings for Rural and Urban Areas in Strathcona County*

	Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona		Total - Strathcona County	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Occupied Dwellings	21,331	94.6%	8,833	92.2%	30,164	93.9%
Vacant Dwellings	790	3.5%	523	5.5%	1,313	4.1%
Under Construction	416	1.8%	220	2.3%	636	2.0%

* In this table, the symbol “N” refers to the Number of Dwellings. Percentages add up to 100% by columns.

Census Highlights – Dwelling Location

- This table presents a breakdown of the number of occupied, vacant and dwellings under construction for Sherwood Park, Rural Strathcona, and the total county. The percentages in this table depict a breakdown within each part of the county. For example, within Sherwood Park, of all the dwellings, the majority (94.6%) **are occupied**, with very few dwellings vacant or under construction.
- The other two columns depict breakdowns of the status of dwellings in rural Strathcona and for the County as a whole.
- It should also be noted that 20 of the occupied dwellings in Sherwood Park are actually farms located within the Urban Service Area boundaries.

Table 3
Dwelling Location by Status of Dwellings within Rural Strathcona*

	Total Number		Occupied Dwellings		Vacant Dwellings		Under Construction	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Farm	1,868	19.5%	1,692	19.2%	154	29.4%	22	10.0%
Country Residence	6,830	71.3%	6,407	72.5%	247	47.2%	176	80.0%
Hamlet	878	9.2%	734	8.3%	122	23.3%	22	10.0%
Rural Strathcona	9,576	100.0%	8,833	100.0%	523	100.0%	220	100.0%

* In this table, the symbol “N” refers to the Number of Dwellings. Percentages add up to 100% by columns.

Census Highlights – Dwelling Location within Rural Strathcona

- Table 3 presents a breakdown of the status of dwellings within rural Strathcona as of May 1st 2008. Within the rural parts of the County, dwellings can be located on farms, in a country residence or in a hamlet. For example, of the 8,833 occupied dwellings in rural Strathcona, the majority of them (N=6,407 or 72.5%) are classified as country residences.
- The other two columns depict breakdowns of the number of vacant dwellings and the number of dwellings under construction in each type of rural classification.

Types of Available Dwellings

The type of dwellings available to people in Strathcona County is listed in Table 4.

Table 4
Types of Dwellings within Strathcona County*

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Single Detached	26,662	84.0%	17,570	78.7%	9,092	96.6%
Row House	1,313	4.1%	1,305	5.8%	8	0.1%
Apartment Units	1,511	4.8%	1,511	6.8%	0	---
Duplex	1,231	3.9%	1,227	5.5%	4	---
Manufactured Homes	879	2.8%	636	2.8%	243	2.6%
Other Movable Dwellings	50	0.2%	1	---	49	0.5%
Attached to non-Residential Structure	28	0.1%	22	0.1%	6	0.1%
Suite in Single Detached	24	0.1%	16	0.1%	8	0.1%
Collective Dwellings⁴	15	---	13	0.1%	2	---
Total Number of Dwellings	31,740	100.0%	22,328	100.0%	9,412	100.0%

* In this table, the symbol "N" refers to the Number of Dwellings available for living in. Percentages add up to 100% by columns.

Census Highlights – Dwelling Types

- The data shown in Table 4 above are all dwellings in the County, which include those dwellings that are vacant or under construction. Table 5 on the next page gives a breakdown of dwellings that are currently occupied by one or more residents.
- The majority of housing stock in all parts of Strathcona County is single detached dwellings.
- There are very few duplexes or row house developments and no apartments in any parts of rural Strathcona County. The majority of these types of dwellings are located in Sherwood Park.

⁴ Collective dwellings include structures such as *nursing homes, senior citizen homes, Hutterite colonies and homes for challenged people.*

Types of Dwellings Occupied by Residents

The types of dwellings occupied by residents in Strathcona County as of May 1st 2008 are listed in Table 5.

Table 5
Types of Dwellings within Strathcona County that are Occupied by Residents*

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Single Detached	25,627	85.0%	17,054	79.9%	8,573	97.1%
Row House	1,228	4.1%	1,220	5.7%	8	0.1%
Apartment Units	1,189	3.9%	1,189	5.6%	0	---
Duplex	1,173	3.9%	1,169	5.5%	4	---
Manufactured Homes	832	2.8%	624	2.9%	208	2.4%
Suite in Single Detached	51	0.2%	43	0.2%	8	0.1%
Other Movable Dwellings	26	0.1%	0	---	26	0.3%
Attached to non-Residential Structure	23	0.1%	19	0.1%	4	---
Collective Dwellings	15	---	13	0.1%	2	---
Total Number of Dwellings	30,164	100.0%	21,331	100.0%	8,833	100.0%

* In this table, the symbol "N" refers to the Number of Dwellings currently occupied. Percentages add up to 100% by columns.

Types of Dwellings Unoccupied or Under Construction

The total number dwellings either under construction or vacant at the time of the census is broken down by type of dwelling and summarized in Table 6.

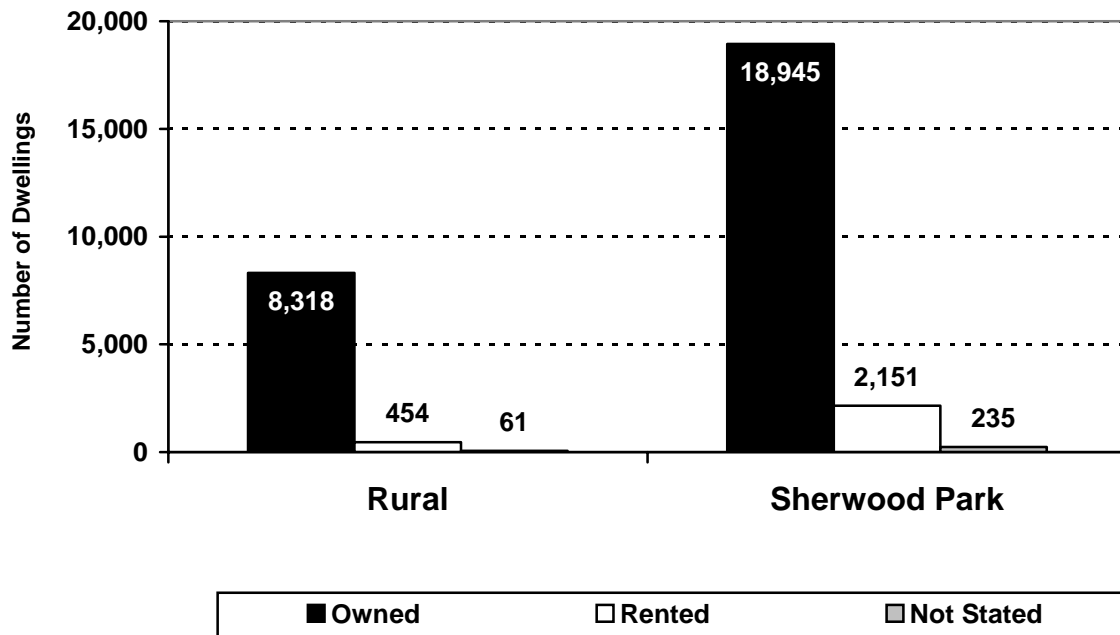
Table 6
Types of Dwellings within Strathcona County that are Vacant or are under Construction

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	Vacant	Under Construction	Vacant	Under Construction	Vacant	Under Construction
Single Detached	856	393	436	214	420	179
Row House	86	0	86	0	0	0
Apartment Units	192	132	192	132	0	0
Duplex	56	8	56	8	0	0
Manufactured Homes	51	55	16	55	35	0
Suite in Single Detached	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Movable Dwellings	24	0	1	0	23	0
Attached to non-Residential Structure	5	0	3	0	2	0
Collective Dwellings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Dwellings	1,270	588	790	409	480	179

Ownership Status of Occupied Dwellings

The ownership status of dwellings in the rural and urban portions of Strathcona County is depicted in Figure 6. The numbers shown in this figure is the combined total of occupied dwellings, vacant dwellings and dwellings that were under construction as of May 1st 2008.

Figure 6
Ownership Status of Dwellings in Strathcona County



Census Highlights – Ownership Status

- The majority of dwellings in Strathcona County are owned (90.4%). This breaks down to an 88.8% ownership in Sherwood Park and 94.2% in Rural Strathcona.
- The “not stated” category means that the ownership status of a small number of dwellings (Total N=296) was not obtainable at the time of the census data collection. In 2008, this accounted for 1.0% of all occupied dwellings in the County, and almost all of the type of dwellings was single family.

Length of Residency

In 2008, residents were asked how long they have lived within Strathcona County. An overall breakdown of the length in time residents have lived in either Sherwood Park or Rural Strathcona is shown in Table 7.

Table 7
Length of Residence within Strathcona County*

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 2 years	11,525	13.7%	8,421	14.4%	3,104	12.0%
2 to less than 5 years	14,853	17.6%	10,653	18.2%	4,200	16.3%
5 to less than 10 years	16,111	19.1%	11,324	19.4%	4,787	18.6%
10 or more years	41,778	49.6%	28,106	48.0%	13,672	53.1%
Total Number of People	84,267	100.0%	58,504	100.0%	25,763	100.0%

* In this table, the symbol “N” refers to the Number of People.

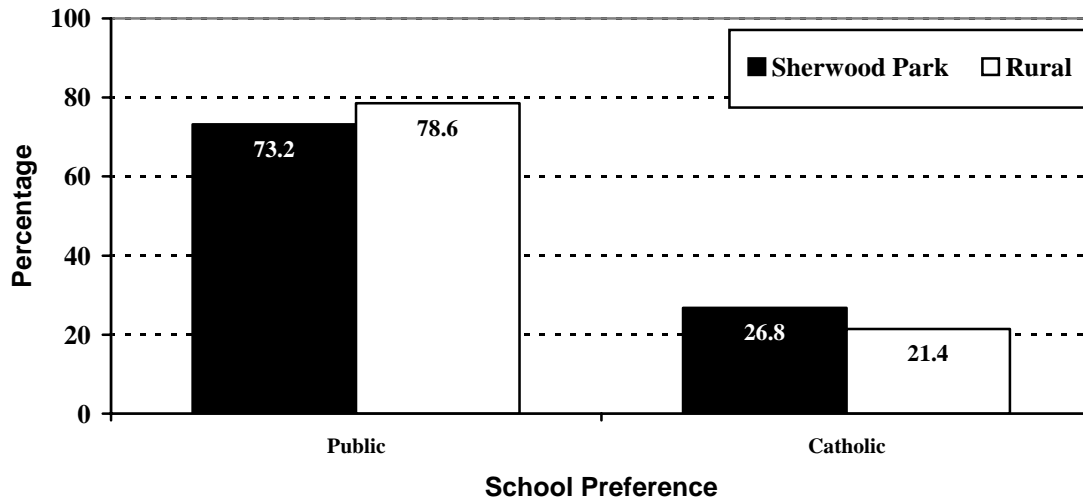
Census Highlights – Length of Residence

- The majority of Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona residents have lived in Strathcona County for 10 or more years.
- The length of residency for some residents was not reported. In Sherwood Park, this information was not known for 905 people and for Rural Strathcona, 349 people.
- Percentages add up to 100% by columns. The percentage figures exclude those people whose length of residence was unknown.

C. School Preferences

The school preferences of Strathcona County residents for 2008 are shown in Figure 7, based on number of occupied households.

Figure 7
School Preferences in Rural Strathcona County



Census Highlights – School Preferences

- This data is based on the type of school system supported by household residents. This question was answered by owners and renters.
- More households favored the public system over the Catholic system. This pattern and the percentage of support for each system were very similar in both Sherwood Park and rural Strathcona County.
- Furthermore, the findings noted in this figure **are not** based on school tax preferences. All residents who own property in Strathcona County pay school taxes each year.

D. Household Size

Household size in rural and urban Strathcona County is broken down in Table 8.

**Table 8
Household Size***

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
One Person	4,240	14.1%	3,309	15.5%	931	10.5%
Two People	11,017	36.5%	7,626	35.8%	3,391	38.4%
Three People	5,329	17.7%	3,853	18.1%	1,476	16.7%
Four People	6,380	21.2%	4,508	21.1%	1,872	21.2%
Five People	2,397	7.9%	1,589	7.4%	808	9.1%
Six or more People	801	2.7%	446	2.1%	355	4.0%
Total Number of Households⁵	30,164	100.0%	21,331	100.0%	8,833	100.0%

* In this table, the symbol “N” refers to the Number of Households

Census Highlights – Household Size

- Percentages shown in this table add up to 100% by columns.
- The data presented in this table is based on households that are classified as private households. A private household is defined as either a single person, a family with two or more persons, or a shared accommodation arrangement (e.g. two or more non-related people sharing a dwelling).
- This table includes those people living within *collective dwellings*. A collective dwelling refers to a setting that fulfills a particular purpose or function within the community, most often in some form of assisted living. For example, collective dwellings can be nursing homes, senior citizen homes, hospitals, prisons, or homes for physically or mentally challenged individuals.⁶ Hutterite colonies in Rural Strathcona are also classified as collective dwellings.
- In 2008, there were 15 residences classified as collective dwellings in Strathcona County. Of these 15, 10 of the collective dwellings had 6 or more people residing

⁵Collective dwellings were excluded from the numbers noted in this table.

⁶ As of May 1st 2008, there are no prisons or hospitals located in Strathcona County.

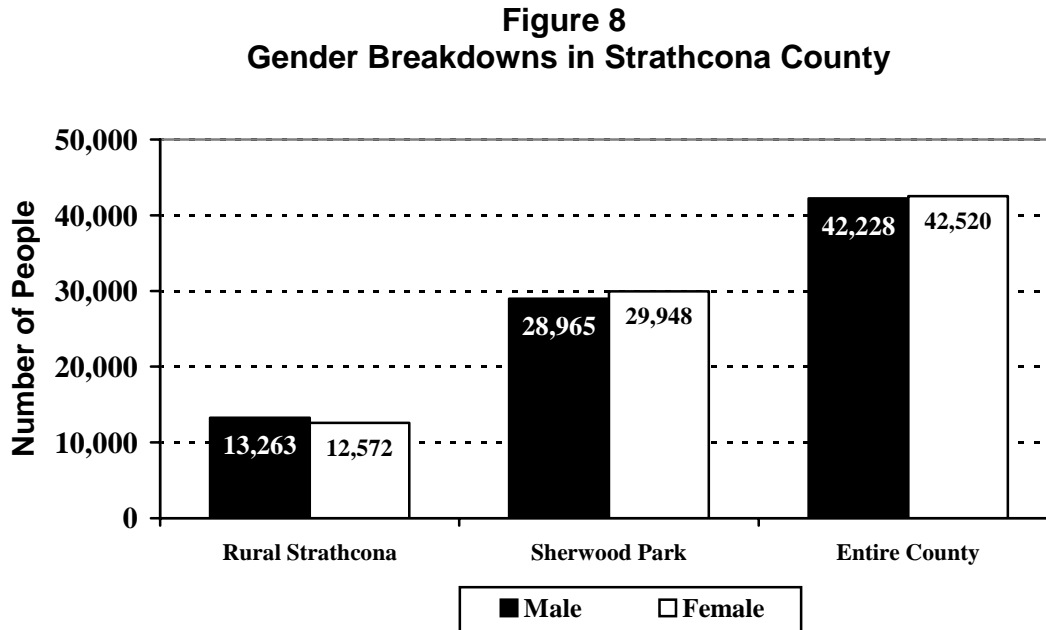
- in them; the number of people residing within a collective dwelling range ranged from 10 people to 157 people; most collective dwellings had 20 or more residents.
- The average household size (excluding those living in *collective dwellings*) in Sherwood Park is 2.76 people. Since in reality we cannot have a portion of a person living in a household, in Sherwood Park, the median household size⁷ is 3 people.
 - The average household size in Rural Strathcona is 2.94 people. The median household size is 3 people.
 - A breakdown of household size within Rural Strathcona is as follows:
 - Country residential households have an average size of 3.08 people, with a median of 3;
 - Farms have an average size of 2.59 people, with a median of 2; and
 - Hamlets have an average size of 2.57 people, with a median of 2.
 - The reason that collective dwellings are excluded from the calculation of average household size is that the number of people in these settings is often large, and will distort the average household size figures.

⁷ The median is the middle score, or the 50th percentile point of the distribution of households. What this means is that 50% of the households in Sherwood Park are above the median (or have more than 3 people), while 50% of the households are below the median (or have less than 3 people).

E. Gender & Age

Gender Comparisons

A breakdown of gender within Sherwood Park, Rural Strathcona, and Strathcona County as a whole is shown in Figure 8.



Census Highlights – Gender

- There is a fairly even split of males and females in all parts of Strathcona County. There are slightly more males in Rural Strathcona and slightly more females in Sherwood Park.
- In Sherwood Park, there were 496 instances where the gender of a household member was not stated.⁸ In Rural Strathcona, there were 277 instances where this information was not stated.

⁸ These small shortfalls are either due to circumstances where there was no one available in a household to interview or where limited information was provided during the census data collection period. This is why the total of males and females is less than the total number of people noted earlier in this report. The same reason also applies to age, as there was no age information provided for 1,106 Strathcona County residents.

Age Comparisons

A breakdown of age within Sherwood Park, Rural Strathcona, and Strathcona County as a whole is shown in Table 9.

**Table 9
Age Breakdowns**

Age Groups	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-4	4,479	5.3%	3,305	5.6%	1,174	4.5%
5-9	5,773	6.8%	4,067	6.9%	1,706	6.6%
10-14	6,219	7.4%	4,151	7.1%	2,068	8.0%
15-19	6,773	8.0%	4,502	7.7%	2,271	8.8%
20-24	5,203	6.2%	3,745	6.4%	1,458	5.6%
25-34	9,146	10.8%	7,111	12.1%	2,035	7.9%
35-44	13,047	15.5%	9,041	15.4%	4,006	15.5%
45-54	14,760	17.5%	9,520	16.2%	5,240	20.3%
55-64	10,729	12.7%	7,153	12.2%	3,576	13.9%
65-74	5,268	6.2%	3,725	6.4%	1,543	6.0%
75+	3,018	3.6%	2,289	3.9%	729	2.8%
Total	84,415	100.0%	58,609	100.0%	25,806	100.0%

Census Highlights – Age

- A percentage comparison of age groups between rural and urban Strathcona reveals a similar distribution across the County in most age groups.
- The average age of Sherwood Park residents is 36.7 years, while the median age is 37. In 2005, the average age was 36.0 and the median age was 37. What this means is that in the year 2008, the population in the urban center is growing slightly older.
- The average age of people living in Rural Strathcona is 37.4 years, while the median age is 41. In 2005, the average age was 36.8 and the median age was 40. What this means is that in the year 2008, the population in the rural areas is getting older.
- In terms of averages and medians derived in 2008, the people in Rural Strathcona are slightly older than those living in Sherwood Park.

Age Breakdowns by Gender – Urban & Rural Strathcona

A breakdown of age⁹ by gender for Sherwood Park, and Rural Strathcona is shown in Tables 10 and 11.

Table 10
Age Breakdowns by Gender – Sherwood Park

Age Groups	Sherwood Park		Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-4	3,278	5.6%	1,664	5.8%	1,614	5.4%
5-9	4,057	6.9%	2,071	7.2%	1,986	6.7%
10-14	4,140	7.1%	2,107	7.3%	2,033	6.8%
15-19	4,493	7.7%	2,271	7.9%	2,222	7.5%
20-24	3,735	6.4%	1,939	6.8%	1,796	6.0%
25-34	7,091	12.1%	3,433	12.0%	3,658	12.3%
35-44	9,024	15.4%	4,337	15.1%	4,687	15.8%
45-54	9,498	16.3%	4,708	16.4%	4,790	16.1%
55-64	7,121	12.2%	3,450	12.0%	3,671	12.3%
65-74	3,701	6.3%	1,814	6.3%	1,887	6.3%
75+	2,285	3.9%	890	3.1%	1,395	4.7%
Total	58,423	100.0%	28,684	100.0%	29,739	100.0%

Table 11
Age Breakdowns by Gender – Rural Strathcona

Age Groups	Rural Strathcona		Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-4	1,156	4.5%	569	4.3%	587	4.7%
5-9	1,693	6.6%	874	6.6%	819	6.6%
10-14	2,057	8.0%	1,067	8.1%	990	7.9%
15-19	2,256	8.8%	1,158	8.8%	1,098	8.8%
20-24	1,447	5.6%	792	6.0%	655	5.2%
25-34	2,024	7.9%	962	7.3%	1,062	8.5%
35-44	3,991	15.6%	1,921	14.6%	2,070	16.6%
45-54	5,219	20.4%	2,665	20.3%	2,554	20.5%
55-64	3,549	13.8%	1,911	14.5%	1,638	13.1%
65-74	1,527	6.0%	835	6.3%	692	5.5%
75+	723	2.8%	401	3.0%	322	2.6%
Total	25,642	100.0%	13,155	100.0%	12,487	100.0%

⁹ The age groupings depicted in Tables 8 through 10 correspond to Statistics Canada's age categories for easy comparisons. However, different age groupings of this data can be created upon request.

Census Highlights – Age by Gender

- Table 10 depicts a detailed percentage comparison of age groups by gender for Sherwood Park. With some minor exceptions, there are similar numbers of males and females within each age group. The main difference between the sexes can be seen within the age 75+ category, where the females considerably outnumber the males. It should be noted, however, that this age group has the smallest number of residents of all ages in the County.
- A further analysis revealed that the mean age for men in Sherwood Park was 36 years, while the mean age for females was 37.4 years. Median figures show the age midpoint for males being 37, and females being 38 years. These are both higher by about one year than what was reported in 2005.
- Table 11 depicts a detailed percentage comparison of age groups by gender for rural Strathcona. With some minor exceptions, there are similar numbers of males and females within each age group.
- A further analysis revealed that the mean age for men in rural Strathcona was 37.8 years, while the mean age for females was 37.1 years. Median figures show the age midpoint for males is 42 and females is 40 years. This is higher than what was reported in 2005 for the rural area for males when median figures showed the age midpoint for males being 40. The median age for females has not changed between 2005 and 2008.

F. Marital Status & Family Status

A breakdown of marital status within Sherwood Park, Rural Strathcona, and Strathcona County as a whole is shown in Table 12.

Table 12
Marital Status Breakdowns

Marital Status	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Never Married	32,855	38.9%	23,054	39.3%	9,801	37.9%
Married	41,831	49.5%	28,199	48.1%	13,632	52.7%
Common Law	3,650	4.3%	2,538	4.3%	1,112	4.3%
Separated/Divorced	3,948	4.7%	3,076	5.2%	872	3.4%
Widowed	2,225	2.6%	1,779	3.0%	446	1.7%
Total	84,509	100.0%	58,646	100.0%	25,863	100.0%

Census Highlights – Marital Status

- In both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County, the majority of residents were married.
- In Sherwood Park, there were 763 instances where the marital status of a household member was not stated.¹⁰ In Rural Strathcona, there were 249 instances where this information was not stated.
- Percentages in this table add up to 100% by columns.

¹⁰ These small shortfalls are either due to circumstances where there was no one available in a household to interview or where limited information was provided during the census data collection period.

A breakdown of family status within Sherwood Park, Rural Strathcona, and Strathcona County as a whole is shown in Table 13.

Table 13
Family Status Breakdowns

Family Status	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Married/common law with children	12,809	44.1%	8,746	42.6%	4,063	47.7%
Married/common law with no children	9,088	31.3%	6,096	29.7%	2,992	35.1%
Lone adult	3,954	13.6%	3,101	15.1%	853	10.0%
Single parent family	1,838	6.3%	1,503	7.3%	335	3.9%
Multiple adult household	1,339	4.6%	1,068	5.2%	271	3.2%
Total	29,028	100.0%	20,514	100.0%	8,514	100.0%

Census Highlights – Family Status

- This table excludes collective dwelling households, dwellings that were vacant or under construction and households where there was inconclusive information to establish the family status of the household.
- The married/common law with children category includes a small percentage of households (1.1% within the 44.1% total noted percentage) where there are multiple married couples with children or additional adults in a traditional family. In these cases, the additional couples are likely the parent(s) of one of main adult family members. Additional adults in these households could be adult siblings or divorced or widowed parent(s) of one of main adult family members.
- The married/common law with no children category means that there are no children living in the household. As such, there could be couples that have grown children who live elsewhere, younger couples who have yet to have children, and couples who have chosen not to have children.
- The lone adult category describes households where there is only one adult in residence. The marital status of these adults could vary (e.g. separated, widowed, divorced or never married).
- Multiple adult households are those where there are more than one adults residing – the key defining element is that no one in these households are currently in a married or common law relationship within the household. Otherwise, the marital status of adults in a multiple adult household could vary. It is possible that these

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households may consist of adult siblings or some other sort of family linkage (e.g. cousins, etc.). It is also possible that there are no family ties among members of these households.

- Percentages in this table add up to 100% by columns.

G. Employment Status & Location of Work

A breakdown of the employment status of residents within Sherwood Park, Rural Strathcona, and Strathcona County as a whole is shown in Table 14.

Table 14
Employment Status Breakdowns

Employment Status	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	39,456	46.8%	27,403	46.9%	12,053	46.7%
Part-Time	6,090	7.2%	4,173	7.1%	1,917	7.4%
Not in the workforce	7,512	8.9%	4,976	8.5%	2,536	9.8%
Retired (over 65)	6,665	7.9%	4,907	8.4%	1,758	6.8%
Child not yet in school	5,375	6.4%	3,966	6.8%	1,409	5.5%
Student (K-12)	16,558	19.6%	11,777	19.1%	5,381	20.8%
Post-Secondary Student	2,609	3.1%	1,841	3.2%	768	3.0%
Total	84,265	100.0%	58,443	100.0%	25,822	100.0%

Census Highlights – Employment Status

- In both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County, the majority of residents worked full-time.
- In Sherwood Park, there were 966 instances where the employment status of a household member was not stated.¹¹ In Rural Strathcona, there were 290 instances where this information was not stated.
- Those classified as *not in the workforce* included residents aged 18 to 64 who were not in school and did not indicate that they were working either full time or

¹¹ These small shortfalls are either due to circumstances where there was no one available in a household to interview or where limited information was provided during the census data collection period.

part-time. The reasons why they were not in the workforce were not queried, which means that they could be homemakers, currently unemployed, retired, or are not able to work. Residents not in the workforce who are aged 65 or older have been classified as *retired*, but it is possible that a small portion of them would like to work if they could (and thus would be classified as unemployed), but there is no way of determining that for certain at this time.

- Percentages in this table add up to 100% by columns.

A breakdown of the work/school destination of residents who were working or in school is shown in Tables 15 through 18, based on the type of employment or school they were in. Breakdowns are shown for Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona residents, as well as for Strathcona County as a whole.

Table 15
Destination of Residents Working Full-Time

Work Location	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Edmonton	21,309	54.4%	15,341	56.3%	5,968	50.2%
Sherwood Park	10,321	26.4%	8,176	30.0%	2,145	18.0%
Rural Strathcona	3,128	8.0%	1,035	3.8%	2,093	17.6%
Other Municipality	4,382	11.2%	2,694	9.9%	1,688	14.2%
Total	39,140	100.0%	27,246	100.0%	11,894	100.0%

Census Highlights – Work Destination of Residents Working Full-Time

- In both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County, the majority of residents who worked full-time did so in Edmonton.
- In Sherwood Park, there were 157 instances where the work destination of a household member was not stated. In Rural Strathcona, there were 159 instances where this information was not stated.
- Percentages in this table add up to 100% by columns.

Table 16
Destination of Residents Working Part-Time

Work Location	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Edmonton	2,281	37.8%	1,607	38.8%	674	35.6%
Sherwood Park	2,797	46.4%	2,244	54.2%	553	29.2%
Rural Strathcona	596	9.9%	114	2.8%	482	25.4%
Other Municipality	359	6.0%	174	4.2%	185	9.8%
Total	6,033	100.0%	4,139	100.0%	1,894	100.0%

Census Highlights – Work Destination of Residents Working Part Time

- In terms of part-time work, residents who lived in Sherwood Park tended to do this work in Sherwood Park, and to a lesser extent in Edmonton.
- Residents living in rural Strathcona favored Edmonton as their work destination, though it can be seen that proportionately, many rural residents also did part-time work in Sherwood Park or within rural Strathcona.
- Percentages in this table add up to 100% by columns.

Table 17
Location of School (K-12) for Younger Residents

Work Location	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Edmonton	726	4.6%	463	4.3%	263	5.1%
Sherwood Park	12,178	77.1%	10,073	94.4%	2,105	41.0%
Rural Strathcona	2,648	16.8%	89	0.8%	2,559	49.9%
Other Municipality	253	1.6%	49	0.5%	204	4.0%
Total	15,805	100.0%	10,674	100.0%	5,131	100.0%

Table 18
Post-Secondary School Destination

Work Location	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Edmonton	2,283	89.6%	1,617	89.8%	666	89.0%
Sherwood Park	95	3.7%	79	4.4%	16	2.1%
Rural Strathcona	10	0.4%	4	0.2%	6	0.8%
Other Municipality	161	6.3%	101	5.6%	60	8.0%
Total	2,549	100.0%	1,801	100.0%	749	100.0%

Census Highlights – Location of K-12 School and Post-Secondary Education

- In terms of K-12 school enrollment, the majority of Sherwood Park children attended schools located in Sherwood Park with a small percentage of them going to school in Edmonton.
- Children living in rural Strathcona either went to K-12 schools in Rural Strathcona or in Sherwood Park.
- Post-secondary school destinations were primarily in Edmonton.
- Percentages in both tables add up to 100% by columns.

H. Employment Status by Gender

A breakdown of the employment status of residents by gender for Sherwood Park, Rural Strathcona, and Strathcona County as a whole is shown in Tables 19 to 21.

Table 19
Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender
(Total Strathcona County)

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Employed full-time	23,707	56.7%	15,612	37.1%
Employed part-time	1,164	2.8%	4,913	11.7%
Student K-12	8,439	20.2%	8,055	19.1%
Student post-secondary	1,166	2.8%	1,435	3.4%
Child not yet in school	2,694	6.4%	2,635	6.3%
Not in the workforce	1,719	4.1%	5,758	13.7%
Those 65 or older (retired)	2,916	7.0%	3,707	8.8%
Total	41,805	100.0%	42,115	100.0%

Table 20
Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender
(Sherwood Park)

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Employed full-time	16,202	56.5%	11,124	37.6%
Employed part-time	790	2.8%	3,376	11.4%
Student K-12	5,670	19.8%	5,480	18.5%
Student post-secondary	815	2.8%	1,022	3.5%
Child not yet in school	2,001	7.0%	1,936	6.5%
Not in the workforce	1,134	4.0%	3,823	12.9%
Those 65 or older (retired)	2,040	7.1%	2,844	9.6%
Total	28,652	100.0%	29,605	100.0%

Table 21
Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender
(Rural Strathcona)

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Employed full-time	7,505	57.1%	4,488	35.9%
Employed part-time	374	2.8%	1,537	12.3%
Student K-12	2,769	21.1%	2,575	20.6%
Student post-secondary	351	2.7%	413	3.3%
Child not yet in school	693	5.3%	699	5.6%
Not in the workforce	585	4.4%	1,935	15.5%
Those 65 or older (retired)	876	6.7%	863	6.9%
Total	13,153	100.0%	12,510	100.0%

Census Highlights – Employment Status by Gender

- Overall, it can be seen from Table 19 that considerably more males work full-time compared to females, while the proportion of females who work part-time is greater than males.
- A larger proportion of females are not in the workforce (compared to males).
- The work patterns based on gender show a similar pattern for residents who live in Sherwood Park (Table 20) and those who live in Rural Strathcona (Table 21).
- Percentages in all tables add up to 100% by columns.

I. Neighborhoods in Sherwood Park and Enumeration Area Breakdowns

A breakdown of the total number of residents, along with the number of dwellings for each neighbourhood found Sherwood Park can be found in Table 22 on the next page. A more detailed breakdown by rural and urban enumeration area can be found in Appendix A of this report. Urban and rural enumeration maps can be found in Appendix B.

Table 22
Neighbourhood Population Breakdowns
Sherwood Park

Neighbourhood	Total # of People	Total # of Dwellings	Dwelling Status		
			Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
Glen Allan	5,343	1,963	1,931	30	2
Clarkdale Meadows	4,789	1,547	1,526	21	0
Fox Haven/FoxBoro	4,520	1,542	1,498	41	3
Lakeland Ridge	3,612	1,546	1,367	95	84
Nottingham	3,468	1,145	1,119	23	3
Mills Haven	3,287	1,214	1,194	20	0
Heritage Hills/Heritage Point	3,040	1,013	951	40	22
Sherwood Heights	2,593	1,009	968	40	1
Woodbridge Farms	2,276	988	974	14	0
Westboro	2,012	788	754	34	0
Brentwood	2,003	766	759	7	0
Regency Park	1,942	680	671	9	0
Craigavon	1,935	612	609	3	0
Davidson Creek	1,905	704	652	4	48
Broadmoor Estates/ Centre in the Park	1,892	776	740	34	2
Cloverbar Ranch	1,855	620	611	9	0
Village On the Lake	1,605	599	586	13	0
Summerwood	1,606	685	574	78	33
Maplewood	1,574	582	573	9	0
Regency Park Estates	1,365	520	497	23	0
Maplegrove	1,311	480	473	7	0
Lakeland Village/Jubilee Landing	1,310	694	623	16	55
Charlton Heights	1,174	532	496	28	8
Strathcona Village	1,094	586	563	23	0
Estates of Sherwood Park	790	260	259	1	0
Emerald Hills/Aspen Trails / Centennial Village	457	588	251	182	155
Chelsea Heights	342	105	102	3	0
Silver Birch Lodge/Durham Town Square & fringes of Sherwood Park	309	13	10	3	0
Total	59,409	22,537	21,331	790	416

Appendix A: Detailed Enumeration Area Statistics

Table 23
Population and Dwelling Unit Occupancy Status
Breakdowns by Enumeration Area - Rural Strathcona County

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
R100	1,148	420	377	36	7
R121	987	366	337	18	11
R122	906	300	291	6	3
R140	1,026	369	354	12	3
R161	631	360	257	96	7
R162	847	331	307	17	7
R181	1,218	454	430	22	2
R182	1,022	340	323	15	2
R201	541	199	186	11	2
R202	674	265	247	11	7
R220	1,196	425	403	12	10
R240	475	179	161	9	9
R260	1,171	435	376	32	27
R280	237	85	83	2	0
R300	1,842	631	570	20	41
R320	1,501	573	536	28	9
R340	411	146	141	3	2
R361	785	278	267	9	2
R362	625	224	217	6	1
R380	582	214	204	6	4
R400	714	261	244	88	9
R421	1,240	405	389	12	4
R422	1,263	413	387	11	15
R440	454	174	157	6	11
R460	268	87	80	5	2
R641	261	100	92	5	3
R649	1,038	376	354	17	5
R660	380	136	131	5	0
R680	392	135	130	4	1
R700	201	79	77	2	0
R720	123	45	43	2	0
R768	1,060	402	363	27	12
R769	446	194	180	14	0
R780	159	61	57	3	1
R800	176	40	35	5	0
R820	112	74	47	26	1
Total	26,112	9,576	8,833	523	220

Table 24
Population and Dwelling Unit Occupancy Status
Breakdowns by Enumeration Area – Sherwood Park

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
U100	51	56	33	21	2
U120/U121	290	108	106	2	0
U122	128	44	44	0	0
U123	306	114	114	0	0
U124	296	114	114	0	0
U131	115	49	46	3	0
U132	298	107	106	1	0
U133	285	110	109	1	0
U134	86	39	34	5	0
U141	225	86	86	0	0
U142	216	86	85	1	0
U143	129	58	58	0	0
U151	188	68	67	1	0
U152	202	67	67	0	0
U153	117	42	42	0	0
U162	449	131	130	1	0
U163	340	127	126	1	0
U164	272	93	93	0	0
U165	84	36	35	1	0
U166	167	55	55	0	0
U167	219	81	80	1	0
U168	243	97	93	4	0
U169	262	83	82	1	0
U170	692	215	214	1	0
U171	700	220	214	6	0
U172	163	56	55	1	0
U173	480	168	167	1	0
U174	93	39	29	7	3
U190	234	96	96	0	0
U191	191	50	50	0	0
U192	135	39	39	0	0
U193	230	75	74	1	0
U211	295	116	111	5	0
U212	263	98	97	1	0
U213	313	113	113	0	0
U214	146	71	64	7	0
U221	184	78	77	1	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
U222/U223	238	90	86	4	0
U241	155	57	56	1	0
U242/U243	316	109	108	1	0
U244	277	99	96	3	0
U245	224	86	86	0	0
U246	311	132	127	5	0
U251	315	126	119	7	0
U252	251	103	101	2	0
U253	230	85	80	5	0
U254	262	112	106	5	1
U255	124	14	14	0	0
U311	311	113	111	2	0
U312	105	36	36	0	0
U313	220	82	80	2	0
U314	320	119	118	1	0
U315	266	95	95	0	0
U316	275	87	86	1	0
U321	253	86	84	2	0
U323	316	116	113	3	0
U324	249	100	96	4	0
U325	177	63	63	0	0
U330	104	73	70	3	0
U341	97	37	35	2	0
U343	313	109	106	3	0
U344	251	91	90	1	0
U345	294	106	104	1	1
U346	124	48	46	1	1
U347	312	115	114	1	0
U348	172	59	59	0	0
U349	149	56	56	0	0
U351	260	97	96	1	0
U352	302	103	103	0	0
U353	196	70	69	1	0
U354	277	102	101	1	0
U412	98	1	1	0	0
U413	301	140	133	7	0
U421	232	104	103	1	0
U422	267	102	101	1	0
U430	349	171	168	3	0
U441	205	70	69	1	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
U442	389	132	132	0	0
U451	318	113	113	0	0
U452	351	119	117	2	0
U453	265	124	121	3	0
U454	334	116	115	1	0
U461	243	108	105	3	0
U462	271	97	93	4	0
U463	316	114	113	1	0
U464	238	86	84	2	0
U465	285	108	108	0	0
U471	255	88	88	0	0
U472	169	56	53	3	0
U473	242	85	84	1	0
U521	384	127	126	1	0
U524	249	118	112	6	0
U526	219	76	76	0	0
U527	314	109	107	2	0
U528	254	95	94	1	0
U529	185	74	71	3	0
U531	123	45	43	2	0
U532	290	100	96	4	0
U533	318	111	111	0	0
U541	162	60	60	0	0
U542 /U543	575	251	247	4	0
U552	163	56	56	0	0
U554	371	134	132	2	0
U555	201	96	93	3	0
U562	267	104	101	3	0
U563	114	41	40	1	0
U564	243	79	79	0	0
U565	310	101	100	1	0
U571	358	237	231	6	0
U572	316	179	178	1	0
U573	235	78	78	0	0
U574 /U580	242	86	83	3	0
U602	371	168	118	28	22
U603	188	68	68	0	0
U604	194	59	59	0	0
U605	214	67	67	0	0
U606	288	93	92	1	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
U607	239	85	84	1	0
U608	812	240	239	1	0
U609	294	104	98	6	0
U610	323	113	109	4	0
U611	103	61	59	2	0
U612	820	262	258	4	0
U613	538	158	156	2	0
U614	234	82	81	1	0
U615	311	98	97	1	0
U616	488	144	141	3	0
U617	126	90	85	5	0
U618	372	116	116	0	0
U620	192	57	56	1	0
U621	277	101	100	1	0
U622	303	95	94	1	0
U623	234	78	76	2	0
U624	320	98	97	1	0
U625	204	65	64	1	0
U626	340	109	108	1	0
U627	444	138	137	1	0
U628	174	58	56	2	0
U630	309	102	97	5	0
U631	560	182	170	9	3
U632	223	76	76	0	0
U660	229	79	79	0	0
U661	323	111	109	2	0
U662	813	330	309	21	0
U665	585	209	205	4	0
U666	695	230	228	2	0
U667	293	106	104	2	0
U668	369	135	134	1	0
U700	428	243	159	51	33
U701	396	161	161	0	0
U702	215	77	75	2	0
U703	256	85	85	0	0
U704	342	105	102	3	0
U705	243	86	84	2	0
U706	121	37	37	0	0
U707	54	24	24	0	0
U708	355	108	108	0	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
U709	249	76	75	1	0
U710	259	88	87	1	0
U711	321	131	131	0	0
U712	360	127	126	1	0
U720	267	86	86	0	0
U721	295	98	97	1	0
U722	166	55	52	3	0
U723	296	90	90	0	0
U724	136	45	45	0	0
U725	256	88	86	2	0
U726	541	159	159	0	0
U727	406	119	119	0	0
U728	267	75	75	0	0
U729	498	154	152	2	0
U730	383	125	120	5	0
U731	316	112	110	2	0
U732/U733	459	190	141	1	48
U734	503	199	194	5	0
U740	327	131	124	7	0
U741	349	149	140	9	0
U742	502	162	151	11	0
U750	485	237	231	6	0
U751	264	127	123	4	0
U752	243	126	121	5	0
U753	318	204	148	1	55
U800	950	721	321	193	207
U801	552	180	175	5	0
U802	309	100	99	1	0
U803	292	91	91	0	0
U804	218	76	74	2	0
U805	533	199	196	3	0
U806	222	87	86	1	0
U807	239	188	156	24	8
U808	180	58	58	0	0
U809	484	173	172	1	0
U810	204	2	2	0	0
U811	157	100	94	6	0
U820	456	224	216	8	0
U821	185	67	67	0	0
U822	306	103	100	3	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
U830	357	118	118	0	0
U831	368	155	152	3	0
U910/ U920					
U930/U940	317	283	193	58	32
U941	187	141	133	8	0
U942/U943	403	124	123	1	0
U944	600	322	308	14	0
U950/U960					
U970	58	27	23	4	0
TOTAL	59,409	22,537	21,331	790	416

Appendix B: Enumeration Area Maps


2008 Municipal Census


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