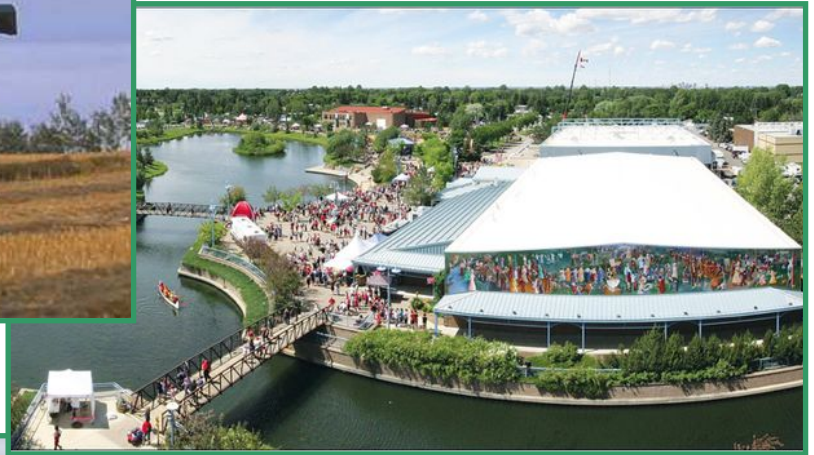




# STRATHCONA COUNTY

## 2012 Municipal Census Report



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## I. Introduction and Overview of this Report

This report presents the results of the Strathcona County Census<sup>1</sup> that was conducted on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. 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, 46.8% of County households used this option. The remaining 53.2% 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 2012 census include the following:

- Population Numbers and Distribution within Strathcona County
- Aspects of Dwellings within Strathcona County as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 (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
- Annual household income
- Number of motorized vehicles used by households on a daily basis

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

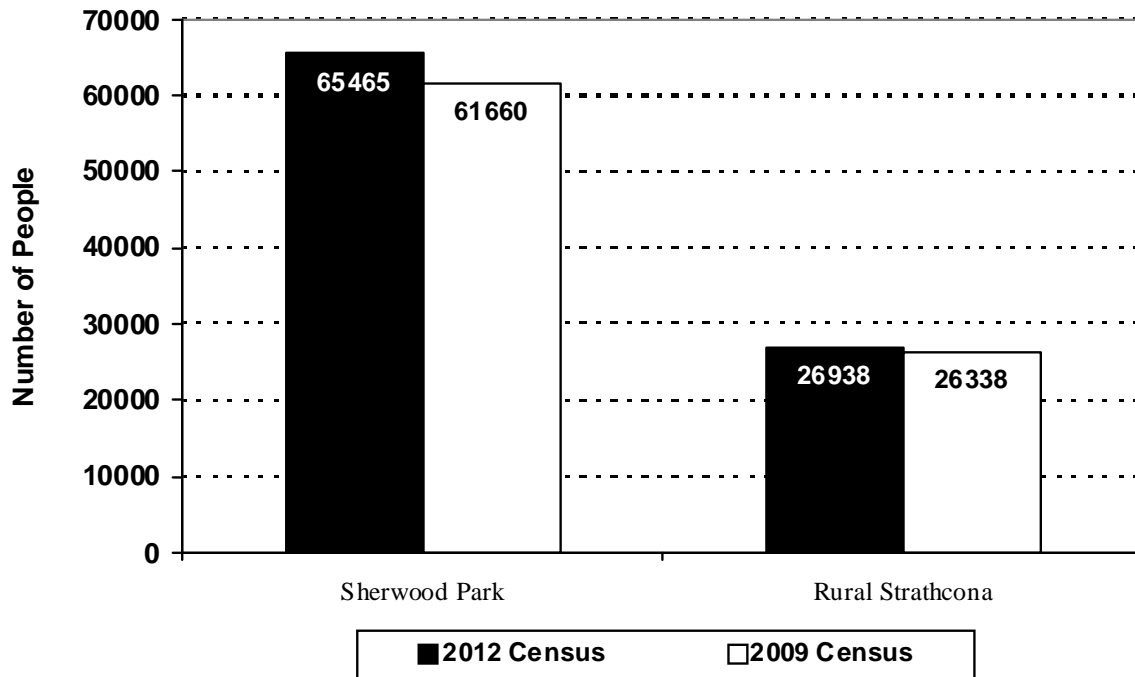
Specific breakdowns for particular regions in the county, as well as different groupings of demographic data derived from the 2012 census (within reasonable limits) are available upon request. Please contact Dr. Phil Kreisel, Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs at (780) 464-8252 or via e-mail ([phil.kreisel@strathcona.ca](mailto:phil.kreisel@strathcona.ca)).

## II. Results

### A. Population Breakdowns

- The total population in Strathcona County was 92,403 in 2012. In 2009 there were 87,998 people and 85,521 people resided in the County in 2008.
- There has been an increase of 4,405 people in Strathcona County since the 2009 census, which is a growth of 5% over 3 years.
- The population distribution for the rural and urban portions of Strathcona County in the year 2012, along with 2009 statistics is shown in Figure 1.

**Figure 1**  
**Population Distribution in Strathcona County**  
**(2012 and 2009 Comparisons)**

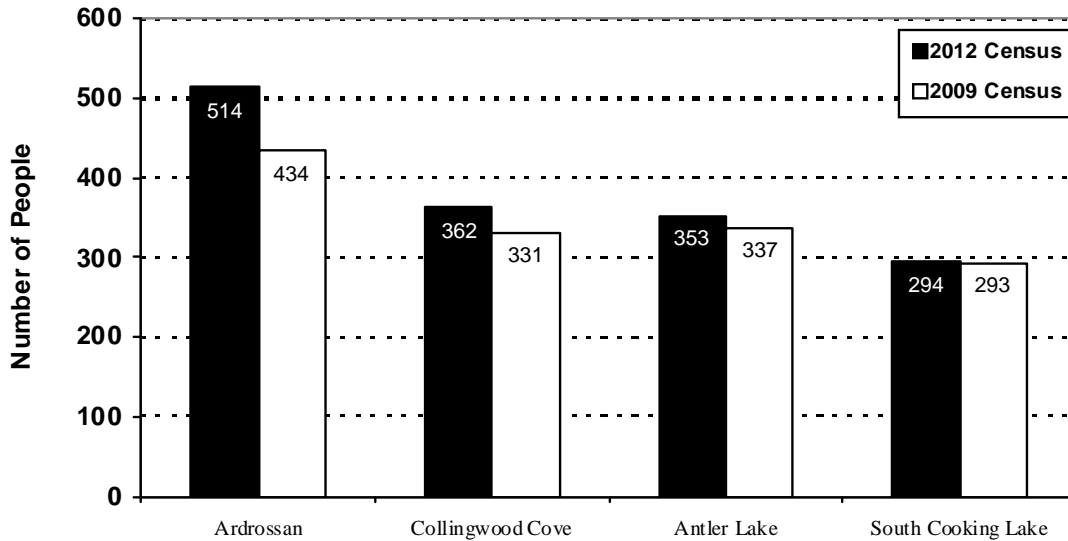


### Other Census Highlights – Population

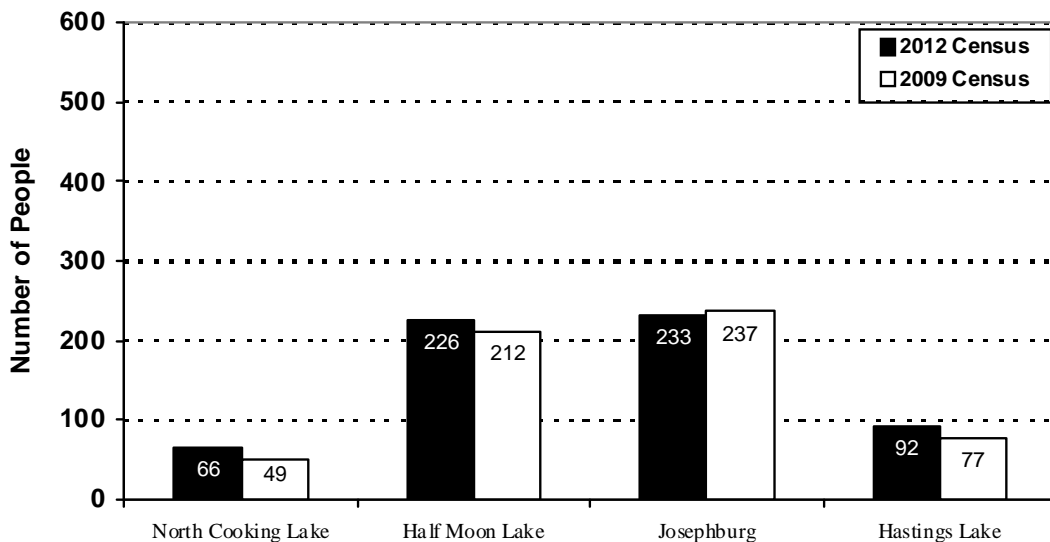
- In Sherwood Park, the population has increased by 3,805 people, which is a 6.2% increase from 2009. There are now 65,465 people living within Sherwood Park as of 2012.
- Between 2009 and 2012, the population in rural Strathcona has increased by 600 people, which is a 2.3% increase since 2009. The 2012 rural population total is now 26,938.

- A breakdown of population within the rural hamlets of Strathcona County can be seen in Figures 2a and 2b below. Overall, almost all of the hamlets experienced modest growth in population since the 2009 census, with the exception of *Josephburg* and *South Cooking Lake*, which remained about the same.

**Figure 2a**  
**Population within Strathcona County Hamlets**  
**(2012 and 2009 Comparisons)**

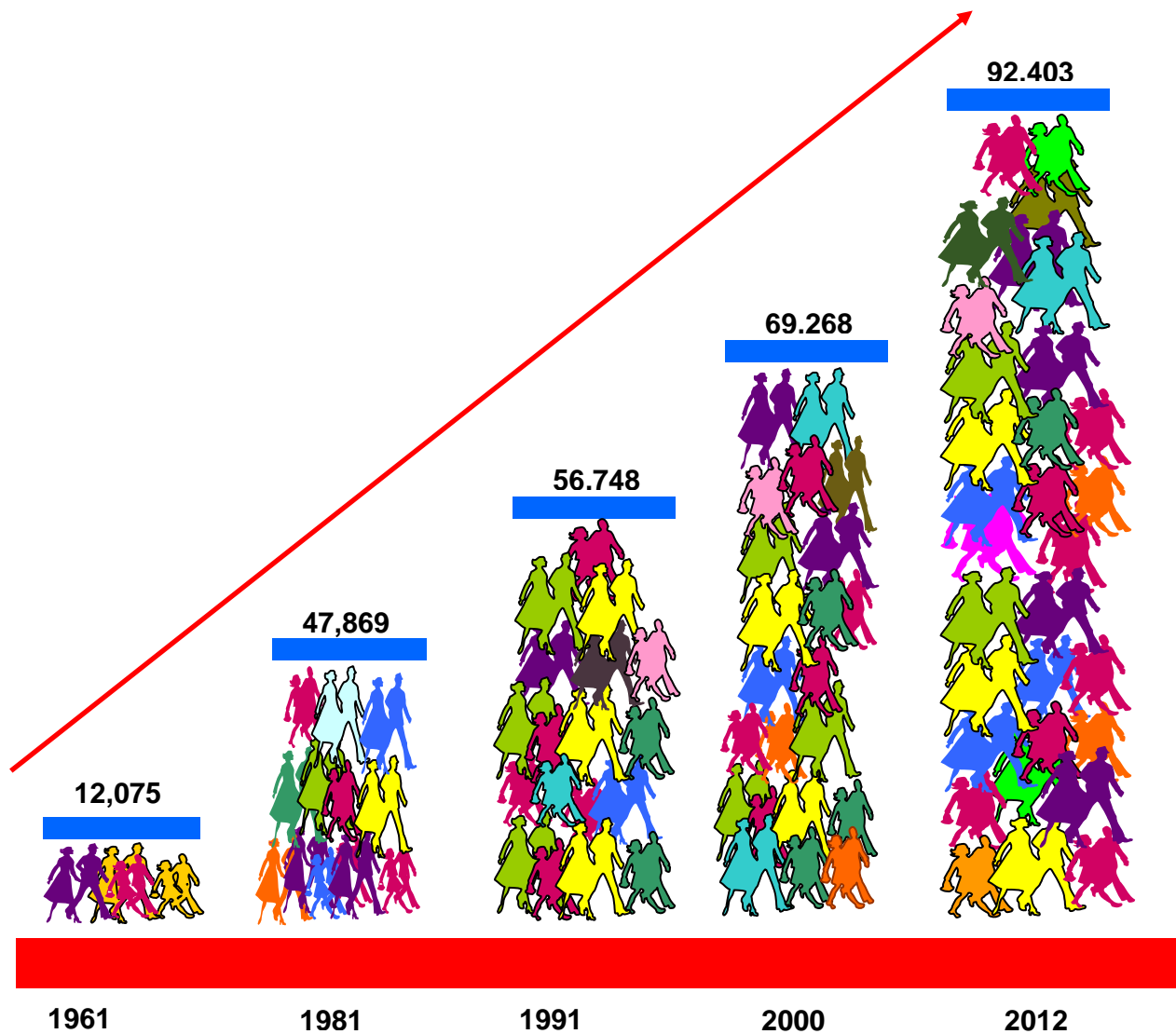


**Figure 2b**  
**Population within Strathcona County Hamlets**  
**(2012 and 2009 Comparisons)**



- Overall, of the 26,938 residents living in Rural Strathcona, 2,140 live in the 8 hamlets noted on the previous page, 17,624 live on country residential estates and 7,174 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 almost doubled its size since 1981 (a 93% growth increase). Within the last 12 years (since 2000), it has increased in size by just over 33%.

**Figure 3**  
**Population Growth in Strathcona County (1961 – 2012)**

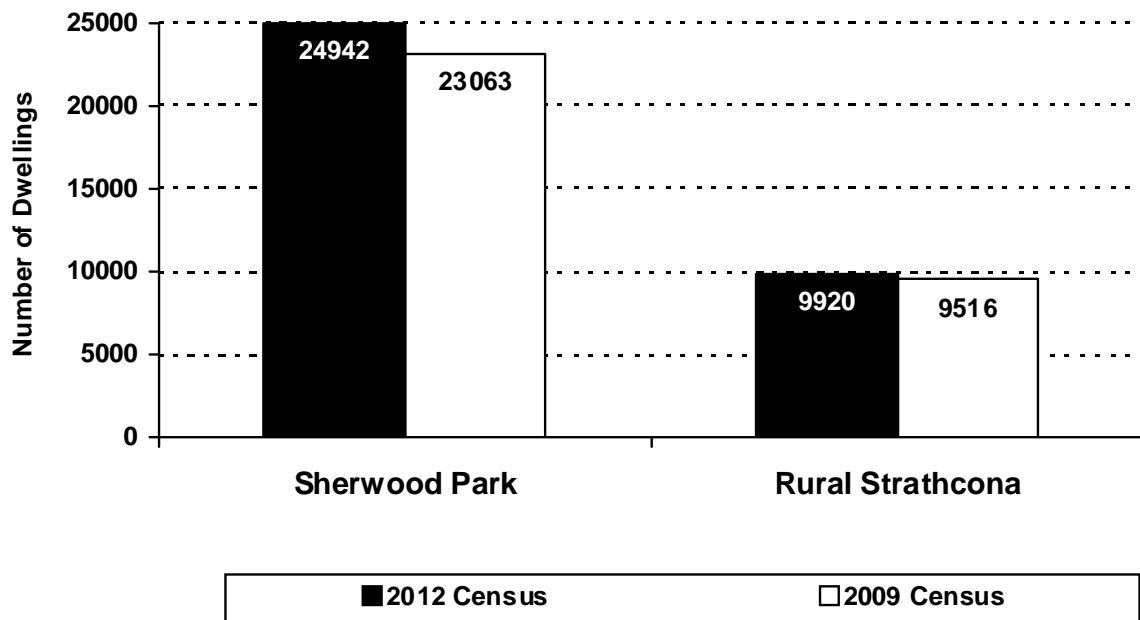


**B. Dwelling Statistics**

**Number of Dwellings**

In 2012, the total number of dwellings in Strathcona County is 34,862. In 2009, there were 32,579 dwellings throughout the County. Since 2009, there has been an increase of 2,283 dwellings (or 7% more than what was recorded in 2009). 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. Statistical information from 2009 is also shown.

**Figure 4  
Total Number of Dwellings in Strathcona County  
(2012 and 2009 Comparisons)**



**Census Highlights – Dwellings -**

- Most of the additional dwellings in the County are in Sherwood Park, where the number of dwellings has increased by 8.2% since 2009.
- In rural Strathcona, there was a 4.3% increase in dwellings since 2009.



## 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 Status<sup>2</sup> of Dwellings\***

	Total	Occupied		Vacant		Under	
	N	Dwellings		Dwellings		Construction	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Sherwood Park</b>	24,942	24,397	72.1%	363	51.3%	182	55.5%
<b>Rural Strathcona</b>	9,920	9,429	27.9%	345	48.7%	146	44.5%
<b>Total - Strathcona County</b>	34,862	33,826	100.0%	708	100.0%	328	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 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. 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 33,826 occupied dwellings in the County, the majority of them (N=24,397 or 72.1%) 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, 97% of the dwellings are occupied, 2% are vacant, and 1% are under construction. A breakdown for Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona can also be seen in Table 2.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

**Figure 5**  
**Occupancy Patterns of Dwellings in Strathcona County**  
**(2012)**

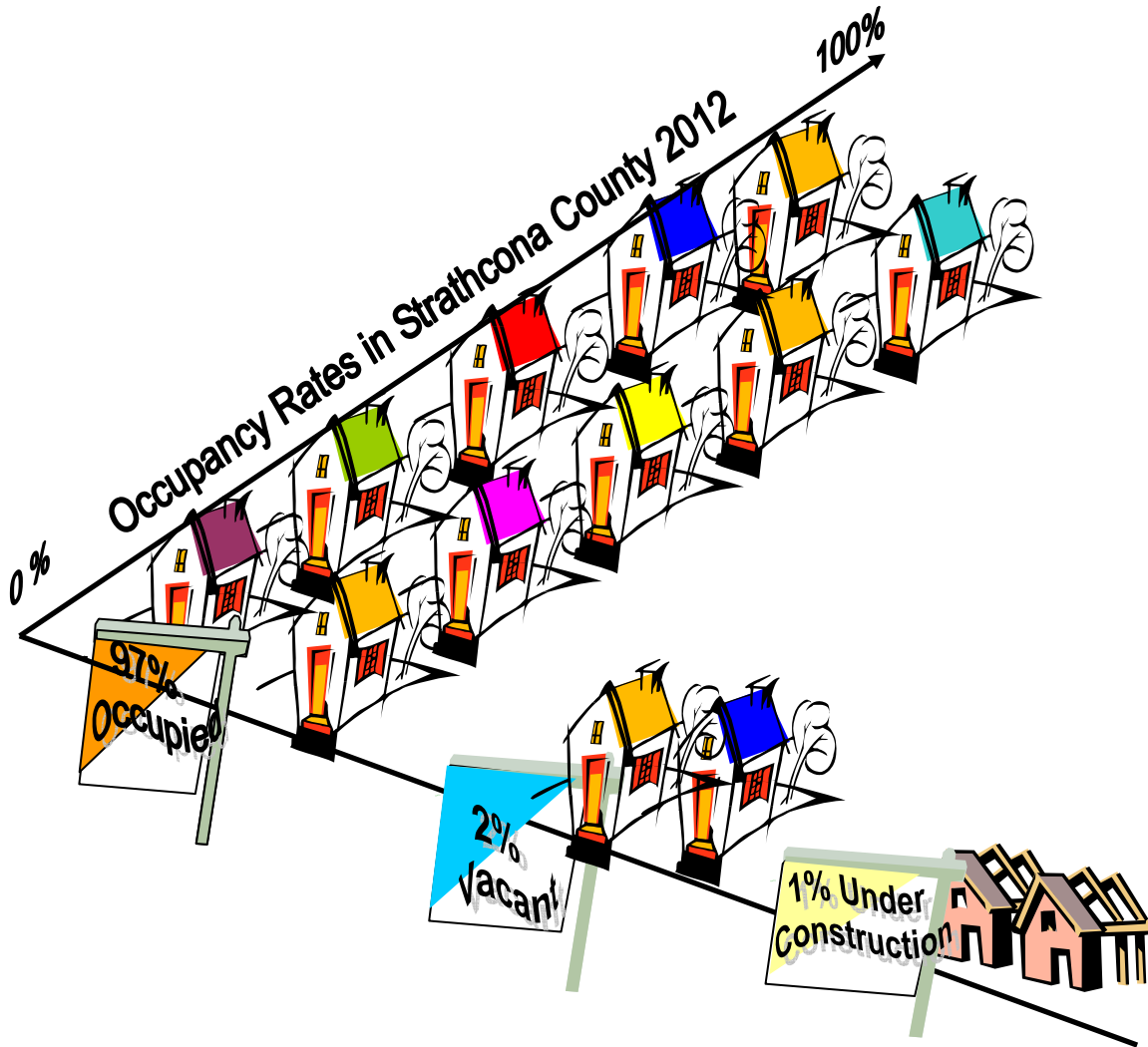


Table 2 presents a percentage breakdown of the status of dwellings by urban and rural parts of the County

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

	Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona		Total - Strathcona County	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Occupied Dwellings</b>	24,397	97.8%	9,429	95.6%	33,826	97%
<b>Vacant Dwellings</b>	363	1.5%	345	3.5%	708	2%
<b>Under Construction</b>	182	0.7%	146	0.9%	328	1%

\* 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 (97.8%) **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.

Table 3 presents a breakdown of the status of dwellings within rural Strathcona as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012.

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

	Total Number		Occupied Dwellings		Vacant Dwellings		Under Construction	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Farm</b>	2,864	19.3%	2,710	28.8%	131	38.0%	23	15.7%
<b>Country Residence</b>	6,100	71.5%	5,857	62.1%	127	36.8%	116	79.5%
<b>Hamlet</b>	956	9.1%	862	9.1%	87	25.2%	7	4.8%
<b>Rural Strathcona</b>	9,920	100.0%	9,429	100.0%	345	100.0%	146	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**

- 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 9,429 occupied dwellings in rural Strathcona, the majority of them (N=5,867 or 62.1%) 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	%
<b>Single Detached</b>	28,121	80.7%	18,649	74.8%	9,041	95.0%
<b>Row House</b>	1,401	4.0%	1,401	5.6%	0	---
<b>Apartment Units</b>	2,180	6.3%	2,121	8.5%	59	0.6%
<b>Duplex (Semi-Detached)</b>	1,757	5.0%	1,732	6.9%	25	0.3%
<b>Manufactured Homes</b>	987	2.8%	711	2.9%	276	2.8%
<b>Other Movable Dwellings</b>	35	0.1%	9	---	26	0.3%
<b>Attached to non-Residential Structure</b>	104	0.3%	56	0.2%	48	0.5%
<b>Suite in Single Detached</b>	68	0.2%	57	0.2%	11	0.1%
<b>Collective Dwellings<sup>3</sup></b>	209	0.6%	206	0.8%	3	---
<b>Total Number of Dwellings</b>	34,862	100.0%	24,942	100.0%	9,920	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 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 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	27,513	81.3%	18,434	75.6%	9,079	96.3%
Row House	1,348	4.0%	1,348	5.5%	0	---
Apartment Units	1,934	5.7%	1,934	7.9%	8	0.1%
Duplex, Semi Detached	1,688	5.0%	1,672	6.9%	16	0.2%
Manufactured Homes	948	2.8%	693	2.8%	255	2.7%
Suite in Single Detached	62	0.2%	53	0.2%	9	0.1%
Other Movable Dwellings	24	0.1%	9	---	15	0.3%
Attached to non-Residential Structure	100	0.3%	56	0.2%	44	0.2%
Collective Dwellings	201	0.6%	198	0.8%	3	---
<b>Total Number of Dwellings</b>	<b>33,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>24,397</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,429</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* 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.

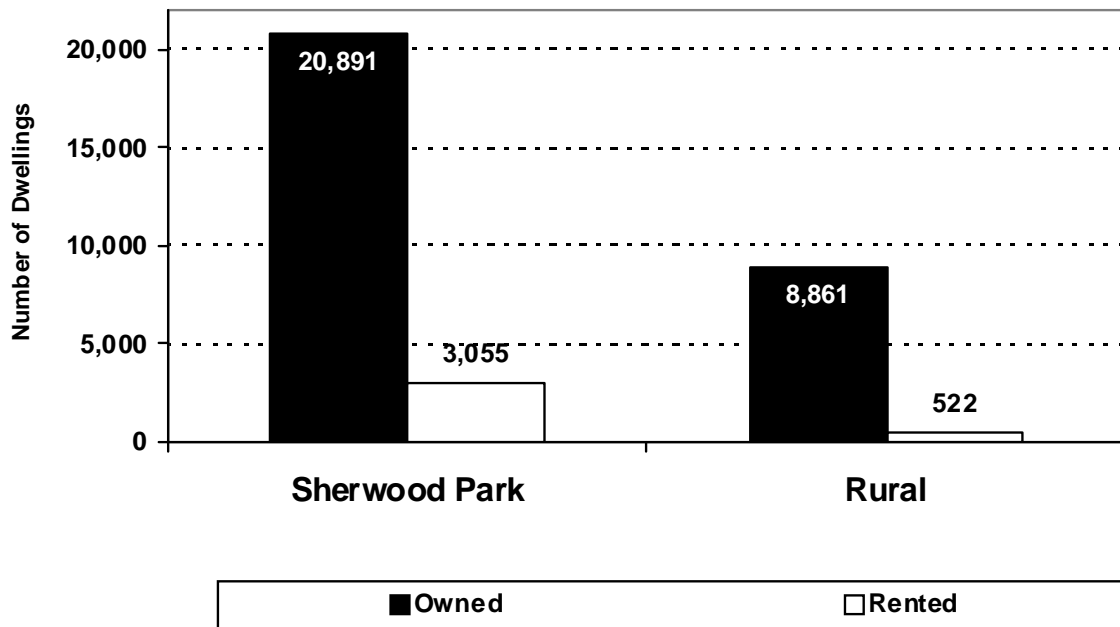
**Table 6**  
**Types of Dwellings within Strathcona County that are Vacant or are under Construction**

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	Vacant	Under Construction	Vacant	Under Construction	Vacant	Under Construction
Single Detached	424	184	124	91	300	93
Row House	40	13	40	13	0	0
Apartment Units	141	97	141	46	0	51
Duplex	37	32	30	30	7	2
Manufactured Homes	37	2	16	2	21	0
Suite in Single Detached	6	0	4	0	2	0
Other Movable Dwellings	11	0	0	0	11	0
Attached to non-Residential Structure	4	0	0	0	4	0
Collective Dwellings	8	0	8	0	0	0
<b>Total Number of Dwellings</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>146</b>

### Ownership Status of Occupied 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2012.

**Figure 5  
Ownership Status of Dwellings in Strathcona County (2012)**



### Census Highlights – Ownership Status of Occupied Dwellings

- The majority of occupied dwellings in Strathcona County are owned (89.3%). This breaks down to an 87.2% ownership in Sherwood Park and 94.4% in Rural Strathcona.
- With respect to occupied dwellings, there were 611 instances where the ownership of a dwelling was not stated by the resident(s), which amounted to 1.8% of all occupied dwellings in the County.



### C. Length of Residency

In 2012, 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	8,990	10.2%	7,062	11.4%	1,928	7.4%
2 to less than 5 years	11,958	13.6%	9,046	14.6%	2,912	11.2%
5 to less than 10 years	15,134	17.2%	10,549	17.0%	4,584	17.7%
10 or more years	51,918	59.0%	35,374	57.0%	16,544	63.7%
<b>Total Number of People</b>	<b>88,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>62,031</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>25,968</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* 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 4,403 residents was not reported. In Sherwood Park, this information was not known for 3,434 people and for Rural Strathcona, 970 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. Number of Motorized Vehicles

In the 2012 census, households were asked to indicate how many motorized vehicles, excluding recreation vehicles were used by the household on a daily basis. The results by geographic reason are depicted in Table 8.

**Table 8**  
**Number of Motorized Vehicles in Strathcona County \***

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	777	2.4%	686	3.0%	91	1.0%
One	8,317	25.9%	6,544	28.3%	1,773	19.7%
Two	16,720	52.0 %	11,959	51.7%	4,761	53.0%
Three	4,534	14.1%	2,973	12.8%	1,561	17.4%
Four or More	1,775	5.6%	977	4.2%	798	8.8%
<b>Total Number of Households</b>	<b>32,123</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>23,139</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,984</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

### Census Highlights – Number of Motor Vehicles

- The majority of households had two motor vehicles, regardless of the geographic location.
- While not shown in Table 8, information on the number of motor vehicles was not available from 1,258 Sherwood Park and 445 rural households.
- While not shown in Table 8, the majority of households living in collective dwellings do not have any motor vehicles.

## E. Annual Household Income

In the 2012 census, households were asked to where their annual household income fit within four income categories. The results by geographic region are depicted in Table 9.

**Table 9**  
**2012 Annual Household Income in Strathcona County \***

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than \$21,000	579	2.2%	443	2.3%	136	1.9%
\$21,000-\$26,999	720	2.7%	556	2.9%	164	2.3%
\$27,000-\$39,999	2,072	7.8%	1,558	8.0%	514	7.1%
\$40,000 or greater	23,262	87.3%	16,827	86.8%	6,435	88.8%
<b>Total Number of Households</b>	<b>26,633</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>19,384</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,249</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

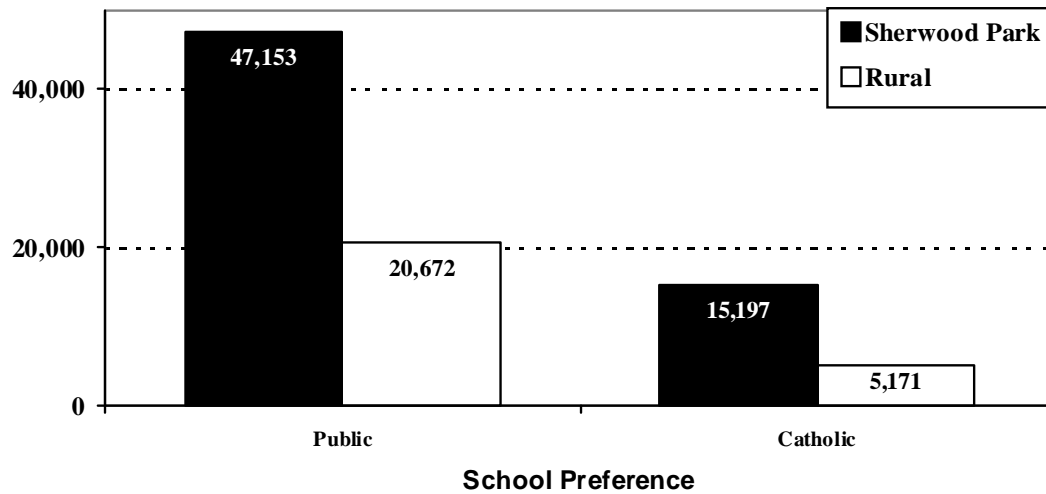
### Census Highlights – 2012 Household Income

- In 2012, the majority of households had annual incomes of \$40,000 or greater.
- Table 9 excludes 1,329 Sherwood Park and 423 rural households where no information is available. In addition, another 3,684 of Sherwood Park households and 1,756 of rural Strathcona County households refused to disclose any income information.

## F. School Support

The school support of Strathcona County residents for 2012 is shown in Figure 6 by location of resident.

**Figure 6**  
**School Support in Strathcona County**



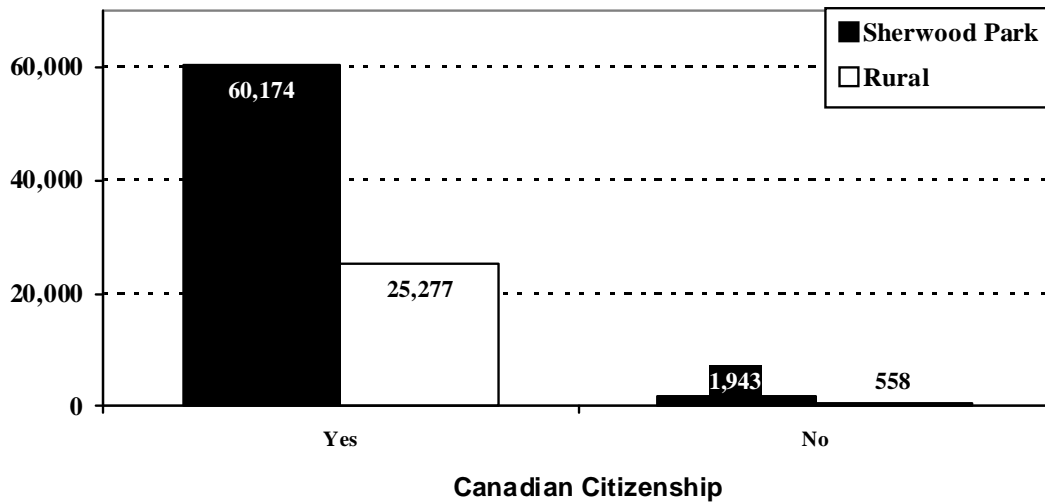
### Census Highlights – School Preferences

- This data is based on the type of school system supported by household residents.
- More residents support the public system over the Catholic system. Overall, 67,825 residents supported the public system, while 20,368 supported the Catholic system. School support was not stated by 4,209 residents
- In terms of percentage comparisons, 76.9% of school support was public, while 23.1% was catholic.

**G. Canadian Citizenship**

The Canadian citizenship breakdown of Strathcona County residents for 2012 is shown in Figure 7 by location of resident.

**Figure 7  
Canadian Citizenship in Strathcona County**



**Census Highlights – Canadian Citizenship**

- Most residents in both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County are Canadian citizens. Overall, 85,451 residents are Canadian citizens, while 2,501 are not. Canadian citizenship was not answered for 6,952 residents.

## H. Household Size

Household size in urban and rural Strathcona County is broken down in Table 10.

**Table 10**  
**Household Size\***

	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Households with One Person	5,630	16.6%	4,450	18.2%	1,180	12.5%
Households with Two People	12,779	37.8%	9,027	37.0%	3,752	39.8%
Households with Three People	5,663	16.7 %	4,190	17.2%	1,473	15.6%
Households with Four People	6,483	19.2%	4,568	18.7%	1,915	20.3%
Households with Five People	2,376	7.0%	1,628	6.7%	748	7.9%
Households with Six or more People	895	2.6%	534	2.2%	361	3.8%
<b>Total Number of Households<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>33,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>24,397</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,429</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* 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 2012, there were 201 occupied residences classified as collective dwellings in Strathcona County. Of these, 12 of the collective dwellings had 10 or more people residing in them; the number of people residing within a collective dwelling range ranged from 10 people to 131 people. Many of the larger

<sup>4</sup>Collective dwellings were not excluded from the numbers noted in this table.

- 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 size<sup>5</sup> is 2 people.
  - The average household size in Rural Strathcona is 2.85 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 3.02 people, with a median of 3;
    - Farms have an average size of 2.61 people, with a median of 2; and
    - Hamlets have an average size of 2.49 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.

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<sup>5</sup> The median is the middle score, or the 50<sup>th</sup> 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).

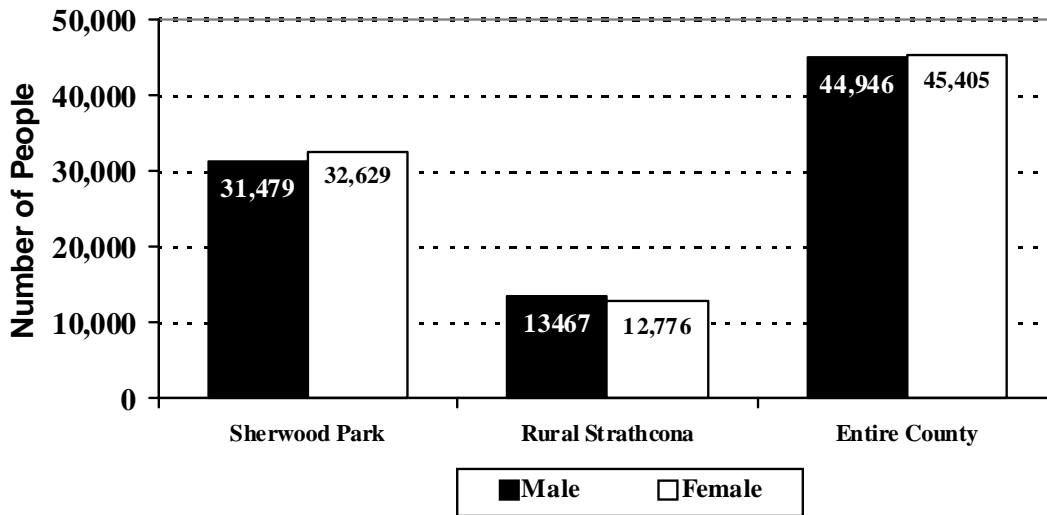
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## I. Gender & Age

### 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 1,357 instances where the gender of a household member was not stated.<sup>6</sup> In Rural Strathcona, there were 695 instances where this information was not stated.

<sup>6</sup> 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 4,121 Strathcona County residents.



## Age Comparisons

A breakdown of age within Sherwood Park, Rural Strathcona, and Strathcona County as a whole is shown in Table 11.

**Table 11**  
**Age Breakdowns**

Age Groups	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-4	4,595	5.2%	3,541	5.7%	1,054	4.1%
5-9	5,700	6.5%	4,048	6.5%	1,652	6.4%
10-14	6,165	7.0%	4,255	6.8%	1,910	7.4%
15-19	6,414	7.3%	4,270	6.9%	2,144	8.3%
20-24	5,536	6.3%	3,999	6.4%	1,537	5.9%
25-34	9,694	11.0%	7,782	12.5%	1,912	7.4%
35-44	12,488	14.1%	9,062	14.5%	3,426	13.2%
45-54	14,884	16.9%	9,682	15.5%	5,202	20.0%
55-64	11,639	13.2%	7,588	12.2%	4,051	15.6%
65-74	7,267	8.2%	5,090	8.2%	2,177	8.4%
75+	3,899	4.4%	3,015	4.8%	884	3.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,281</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>62,332</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>25,949</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### 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 2012, the average age of Sherwood Park residents is 37.9 years, while the median age is 38. In 2009, the average age was 36.9 and the median age was 37. What this means is that in the year 2012, the population in the urban center is growing slightly older.
- In 2012, the average age of people living in Rural Strathcona is 39.2 years, while the median age is 43. In 2009, the average age was 37.9 and the median age was 41. What this means is that in the year 2012, the population in the rural areas is getting slightly older.
- In terms of averages and medians derived in 2012, 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 age<sup>7</sup> by gender for Sherwood Park, and Rural Strathcona is shown in Tables 12 and 13.

**Table 12**  
**Age Breakdowns by Gender – Sherwood Park**

Age Groups	Sherwood Park		Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-4	3,532	5.7%	1,730	5.7%	1,802	5.7%
5-9	4,043	6.5%	2,075	6.8%	1,968	6.2%
10-14	4,245	6.8%	2,200	7.2%	2,045	6.4%
15-19	4,262	6.8%	2,182	7.1%	2,080	6.6%
20-24	3,993	6.4%	2,043	6.7%	1,950	6.1%
25-34	7,773	12.5%	3,835	12.6%	3,938	12.4%
35-44	9,051	14.5%	4,422	14.5%	4,629	14.6%
45-54	9,673	15.5%	4,705	15.4%	4,968	15.7%
55-64	7,586	12.2%	3,634	11.9%	3,952	12.5%
65-74	5,089	8.2%	2,459	8.1%	2,630	8.3%
75+	3,013	4.8%	1,260	4.1%	1,753	5.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,260</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>30,545</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,715</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 13**  
**Age Breakdowns by Gender – Rural Strathcona**

Age Groups	Rural Strathcona		Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-4	1,049	4.1%	530	4.0%	519	4.1%
5-9	1,643	6.3%	840	6.3%	803	6.74%
10-14	1,904	7.4%	974	7.3%	930	7.4%
15-19	2,141	8.3%	1,110	8.4%	1,031	8.2%
20-24	1,534	5.9%	838	6.3%	696	5.5%
25-34	1,908	7.4%	944	7.1%	964	7.6%
35-44	3,417	13.2%	1,632	12.3%	1,785	14.1%
45-54	5,191	20.1%	2,634	19.9%	2,557	20.3%
55-64	4,045	15.6%	2,111	15.9%	1,934	15.3%
65-74	2,174	8.4%	1,173	8.8%	1,001	7.9%
75+	884	3.4%	478	3.6%	406	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,890</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13,264</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12,626</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>7</sup> 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 102 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 37.2 years, while the mean age for females was 38.6 years. Median figures show the age midpoint for males being 37, and females being 39 years. The mean and median figures for males and females are slightly higher than what was found in 2009.
- Table 13 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 39.5 years, while the mean age for females was 39 years. Median figures show the age midpoint for males is 43 and females is 43 years. The mean and median figures for males and females are slightly higher than what was found in 2009.

## J. Marital Status & Family Status

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

**Table 14**  
**Marital Status Breakdowns**

Marital Status	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Never Married	33,669	38.1%	24,115	38.7%	9,554	36.7%
Married	43,267	49.0%	29,476	47.3%	13,791	53.0%
Common Law	4,279	4.8%	3,121	5.0%	1,158	4.5%
Separated/Divorced	4,631	5.2%	3,677	5.9%	954	3.7%
Widowed	2,522	2.9%	1,969	3.2%	553	2.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,368</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>62,358</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26,010</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Census Highlights – Marital Status

- In both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County, the majority of residents were married.
- In Sherwood Park, there were 2,475 instances where the marital status of a household member was not stated.<sup>8</sup> In Rural Strathcona, there were 574 instances where this information was not stated.
- Percentages in this table add up to 100% by columns.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

## K. 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 15.

**Table 15**  
**Employment Status Breakdowns**

Employment Status	Total Strathcona County		Sherwood Park		Rural Strathcona	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	41,678	47.0%	29,491	47.1%	12,187	46.8%
Part-Time	5,567	6.3%	3,751	6.0%	1,816	7.0%
Child not yet in school	4,591	5.2%	3,537	5.6%	1,054	4.0%
Student (K-12)	17,245	19.4%	11,883	19.9%	5,362	20.6%
Post-Secondary Student	2,929	3.3%	2,105	3.4%	824	3.2%
Not in the workforce	7,756	8.7%	5,245	8.4%	2,511	9.6%
Retired (age 65 or older)	8,912	10.0%	6,616	10.6%	2,296	8.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,678</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>62,628</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26,050</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Census Highlights – Employment Status

- In both Sherwood Park and Rural Strathcona County, the majority of residents worked full-time.
- In Sherwood Park, there were 2,205 instances where the employment status of a household member was not stated.<sup>9</sup> In Rural Strathcona, there were 534 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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 16 to 18.

**Table 16**  
**Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender**  
**(Total Strathcona County)**

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	24,539	55.7%	17,083	38.4%
Part-Time	1,142	2.6%	4,417	9.9%
Child not yet in school	2,257	5.1%	2,320	5.2%
Student (K-12)	8,880	20.2%	8,318	18.7%
Post-Secondary Student	1,265	2.9%	1,662	3.7%
Not in the workforce	1,991	4.5%	5,752	12.9%
Retired (age 65 or older)	3,953	9.0%	4,955	11.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,027</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>44,507</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 17**  
**Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender**  
**(Sherwood Park)**

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	17,046	55.5%	12,415	39.0%
Part-Time	762	2.5%	2,984	9.4%
Child not yet in school	1,727	5.6%	1,801	5.7%
Student (K-12)	6,133	20.0%	5,728	18.0%
Post-Secondary Student	902	2.9%	1,201	3.8%
Not in the workforce	1,353	4.4%	3,886	12.2%
Retired (age 65 or older)	2,790	9.1%	3,823	12.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,713</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,838</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 18**  
**Employment Status Breakdowns by Gender**  
**(Rural Strathcona)**

Employment Status	Males		Females	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	7,493	56.3%	4,668	36.8%
Part-Time	380	2.9%	1,433	11.3%
Child not yet in school	530	4.0%	519	4.1%
Student (K-12)	2,747	20.6%	2,590	20.4%
Post-Secondary Student	363	2.7%	461	3.6%
Not in the workforce	638	4.8%	1,866	14.7%
Retired (age 65 or older)	1,163	8.7%	1,132	8.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,314</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12,669</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

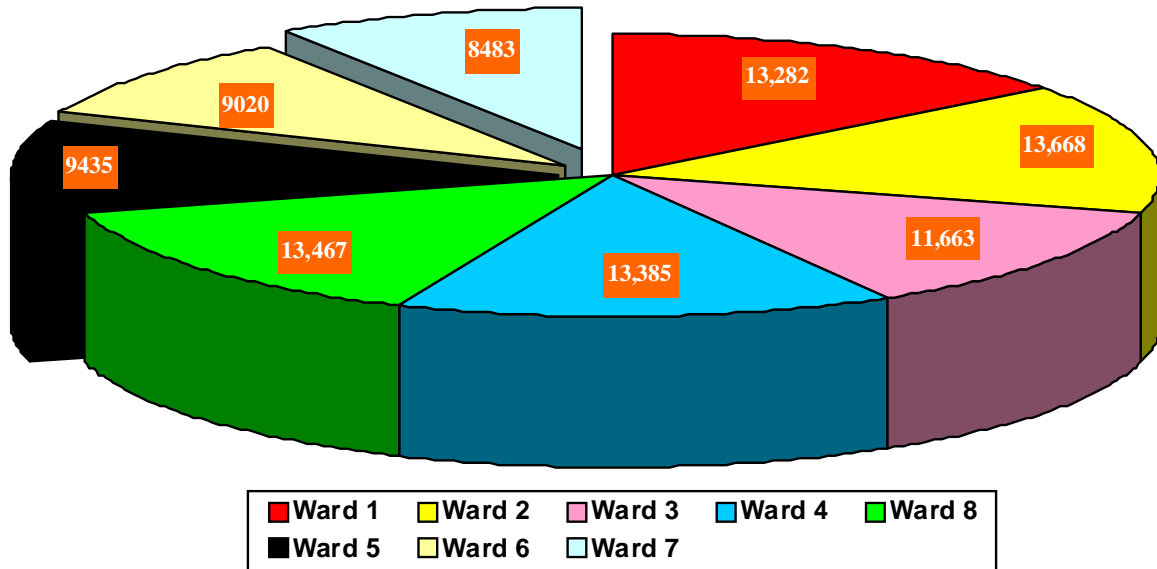
### Census Highlights – Employment Status by Gender

- Overall, it can be seen from Table 16 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.
- 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 17) and those who live in Rural Strathcona (Table 18).
- Percentages in each table add up to 100% by columns.

**L. 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**



**M. Neighborhoods in Sherwood Park**

A breakdown of the total number of residents, along with the number of dwellings for each neighbourhood found in Sherwood Park can be found in Table 19 on the next page. The neighbourhoods are also grouped into wards. A more detailed breakdown by rural and urban enumeration area can be found in Appendix A of this report.



**Table 19**  
**Neighbourhood Population Breakdowns**  
**Sherwood Park**

Neighbourhood	Total # of People	Dwelling Status			
		Total # of Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
<b>Ward 1</b>	<b>13,282</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>5,541</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>2</b>
Mills Haven	3,272	1,215	1,209	6	0
Woodbridge Farms	2,229	991	971	20	0
Broadmoor Estates/Center in the Park	2,113	951	904	45	2
Westboro	2,002	769	762	7	0
Village on the Lake	1,599	600	593	7	0
Strathcona Centre/ Silver Birch Lodge	1,326	603	595	8	0
The Palisades	665	475	445	30	0
Properties on the outskirts of Sherwood Park – Ward 1	76	70	62	8	0
<b>Ward 2</b>	<b>13,668</b>	<b>5,179</b>	<b>5,063</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>40</b>
Glen Allan	4,912	1,875	1,867	7	1
Lakeland Ridge	3,978	1,480	1,387	56	37
Charlton Heights	1,819	756	744	11	1
Cloverbar Ranch	1,576	547	546	0	1
Chelsea Heights	1,383	521	519	2	0
<b>Ward 3</b>	<b>11,663</b>	<b>4,328</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>
Nottingham	3,526	1,182	1,177	4	1
Sherwood Heights	2,563	1,007	996	8	3
Brentwood	2,308	930	916	14	0
Maplegrove	1,271	479	477	2	0
Maplewood	1,222	469	464	4	1
Estates of Sherwood Park	773	261	260	1	0
<b>Ward 4</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>108</b>
Clarkdale Meadows	4,563	1,525	1,522	3	0
Summerwood	3,113	1,127	1,092	21	14
Davidson Creek	2,153	723	719	4	0
Aspen Trails/ Emerald Hills	2,106	1,075	932	51	92
Lakeland Village/ Jubilee Landing	1,397	689	672	15	2
Properties on the outskirts of Sherwood Park – Ward 4	53	21	20	1	0
<b>Ward 8</b>	<b>13,467</b>	<b>4,601</b>	<b>4,546</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>
Foxboro/Foxhaven	4,124	1,422	1,400	8	14
Regency Park	3,399	1,251	1,230	8	13
Heritage Hills/Heritage Point	3,246	1,042	1,034	8	0
Craigavon	1,854	613	611	2	0
Forrest Grove	844	273	271	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,465</b>	<b>24,942</b>	<b>24,397</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>182</b>

## **Appendix A: Detailed Enumeration Area Statistics**

**Table 20**  
**2012 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
<b>Ward 5</b>	<b>9,435</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>3,324</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>17</b>
R501	783	275	270	4	1
R502	651	222	216	6	0
R503	635	211	210	1	0
R504	575	196	190	5	1
R505	248	83	79	3	1
R506	555	191	186	2	3
R507	734	266	261	4	1
R508	564	216	214	2	0
R509	425	149	149	0	0
R510	271	100	98	1	1
R511	362	136	134	2	0
R512	393	137	136	0	1
R513	204	79	78	1	0
R514	127	47	45	2	0
R515	173	62	60	1	1
R516	388	155	143	11	1
R517	658	246	239	4	3
R518	356	123	120	3	0
R519	337	133	128	3	2
R520	281	122	114	7	1
R521	321	128	120	8	0
R522	309	98	92	6	0
R523	85	52	42	10	0
<b>Ward 6</b>	<b>9,020</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>106</b>
R601	932	313	308	4	1
R602	644	241	235	5	1
R603	345	134	130	3	1
R604	284	89	89	0	0
R605	496	172	168	3	1
R606	725	281	258	11	12
R607	813	269	267	1	1
R608	771	247	239	3	5
R609	625	216	212	1	3
R610	552	190	187	3	0
R611	892	260	255	1	4
R612	654	316	219	24	73
R613	538	171	168	1	2

**Table 20 (Continued)**

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Occupancy Status of Dwelling			
		Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
R614	785	258	253	3	2
<b>Ward 7</b>	<b>8,483</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>23</b>
R701	610	223	212	7	4
R702	580	206	196	10	0
R703	522	183	171	9	3
R704	525	211	203	6	2
R705	352	172	158	14	0
R706	284	201	123	77	1
R707	412	153	152	1	0
R708	928	379	350	23	6
R709	582	204	200	3	1
R710	695	285	264	20	1
R711	485	188	185	2	1
R712	792	326	309	15	2
R713	478	167	165	2	0
R714	511	173	172	1	0
R715	433	157	155	0	2
R716	294	108	102	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,938</b>	<b>9,920</b>	<b>9,439</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>146</b>

**Table 21**  
**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
<b>Ward 1</b>	<b>13,282</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>5,541</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>2</b>
U102	563	208	208	0	0
U103	4	7	2	5	0
U104	557	197	195	2	0
U106	479	195	190	5	0
U107	355	126	125	1	0
U108	598	212	210	2	0
U109	523	202	201	1	0
U110	526	229	226	3	0
U111	489	206	202	2	2
U112	281	232	199	33	0
U113	771	312	303	9	0
U114	572	201	200	1	0
U115	579	230	225	5	0
U116	518	180	178	2	0
U117	469	163	163	0	0
U118	312	181	180	1	0
U119	351	237	225	12	0
U120	572	221	220	1	0
U121	639	246	245	1	0
U122	837	290	287	3	0
U124	661	248	248	0	0
U125	563	210	209	1	0
U126	673	322	319	3	0
U127	515	265	260	5	0
U128	138	16	16	0	0
U129	665	475	445	30	0
U130	72	63	60	3	0
U131	540	202	201	0	1
U132	561	217	217	0	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
<b>Ward 2</b>	<b>13,668</b>	<b>5,179</b>	<b>5,063</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>40</b>
U201	535	236	235	1	0
U202	543	200	200	0	0
U203	755	287	287	0	0
U204	710	260	257	3	0
U205	563	208	208	0	0
U206	4	7	2	5	0
U207	661	244	242	2	0
U208	607	229	228	1	0
U209	702	201	201	0	0
U210	792	380	335	45	0
U211	488	224	223	1	0
U212	718	258	258	0	0
U213	1035	358	348	6	4
U214	518	334	326	7	1
U215	866	318	314	4	0
U216	768	274	270	4	0
U217	549	192	191	1	0
U218	1011	315	281	1	33
U219	530	182	182	0	0
U220	779	268	267	0	1
<b>Ward 3</b>	<b>11,663</b>	<b>4,328</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>
U301	773	261	260	1	0
U303	334	101	98	1	2
U304	607	230	230	0	0
U305	628	253	249	3	1
U306	898	299	297	2	0
U307	829	262	261	0	1
U308	679	216	216	0	0
U309	594	216	215	1	0
U310	664	249	247	2	0
U311	582	253	251	1	1
U312	486	196	194	2	0
U313	619	238	236	2	0
U314	542	219	217	2	0
U315	678	265	258	7	0
U316	531	234	230	4	0
U317	646	241	239	2	0
U318	474	164	164	0	0
U319	565	227	226	1	0
U320	534	204	202	2	0

Table 24 (Continued)

Enumeration Area	Number of Residents	Total Dwellings	Occupied	Vacant	Under Construction
<b>Ward 4</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>108</b>
U401	728	247	247	0	0
U402	565	190	189	1	0
U403	533	184	184	0	0
U404	627	193	193	0	0
U405	893	280	279	1	0
U406	526	199	198	1	0
U407	766	254	253	1	0
U408	1147	381	378	3	0
U409	931	320	320	0	0
U410	820	324	301	12	11
U411	787	257	251	4	2
U412	808	265	264	1	0
U413	698	281	276	4	1
U414	836	552	471	30	51
U415	628	205	203	2	0
U416	642	318	258	19	41
U417	461	239	229	10	0
U418	415	197	195	1	1
U419	521	253	248	4	1
U420	53	21	20	1	0
<b>Ward 8</b>	<b>13,467</b>	<b>4,601</b>	<b>4,546</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>
U801	671	260	242	5	13
U802	874	320	320	0	0
U803	587	209	209	0	0
U804	662	230	230	0	0
U805	605	232	229	3	0
U806	1027	344	325	5	14
U807	920	288	287	1	0
U808	800	261	260	1	0
U809	844	273	271	2	0
U810	542	255	255	0	0
U811	835	274	273	1	0
U812	592	196	194	2	0
U813	796	241	240	1	0
U814	803	243	242	1	0
U815	664	207	207	0	0
U816	699	246	246	0	0
U817	798	274	271	3	0
U818	748	248	245	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,465</b>	<b>24,942</b>	<b>24,397</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>182</b>