



Calgary Foundation's Vital Signs 2018

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COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTNERS

Alberta Centre for Active Living	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Alberta Council of Women's Shelters	Canada Without Poverty
Alberta Education	Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
Alberta Health Services	Canadian Institute for Health Information
Alberta Human Services	Canadian Mental Health Association
Alberta Indigenous Relations	Canadian Real Estate Association
Alberta Office of Statistics and Information	CBRE Limited
Arts Commons	Centre for Suicide Prevention
Bankruptcy Canada	City of Calgary
Calgary Arts Development	Community Foundations of Canada
Calgary Economic Development	Conference Board of Canada
Calgary Herald	Environment Canada
Calgary Homeless Foundation	Food Banks Canada
Calgary Police Service	Government of Alberta
Calgary Seniors Resource Society	Health Quality Council of Alberta
Calgary Sun	Statistics Canada
Calgary Real Estate Board	Vibrant Communities Calgary
Calgary Transit	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](#)
- The School of Public Policy Publications. Milaney, K., Williams, N., & Dutton, D. J. (2018). [Falling through the cracks: How the community-based approach has failed Calgary's chronically homeless. The School of Public Policy Publications, 11, 1-39.](#)

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](#)

Calgary's bike score is 74.4. Source: [Winters, M., Teschke, K., Brauer, M., & Fuller, D. \(2016\). Bike score: Associations between urban bikeability and cycling behavior in 24 cities. International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition, 1-10.](#)

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

Source: Calgary Economic Development, May 2018, [Why Calgary? Our Economy in Depth](#)

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](#)



ARTS – *Everyone lives a creative life.*

Visual and Performing Arts 10 Year Growth

Source: Calgary Arts Development – Arts & Calgary Infrastructure, [Building On Our Momentum Report 2017](#)

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

Source: Calgary Arts Development – Arts & Calgary Infrastructure, [Building On Our Momentum Report 2017](#)

Arts & Culture jobs in Calgary

Source: Calgary Arts Development (CADA), 2017, <https://calgaryartsdevelopment.com/>

Key Demographic Segments Within the Arts

Source: Calgary Arts Development (CADA), 2017, <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/>

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:

- Calgary Economic Development, May 2018, [Why Calgary? Our Economy in Depth](#)
- CTV News Winnipeg, 2017, [Winnipeg has the second highest dog to person ratio in Canada](#)



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