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COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTNERS

Alberta Centre for Active Living  
Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters  
Alberta Education  
Alberta Health Services  
Alberta Human Services  
Alberta Indigenous Relations  
Alberta Office of Statistics and Information  
Arts Commons  
Bankruptcy Canada  
Calgary Arts Development  
Calgary Economic Development  
Calgary Herald  
Calgary Homeless Foundation  
Calgary Police Service  
Calgary Seniors Resource Society  
Calgary Sun  
Calgary Real Estate Board  
Calgary Transit  
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation  
Canada Without Poverty  
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives  
Canadian Institute for Health Information  
Canadian Mental Health Association  
Canadian Real Estate Association  
CBRE Limited  
Centre for Suicide Prevention  
City of Calgary  
Community Foundations of Canada  
Conference Board of Canada  
Environment Canada  
Food Banks Canada  
Government of Alberta  
Health Quality Council of Alberta  
Statistics Canada  
Vibrant Communities Calgary  
Walk Score
SNAPSHOT OF CALGARY

Statistics as of July 2018

Population data
   Source: Calgary Civic Census

Median household income
   Source: Statistics Canada

Mean Charitable Donation
   Source: Statistics Canada

Median Home Price
   Source: The Canadian Real Estate Association

Median Personal Income
   Source: Conference Board of Canada, 2017

Apartment Vacancy Rate
2 bedroom apartment rent
   Source: Calgary Real Estate Board

Office vacancy rate
Unemployment rate
   Source: Calgary Economic Development | Why Calgary? Our Economy in Depth

Average annual income
   Source: Enough for All – Poverty in Calgary 2018
LIVING STANDARDS – There is enough for all.

Overcrowding in Calgary classrooms. Source: Alberta Government, Class size by school year, jurisdiction, and grade. Alberta. 2017-18 class size data

Calgary has the second-highest rate of homeownership at 71%, compared to the average of 59% of other Canadian cities. Source: The City of Calgary, Affordable Housing Division, Housing in Canada’s Big Cities May 2018 Report

Subsidized Housing across Canada. Source: Citizens for Public Justice: Affordable Housing in Canada, 2013

3,934 Calgarian are waiting for affordable housing (almost a 10% decrease between 2013 and 2016). Source: The City of Calgary, Affordable Housing Division, Housing in Canada’s Big Cities May 2018 Report

Between 2008 and 2016, Calgary’s homeless population has decreased of 26% per capita. Sources: 
- Calgary Homeless Foundation, Public Policy and Homelessness, January 24, 2017 Prepared by: Nick Falvo

Consumer price index compared to other Canadian cities. Source: Statistics Canada, Table 18-10-0005-01, Consumer Price Index, annual average, not seasonally adjusted, 2017

Calgary’s walk score is 48. Source: Walk Score, July 2018


30% of summer cyclists stay on the roads over the winter. Source: Centre City Cycle Track Pilot Summary Report, 2016

The number of bicycle commuters to downtown Calgary has almost doubled (46% increase) since 2010. Source: The City of Calgary Business District Cordon Count, 2017

Calgary’s transit score is 43. Source: Walk Score, July 2018

Since 2014, Calgary Transit Ridership has decreased by 7.6%. Source: Calgary Transit Funding and Fare Strategy Reviews, 2014, 2017

Calgary’s Tech industry has seen a 10.3% increase in employment from 2011-2016. Source: CBRE, 2017 Scoring Canadian Tech Talent
WELLNESS — All Calgarians achieve optimal health & well-being.

Average Age of Calgarians Receiving Medically Assisted Deaths
Source: Alberta Health Services, Data & Stats, Current as of June 30, 2018

Alberta Fentanyl-Related Deaths
Source: Alberta Health Reporting Branch, Opioids and substances of misuse: Alberta Q1 Interim Report 2018

Alberta Suicide Deaths
Source: Centre for Suicide Prevention & Alberta Health Analytics and Performance, Alberta suicide stats by region and age, 2017

Calgary Sexual Offences in Calgary
Source: Calgary Police, Statistical Reports, 2017

Alberta Adult Prison Population
Sources:
- Calgary Herald, Statistics Canada Table: 35-10-0016-01, 2018
- Calgary Herald, July 2018, Poverty cited as Indigenous population in Alberta jails reaches ‘tragic’ levels

Childhood Obesity & Overweight Rates in Alberta (Rural vs. Non-Rural Areas)
Source: Alberta Health Services, Diabetes, Obesity, and Nutrition Strategic Clinic Network Facts Sheet – A Look on Childhood Obesity, February 2017

Overweight or Obesity Rates in Canada
Source: Statistics Canada, Table 13-10-0794-01, Measured adult body mass index (BMI) (World Health Organization classification), by age group and sex, Canada and provinces, Canadian Community Health Survey – Nutrition 2015

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS — Everyone belongs.

Calgary Rent for Independent Seniors
Source: Canada Mortgage and housing corporation, 2018 Seniors' Housing Report Alberta

Canadian Youth Unemployment Rates

Calgary Low Income Population
Source: Enough for all, Poverty in Calgary Report, June 2018

Calgary Vacancy Rates for Independent Senior Living
Source: Canada Mortgage and housing corporation, 2018 Seniors' Housing Report Alberta

Alberta Children on Welfare (monthly average)
Source: Alberta Human Services, Child Intervention Statistics 2017-18

Alberta Indigenous Children on Welfare (as per cent of population)
Source: Alberta Human Services, Child Intervention Statistics 2017-18

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**ARTS** — *Everyone lives a creative life.*

**Visual and Performing Arts 10 Year Growth**  

**10 Year Change in Number of Seats per 1,000 Residents**  

**Arts & Culture jobs in Calgary**  
*Source:* Calgary Arts Development (CADA), 2017, [https://calgaryartsdevelopment.com/](https://calgaryartsdevelopment.com/)

**Key Demographic Segments Within the Arts**  
*Source:* Calgary Arts Development (CADA), 2017, [https://calgaryartsdevelopment.com/](https://calgaryartsdevelopment.com/)

**Calgary Arts Statistics (Economic impact, Children & Youth Participating in the Arts, and Volunteer Participation)**  
*Source:* Calgary Arts Development (CADA), 2017, [https://calgaryartsdevelopment.com/](https://calgaryartsdevelopment.com/)

**ENVIRONMENT** — *The air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we enjoy sustains us all, now and in the future.*

**Calgary Reduction in Waste.**  
*Source:* City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services 2018

**Calgary Water Withdrawals.**  
*Source:* City of Calgary 2017

**Calgary Contamination rates for recycling.**  
*Source:* City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services, 2018

**Calgary Concentration of Ozone (annual average).**  
*Source:* Environment Canada Indicators, 2017

**Calgary Concentration of Fine Particulate Matter (annual average).**  
*Source:* Environment Canada Indicators 2017

**Calgary Dog Lovers**  
*Sources:*
- CTV News Winnipeg, 2017, [Winnipeg has the second highest dog to person ratio in Canada](https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/winnipeg-has-the-second-highest-dog-to-person-ratio-in-canada-1.3533604)
SURVEY RESULTS

TOP ISSUE – TRANSPORTATION

The number of downtown bike commuters has almost doubled since 2010, to 17,468 annually.
Source: The City of Calgary Business District Cordon Count, 2017

Even in the cold winter months, 30% of cyclists continue to ride Calgary’s 290 km of on-street bikeways and 550km of multi-use pathways.
Source: Centre City Cycle Track Pilot Summary Report, 2016

TOP ISSUE – HOUSING

With a 6.7% vacancy rate in apartment rentals, and a 24% decline in condo sales over the last 10 years, data indicates availability of housing isn’t the issue, it’s the affordability of housing options in Calgary which currently has the third highest rental rates in Canada, behind the high priced markets of Vancouver and Toronto.
Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2018