

Census 2015

Overall Results



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I. Introduction and Overview of this Report

This report presents the results of the Strathcona County Census¹ that was conducted on May 1st, 2015. 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.

Residents had the option of answering the census on-line, rather than being interviewed. Overall, 51.4% of County households used this option. The remaining 48.6% either contacted the Municipal Census office by telephone to complete the survey or were interviewed at their homes by one of the census enumerators.

Questions asked in the 2015 census include the following:

- Population numbers and distribution within Strathcona County
- Aspects of dwellings within Strathcona County as of May 1st 2015 (including type of dwelling, vacant vs. occupied status, number of dwellings under construction, ownership status and location of dwellings)
- Enumeration area breakdowns
- Length of residency
- School residency of residents
- Citizenship status
- Gender & year of birth of residents
- Marital status
- Employment or student status

¹ Strathcona County conducts a municipal census in years when a Municipal Election or a Federal Census does not occur.

The data presented in this report presents overall totals for Strathcona County, as well as geographic breakdowns 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).

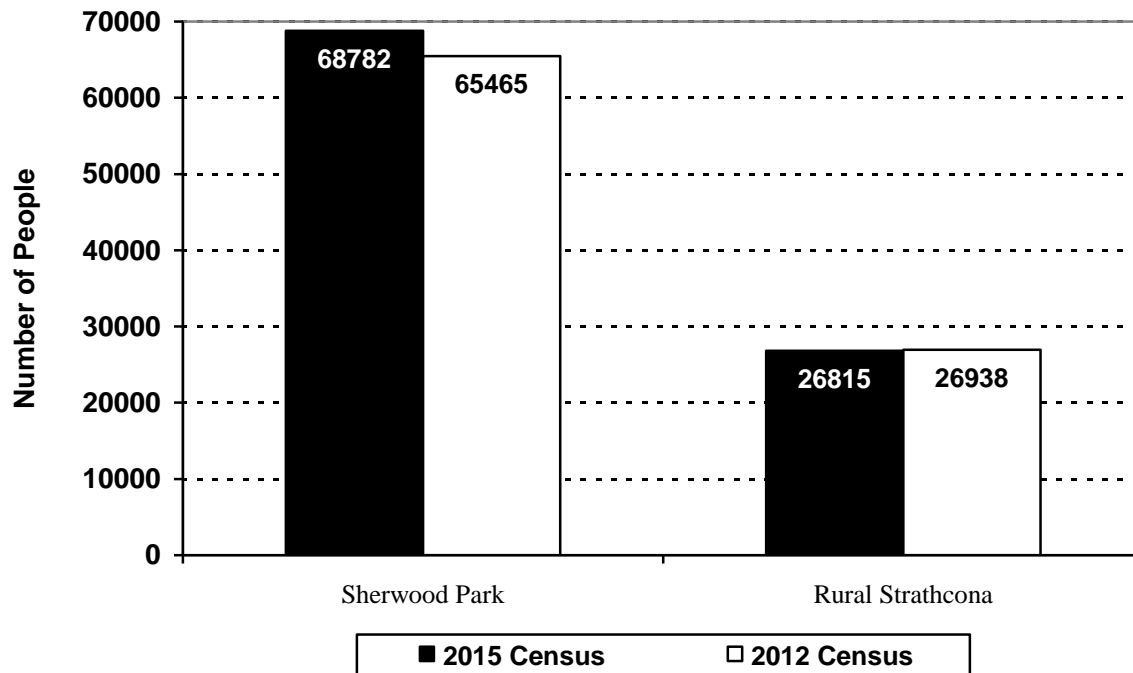
Specific breakdowns for particular regions in the county, as well as different groupings of demographic data derived from the 2015 census (within reasonable limits) are available upon request. Please contact Dr. Phil Kreisel, Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs at 780-464-8252 or via e-mail (phil.kreisel@strathcona.ca).

II. Results

A. Population Breakdowns

- The total population in Strathcona County was 95,597 in 2015. In 2012 there were 92,403 people and 87,998 people resided in the County in 2009.
- There has been an increase of 3,194 people in Strathcona County since the 2012 census, which is a growth of 3.5% over 3 years.
- The population distribution for the rural and urban portions of Strathcona County in the year 2015, along with 2012 statistics is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Population Distribution in Strathcona County
(2015 and 2012 Comparisons)

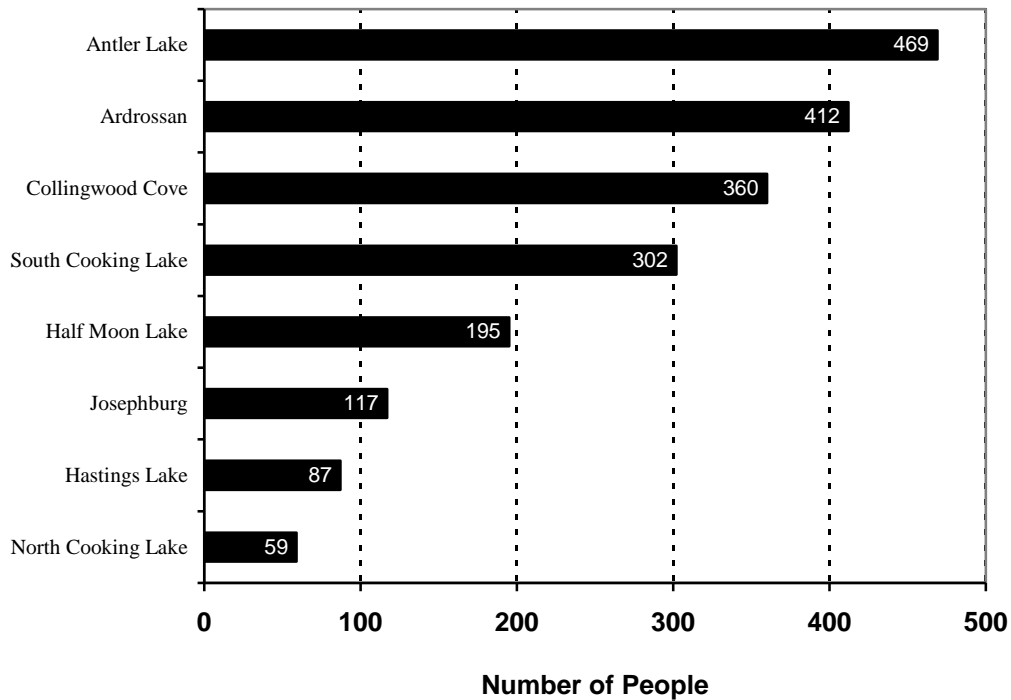


Other Census Highlights – Population

- In Sherwood Park, the population has increased by 3,317 people, which is a 5.1% increase from 2012. There are now 68,782 people living within Sherwood Park as of 2015.
- Between 2012 and 2015, the population in rural Strathcona has decreased by 123 people, which is a 0.5% drop since 2012. The 2015 rural population total is now 26,815.

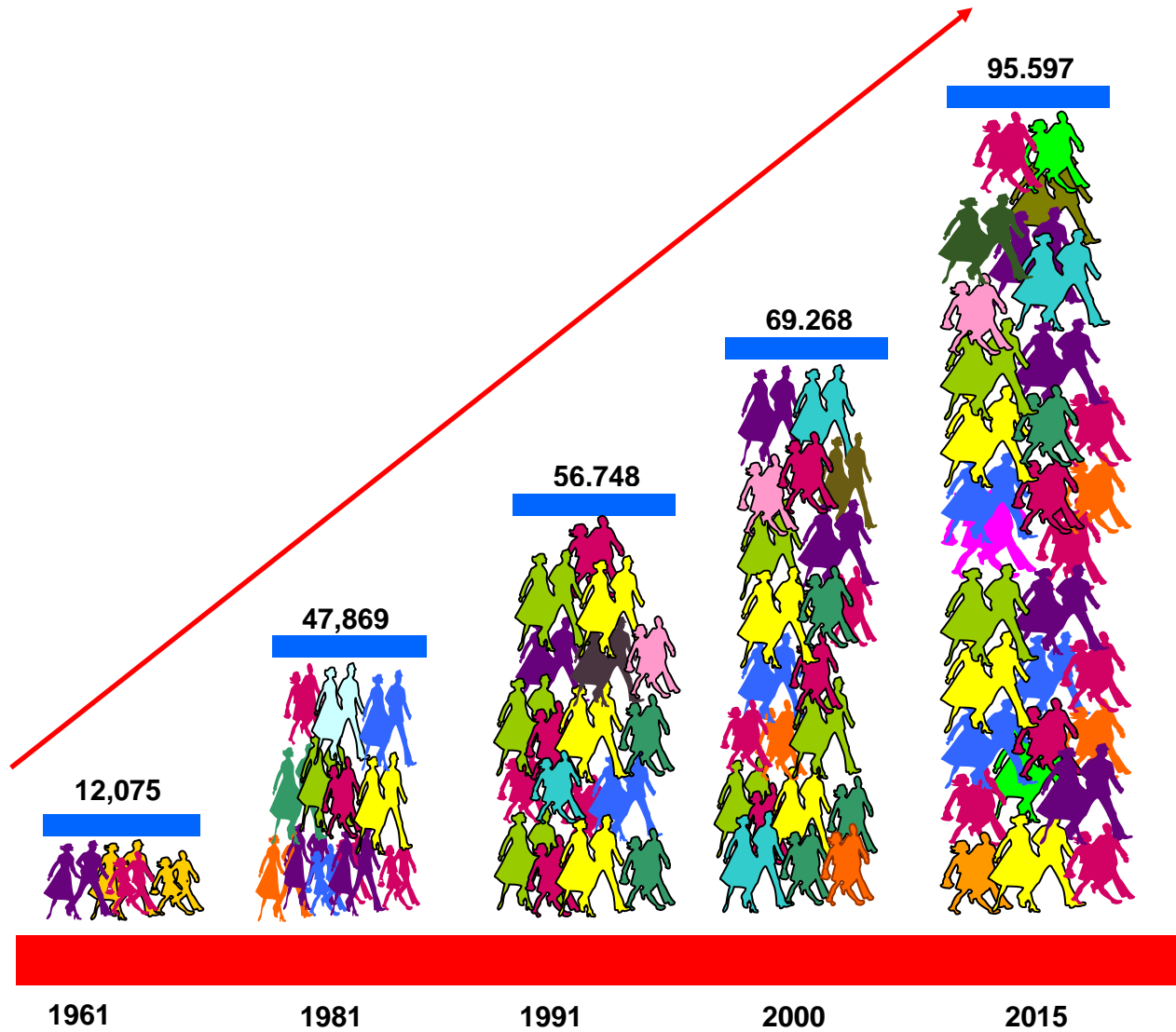
- A breakdown of population within the rural hamlets of Strathcona County can be seen in Figures 2a and 2b below. Due to redefinition of hamlet boundaries, no comparisons are done between 2015 and 2012.

Figure 2
2015 Population of Strathcona County Hamlets



- Overall, of the 26,815 residents living in Rural Strathcona, 2,001 live in the 8 hamlets noted on the previous page, 23,203 live on country residential estates and 1,611 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 essentially doubled its size since 1981. Within the last 15 years (since 2000), it has increased in size by 38%.

Figure 3
Population Growth in Strathcona County (1961 – 2015)

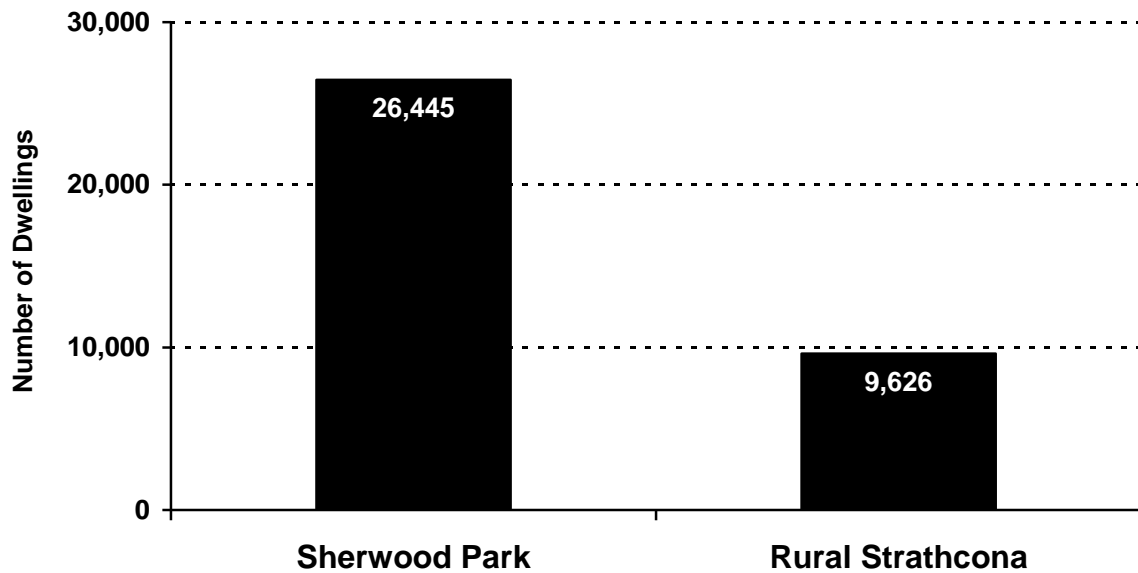


B. Dwelling Statistics

Number of Dwellings

In 2015, the total number of dwellings in Strathcona County is 36,071. 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 2015.

Figure 4
Total Number of Dwellings in Strathcona County in 2015



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 Status² of Dwellings*

	Total N	Occupied Dwellings		Vacant Dwellings		Under Construction	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%
Sherwood Park	26,445	25,489	73.3%	548	66.3%	408	90.5%
Rural Strathcona	9,626	9,304	26.7%	279	33.7%	43	9.5%
Strathcona County Total	36,071	34,793	100.0%	827**	100.0%	451	100.0%

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

** Four of the vacant dwellings in Sherwood Park and 9 vacant dwellings in Rural Strathcona were non-residential structures.

Census Highlights – Dwelling Location

- This table presents a breakdown of the number of occupied and vacant dwellings throughout Strathcona County as of May 1st 2015. The percentages in this table depict the percentage comparison of the number of dwellings in the urban and rural regions of Strathcona County. For example, of the 34,793 occupied dwellings in the County, the majority of them (N=25,489 or 73.3%) 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, 96.5% of the dwellings are occupied,

² 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. There were also instances where enumerators may have classified properties that were under construction as “vacant lots” due to very little activity on the site. The number of vacant lots throughout Strathcona County is not included in our data calculations, but is available upon request.

2.3% are vacant, and 1.3% are under construction. A breakdown for Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona can also be seen in Table 2.

Figure 5
Occupancy Patterns of Dwellings in Strathcona County
(2015)

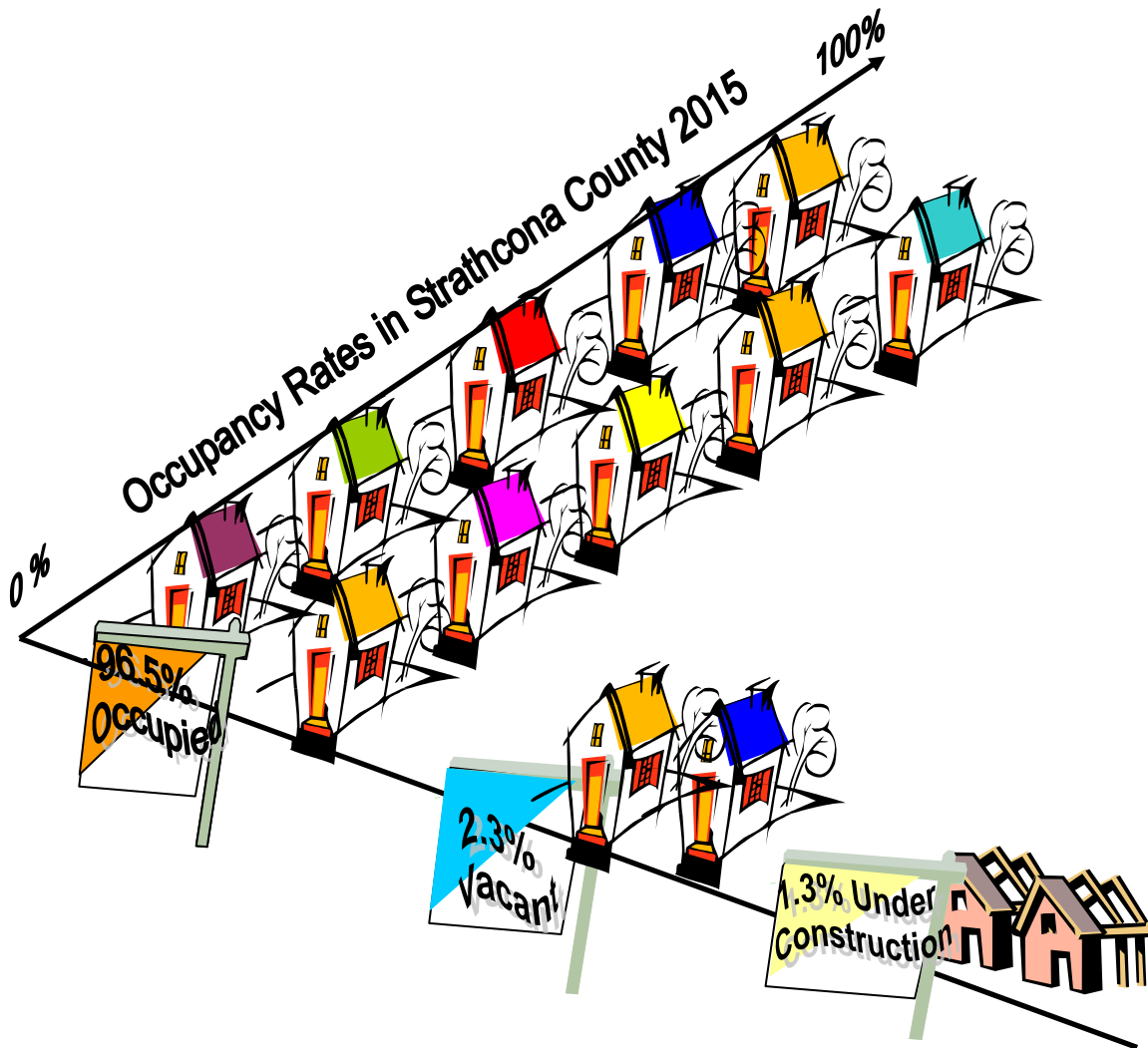


Table 2 presents a percentage breakdown of the status of dwellings by urban and rural parts of the County

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	25,489	96.4%	9,304	96.7%	34,793	96.5%
Vacant Dwellings	548	2.1%	279	2.9%	827	2.3%
Under Construction	408	1.5%	43	0.4%	451	1.3%

* 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 (96.4%) **are occupied**, with a very small percentage either vacant or under construction. The percentage breakdown is very similar in Rural Strathcona.
- The other two columns depict breakdowns of the status of dwellings in rural Strathcona and for the County as a whole.

Table 3 presents a breakdown of the status of dwellings within rural Strathcona as of May 1st 2015.

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

	Total Number		Occupied Dwellings		Vacant Dwellings		Under Construction	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Farm	540	5.6%	514	5.5%	25	9.0%	1	2.3%
Country Residence	8,221	85.4%	8,000	86.0%	182	65.2%	39	90.7%
Hamlet	865	9.0%	790	8.5%	72	25.8%	3	7.0%
Rural Strathcona	9,626	100.0%	9,304	100.0%	279	100.0%	43	100.0%

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

With respect to the vacant dwellings, please note that 1 of the farms and 8 of the country residential properties were non-residential structures.

Census Highlights – Dwelling Location within Rural Strathcona

- 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 9,304 occupied dwellings in rural Strathcona, the majority of them (N=8,000 or 86%) 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, which include those dwellings that are vacant or under construction at the time of the census collection.

Table 4
Types of Dwellings within Strathcona County*

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Single Detached	28,481	79.0%	19,274	72.9%	9,207	95.6%
Row House	1,501	4.2%	1,501	5.7%	0	0.0%
Apartment Units	2,177	6.0%	2,129	8.0%	48	0.5%
Duplex (Semi-Detached)	2,542	7.0%	2,514	9.5%	28	0.3%
Manufactured Homes	924	2.6%	722	2.7%	202	2.1%
Other Movable Dwellings	35	0.1%	20	0.1%	15	0.2%
Attached to non-Residential Structure	177	0.5%	77	0.3%	100	1.0%
Suite in Single Detached	67	0.2%	48	0.2%	19	0.2%
Collective Dwellings³	167	0.5%	160	0.6%	7	0.1%
Total Number of Dwellings	36,071	100.0%	26,445	100.0%	9,626	100.0%

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

Census Highlights – Dwelling Types

- The majority of housing stock in all parts of Strathcona County is single detached dwellings.
- There are very few duplexes and apartments (and no row house developments) in any parts of rural Strathcona County. The majority of these types of dwellings are located in Sherwood Park.

³ Collective dwellings include structures such as *nursing homes, senior citizen homes, Hutterite colonies and homes for challenged people (e.g. those with Alzheimer’s etc.)*. There are also a number of independent living apartments, where residents live in their own suite.

Types of Occupied Dwellings

The types of dwellings occupied by residents in Strathcona County as of May 1st 2015 are listed in Table 5.

Table 5
Number of Occupied Dwellings within Strathcona County by Type of Dwelling

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Single Detached	27,905	80.2%	19,000	74.5%	8,905	95.7%
Row House	1,451	4.2%	1,451	5.7%	0	0.0%
Apartment Units	2,015	5.8%	1,967	7.7%	48	0.5%
Duplex, Semi Detached	2,097	6.0%	2,072	8.1%	25	0.3%
Manufactured Homes	897	2.6%	703	2.8%	194	2.1%
Suite in Single Detached	56	0.2%	41	0.2%	15	0.2%
Other Movable Dwellings	32	0.1%	20	0.1%	12	0.1%
Attached to non-Residential Structure	175	0.5%	77	0.3%	98	1.1%
Collective Dwellings	165	0.5%	158	0.6%	7	0.1%
Total Number of Dwellings	34,793	100.0%	25,489	100.0%	9,304	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.

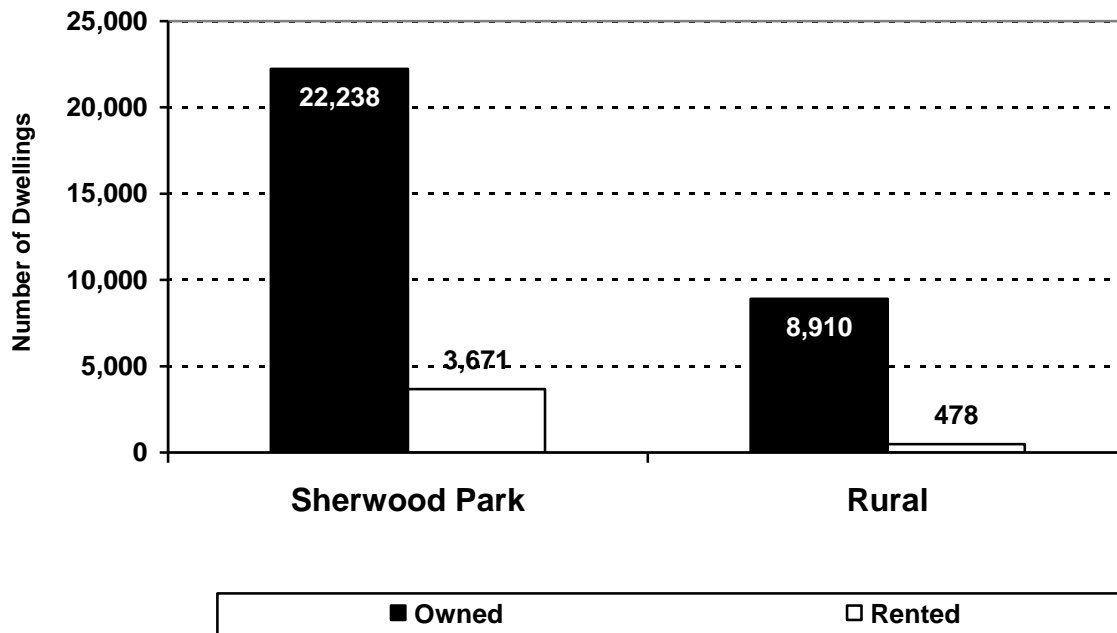
Table 6
Types of Dwellings within Strathcona County that are Vacant or are under Construction

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	Vacant	Under Construction	Vacant	Under Construction	Vacant	Under Construction
Single Detached	494	82	231	43	263	39
Row House	50	0	50	0	0	0
Apartment Units	162	0	162	0	0	0
Duplex	79	366	79	363	0	3
Manufactured Homes	26	1	18	1	8	0
Suite in Single Detached	9	2	6	1	3	1
Other Movable Dwellings	3	0	0	0	3	0
Attached to non-Residential Structure	2	0	0	0	2	0
Collective Dwellings	2	0	2	0	0	0
Total Number of Dwellings	827	451	545	408	279	43

Ownership Status of Dwellings

The ownership status of dwellings in the rural and urban portions of Strathcona County is depicted in Figure 5. 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 2015.

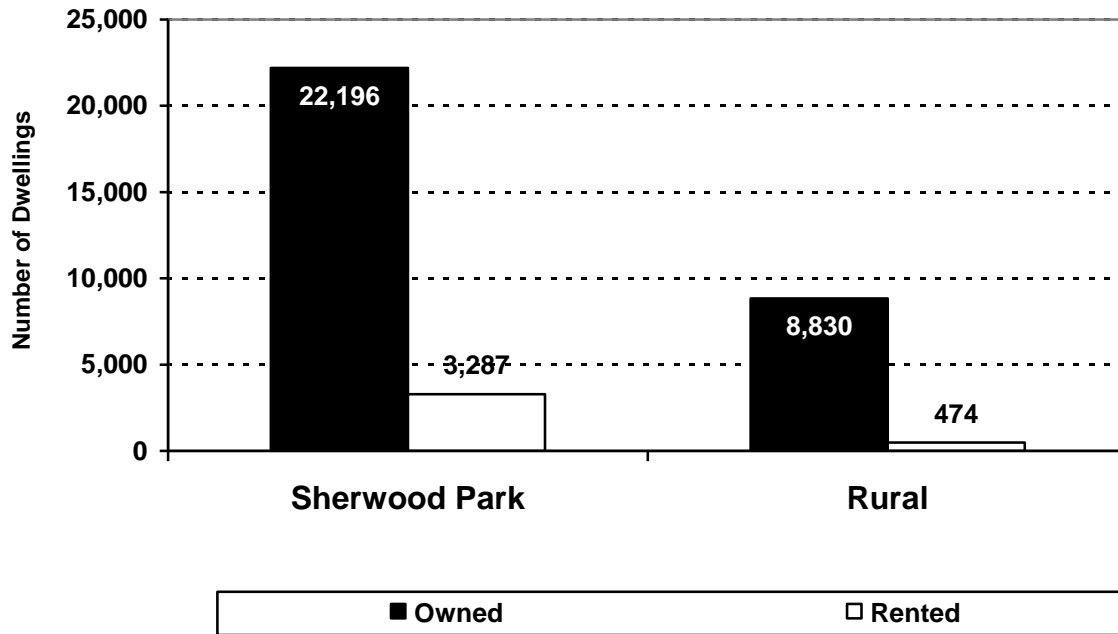
Figure 5
Ownership Status of All Existing Dwellings in Strathcona County (2015)



Census Highlights – Ownership Status of Existing Dwellings

- The majority of dwellings in Strathcona County are owned (88.2%). This breaks down to an 85.8% ownership in Sherwood Park and 88.2% in Rural Strathcona.
- With respect to the total number of dwellings, there were 922 instances where the ownership of a dwelling was not stated by the resident(s), which amounted to 2.5% of all dwellings in the County.
- A depiction of the number of occupied dwellings can be found in Figure 6 (on the next page of this report).

Figure 6
Ownership Status of Occupied Dwellings in Strathcona County (2015)



Census Highlights – Ownership Status of Occupied Dwellings

- The majority of dwellings in Strathcona County are owned (89.2%). This breaks down to an 87.1% ownership in Sherwood Park and 94.9% in Rural Strathcona.
- With respect to the total number of occupied dwellings, there were 6 instances where the ownership of a dwelling was not stated by the resident(s).

C. Length of Residency

In 2015, 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	10,181	12.0%	7,921	12.0%	2,260	8.7%
2 to less than 5 years	12,363	14.1%	9,364	14.1%	2,999	11.6%
5 to less than 10 years	15,887	17.6%	11,665	17.6%	4,222	16.3%
10 or more years	53,797	56.3%	37,318	56.3%	16,479	63.5%
Total Number of People	92,228	100.0%	66,268	100.0%	25,960	100.0%

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

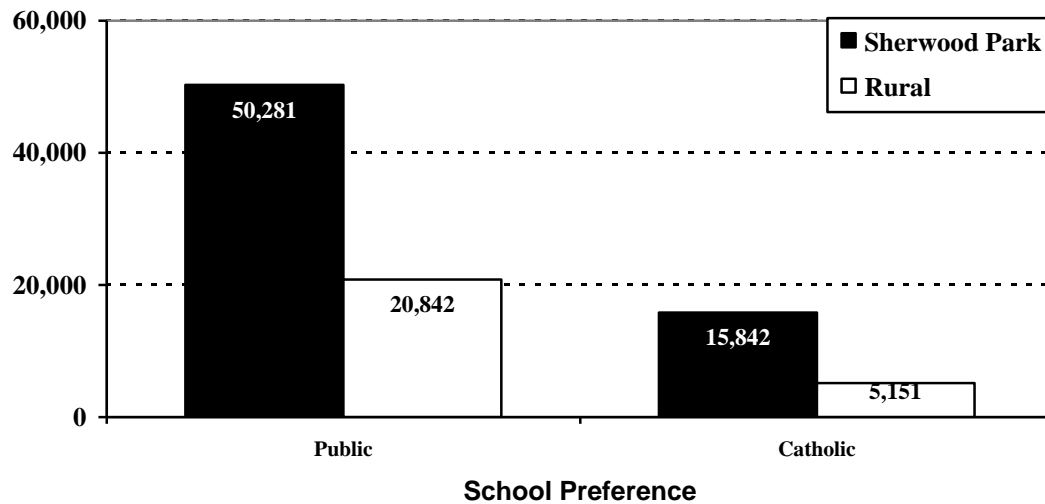
Census Highlights – Length of Residence

- The majority of Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona residents have lived in Strathcona County for 10 or more years.
- The length of residency for 3,369 residents was not reported. In Sherwood Park, this information was not known for 2,514 people and for Rural Strathcona, 855 people.
- Percentages add up to 100% by columns. The percentage figures in Table 7 exclude those people whose length of residence was not stated.

D. School Support

The school support (faith) of Strathcona County residents for 2015 is shown in Figure 7 by location of resident.

Figure 7
School Support in Strathcona County



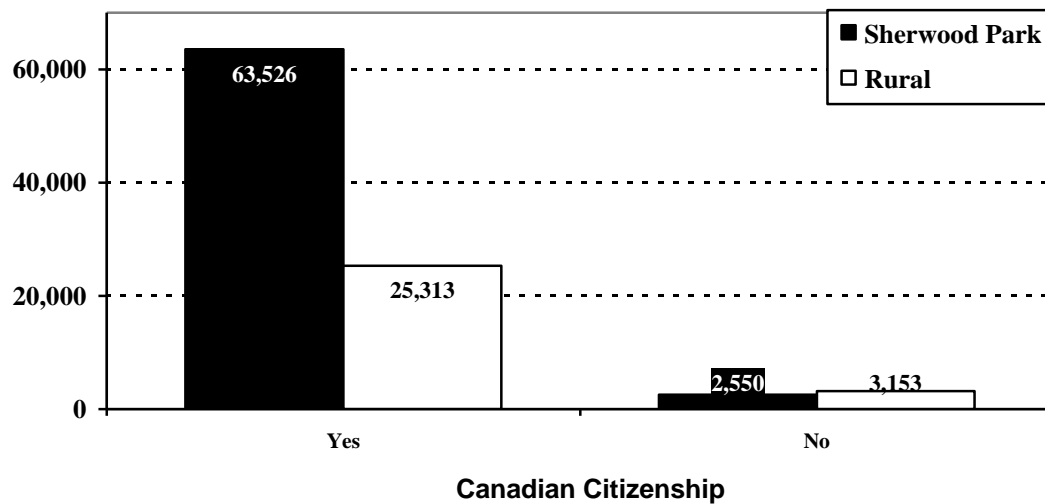
Census Highlights – School Preferences

- This data is based on the type of school system supported by household residents.
- More residents support the public system over the Catholic system. For the County as a whole, 71,123 residents supported the public system, while 20,993 supported the Catholic system. School support was not stated by 3,109 residents.
- In terms of percentage comparisons of those who declared the school system, 77.2% of school support was public, while 22.8% was catholic.

E. Canadian Citizenship

The Canadian citizenship breakdown of Strathcona County residents for 2015 is shown in Figure 8 by location of resident.

Figure 8
Canadian Citizenship in Strathcona County



Census Highlights – Canadian Citizenship

- Most residents in both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County are Canadian citizens. For the County as a whole, 88,839 residents are Canadian citizens, while 3,153 are not.
- Canadian citizenship status was not known for 3,233 residents.

F. Household Size

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

Table 8
Household Size*

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Households with One Person	5,729	16.5%	4,660	18.3%	1,069	11.5%
Households with Two People	13,121	37.7%	9,362	36.7%	3,759	40.4%
Households with Three People	5,860	16.8%	4,367	17.1%	1,493	16.0%
Households with Four People	6,642	19.1%	4,774	18.7%	1,868	20.1%
Households with Five People	2,414	6.9%	1,695	6.6%	719	7.7%
Households with Six or more People	1,027	3.0%	631	2.5%	396	4.3%
Total Number of Households⁴	34,793	100.0%	25,489	100.0%	9,304	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 occupied 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 in Strathcona County can be nursing homes, senior citizen homes, or homes for physically or mentally challenged individuals. Hutterite colonies in Rural Strathcona are also classified as collective dwellings.
- In 2015, there were 165 occupied residences classified as collective dwellings in Strathcona County.⁵ Of these, 11 of the collective dwellings had 10 or more people residing in them; the number of people residing within a collective

⁴ Collective dwellings were not excluded from the numbers noted in this table.

⁵ 158 of the collective dwellings were in Sherwood Park, while 7 were part of rural Strathcona.

- dwelling range ranged from 1 person to 186 people. Many of the larger collective dwellings consisted of individual apartments where seniors lived independently.
- The average household size (excluding those living in *collective dwellings*) in Sherwood Park is 2.67 people. Since in reality we cannot have a portion of a person living in a household, in Sherwood Park, the median household size⁶ is 2 people.
 - The average household size in Rural Strathcona is 2.87 people. The median household size is 2 people.
 - A breakdown of household size within Rural Strathcona is as follows:
 - Country residential households have an average size of 2.90 people, with a median of 2;
 - Farms have an average size of 2.92 people, with a median of 2; and
 - Hamlets have an average size of 2.52 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.

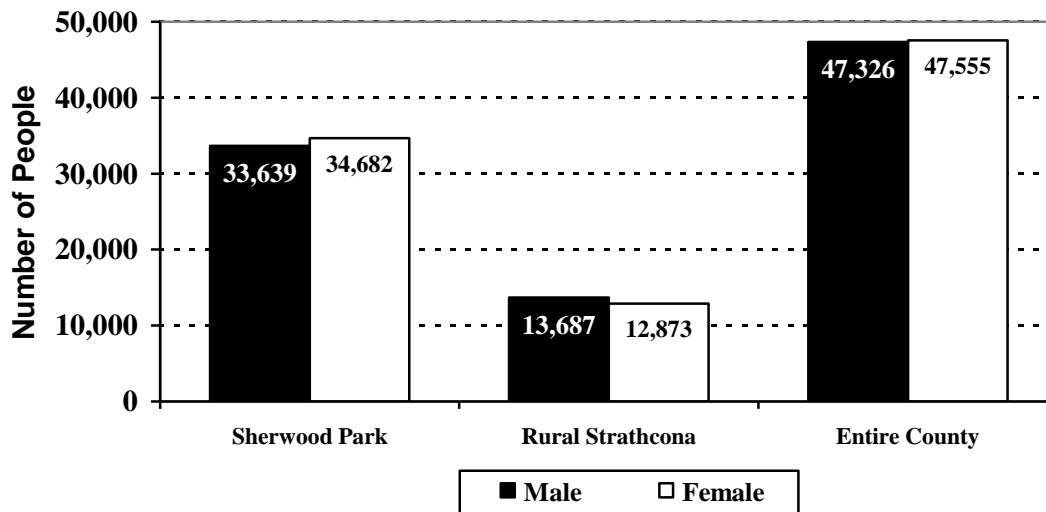
⁶ The median is the middle score, or the 50th percentile point of the distribution of households. What this means is that 50% of the households in Sherwood Park are above the median (or have more than 2 people), while 50% of the households are below the median (or have less than 2 people).

G. Gender & Age

Gender Comparisons

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

Figure 8
Gender Breakdowns in Strathcona County



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 461 instances where the gender of a household member was not stated.⁷ In Rural Strathcona, there were 255 instances where this information was not stated.

⁷ These 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 2,634 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	4,438	4.8%	3,420	5.1%	1,018	3.9%
5-9	6,250	6.7%	4,615	6.9%	1,635	6.3%
10-14	6,468	7.0%	4,548	6.8%	1,920	7.4%
15-19	6,413	6.9%	4,454	6.7%	1,959	7.5%
20-24	5,660	6.1%	4,080	6.1%	1,580	6.1%
25-34	4,925	5.3%	3,944	5.9%	981	3.8%
35-44	5,671	6.1%	4,542	6.8%	1,129	4.3%
45-54	6,144	6.6%	4,713	7.0%	1,431	5.5%
55-64	6,626	7.1%	4,873	7.3%	1,753	6.7%
65-74	6,982	7.5%	4,783	7.1%	2,199	8.4%
75+	4,636	6.1%	3,636	7.1%	1,000	3.8%
Total	92,963	100.0%	66,903	100.0%	26,060	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.
- In 2015, the average age of Sherwood Park residents is 38.5 years, while the median age is 39. In 2012, the average age was 37.9 and the median age was 38. What this means is that in the year 2015, the population in the urban center is growing slightly older. This aging trend has been occurring for some time now.
- In 2015, the average age of people living in Rural Strathcona is 40 years, while the median age is 43. In 2012, the average age was 39.2 and the median age was 43. What this means is that in the year 2015, the population in the rural areas is getting slightly older, much like the urban area.
- In terms of averages and medians derived in 2015, the people in Rural Strathcona are slightly older than those living in Sherwood Park. This has been a trend for several years now.

Age Breakdowns by Gender – Urban & Rural Strathcona

A breakdown of age⁸ 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	3,408	5.1%	1,728	5.3%	1,680	4.9%
5-9	4,606	6.9%	2,289	7.0%	2,317	6.8%
10-14	4,537	6.8%	2,281	6.9%	2,256	6.6%
15-19	4,446	6.7%	2,357	7.2%	2,089	6.2%
20-24	4,074	6.1%	2,094	6.4%	1,980	5.8%
25-34	8,478	12.7%	4,225	12.9%	4,253	12.5%
35-44	9,581	14.3%	4,675	14.2%	4,906	14.5%
45-54	9,698	14.6%	4,714	14.3%	4,984	14.7%
55-64	8,384	14.3%	4,119	12.5%	4,265	12.6%
65-74	5,979	9.0%	2,842	8.6%	3,137	9.2%
75+	3,633	5.5%	1,555	4.7%	2,078	6.2%
Total	66,824	100.0%	32,879	100.0%	33,945	100.0%

Table 11
Age Breakdowns by Gender – Rural Strathcona

Age Groups	Rural Strathcona		Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-4	1,017	3.8%	532	4.0%	485	3.8%
5-9	1,633	6.3%	839	6.3%	794	6.3%
10-14	1,918	7.4%	972	7.3%	946	7.5%
15-19	1,957	7.5%	1,002	7.5%	955	7.6%
20-24	1,579	6.1%	879	6.6%	700	5.5%
25-34	2,107	8.1%	1,045	7.8%	1,062	8.4%
35-44	3,175	12.2%	1,553	12.0%	1,622	12.9%
45-54	4,816	18.5%	2,402	18.0%	2,414	19.1%
55-64	4,241	17.1%	2,330	17.4%	2,111	16.7%
65-74	2,390	9.1%	1,283	9.6%	1,107	8.8%
75+	999	3.8%	555	4.1%	444	3.4%
Total	26,032	100.0%	13,392	100.0%	12,640	100.0%

⁸ The age groupings depicted in Tables 10 through 11 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 65-74 and 75+ age categories, where the females considerably outnumber the males. It should also be noted that 75+ 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 37.8 years, while the mean age for females was 39.3 years. Median figures show the age midpoint for males being 38, and females being 39 years. The mean ages for males and females are slightly higher than what was found in 2012. The median age for males is one year higher than it was in 2012, while the female median age is unchanged from 2012.
- 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 40.2 years, while the mean age for females was 39.8 years. Median figures show the age midpoint for males is 44 and females is 43 years. The mean ages for males and females are slightly higher than what was found in 2012. The median age for males is one year higher than it was in 2012, while the female median age is unchanged from 2012.

H. 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	35,468	37.9%	25,945	37.9%	9,523	36.2%
Married	45,125	48.2%	31,262	46.4%	13,863	52.7%
Common Law	5,049	5.2%	3,667	5.3%	1,382	5.3%
Separated/Divorced	5,126	5.5%	4,168	6.2%	958	3.6%
Widowed	2,855	3.0%	2,284	3.4%	571	2.2%
Total	93,623	100.0%	67,326	100.0%	26,297	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 2,222 instances where the marital status of a household member was not stated.⁹ In Rural Strathcona, there were 806 instances where this information was not stated.
- Percentages in this table add up to 100% by columns.

⁹ 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 by residents during the census data collection period.

I. Employment or Student Status

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

Table 13
Employment Status Breakdowns

Employment Status	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	43,770	47.3%	31,660	47.6%	12,110	46.6%
Part-Time	5,495	5.9%	3,814	5.7%	1,681	6.5%
Child not yet in school	4,417	4.8%	3,413	4.1%	1,004	3.9%
Student (K-12)	16,460	17.8%	11,686	17.6%	4,774	18.4%
Post-Secondary Student	3,125	3.4%	2,186	3.3%	939	3.6%
Not in the workforce	9,324	10.1%	6,359	9.6%	2,965	11.4%
Retired (age 65 or older)	9,942	10.7%	7,409	11.1%	2,533	9.7%
Total	92,553	100.0%	66,527	100.0%	26,006	100.0%

Census Highlights – Employment Status

- In both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County, the majority of residents are working full-time.
- In Sherwood Park, there were 2,255 instances where the employment status of a household member was not stated.¹⁰ In Rural Strathcona, there were 809 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 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.

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 by residents during the census data collection period.

- *Children not yet in school* are defined as residents who were under the age of 5 at the time of the census.
- Percentages in this table add up to 100% by columns.

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 14 to 16.

Table 14
Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender (Total Strathcona County)

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	25,580	55.4%	18,147	39.3%
Part-Time	1,272	2.8%	4,213	9.1%
Child not yet in school	2,249	4.9%	2,155	4.7%
Student (K-12)	8,384	18.2%	8,038	17.4%
Post-Secondary Student	1,372	3.0%	1,750	3.8%
Not in the workforce	2,864	6.2%	6,450	14.0%
Retired (age 65 or older)	4,465	9.7%	5,472	11.8%
Total	46,186	100.0%	46,225	100.0%

Table 15
Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender (Sherwood Park)

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	18,152	55.3%	13,480	40.1%
Part-Time	874	2.7%	2,932	8.7%
Child not yet in school	1,723	5.3%	3,413	4.1%
Student (K-12)	5,958	18.2%	5,696	16.9%
Post-Secondary Student	958	2.9%	1,226	3.6%
Not in the workforce	1,952	6.0%	4,402	13.1%
Retired (age 65 or older)	3,189	9.7%	4,216	12.5%
Total	32,806	100.0%	33,630	100.0%

Table 16
Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender (Rural Strathcona)

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	7,428	55.5%	4,667	37.1%
Part-Time	398	3.0%	1,281	10.2%
Child not yet in school	526	3.9%	477	3.8%
Student (K-12)	2,426	18.1%	2,342	18.6%
Post-Secondary Student	414	3.1%	524	4.2%
Not in the workforce	912	6.8%	2,048	16.3%
Retired (age 65 or older)	1,276	9.5%	1,256	10.0%
Total	13,380	100.0%	66,527	100.0%

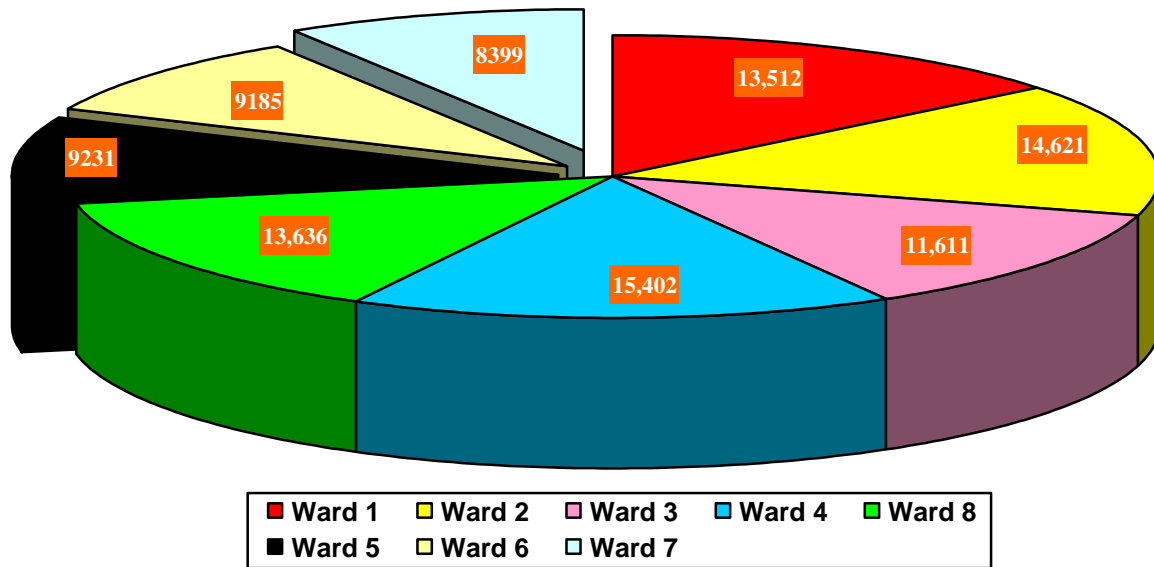
Census Highlights – Employment Status by Gender

- Overall, it can be seen from Table 14 that across Strathcona County, considerably more males work full-time compared to females, while the proportion of females who work part-time is greater than males. This has been a trend for several years.
- A larger proportion of females are not in the workforce (compared to males), regardless of where they resided within the County.
- The work patterns based on gender show a similar pattern for residents who live in Sherwood Park (Table 15) and those who live in Rural Strathcona (Table 16).
- Percentages in each table add up to 100% by columns.

J. Population by Wards

A breakdown of the total number of residents in each ward is depicted in Figure 9. Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 are located in Sherwood Park; wards 5, 6 and 7 are located in rural Strathcona County.

**Figure 9
Ward Breakdowns in Strathcona County**



K. Neighborhoods in Sherwood Park

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 17 on the next page. The neighbourhoods are also grouped into wards. It should be noted that some of the boundaries separating neighborhoods in Sherwood Park is subjective, as with rare exceptions, there are no official boundaries establishing distinctive neighborhoods.

Please note that all of the non-residential properties listed in Tables 17, 18 and 19 were unoccupied.

A more detailed breakdown by rural and urban enumeration area can be found in Appendix A of this report.

Table 17
Neighborhood Population Breakdowns - Sherwood Park

Neighborhood	Total # of People	Total # of Dwellings	Dwelling Status			
			Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction	Non Residential
Ward 1	13,512	5,804	5,592	203	1	8
Mills Haven	3,184	1,214	1,201	13	0	0
Woodbridge Farms	2,261	913	894	18	0	1
Broadmoor Estates/Center in the Park	2,142	1,020	934	82	0	4
Westboro	1,967	769	755	14	0	0
Village on the Lake	1,613	601	593	7	0	1
Strathcona Centre/ Silver Birch Lodge	1,316	599	563	35	1	0
The Palisades	813	554	522	32	0	0
Properties on the outskirts of Sherwood Park – Ward 1	216	134	130	2	0	2
Ward 2	14,621	5,496	5,408	83	5	0
Glen Allan	4,934	1,894	1,870	21	3	0
Lakeland Ridge	4,602	1,576	1,564	10	2	0
Charlton Heights	1,198	586	557	29	0	0
Cloverbar Ranch	2,119	767	753	0	0	0
Chelsea Heights	1,768	673	664	9	0	0
Ward 3	11,611	4,334	4,265	68	0	1
Nottingham	3,445	1,182	1,173	9	0	0
Sherwood Heights	2,609	1,008	984	24	0	0
Brentwood	2,370	938	921	16	0	1
Maplegrove	1,263	478	472	6	0	0
Maplewood	1,200	468	459	9	0	0
Estates of Sherwood Park	724	260	256	4	0	0
Ward 4	15,402	6,152	5,593	153	402	4
Clarkdale Meadows	4,600	1,549	1,543	6	0	0
Summerwood	5,047	1,930	1,852	76	2	0
Davidson Creek	2,035	703	696	7	0	0
Aspen Trails	1,081	444	365	39	40	0
Emerald Hills	1,059	818	449	6	359	4
Lakeland Village/ Jubilee Landing	1,420	693	674	18	1	0
Properties on the outskirts of Sherwood Park – Ward 4	38	15	14	1	0	0
Ward 8	13,636	4,668	4,631	37	0	0
Foxboro/ Foxhaven	4,420	1,484	1,462	22	0	0
Regency Park	3,420	1,258	1,253	5	0	0
Heritage Hills/Heritage Point	3,545	1,167	1,163	4	0	0
Craigavon	1,445	486	485	1	0	0
Forrest Grove	806	273	268	5	0	0
Total	68,782	26,472	25,489	544	408	13

Appendix A: Detailed Enumeration Area Statistics

Table 18
2015 Population and Dwelling Unit Occupancy Status
Breakdowns by Wards and Enumeration Areas - Rural Strathcona County

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling				
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction	Non Residential
Ward 5	9,231	3,311	3,195	88	7	19
R501	790	281	273	7	0	0
R502	612	219	213	1	2	2
R503	636	210	208	2	0	0
R504	559	192	191	1	0	0
R505	251	81	75	3	0	3
R506	569	191	188	2	0	1
R507	764	268	263	5	0	0
R508	546	208	200	7	1	0
R509	415	146	145	1	0	0
R510	257	94	91	3	0	0
R511	358	132	130	2	0	0
R512	387	136	132	3	1	0
R513	222	80	77	1	1	1
R514	109	41	40	1	0	0
R515	160	61	59	1	0	1
R516	382	149	133	12	0	4
R517	670	242	235	7	0	0
R518	350	120	118	1	1	0
R519	324	129	126	2	0	1
R520	227	99	91	7	0	1
R521	314	118	113	4	0	1
R522	282	82	72	5	1	4
R523	47	32	22	10	0	0

Table 18 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction	Non Residential
Ward 6	9,185	3,142	3,051	59	23	9
R601	890	305	298	2	2	3
R602	632	232	229	3	0	0
R603	321	126	119	6	1	0
R604	237	80	77	3	0	0
R605	484	169	164	4	0	1
R606	775	278	268	6	3	1
R607	804	273	266	5	1	1
R608	790	248	243	3	2	0
R609	655	221	211	7	3	0
R610	535	191	184	2	5	0
R611	878	266	263	0	3	0
R612	863	324	308	13	2	1
R613	552	174	171	2	0	1
R614	769	255	250	3	1	1
Ward 7	8,399	3,204	3,058	123	13	10
R701	577	212	205	5	1	1
R702	556	202	198	4	0	0
R703	532	183	177	1	5	0
R704	520	202	197	4	0	1
R705	372	171	156	13	2	0
R706	276	162	114	44	0	4
R707	418	152	147	4	1	0
R708	863	350	336	13	1	0
R709	581	203	199	2	2	0
R710	689	265	250	15	0	0
R711	490	187	185	2	0	0
R712	798	313	304	5	0	4
R713	489	169	166	2	1	0
R714	487	166	163	3	0	0
R715	477	166	163	3	0	0
R716	274	101	98	3	0	0
Total	26,815	9,657	9,304	270	43	38

Table 19
Population and Dwelling Unit Occupancy Status
Breakdowns by Wards and Enumeration Areas - Sherwood Park

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling				
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction	Non Residential
Ward 1	13,512	5,804	5,592	203	1	8
U102	563	208	208	0	0	0
U104	0	0	0	0	0	1
U106	569	197	197	0	0	0
U107	497	196	190	5	0	1
U108	331	125	125	0	0	0
U109	569	212	209	3	0	0
U110	526	201	198	3	0	0
U111	541	231	223	8	0	0
U112	475	205	204	1	0	0
U113	315	303	228	71	0	4
U114	787	311	302	9	0	0
U115	565	201	200	1	0	0
U116	590	230	230	0	0	0
U117	515	180	174	6	0	0
U118	478	164	164	0	0	0
U119	322	102	100	2	0	0
U120	356	237	226	10	0	1
U121	594	221	218	3	0	0
U122	602	245	241	4	0	0
U124	784	289	286	3	0	0
U125	674	249	249	0	0	0
U126	530	210	207	3	0	0
U127	706	322	305	17	0	0
U128	505	276	257	18	1	0
U129	105	1	1	0	0	0
U130	813	554	522	32	0	0
U131	216	133	130	2	0	1

Table 19 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction	Non Residential
Ward 2	14,621	5,496	5,408	83	5	0
U201	573	203	201	2	0	0
U202	544	218	212	6	0	0
U203	528	238	236	2	0	0
U204	537	201	199	2	0	0
U205	777	287	284	3	0	0
U206	682	262	260	1	1	0
U207	652	244	243	1	0	0
U208	641	241	235	4	2	0
U209	694	251	249	2	0	0
U210	750	380	379	1	0	0
U211	500	224	219	5	0	0
U212	711	258	256	2	0	0
U213	1,118	366	364	2	0	0
U214	504	335	308	27	0	0
U215	850	320	313	7	0	0
U216	788	273	268	5	0	0
U217	557	191	189	2	0	0
U218	1,590	435	431	2	2	0
U219	521	180	177	3	0	0
U220	748	267	263	4	0	0
U221	356	122	122	0	0	0
Ward 3	11,611	4,334	4,265	68	0	1
U301	330	260	256	4	0	0
U303	604	101	96	5	0	0
U304	609	227	224	3	0	0
U305	876	251	246	5	0	0
U306	791	299	295	4	0	0
U307	644	263	259	4	0	0
U308	591	215	215	0	0	0
U309	659	217	213	4	0	0
U310	624	251	248	3	0	0
U311	506	253	247	6	0	0
U312	611	197	193	4	0	0
U313	538	238	236	2	0	0
U314	718	219	212	7	0	0
U315	555	267	261	6	0	0
U316	655	238	238	0	0	0
U317	479	241	240	1	0	0
U318	568	164	164	0	0	0
U319	529	229	227	2	0	0
U320	330	204	195	8	0	1

Table 19 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction	Non Residential
Ward 4	15,402	6,152	5,593	153	402	4
U401	727	247	247	0	0	0
U402	562	190	190	0	0	0
U403	519	184	184	0	0	0
U404	594	194	192	2	0	0
U405	913	280	277	3	0	0
U406	530	199	198	1	0	0
U407	755	255	255	0	0	0
U408	1,088	383	379	4	0	0
U409	947	320	317	3	0	0
U410	950	384	347	36	1	0
U411	867	262	260	1	1	0
U412	775	267	262	5	0	0
U413	719	280	276	4	0	0
U414	940	437	414	23	0	0
U415	184	125	72	23	30	0
U416	775	287	283	2	2	0
U417	464	238	233	5	0	0
U418	448	202	200	2	0	0
U419	508	253	241	11	1	0
U420	38	15	14	1	0	0
U421	927	319	293	16	10	0
U422	834	300	293	7	0	0
U423	338	531	166	4	357	4

Table 19 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction	Non Residential
Ward 8	13,636	4,668	4,631	37	0	0
U801	720	266	266	0	0	0
U802	875	320	319	1	0	0
U803	590	209	209	0	0	0
U804	667	231	230	1	0	0
U805	568	232	229	3	0	0
U806	1,348	407	403	4	0	0
U807	959	288	285	3	0	0
U808	746	262	253	9	0	0
U809	806	273	268	5	0	0
U810	540	254	252	2	0	0
U811	827	273	269	4	0	0
U812	574	196	195	1	0	0
U813	757	241	240	1	0	0
U814	789	242	241	1	0	0
U815	650	207	207	0	0	0
U816	688	245	245	0	0	0
U817	794	274	272	2	0	0
U818	738	248	248	0	0	0
Total	68,782	26,472	25,489	544	408	13