Calgary: Census 2016

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**Income**

Median total household income increased

19.7% 2010: $83,220

2015: $99,583

**Immigrants, Diversity and Ethnic Origin**

29.4% of Calgary’s population are immigrants, up from 26.2% in 2011

33.7% of Calgary’s population are visible minorities, up from 28.1% in 2011

Over 240 ethnic origins (unchanged from 2011)

- 21.7% British
- 20.1% Canadian
- 17.5% Scottish
- 14.7% German
- 14.3% Irish
- 8.6% French
- 7.6% Chinese
- 6.6% Ukrainian
- 6.6% East Indian
- 5.5% Filipino
- 4.2% African
- 4.0% Aboriginal
- 2.6% Latino

**Household**

73% households in Calgary own their homes

The highest home ownership rate of major Canadian cities and the fastest growing between 2011 and 2016

Specifically:

- 21.8% own condominiums
- 58.3% own single-family homes

2.6 average number of people in each household

Source: Census 2016, Statistics Canada

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The Daily Work Commute

When it comes to the daily commute, **32% of Calgarians use sustainable transportation**

- **14.4%** use public transit
- **11.4%** carpool
- **1.5%** cycle to work
- **4.7%** walk to work

Commute Times

- **26.5 minutes** Calgary average commute time to work. The Canadian average commute time is 26.2 minutes
- **41.6 minutes** Calgary average commute time using public transit
- **18.2 minutes** Calgary average commute time by walking or cycling

Place of Work

- **7.1%** of Calgarians worked from home. Of those working from home, 47% are male and 53% are female

Language at Work

- **97.4%** of the working population use English at work
- **0.2%** use French at work
- **1.1%** use non-official languages including Cantonese, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog (Filipino) and Mandarin

Source: Census 2016, Statistics Canada

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Education

Calgary had the third highest post-secondary educational attainment of major Canadian cities (25 to 64 years old)

- 22.3% of Calgary graduates are high school graduates.
- 23.7% have an apprenticeship or other trades certificate.
- 20.3% have a college certificate or diploma.
- 38.3% have a bachelor’s degree or higher.

In addition:

- 45.2% of immigrants have a bachelor’s degree or higher.
- 17.5% of Aboriginals have a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Top 5 Fields of Study

Ranked by percentage of Calgarians (15+ years old)

1. Business, management and marketing (13.1%)
2. Health (7.4%)
3. Engineering (5.6%)
4. Education (3.6%)
5. Engineering technologies (2.8%)

Labour

- 32.5% of Calgarians are immigrants.
- 66% have post-secondary education.

Employment

- 66.5% of Calgarians are employed vs. the Canadian average of 60.2%.
- 63.3% of Aboriginals are employed vs. the Canadian average of 52.1%.
- 52.3% of Calgarians (15 to 24 years old) are employed vs. the Canadian average of 51.9%.
- 3.6% of Calgarians (64+ years old) are employed vs. the Canadian average of 4.4%.

Source: Census 2016, Statistics Canada

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