

Strathcona County

2009 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 2009. 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.

This year marks the first time that residents could choose to answer the census on-line. Overall, 56.6% of County households used this option. The remaining 43.4% 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 2009 census include the following:

- Population Numbers and Distribution within Strathcona County
- Aspects of Dwellings within Strathcona County as of May 1st 2009 (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
- 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, 2008.

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 2009 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).

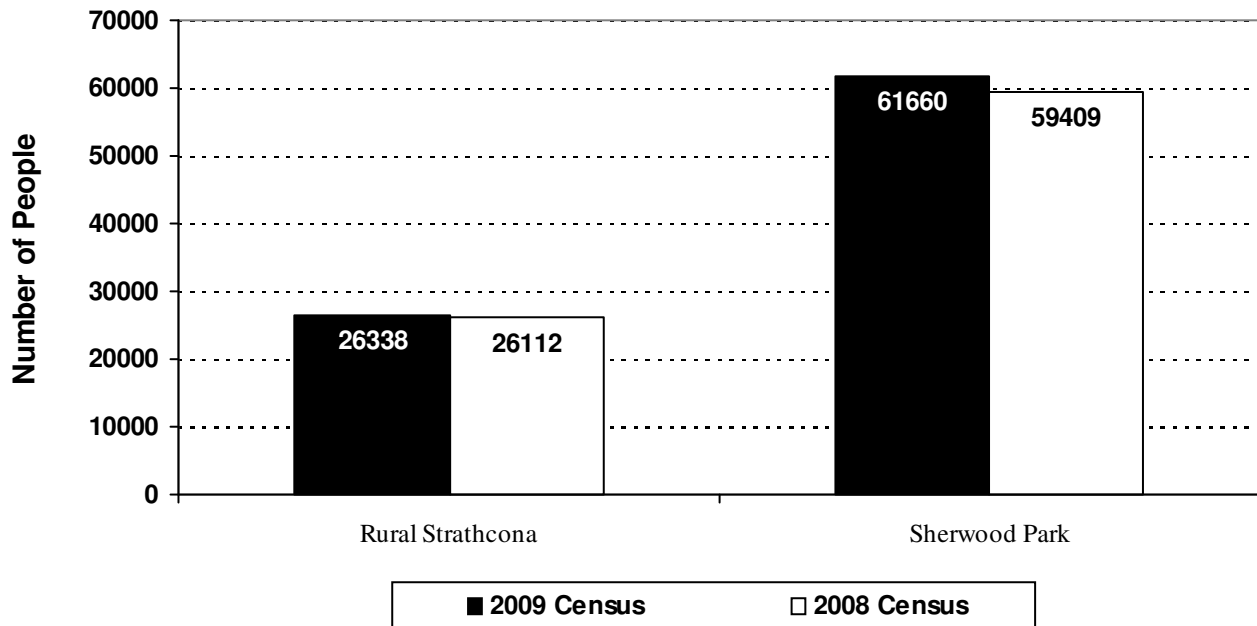
² A visual depiction of the enumeration areas contained in both the urban and rural portions of the County can be found in Appendix B of this report.

II. Results

A. Population Breakdowns

The population distribution for the rural and urban portions of Strathcona County in the year 2009, along with 2008 statistics is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Population Distribution in Strathcona County
(2009 and 2008 Comparisons)



Census Highlights – Population

- The total population in Strathcona County for the year 2009 is 87,998 people. In 2008 85,521 people resided in the County and in 2005, the population was 80,232.
- There has been an increase of 2,477 people in Strathcona County since the 2008 census, which is a growth of 2.9% over one year.
- Between 2008 and 2009, the population in rural Strathcona has increased by 226 people, which is a 0.9% increase. The 2009 rural population total is now 26,338.
- In Sherwood Park, the population has increased by 2,251 people, which is a 3.8% increase from 2008. There are now 61,660 people living within Sherwood Park as of 2009.

- A breakdown of population within the rural hamlets of Strathcona County can be seen in Figures 2a and 2b below. Overall, *Ardrossan*, *South Cooking Lake* and *Josephburg* experienced some growth in population since the 2008 census. Population in the remaining hamlets remained about the same.

Figure 2a
Population within Strathcona County Hamlets
(2009 and 2008 Comparisons)

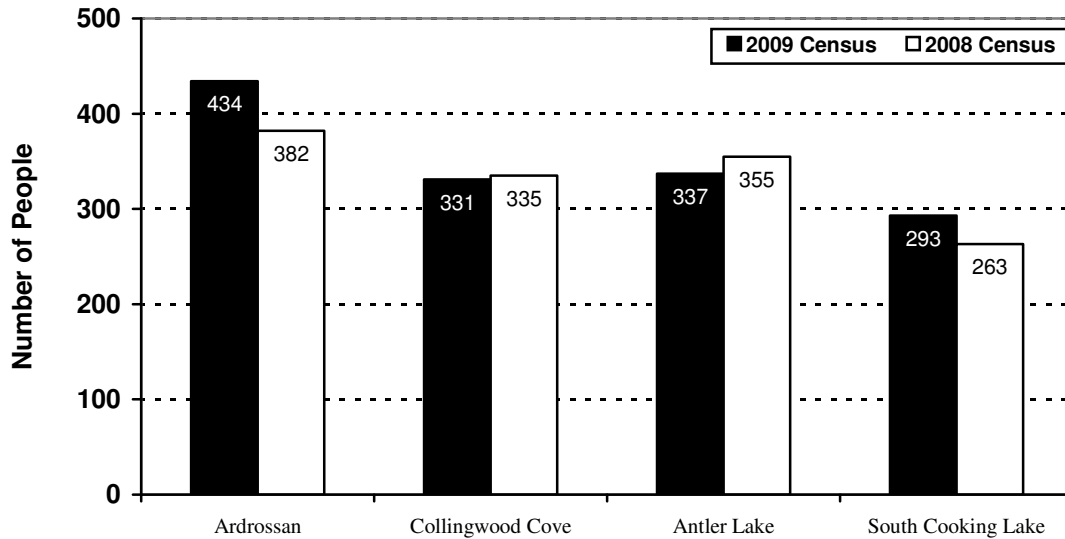
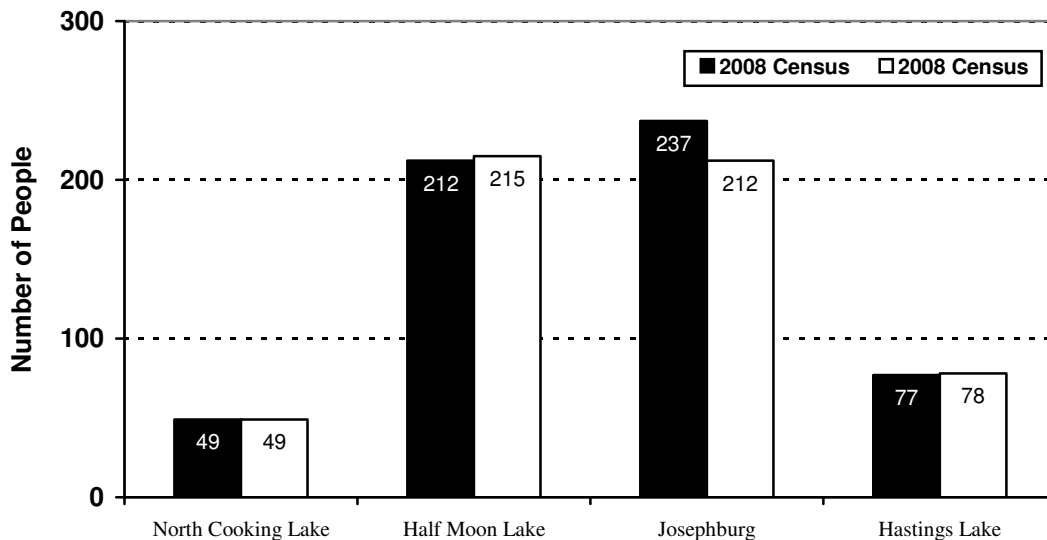
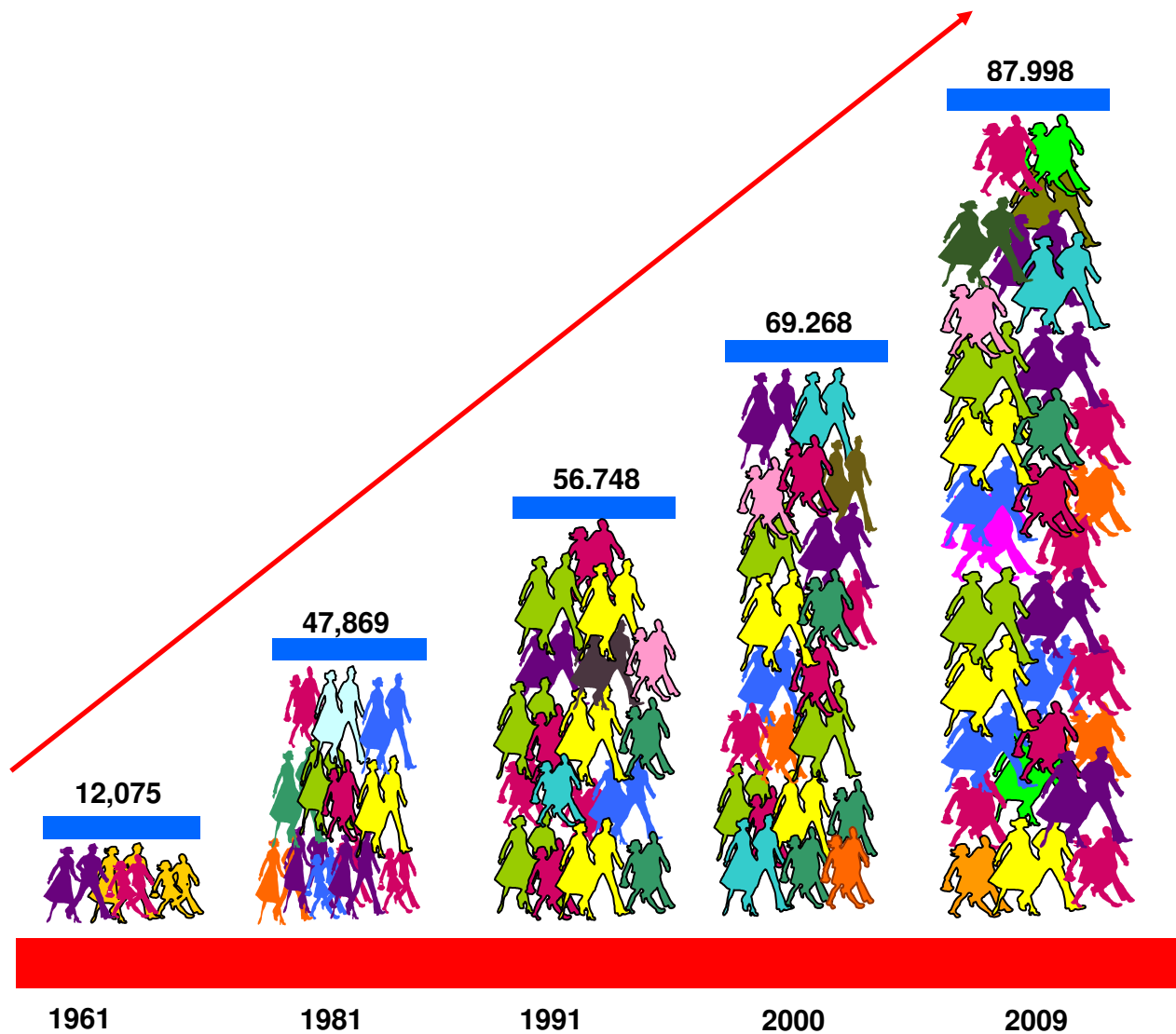


Figure 2b
Population within Strathcona County Hamlets
(2009 and 2008 Comparisons)



- Overall, of the 26,338 residents living in Rural Strathcona, 1,970 live in the 8 hamlets noted on the previous page, 19,886 live on country residential estates and 4,482 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 83% since 1981. Within the last 18 years (since 1991), it has increased in size by just over 55%.

Figure 3
Population Growth in Strathcona County (1961 – 2009)

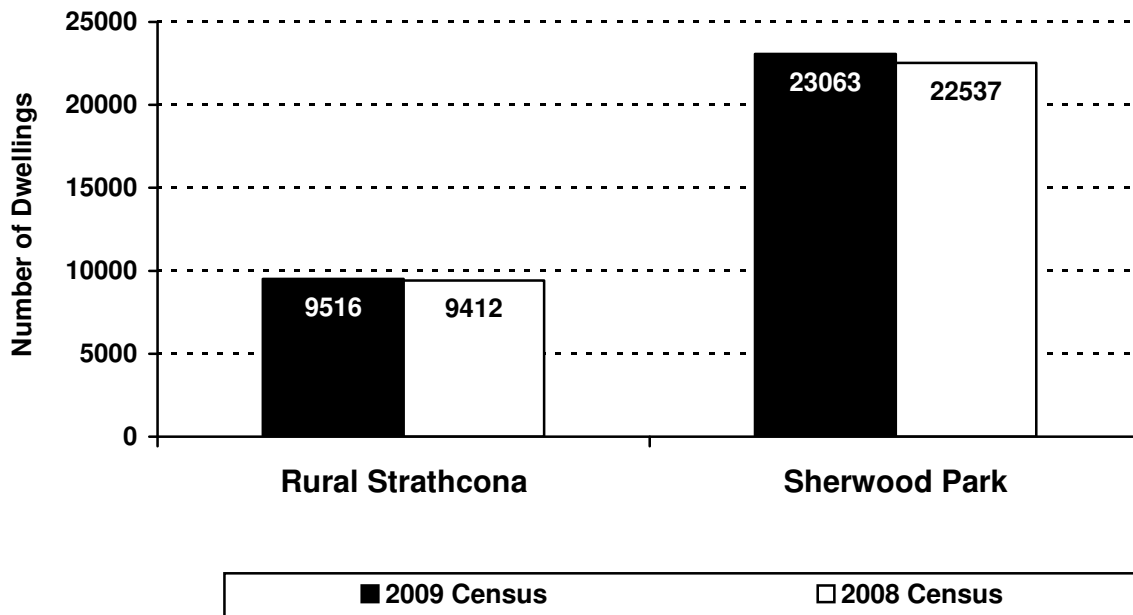


B. Dwelling Statistics

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 2009. Statistical information from 2008 is also shown.

Figure 4
Total Number of Dwellings in Strathcona County
(2009 and 2008 Comparisons)



Census Highlights – Dwellings -

- The total number of dwellings in Strathcona County for the year 2008 is 32,579. In 2008, there were 31,949 dwellings throughout the County. Since 2008, there has been an increase of 630 dwellings (or 2.0% more than what was recorded in 2008).
- Most of the additional dwellings in the County are in Sherwood Park, where the number of dwellings has increased by 526 since 2008. This is a 2.3% increase over 2008 figures.
- There are 104 additional dwellings in rural Strathcona in 2009 compared to 2008. This is a 1.1% increase over 2008 figures.

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 N	Occupied Dwellings		Vacant Dwellings		Under Construction	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%
Sherwood Park	23,063	22,280	71.4%	649	58.1%	134	56.5%
Rural Strathcona	9,516	8,945	28.6%	468	41.9%	103	43.5%
Total - Strathcona County	32,579	31,225	100.0%	1,117	100.0%	237	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 2009. 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 31,225 occupied dwellings in the County, the majority of them (N=22,280 or 71.4%) 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 10 of this report), it can be seen that for the County as a whole, 95.8% of the dwellings are occupied, 3.4% are vacant, and 0.7% 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. 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 are not included in our data calculations.

Figure 5
Occupancy Patterns of Dwellings in Strathcona County
(2009)

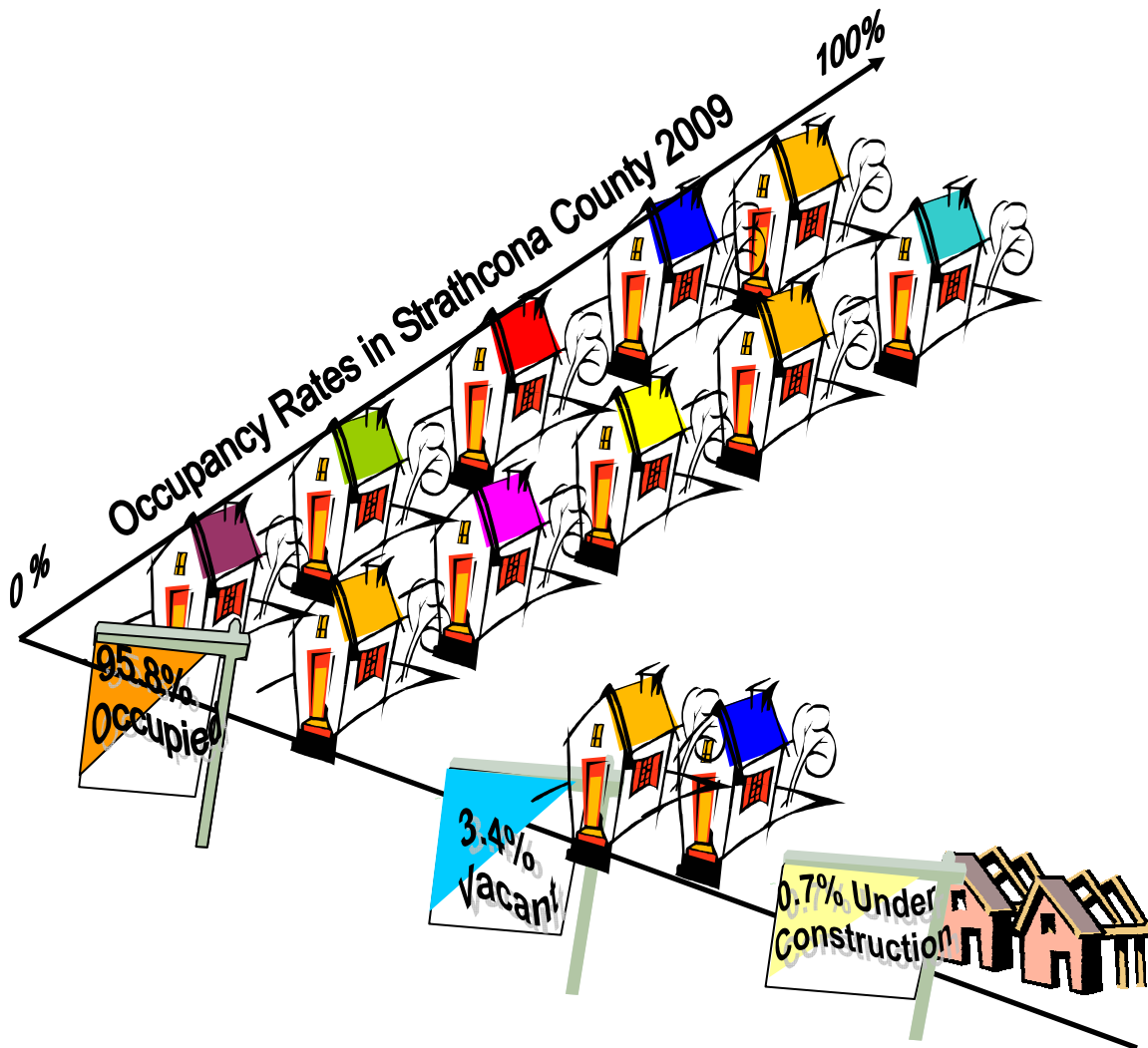


Table 2 presents a percentage breakdown of the status of dwellings by urban and rural parts of the County

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	22,280	96.6%	8,945	94.0%	31,225	95.8%
Vacant Dwellings	649	2.8%	468	4.9%	1,117	3.4%
Under Construction	134	0.6%	103	1.1%	237	0.7%

* 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 (95.8%) **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 18 of the 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	1,841	19.3%	1,675	18.7%	151	32.3%	15	14.6%
Country Residence	6,805	71.5%	6,517	72.9%	205	43.8%	83	80.6%
Hamlet	870	9.1%	753	8.4%	112	23.9%	5	4.9%
Rural Strathcona	9,516	100.0%	8,945	100.0%	468	100.0%	103	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 2009. 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 8,945 occupied dwellings in rural Strathcona, the majority of them (N=6,517 or 72.9%) 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	26,709	82.0%	17,668	76.6%	9,041	95.0%
Row House	1,225	3.8%	1,220	5.3%	5	0.1%
Apartment Units	1,635	5.0%	1,634	4.1%	1	---
Duplex	1,516	4.7%	1,511	6.6%	5	0.1%
Manufactured Homes	988	3.0%	703	3.0%	285	3.0%
Other Movable Dwellings	54	0.2%	16	0.1%	38	0.4%
Attached to non-Residential Structure	221	0.7%	101	0.4%	120	1.3%
Suite in Single Detached	42	0.1%	33	0.1%	9	0.1%
Collective Dwellings⁴	189	0.6%	177	0.8%	12	0.1%
Total Number of Dwellings	32,579	100.0%	23,063	100.0%	9,516	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.

⁴ 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.

- There are very few duplexes or row house developments and apartments in any parts of rural Strathcona County. The majority of these types of dwellings are located in Sherwood Park.

Types of Dwellings Occupied by Residents

The types of dwellings occupied by residents in Strathcona County as of May 1st 2009 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	25,810	82.7%	17,289	77.6%	8,521	95.3%
Row House	1,132	3.6%	1,127	5.1%	5	0.1%
Apartment Units	1,475	4.7%	1,474	6.6%	1	---
Duplex	1,422	4.6%	1,417	6.4%	5	0.1%
Manufactured Homes	942	3.0%	681	3.1%	261	2.9%
Suite in Single Detached	38	0.1%	30	0.1%	8	0.1%
Other Movable Dwellings	39	0.1%	15	0.1%	24	0.3%
Attached to non-Residential Structure	212	0.7%	101	0.5%	111	1.2%
Collective Dwellings	155	0.5%	146	0.7%	9	0.1%
Total Number of Dwellings	31,225	100.0%	22,280	100.0%	8,945	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.

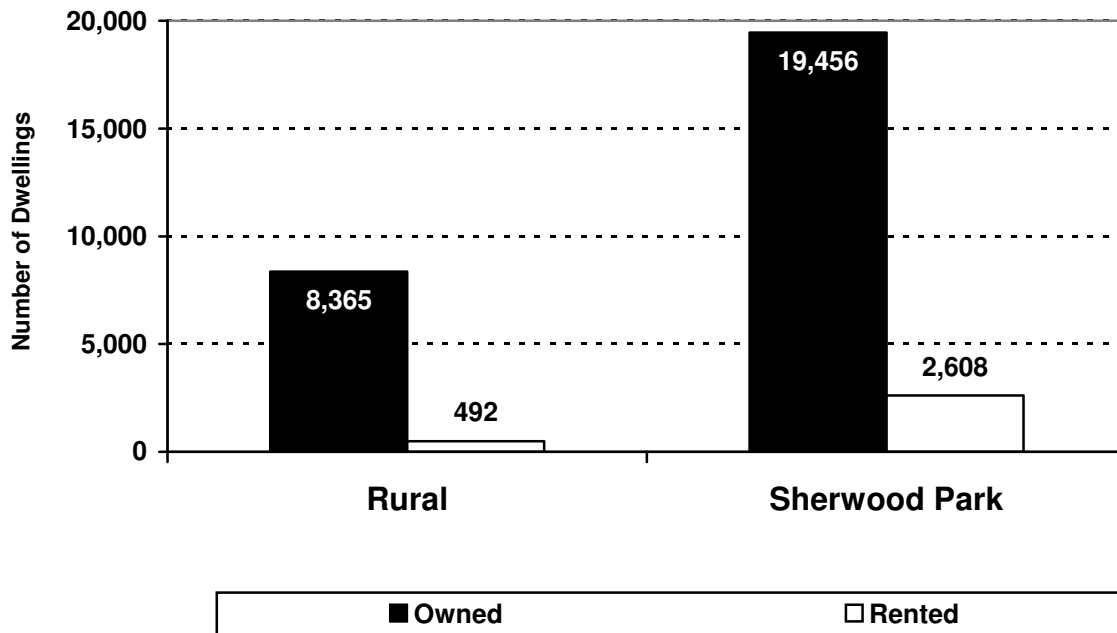
Table 6
Types of Dwellings within Strathcona County that are Vacant or are under Construction

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	Vacant	Under Construction	Vacant	Under Construction	Vacant	Under Construction
Single Detached	712	194	291	93	421	101
Row House	87	7	87	7	0	0
Apartment Units	160	0	160	0	0	0
Duplex	64	30	64	30	0	0
Manufactured Homes	42	4	18	4	24	0
Suite in Single Detached	4	0	3	0	1	0
Other Movable Dwellings	15	0	1	0	14	0
Attached to non-Residential Structure	7	2	0	0	7	2
Collective Dwellings	26	0	25	0	1	0
Total Number of Dwellings	1,117	237	649	134	468	103

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 2009.

Figure 6
Ownership Status of Dwellings in Strathcona County



Census Highlights – Ownership Status

- The majority of dwellings in Strathcona County are owned (90%). This breaks down to an 88.2% ownership in Sherwood Park and 94.4% in Rural Strathcona.
- There were 304 instances where the ownership of a dwelling was not stated by the resident(s), which amounted to 1.0% of all occupied dwellings in the County.

Length of Residency

In 2009, 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 HERE		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 2 years	11,036	12.6%	8,208	13.4%	2828	10.8%
2 to less than 5 years	13,696	15.7%	10,080	16.5%	3616	13.8%
5 to less than 10 years	15,399	17.6%	10,916	17.8%	4483	17.1%
10 or more years	47,264	54.1%	32,024	52.3%	15,240	58.2%
Total Number of People	87,365	100.0%	61,228	100.0%	26,167	100.0%

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

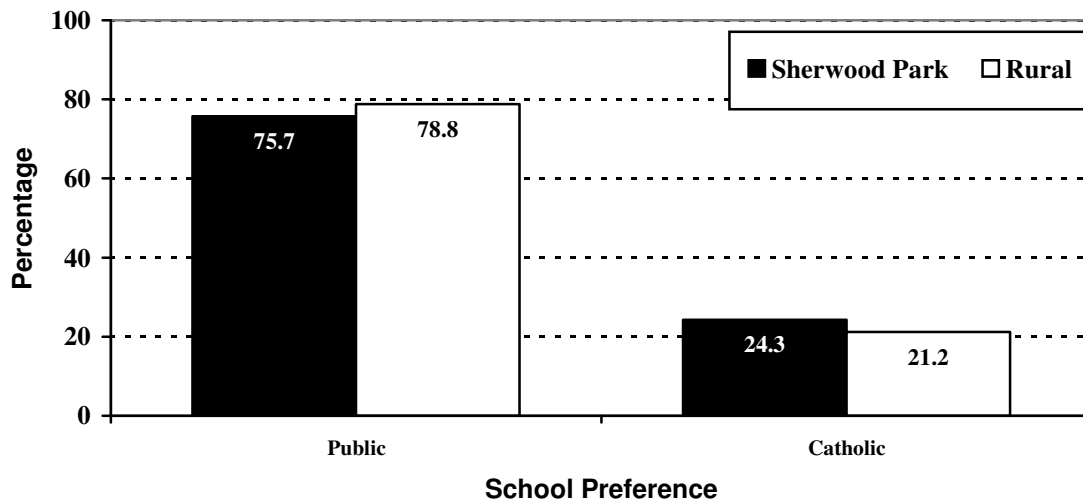
Census Highlights – Length of Residence

- 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 432 people and for Rural Strathcona, 171 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 2009 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. The Public/Catholic support reported in Figure 8 has been a similar trend in the County for many years now.
- The findings noted in this figure **are not** based on school tax preferences. Only residents who own property in Strathcona County pay school taxes each year.

D. 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	%
One Person	4,585	14.7%	3,618	16.2%	967	10.8%
Two People	11,396	36.5%	7,972	35.8%	3,424	38.3%
Three People	5,499	17.6%	3,997	17.9%	1,502	16.8%
Four People	6,461	20.7%	4,563	20.5%	1,898	21.2%
Five People	2,443	7.8%	1,647	7.4%	796	8.9%
Six or more People	841	2.7%	483	2.2%	358	4.0%
Total Number of Households⁵	31,225	100.0%	22,280	100.0%	8,945	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 2009, there were 163 occupied residences classified as collective dwellings in Strathcona County. Of these, 10 of the collective dwellings had more than 9 people residing in them; the number of people residing within a collective

⁵Collective dwellings were not excluded from the numbers noted in this table.

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

dwelling range ranged from 10 people to 157 people; most collective dwellings had 20 or more residents. Many of the smaller collective dwellings consisted of individual apartments where seniors lived independently.

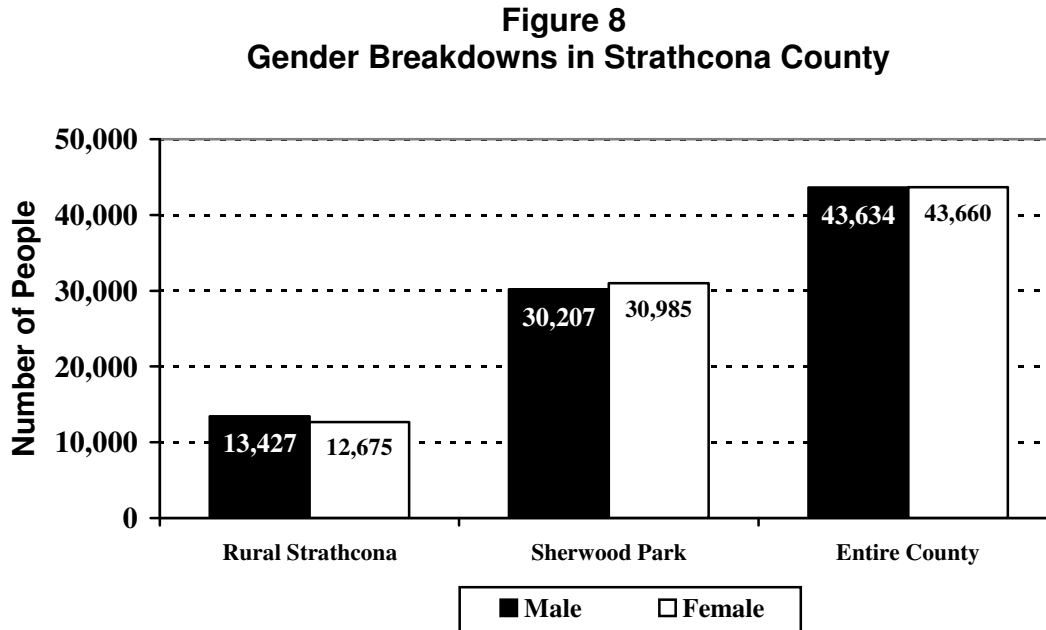
- The average household size (excluding those living in *collective dwellings*) in Sherwood Park is 2.75 people. Since in reality we cannot have a portion of a person living in a household, in Sherwood Park, the median household size⁷ is 2 people.
- The average household size in Rural Strathcona is 2.93 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 3.05 people, with a median of 3;
 - Farms have an average size of 2.60 people, with a median of 2; and
 - Hamlets have an average size of 2.62 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 332 instances where the gender of a household member was not stated.⁸ In Rural Strathcona, there were 236 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 1,085 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	4,622	5.3%	3,466	5.7%	1,156	4.4%
5-9	5,838	6.7%	4,138	6.8%	1,700	6.5%
10-14	6,266	7.2%	4,238	7.0%	2,028	7.8%
15-19	6,805	7.8%	4,551	7.5%	2,254	8.7%
20-24	5,526	6.4%	4,001	6.6%	1,525	5.9%
25-34	9,645	11.1%	7,609	12.5%	2,036	7.8%
35-44	13,004	15.0%	9,192	15.1%	3,812	14.6%
45-54	15,041	17.3%	9,747	16.0%	5,294	20.3%
55-64	11,174	12.9%	7,369	12.1%	3,805	14.6%
65-74	5,696	6.6%	4,022	6.6%	1,674	6.4%
75+	3,296	3.8%	2,534	4.2%	762	2.9%
Total	86,913	100.0%	60,867	100.0%	26,046	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 36.9 years, while the median age is 37. In 2008, the average age was 36.7 and the median age was 37. What this means is that in the year 2009, the population in the urban center is growing slightly older.
- The average age of people living in Rural Strathcona is 37.9 years, while the median age is 41. In 2008, the average age was 37.4 and the median age was 41. What this means is that in the year 2009, the population in the rural areas is getting slightly older.
- In terms of averages and medians derived in 2009, 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 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	3,459	5.7%	1,776	5.9%	1,683	5.5%
5-9	4,137	6.8%	2,143	7.1%	1,994	6.5%
10-14	4,232	7.0%	2,188	7.3%	2,044	6.6%
15-19	4,544	7.5%	2,272	7.6%	2,272	7.4%
20-24	3,998	6.6%	2,049	6.8%	1,949	6.3%
25-34	7,600	12.5%	3,748	12.5%	3,852	12.5%
35-44	9,176	15.1%	4,459	14.9%	4,717	15.3%
45-54	9,733	16.0%	4,788	16.0%	4,945	16.0%
55-64	7,365	12.1%	3,561	11.9%	3,804	12.3%
65-74	4,022	6.6%	2,005	6.7%	2,017	6.5%
75+	2,534	4.2%	991	3.3%	1,543	5.0%
Total	60,800	100.0%	29,980	100.0%	30,820	100.0%

Table 11
Age Breakdowns by Gender – Rural Strathcona

Age Groups	Rural Strathcona		Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-4	1,152	4.4%	573	4.3%	579	4.6%
5-9	1,695	6.5%	854	6.4%	841	6.7%
10-14	2,023	7.8%	1,071	8.0%	952	7.5%
15-19	2,250	8.7%	1,181	8.8%	1,069	8.5%
20-24	1,522	5.9%	827	6.2%	695	5.5%
25-34	2,031	7.8%	956	7.2%	1,075	8.5%
35-44	3,806	14.6%	1,820	13.6%	1,986	15.7%
45-54	5,290	20.3%	2,713	20.3%	2,577	20.4%
55-64	3,801	14.6%	2,039	15.3%	1,762	13.9%
65-74	1,673	6.4%	913	6.8%	760	6.0%
75+	762	2.9%	421	3.1%	341	2.7%
Total	26,005	100.0%	13,368	100.0%	12,637	100.0%

⁹ 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 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 36.1 years, while the mean age for females was 37.7 years. Median figures show the age midpoint for males being 36, and females being 38 years. These are both similar to the 2008 figures.
- 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 38.2 years, while the mean age for females was 37.6 years. Median figures show the age midpoint for males is 42 and females is 41 years. This is the same as what was reported in 2008 in the rural area for males. The median age for females increased by one year between 2008 and 2009 for females.

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	33,749	38.9%	23,864	39.3%	9,885	37.9%
Married	42,466	48.9%	28,850	47.5%	13,616	52.2%
Common Law	3,897	4.5%	2,759	4.5%	1,138	4.4%
Separated/Divorced	4,431	5.1%	3,458	5.7%	973	3.7%
Widowed	2,291	2.6%	1,821	3.0%	470	1.8%
Total	86,834	100.0%	60,752	100.0%	26,082	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	12,823	41.1%	8,851	39.7%	3,972	44.4%
Married/common law with no children	9,259	29.6%	6,288	28.2%	2,971	33.2%
Lone adult	4,578	14.7%	3,613	16.2%	965	10.8%
Single parent family	1,644	5.3%	1,295	5.8%	349	3.9%
Multiple adult household	2,926	9.4%	2,240	10.1%	686	7.7%
Total	31,230	100.0%	22,287	100.0%	8,943	100.0%

Census Highlights – Family Status

- This table excludes 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 no children category is limited to those households where the age of the children are under 18 years of age. There may be families that have parents with all adult children in the household, but there is no way to determine if the adults in such households are in fact children (as the municipal census does not ask how members of the household relate to one another). These type of families are included within the *multiple adult household* category.
- 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 is more than one adult residing, and excludes households with two people who are married/common-law. Otherwise, the marital status of adults in a multiple adult household could vary. It

is possible that these 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.

F. 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	40,706	47.1%	28,727	47.6%	11,979	46.1%
Part-Time	5,516	6.4%	3,693	6.1%	1,823	7.0%
Child not yet in school	4,617	5.3%	3,461	5.7%	1,156	4.4%
Student (K-12)	17,574	20.4%	12,036	19.9%	5,538	21.3%
Post-Secondary Student	2,960	3.4%	2,099	3.5%	861	3.3%
Not in the workforce	8,172	9.5%	5,431	9.0%	2,741	10.5%
Retired (age 65 or older)	6,798	7.9%	4,908	8.1%	1,890	7.3%
Total	86,343	100.0%	60,355	100.0%	25,988	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 1,325 instances where the employment status of a household member was not stated.¹¹ In Rural Strathcona, there were 350 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.

- *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.

A breakdown of the work/school destination of residents who were working or in school (if stated) 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	%
Sherwood Park	11,528	28.5%	8,840	31.0%	2,688	22.7%
Government Centre	819	2.0%	654	2.3%	165	1.4%
Central downtown Edmonton	4,862	12.0%	3,764	13.2%	1,098	9.3%
On or near U of A Campus	1,214	3.0%	941	3.3%	273	2.3%
Other parts of Edmonton	14,104	34.9%	9,977	34.9%	4,127	34.8%
Elsewhere	7,885	19.5%	4,380	15.3%	3,505	29.6%
Total	40,412	100.0%	28,556	100.0%	11,856	100.0%

Census Highlights – Work Destination of Residents Working Full-Time

- Both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County residents who worked full-time did so in different parts of Edmonton.
- In Sherwood Park, there were 112 instances where the work destination of a household member who worked full time was not stated. In Rural Strathcona, there were 114 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	%
Sherwood Park	2,790	51.2%	2,073	56.6%	717	40.1%
Government Centre	41	0.8%	28	0.8%	13	0.7%
Central downtown Edmonton	339	6.2%	248	6.8%	91	5.1%
On or near U of A Campus	260	4.8%	186	5.1%	74	4.1%
Other parts of Edmonton	1,240	22.8%	833	22.8%	407	22.8%
Elsewhere	778	14.3%	293	8.0%	485	27.1%
Total	5,448	100.0%	3,661	100.0%	1,787	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 either worked in Sherwood Park, Edmonton or elsewhere as their work destination. On a proportionate basis, considerably more rural residents worked “elsewhere” (which in this census, included rural Strathcona County) compared to those living in Sherwood Park.
- 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	%
Sherwood Park	7,650	75.5%	6,065	88.8%	1,585	48.0%
Central downtown Edmonton/ Government Centre	64	0.6%	43	0.6%	21	0.6%
On or near U of A Campus	30	0.3%	20	0.3%	10	0.3%
Other parts of Edmonton	884	8.7%	597	8.7%	287	8.7%
Elsewhere	1,509	14.9%	108	1.6%	1,401	42.4%
Total	10,137	100.0%	6,833	100.0%	3,304	100.0%

Table 18
Post-Secondary School Destination

Work Location	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Sherwood Park	298	13.2%	229	14.5%	69	10.0%
Central downtown Edmonton/ Government Centre	353	15.6%	264	16.8%	89	12.9%
On or near U of A Campus	940	41.5%	660	41.9%	280	40.5%
Other parts of Edmonton	502	22.2%	317	20.1%	185	26.8%
Elsewhere	173	7.6%	105	6.7%	68	9.8%
Total	2,266	100.0%	1,575	100.0%	691	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. The “elsewhere” category includes locations in rural Strathcona County.
- Children living in rural Strathcona either went to K-12 schools in Rural Strathcona (included in the “elsewhere” category) or in Sherwood Park.
- Post-secondary school destinations were primarily in Edmonton.
- Percentages in both tables add up to 100% by columns.

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G. 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	%
Full-Time	24,036	55.6%	16,604	38.6%
Part-Time	1,149	2.7%	4,361	10.1%
Child not yet in school	2,347	5.4%	2,259	5.3%
Student (K-12)	9,053	20.9%	8,491	19.7%
Post-Secondary Student	1,312	3.0%	1,644	3.8%
Not in the workforce	2,211	5.1%	5,952	13.8%
Retired (age 65 or older)	3,113	7.2%	3,684	8.6%
Total	43,221	100.0%	42,995	100.0%

Table 20
Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender
(Sherwood Park)

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	16,656	55.8%	12,018	39.5%
Part-Time	760	2.5%	2,932	9.6%
Child not yet in school	1,774	5.9%	1,680	5.5%
Student (K-12)	6,172	20.7%	5,845	19.2%
Post-Secondary Student	932	3.1%	1,165	3.8%
Not in the workforce	1,426	4.8%	4,001	13.2%
Retired (age 65 or older)	2,152	7.2%	2,756	9.1%
Total	29,872	100.0%	30,397	100.0%

**Table 21
Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender
(Rural Strathcona)**

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	7,380	55.3%	4,586	36.4%
Part-Time	389	2.9%	1,429	11.3%
Child not yet in school	573	4.3%	579	4.6%
Student (K-12)	2,881	21.6%	2,646	21.0%
Post-Secondary Student	380	2.8%	479	3.8%
Not in the workforce	785	5.9%	1,951	15.5%
Retired (age 65 or older)	961	7.2%	928	7.4%
Total	13,349	100.0%	12,598	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.

H. 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	5,044	1,876	1,850	26	0
Clarkdale Meadows	4,813	1,548	1,538	8	2
Nottingham	3,714	1,239	1,209	22	8
Lakeland Ridge	3,468	1,374	1,243	83	48
Heritage Hills/Heritage Point	3,347	1,041	1,035	6	0
Mills Haven	3,272	1,211	1,195	16	0
Sherwood Heights	2,727	1,073	1,039	31	3
Foxboro	2,518	815	785	20	10
Summerwood	2,404	1,118	947	133	38
Woodbridge Farms	2,315	991	980	11	0
Regency Park Estates	2,068	771	743	23	5
Broadmoor Estates/Center in the Park /Great Oaks/ Broadmoor Lake/ Lincoln Park/ Broadmoor Village	2,036	880	833	47	0
Brentwood	2,016	777	766	11	0
Westboro	1,994	772	762	10	0
Davidson Creek	1,978	668	654	13	1
Craigavon	1,920	612	609	3	0
Cloverbar Ranch	1,872	619	616	3	0
Village on the Lake	1,574	599	588	11	0
Maplewood	1,562	568	561	7	0
Lakeland Village/ Jubilee Landing	1,340	663	641	18	4
Regency Park	1,270	439	437	2	0
Foxhaven	1,191	449	444	5	0
Maplegrove	1,161	430	428	2	0
Strathcona Centre/ Silver Birch Lodge/ The Sierras/Stonebridge Estates	972	485	455	30	0
Durham Town Square	855	396	371	25	0
Forrest Grove	849	268	259	9	0
Estates of Sherwood Park	813	260	258	2	0
Aspen Trails/ Emerald Hills/ Emerald Hills Urban Village	647	256	213	29	14
The Palisades	545	380	348	31	1
Charlton Heights	527	198	197	1	0
Crystal Heights/Brittany Lane	392	146	142	4	0
Chelsea Heights	335	105	104	1	0
Akenside/ Properties on the outskirts of Sherwood Park	121	43	36	7	0
Total	60,660	23,070	22,286	650	134

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
R501	784	282	263	9	9
R502	649	233	217	7	7
R503	626	210	202	3	3
R504	610	197	190	3	3
R505	260	83	78	2	2
R506	468	185	163	9	9
R507	767	259	254	2	2
R508	572	220	204	8	8
R509	406	145	140	2	2
R510	261	105	91	6	6
R511	353	138	129	4	4
R512	404	143	133	5	5
R513	194	82	76	3	3
R514	116	50	42	4	4
R515	156	62	59	1	1
R516	380	162	133	14	14
R517	676	252	230	11	11
R518	341	119	115	1	1
R519	358	141	127	7	7
R520	433	196	172	11	11
R521	325	133	116	8	8
R522	181	46	36	5	5
R523	102	81	45	18	18
R601	868	308	281	11	11
R602	653	235	223	5	5
R603	361	146	130	8	8
R604	242	86	80	3	3
R605	488	178	163	5	5
R606	695	275	249	9	9
R607	784	270	257	5	5
R608	615	246	191	20	20
R609	625	223	202	9	9
R610	547	192	184	2	2
R611	896	257	250	3	3
R612	480	216	164	21	21
R613	517	167	157	3	3

Table 23 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
R614	764	264	247	8	8
R701	582	232	202	15	15
R702	584	221	190	15	15
R703	484	167	155	5	5
R704	530	208	202	3	3
R705	368	196	149	23	23
R706	280	227	108	58	58
R707	413	168	149	8	8
R708	863	371	319	26	26
R709	569	200	191	4	4
R710	708	299	248	25	25
R711	492	183	175	3	3
R712	770	334	292	19	19
R713	490	162	162	0	0
R714	507	169	164	2	2
R715	427	156	150	3	3
R716	314	102	96	3	3
Total	26,338	9,516	8,945	468	103

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
U101	1	1	1	0	0
U102	572	208	204	4	0
U103	6	7	5	1	1
U104	2	1	1	0	0
U106	547	197	196	1	0
U107	455	194	188	6	0
U108	329	125	124	1	0
U109	608	212	211	1	0
U110	535	204	202	2	0
U111	522	231	225	6	0
U112	507	210	209	1	0
U113	175	153	115	38	0
U114	768	313	307	6	0
U115	586	201	199	2	0
U116	577	231	227	4	0
U117	552	179	178	1	0
U118	484	163	163	0	0
U119	320	181	178	3	0
U120	382	237	234	3	0
U121	570	221	221	0	0
U122	616	242	237	5	0
U123	2	2	2	0	0
U124	822	289	286	3	0
U125	682	248	243	5	0
U126	582	211	208	3	0
U127	613	322	301	21	0
U128	502	265	252	13	0
U129	98	1	1	0	0
U130	545	379	348	31	0
U131	42	6	3	3	0
U132	1	1	1	0	0
U201	529	201	198	3	0
U202	610	218	218	0	0
U203	532	236	230	6	0
U204	564	200	199	1	0
U205	755	287	280	7	0
U206	730	260	257	3	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
U207	677	244	240	4	0
U208	647	230	228	2	0
U209	727	200	199	1	0
U210	419	171	143	10	18
U211	408	224	204	20	0
U212	696	258	256	2	0
U213	533	223	177	26	20
U214	416	286	265	21	0
U215	872	319	314	5	0
U216	741	273	262	11	0
U217	577	191	188	3	0
U218	429	139	118	11	10
U219	564	180	180	0	0
U220	828	266	264	2	0
U301	813	260	258	2	0
U302	2	1	1	0	0
U303	348	121	119	2	0
U304	595	226	225	1	0
U305	684	256	254	2	0
U306	916	299	295	4	0
U307	814	262	250	5	7
U308	681	215	212	3	0
U309	619	216	213	3	0
U310	702	251	250	1	0
U311	571	252	241	11	0
U312	492	196	182	12	2
U313	618	238	233	5	0
U314	562	219	217	1	1
U315	706	265	257	8	0
U316	580	230	227	3	0
U317	651	240	235	4	1
U318	473	164	159	5	0
U319	588	227	226	1	0
U320	580	211	208	3	0
U401	783	247	247	0	0
U402	606	190	190	0	0
U403	545	184	181	3	0
U404	928	270	270	0	0
U405	909	279	275	2	2
U406	512	199	197	2	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
U407	803	267	260	6	1
U408	939	307	304	3	0
U409	766	273	268	5	0
U410	13	26	6	3	17
U411	412	168	133	15	20
U412	780	267	258	9	0
U413	704	280	278	2	0
U414	495	377	272	104	1
U415	596	204	195	9	0
U416	51	52	18	20	14
U417	482	236	235	1	0
U418	345	176	160	12	4
U419	515	252	247	5	0
U420	61	24	22	2	0
U801	599	219	210	4	5
U802	882	320	315	5	0
U803	590	209	209	0	0
U804	680	230	228	2	0
U805	587	232	218	14	0
U806	529	188	166	12	10
U807	930	287	283	4	0
U808	819	262	258	4	0
U809	849	268	259	9	0
U810	580	253	252	1	0
U811	851	274	270	4	0
U812	620	196	195	1	0
U813	802	240	237	3	0
U814	815	242	240	2	0
U815	674	207	206	1	0
U816	717	246	246	0	0
U817	830	274	272	2	0
U818	809	248	248	0	0
	61,660	23,070	22,286	650	134

Appendix B: Enumeration Area Maps