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**CENSUS REPORT**  
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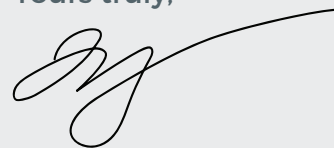
## Another Year, Another Census!

### A message from the CAO

For the past several years an annual municipal census has been conducted followed by the creation of a census report. The reason for doing this is that the Town of Blackfalds continues to see population growth that is over 8% each year on average. This means that since 2006, Blackfalds has grown an astonishing 101%, compared to the Alberta provincial 10-year average of 25%!

Thanks to all Blackfalds residents who completed the census. I look forward to being a part of the continued growth of the community through the year and into 2017!

Yours truly,



Myron Thompson, CAO

The data collected from the municipal census is invaluable for our growing community. The results are used to access population-based funding, which means more dollars to allocate to the programs and services that the Town delivers to residents and businesses.

This year's municipal census was conducted between April 1 and May 15, both online (39% of respondents) and door-to-door (60.5% of respondents), providing an unprecedented 99.71% census completion rate!

*The Municipal Census is collected under the authority of the Alberta's Municipal Government Act (MGA). The collection of personal information is authorized by Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). Household data collected is deemed confidential and never released at an individual resident level.*





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## 100 Years & Still Counting

Forgetting current population trends for the time being, what did Blackfalds look like 100 years ago? Thanks to the Blackfalds & Area Historical Society, we've attained the 1916 Municipal Census for the Village of Blackfalds.

Since 1916, the population of Blackfalds has grown from 105 residents (53 males and 52 females) to the 2016 population of 9510 (4612 males, 4420 females and 478 undeclared) - an 8957% increase in a century!

Occupationally, unsurprisingly, things have changed considerably in Blackfalds. The Town has grown from a community that was largely supported by farming to one with a large variety of employment sectors including trades, natural resources, sales and services, education, finance and more.

In the early 20th century, different questions were asked in the census including country of birth and religion.

The image shows a page from the 1916 Village of Blackfalds Municipal Census. The page is titled "SCHEDULE TABLEAU No. 1" and "POPULATION BY NAME, PERSONAL DESCRIPTION, ETC." It contains a large grid of data with columns for names, ages, sexes, and various personal descriptions. The page is heavily annotated with handwritten numbers and marks, including large "X" and "399" in the left margin. The document is framed by a border with "KODAK" printed vertically on the right side.

Page from 1916 Village of Blackfalds Municipal Census



Of those surveyed in the 1916 census, the majority of Blackfalds residents that indicated a different country of birth came from England, the United States and Scotland. Most residents were Christian - split between Methodist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist and Anglican.

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## The Year at a Glance

Once again Blackfalds has displayed above Provincial average growth with an annual increase of over 8% in population along with a 5% gain in dwellings.

Census data reveals the typical Blackfalds family to be a married couple between the ages of 26 to 35, living in a single family detached home with 1 or 2 children. These parents work in Blackfalds or the Central Alberta area, with the husband employed in the trades, natural resources or sales sectors and the wife employed in sales, health, business, or education sector.



9,510

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2016

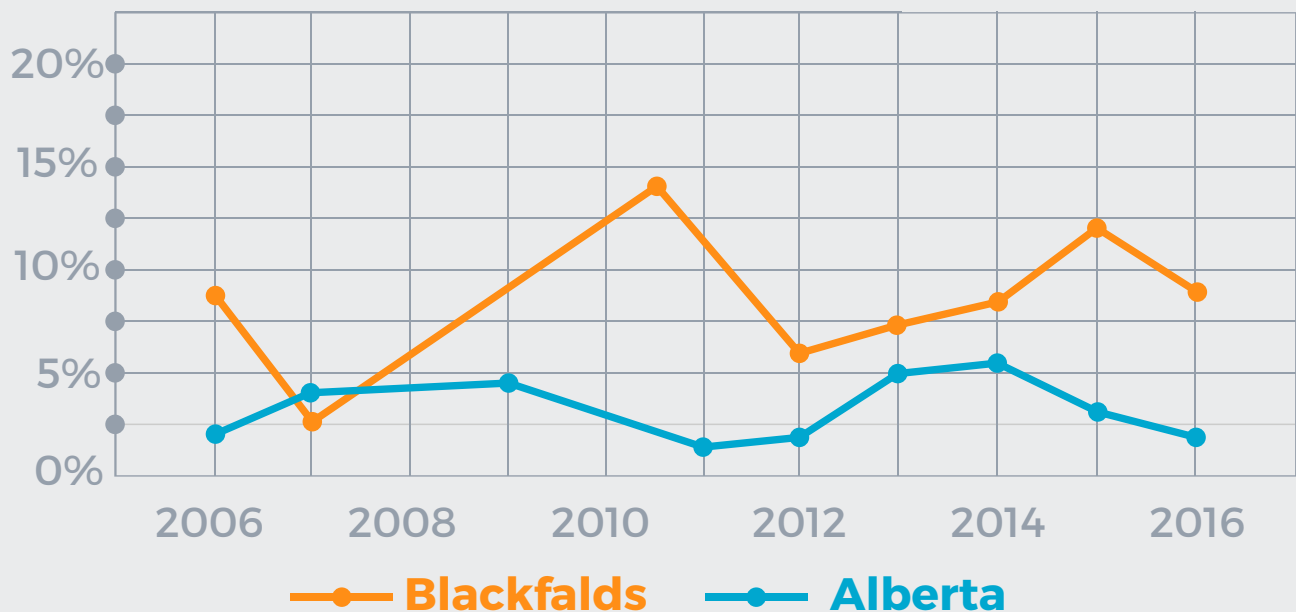
## A Decade of Growth

This year the Town's population increased by 8.15% (717 individuals), bringing the current number of residents to **9,510** from the 2015 population of 8,793. Blackfalds' annual growth rate is significantly higher than average Alberta growth rate of 1.8%.

Since 2006, the community has seen an 101% increase in population while the provincial 10-year average has only been approximately 25%\*.

Blackfalds' average growth rate of 10% for each of the past 10 years is well above the Alberta average of 2-3%.

### GROWTH COMPARISON ALBERTA - BLACKFALDS



\*<http://economicdashboard.alberta.ca/Population>

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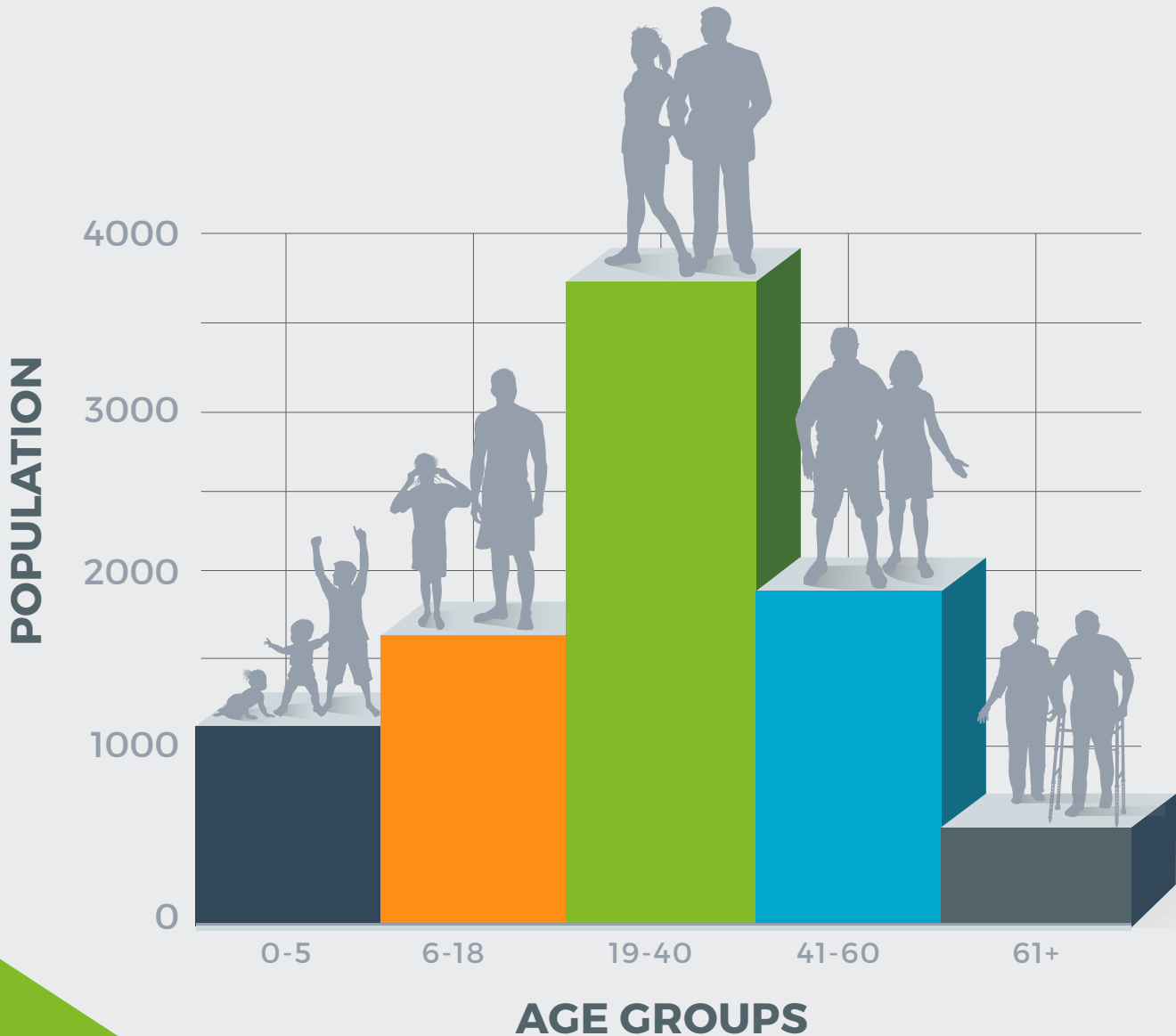
## We Are Young

Blackfalds is a community with a strong base of young and growing families split between 46% women and 49% men (5% undeclared).

The average age of a resident in the community is 29, significantly younger than the provincial median average of 36.

Over 75% of those living in Blackfalds are 40 years of age or younger, with 32% being under the age of 18.

For more detailed information, check appendix 1.





## A Place to Call Home



The number of dwellings in Blackfalds has increased 5% from 3,917 in 2015 to **4,095**.

The number of homes that are either vacant or under construction has declined from 830 in 2015 to 680 in 2016.

Current residential development includes a 3-storey, 27 unit apartment complex, condominiums, and a manufactured home park, indicating a trend towards more multi-family development to meet the need for increased variety in accommodations.

For more detailed information, check appendix 2.

### OWNER VS. RENTAL



The majority of residences 77% (2,568) are owner occupied with the remainder being rentals 16% (540) or undeclared 7% (236).

### SINGLE DETACHED VS. MULTI-FAMILY



Single detached homes account for 73% (2,452) of residences and multi-family dwellings comprise 19% (639). The remaining 8% (255) were undeclared.

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## An Educated Labour Pool



### **48% with POST-SECONDARY**

Includes 24% college diplomas, 12% university degrees or higher, and 12% trade certificates

48% of Blackfalds residents reported having completed post-secondary education - including registered trade certificates, college diplomas and university degrees.

36% indicated high school being their highest education, while 16% chose not to declare their educational level.

12% of residents indicated completing a trade certificate, with the majority (82%) being male. Those with a college diploma, university degree or higher were 65% female.

For more detailed information, check appendix 3.

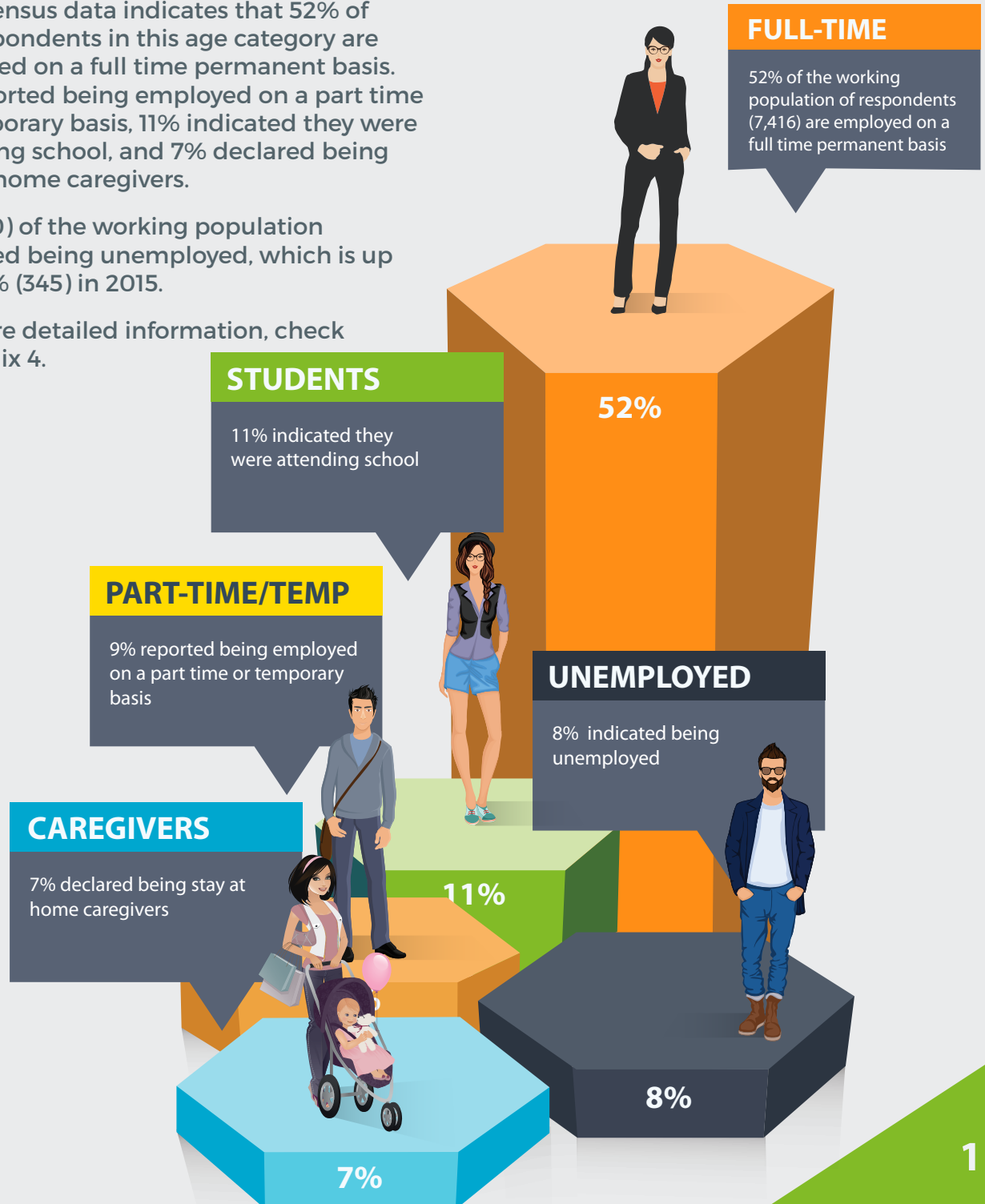


## The Workforce

Those between the ages of 18 - 65 comprise **65%** of Blackfalds total population of 9510. Census data indicates that 52% of the respondents in this age category are employed on a full time permanent basis. 9% reported being employed on a part time or temporary basis, 11% indicated they were attending school, and 7% declared being stay at home caregivers.

8% (570) of the working population indicated being unemployed, which is up from 5% (345) in 2015.

For more detailed information, check appendix 4.

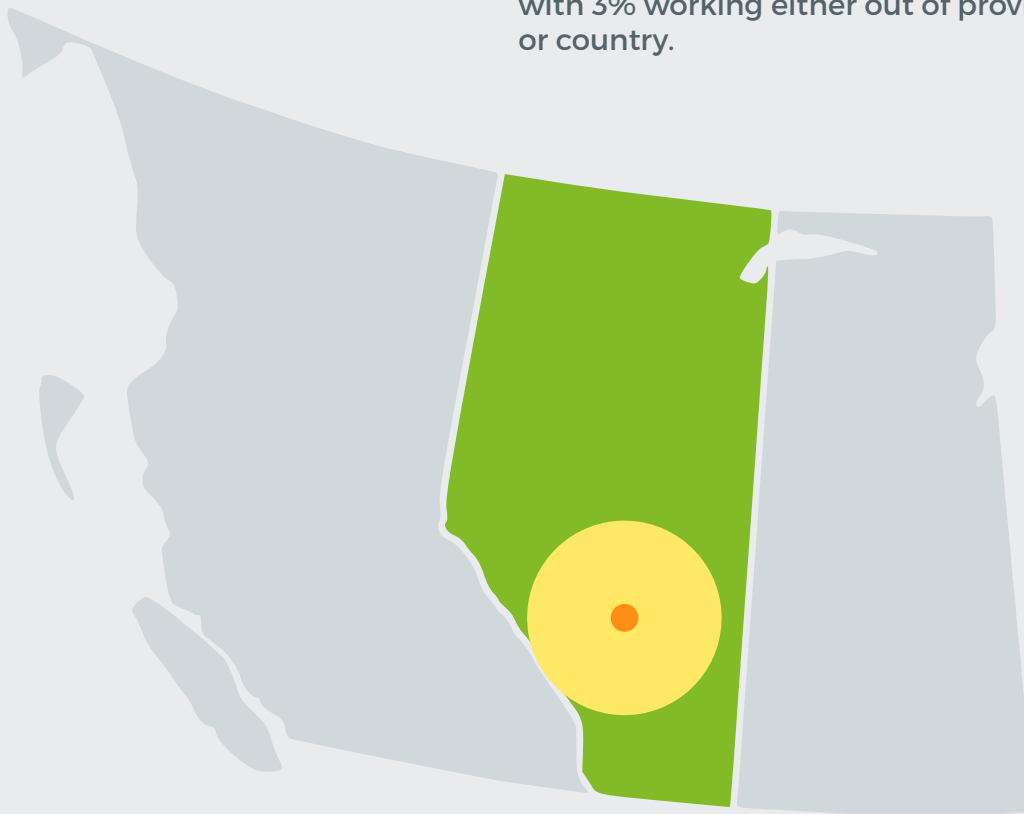


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## Location of Employment

Location of employment - out of 4,523 respondents - show that **15% (694)** of Blackfalds residents work in town with 47% working in Red Deer (2,134) and 23% (1,027) elsewhere in Central Alberta.

**This means the majority of employment (85%) is within the Central Alberta area.** The remaining 12% of the working population are employed elsewhere in the province, with 3% working either out of province or country.



**BLACKFALDS** 15%

**CENTRAL REGION** 70%

**ALBERTA** 12%

**3% OUTSIDE ALBERTA**



## Occupations

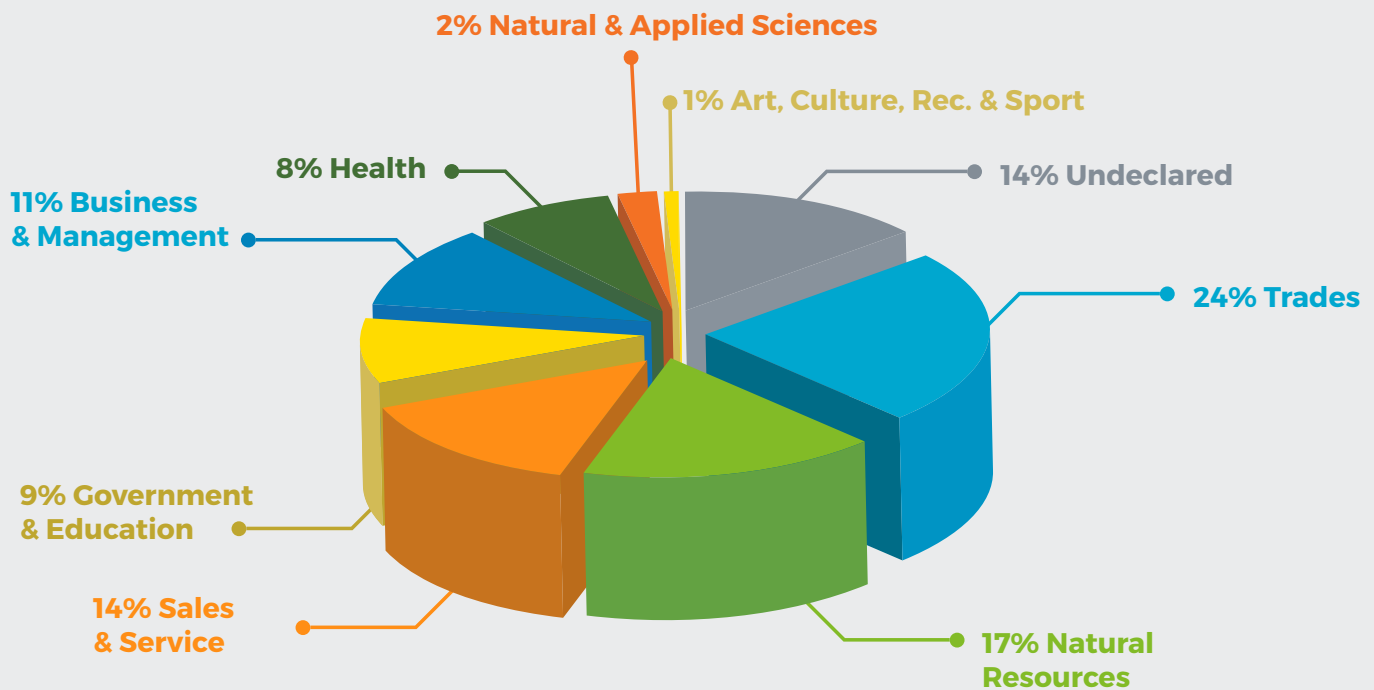
Blackfalds residents (5,107 respondents) reported a large variety of occupations with the most prevalent being positions in trades (1,210), natural resources (864), and sales and service (712), followed by a close split between occupations in education, law, government, health, business, finance and administration (for a total of 1,252).

Males in Blackfalds trend towards occupations in trades (1,085 of 2,641) including construction, transport, equipment operation and related occupations, with the second most prevalent occupation being in natural

resources including agriculture, oil & gas production and related occupations (756).

Females in Blackfalds trend towards occupations in sales and service (450 of 2,005), followed closely by occupations in health (366), education, law and government (349) and business, finance and administration (345).

For more detailed information, check appendix 5.



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## Household Earnings

Among respondents that declared their annual household income, 70% were within the range of \$45,000 to \$140,000, with 35% declaring between \$45,000 and \$90,500 and 35% declaring between \$90,500 and \$140,000. This falls in line with the provincial median family income of \$97,390 (2013 federal census).

Over 20% (418) of households reported exceeded \$140,000 annual income while only 10% (232) disclosed \$45,282 or less.

For more detailed information, check appendix 6.

### ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD TAXABLE INCOME

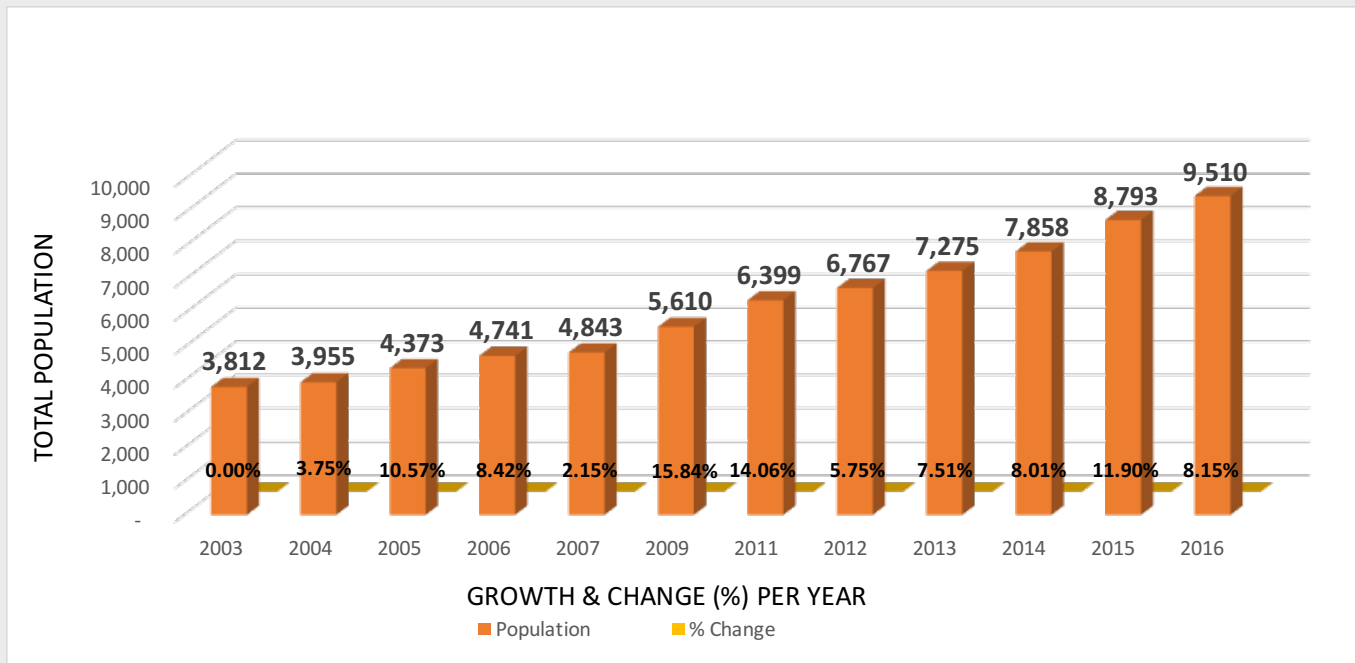


**Note:** 1,277 respondents did not provide any financial information and were not included in these charts.

# APPENDICES

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## APPENDIX 1.1 Population Growth

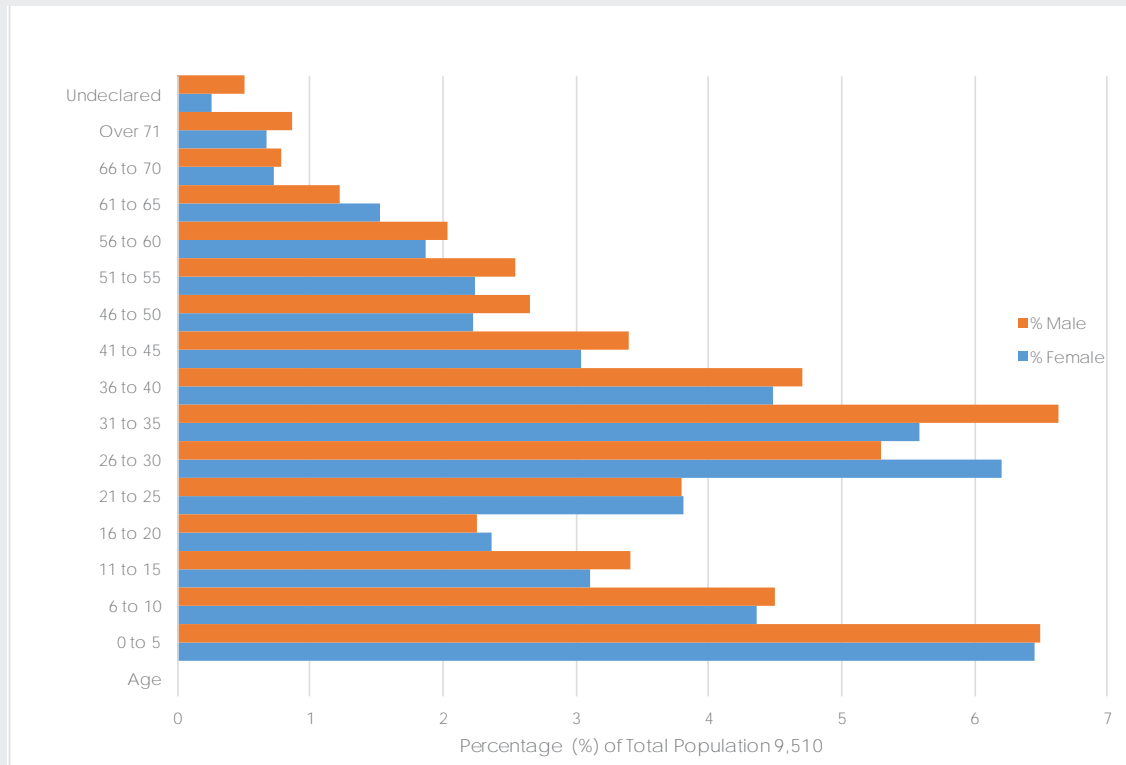


### Alberta Population Growth

Year	Alberta	Prov %	Blackfalds	%
2006	3,242,824	1.91%	4,741	8.42%
2007	3,354,411	3.44%	4,843	2.15%
2009	3,520,268	4.94%	5,610	15.84%
2011	3,543,797	0.67%	6,399	14.06%
2012	3,584,304	1.14%	6,767	5.75%
2013	3,759,038	4.87%	7,275	7.51%
2014	3,966,875	5.53%	7,858	8.01%
2015			8,793	11.90%
2016			9,510	8.15%



## APPENDIX 1.2 Population Growth by Age & Gender



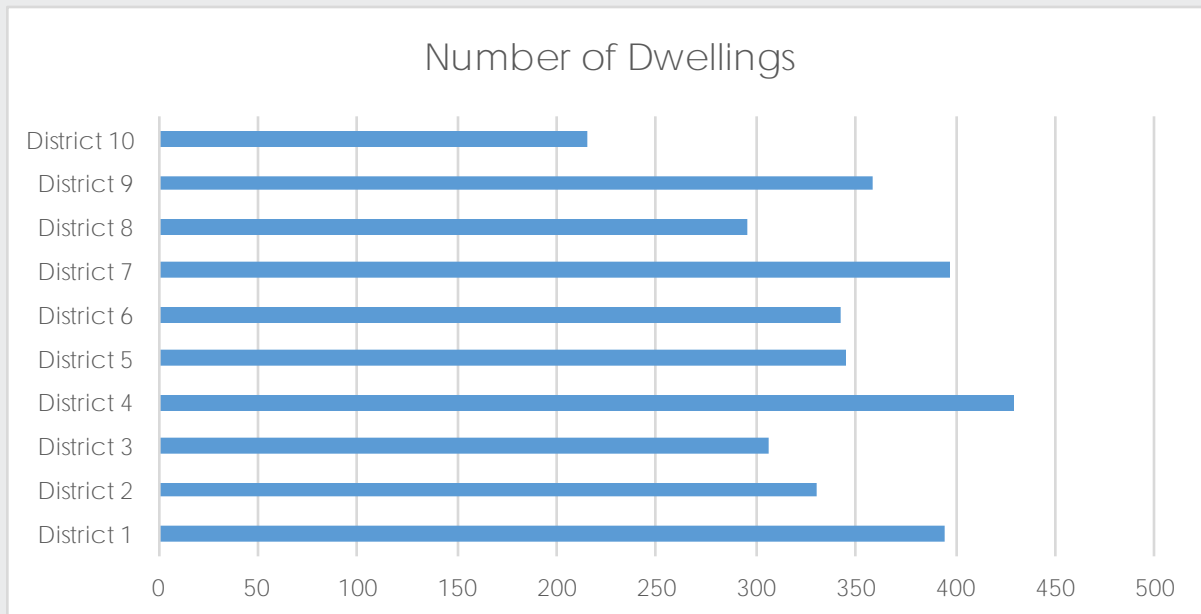
Age	Female	Male	Subtotal	Undeclared	Total
0 to 5	583	587	1170	9	1179
6 to 10	394	406	800	0	800
11 to 15	281	308	589	3	592
16 to 20	214	204	418	3	421
21 to 25	344	343	687	4	691
26 to 30	561	478	1039	4	1043
31 to 35	504	599	1103	4	1107
36 to 40	405	425	830	1	831
41 to 45	275	307	582	1	583
46 to 50	201	240	441	2	443
51 to 55	202	229	431	3	434
56 to 60	169	183	352	0	352
61 to 65	138	110	248	1	249
66 to 70	65	70	135	4	139
Over 71	61	78	139	3	142
Undeclared	23	45	68	436	504
<b>Total</b>	<b>4420</b>	<b>4612</b>	<b>9032</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>9510</b>

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## APPENDIX 1.3 Detailed Population by Age & Gender

Age Range	Female	Male	Und.	2016	2015	2014	2013
Under 0	120	104	5	229	207	180	153
1	88	77	1	166	174	150	124
2	103	125	0	228	203	184	180
3	89	102	2	193	170	159	162
4	97	89	1	187	177	166	178
5	86	90	0	176	170	174	165
6	87	104	0	191	179	148	135
7	82	82	0	164	165	146	121
8	91	76	0	167	132	119	115
9	68	69	0	137	127	114	98
10	66	75	0	141	121	112	118
11	56	59	0	115	115	106	106
12	60	64	2	126	117	114	99
13	63	52	0	115	109	90	89
14	64	60	1	125	113	92	88
15	38	73	0	111	78	86	93
16	44	37	1	82	89	90	70
17	42	56	1	99	96	65	56
18	55	39	0	94	70	49	71
19 - 20	73	72	1	146	135	147	122
21 - 25	344	343	4	691	664	597	575
26 - 30	561	478	4	1043	1050	1010	946
31 - 35	504	599	4	1107	971	909	793
36 - 40	405	425	1	831	754	666	650
41 - 45	275	307	1	583	553	497	464
46 - 50	201	240	2	443	399	400	379
51 - 55	202	229	3	434	434	393	358
56 - 60	169	183	0	352	330	293	257
61 - 65	138	110	1	249	218	200	168
66 - 70	65	70	4	139	130	114	92
Over 71	61	78	3	142	117	94	95
Undeclared	23	45	436	504	426	194	155
Total	4,420	4,612	478	9,510	8,793	7,858	7,275

## APPENDIX 2.1 Number of Dwellings by District



District	# of Dwellings
District 1	394
District 2	331
District 3	306
District 4	430
District 5	345
District 6	343
District 7	397
District 8	295
District 9	358
District 10	216
<b>Total</b>	<b>3415</b>
<b>Unoccupied</b>	<b>680</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4095</b>

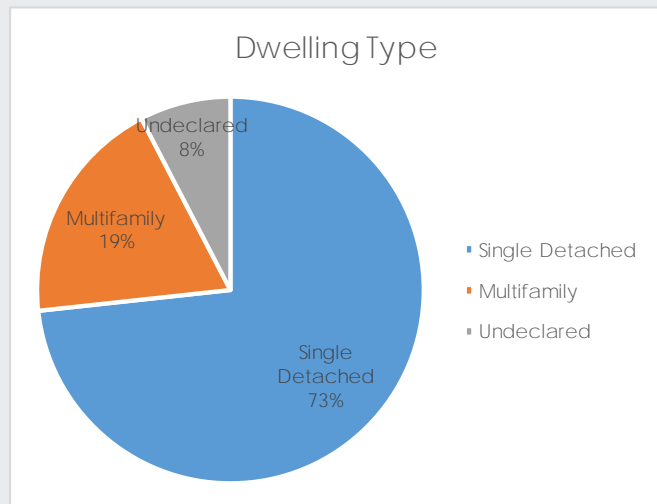
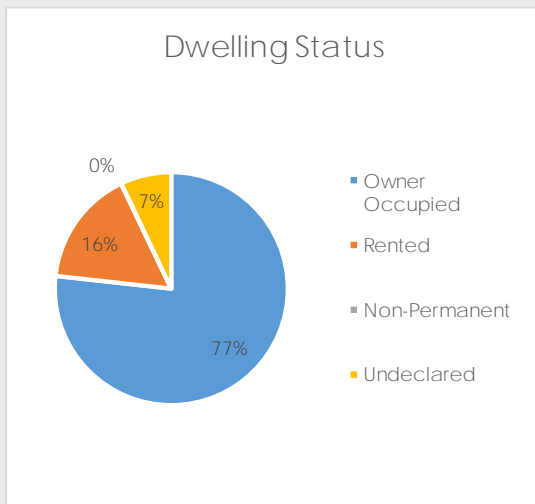
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## APPENDIX 2.2 Dwelling Status & Types

Dwelling Status	# People	%
Owner Occupied	2,568	77%
Rented	540	16%
Non-Permanent	2	0%
Undeclared	236	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>100%</b>

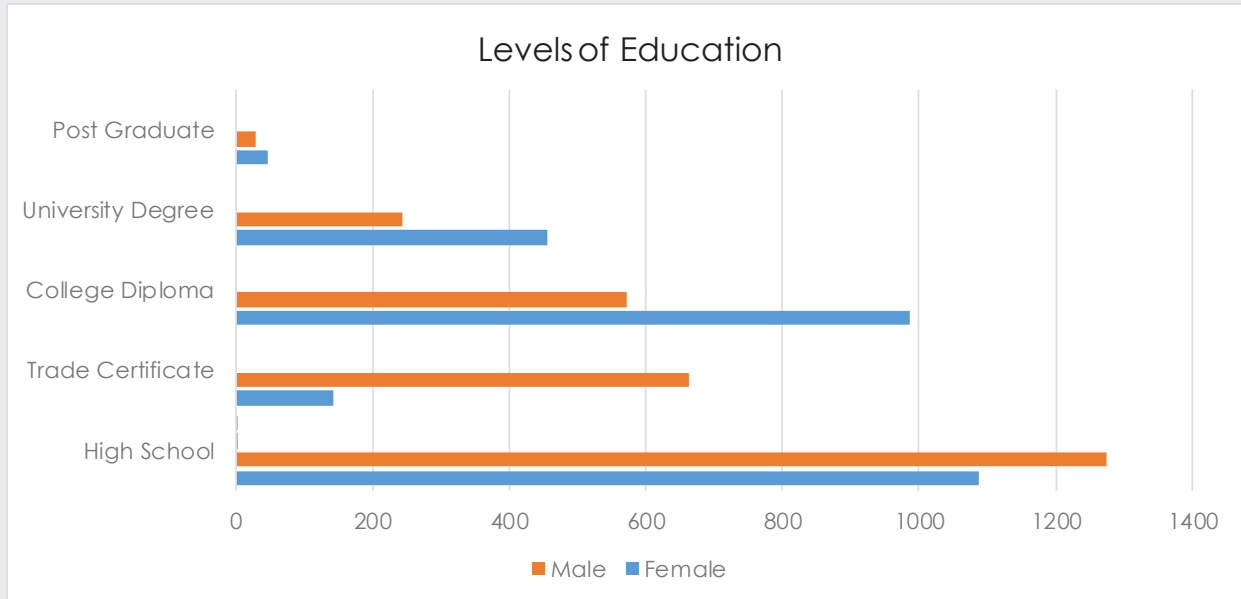
Dwelling Type	# People	%
Single Detached	2,452	73%
Multifamily Dwelling	639	19%
Undeclared	255	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** 680 dwellings are bare land, uninhabited or under construction

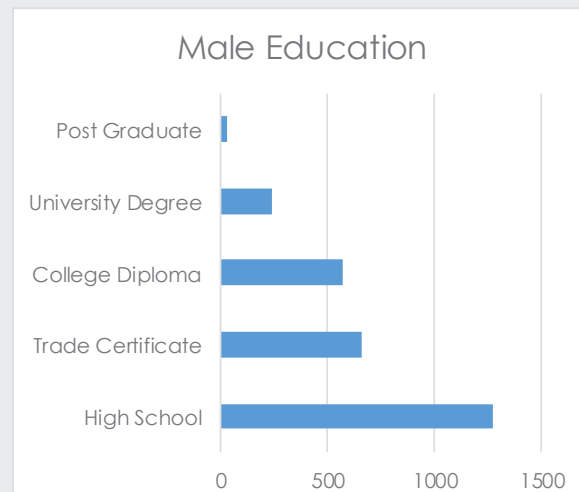
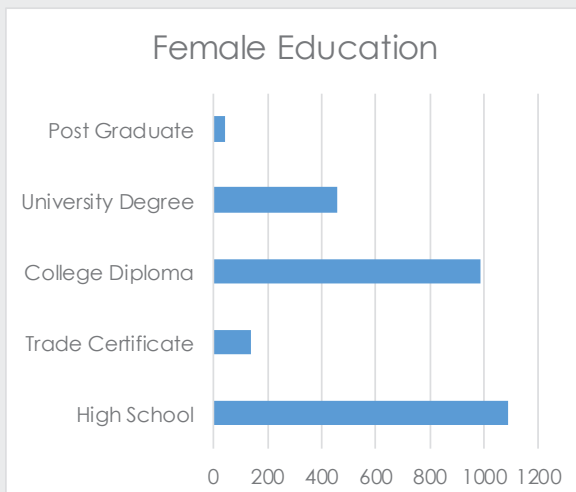




## APPENDIX 3.1 Resident Levels of Education

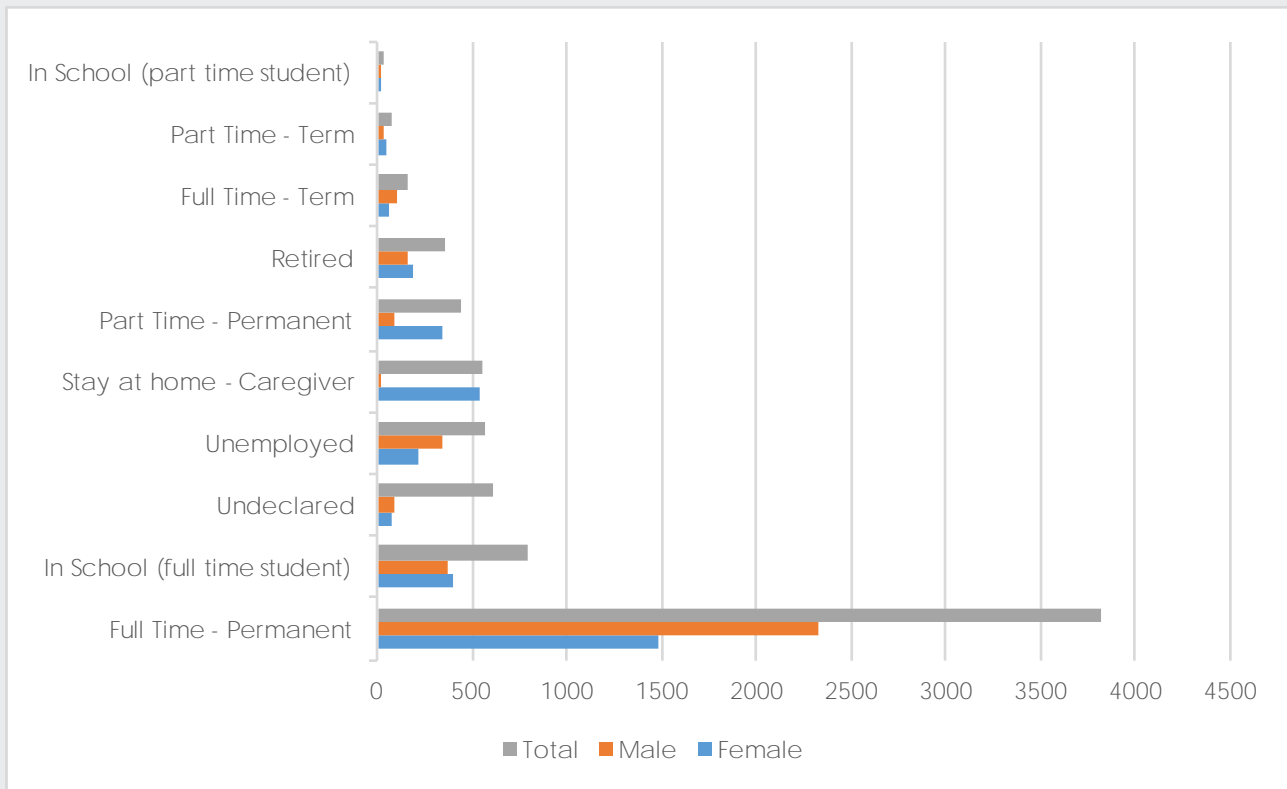


Highest Level of Education	Female	Male	Undeclared	Total	%
High School	1087	1275	7	2,369	36%
Trade Certificate	142	664	2	808	12%
College Diploma	987	572	5	1,564	24%
University Degree	457	244	1	702	11%
Post Graduate	46	29	0	75	1%
Undeclared	223	380	447	1,050	16%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>6,568</b>	<b>100%</b>



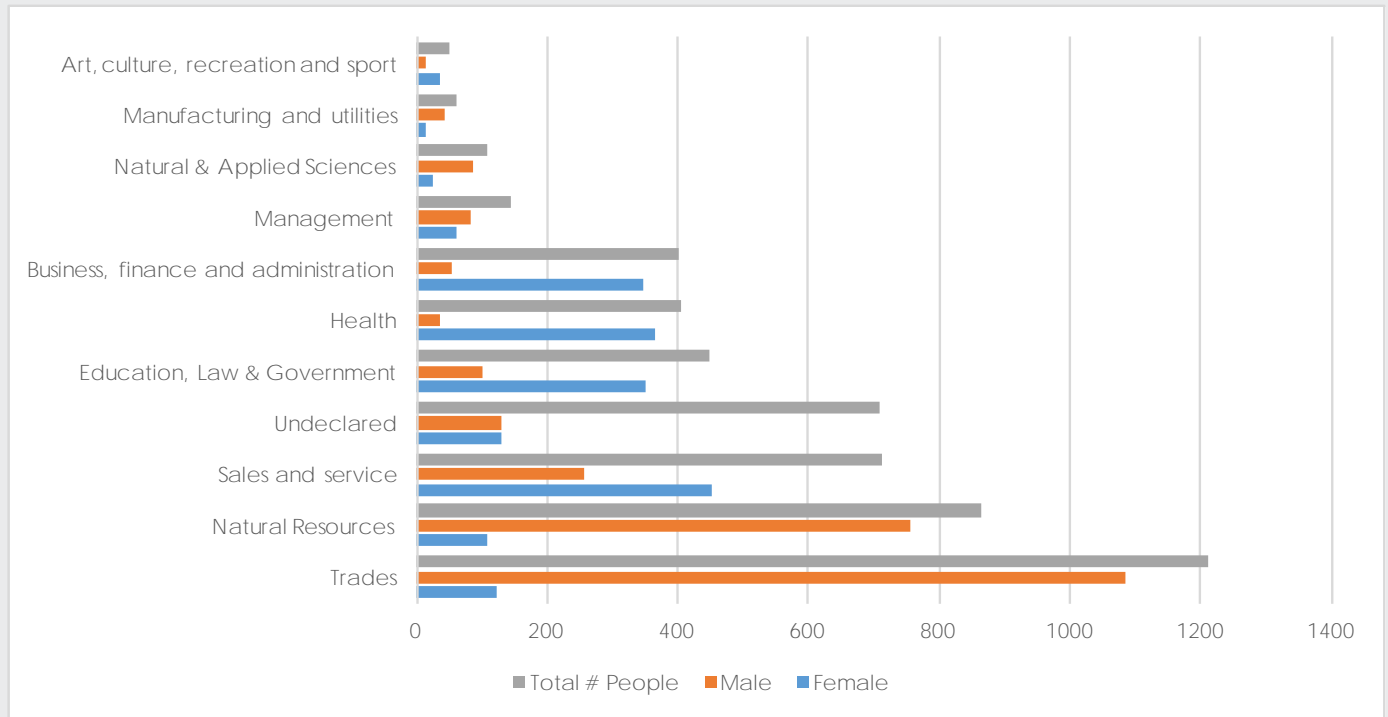
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## APPENDIX 4.1 Employment Status



EMPLOYMENT STATUS	FEMALE	MALE	UNDECLARED	TOTAL	%
Full Time - Permanent	1479	2334	11	3,824	52%
In School (full time student)	407	379	6	792	11%
Undeclared	75	84	446	605	8%
Unemployed	218	350	2	570	8%
Stay at home - Caregiver	537	12	1	550	7%
Part Time - Permanent	344	89	3	436	6%
Retired	196	165	0	361	5%
Full Time - Term	62	103	0	165	2%
Part Time - Term	46	32	0	78	1%
In School (part time student)	23	12	0	35	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>100%</b>

## APPENDIX 5.1 Occupations

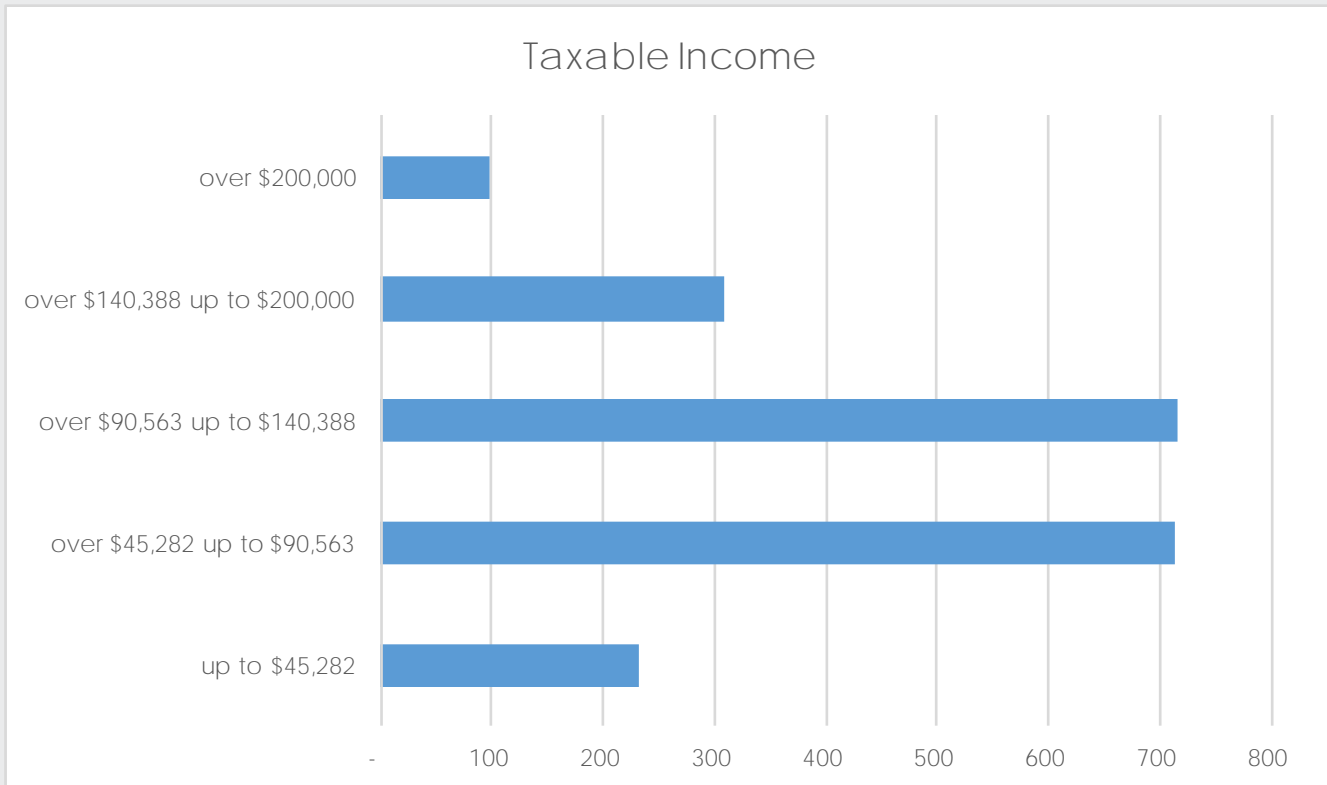


OCCUPATIONS	FEMALE	MALE	# PEOPLE	%
Trades	123	1085	1,210	24%
Natural Resources	106	756	864	17%
Sales And Service	450	257	712	14%
Undeclared	131	130	708	14%
Education, Law & Government	349	99	448	9%
Health	366	34	403	8%
Business, Finance & Administration	345	54	401	8%
Management	60	84	144	3%
Natural & Applied Sciences	24	85	109	2%
Manufacturing And Utilities	15	44	59	1%
Art, Culture, Recreation & Sport	36	13	49	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>5,107</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** 461 undeclared

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## APPENDIX 6.1 Household Taxable Income



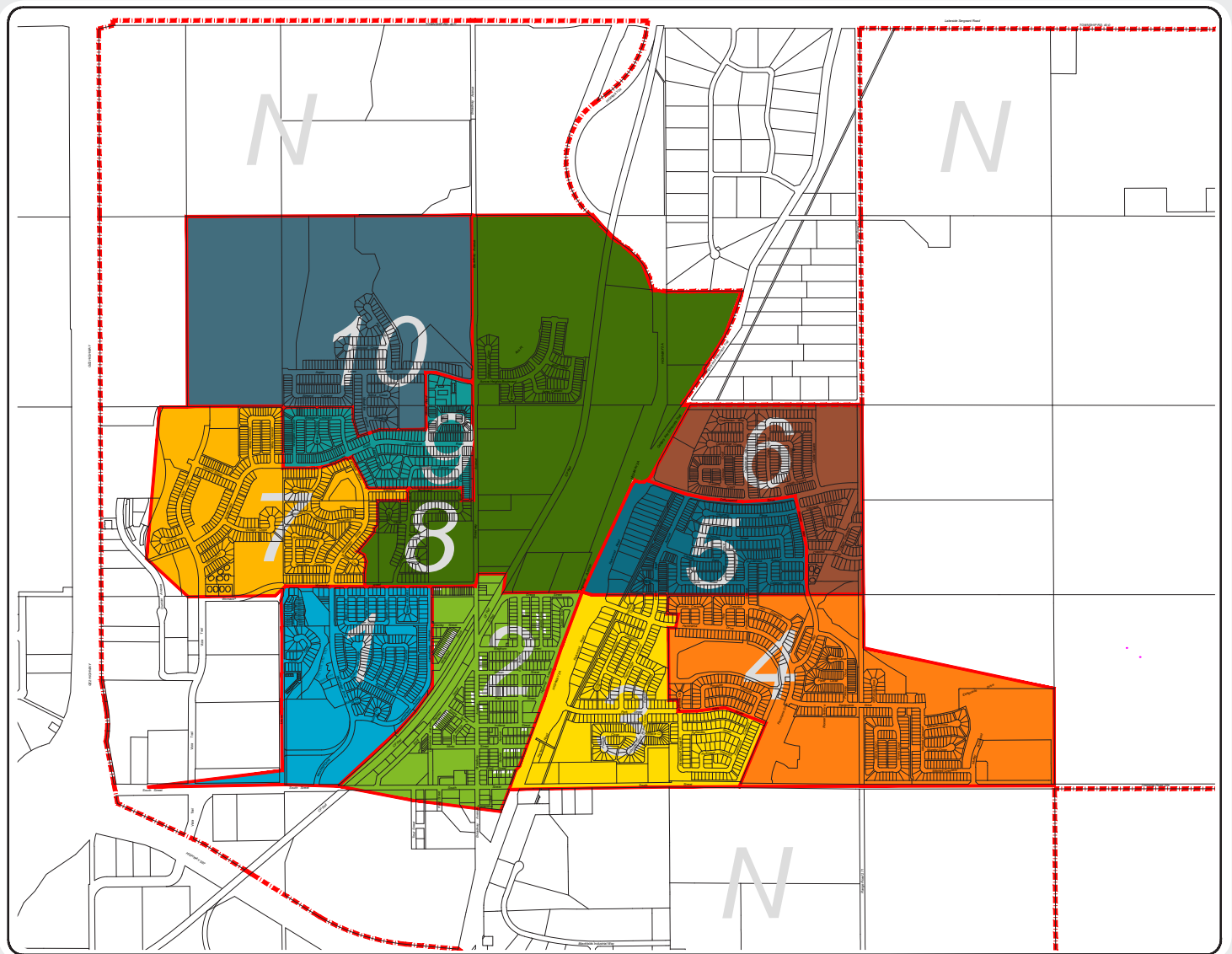
Household Taxable Income	# Households	%
up to \$45,282	232	10%
over \$45,282 up to \$90,563	714	35%
over \$90,563 up to \$140,388	715	35%
over \$140,388 up to \$200,000	310	15%
over \$200,000	98	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** 1,277 undeclared





## APPENDIX 7.1 Census District Map



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