TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
CENSUS REPORT
2017

Another Year of Growth!

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 well above the provincial average – now for nine consecutive years!

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 May 1 and June 30, both online (40% of respondents) and door-to-door (60% of respondents), providing a 99.5% census completion rate.

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 2018.

Yours truly,

Myron Thompson, CAO

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2017 at a Glance - Sustainable Growth

For the ninth year in a row, Blackfalds has displayed above Provincial average growth with an annual population increase of 4.27% along with a 5.84% gain in dwellings.

This year the Town's population increased by 406, bringing the current number of residents to 9,916 from the 2016 population of 9,510. Blackfalds' 2017 growth rate is significantly higher than Alberta estimated average growth rate for the year of 1.51%*.

Since 2007, the community has seen a 105% increase in population. While this year does represent a slowdown in growth compared with the 8.15% population increase in 2016, the community is still more than double the provincial average.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 1.

*Source: http://economicdashboard.alberta.ca/Population

9,916

9,510

8,793

7,858

2014

2015

2016

2017

A Growing Family Community

Blackfalds is a community with a strong base of young and growing families – with the largest age group being those aged 19-40 (42%) and a weighted average age of 30, significantly younger than the provincial median of 36.7*.

Over 73% of those living in Blackfalds are 40 years of age or younger, with 33% being 20 years of age or younger.

The largest single demographic in Blackfalds is those aged 0-5, with a population of 1,185 or 13%.

Inversely, the smallest demographic is those aged 65+, representing 320 individuals or 3.2%.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 2.

*Source: Statistics Canada – Census Profile, 2016 Census Alberta bit.ly/2wVqHic

POPULATION

4000

3000

2000

1000

0

0-5   6-18   19-40   41-60   61+

AGE GROUPS
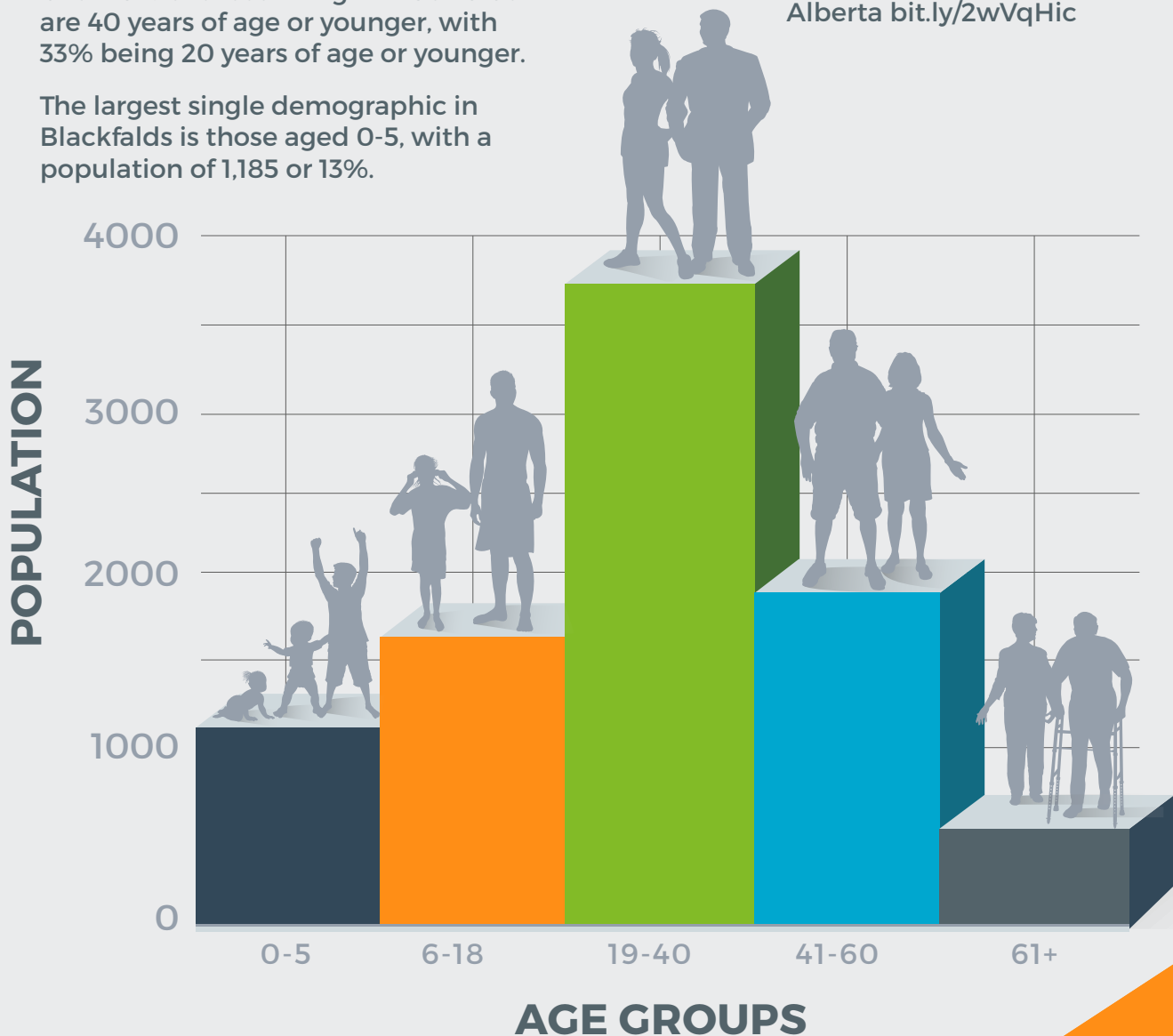
Something to Dwell About

The number of dwellings in Blackfalds has continued increasing in 2017 from 4,095 to 4,349 which is an increase of 254 units or 5.84%.

Current residential development includes a 3-storey, 27 unit apartment complex, condominiums, and a manufactured home park, showing a strong mix of different dwelling types for a diverse community.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 3.
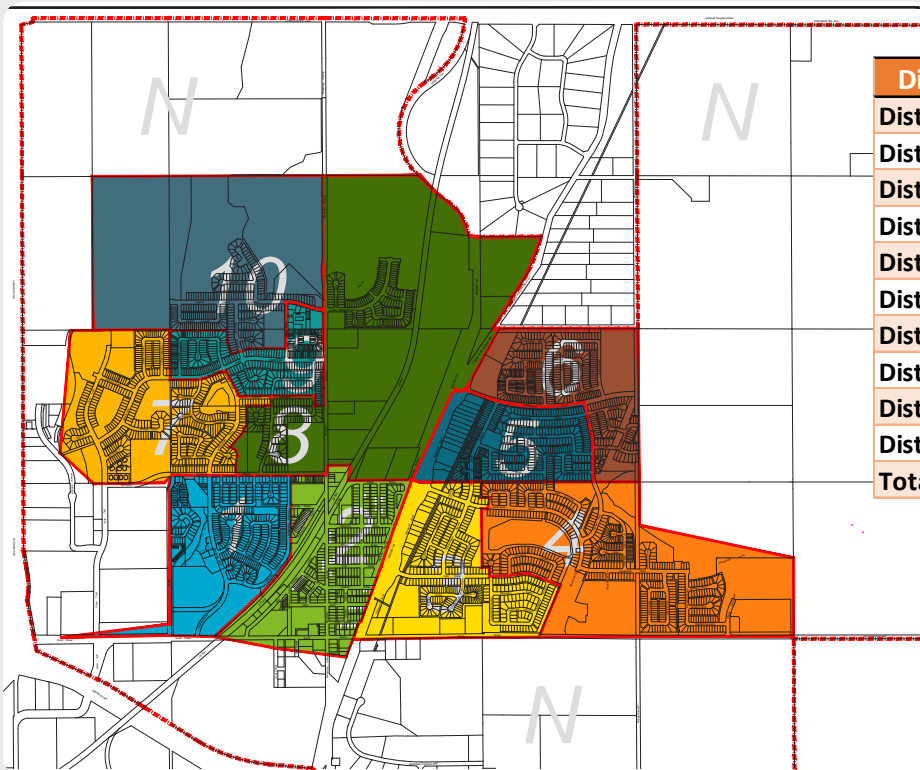
District	# of Dwellings	Population
District 1	394	1,118
District 2	270	656
District 3	306	928
District 4	455	1,330
District 5	342	1,017
District 6	358	986
District 7	435	1,295
District 8	323	802
District 9	342	998
District 10	263	786
Total	3,488	9,916

Note: 4,349 dwellings includes 861 of which are bare land, uninhabited or under construction.

An Educated, Young Workforce

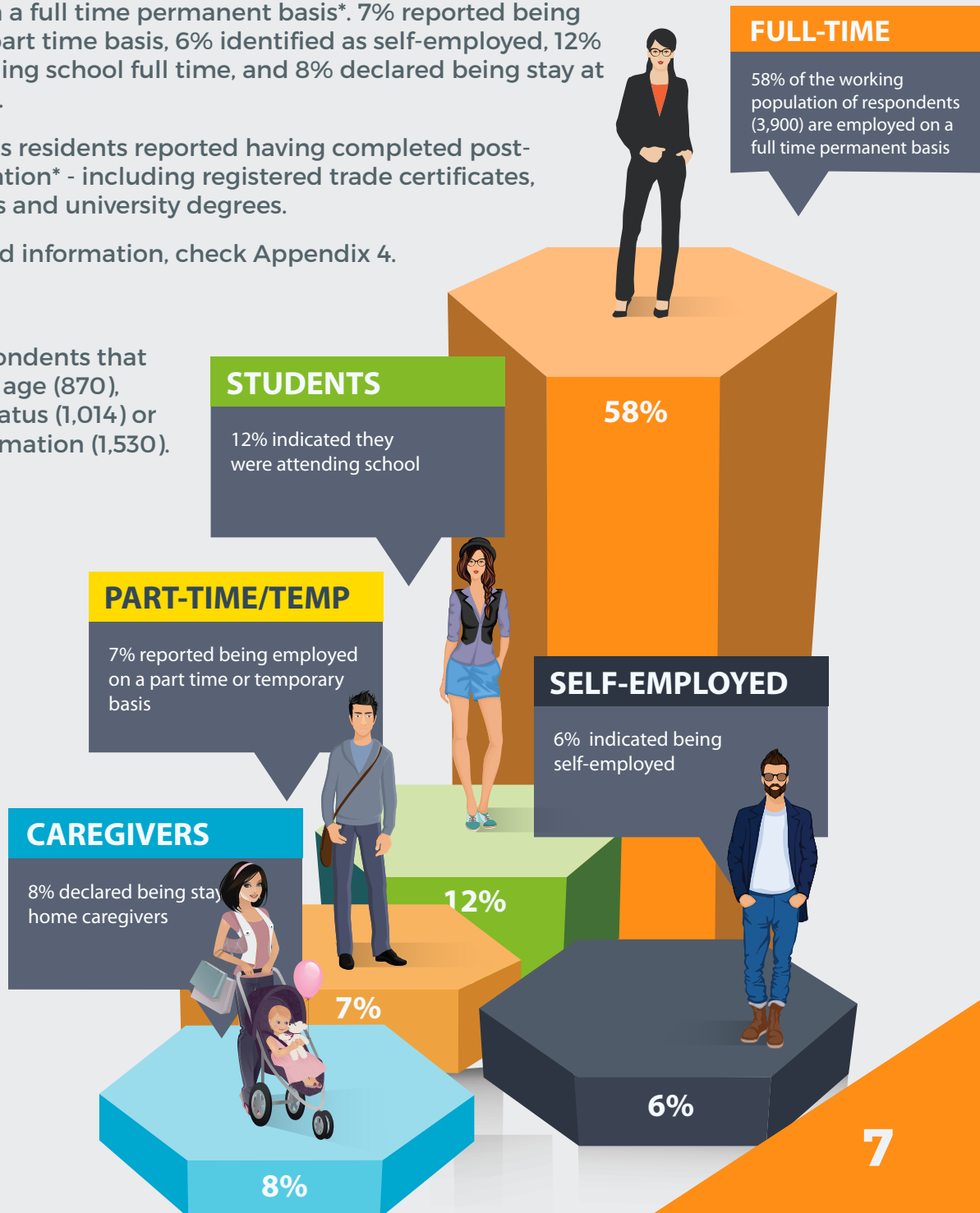Those between the ages of 21 - 65 comprise 63% of Blackfalds total population*. Census data indicates that 58% of respondents are employed on a full time permanent basis*. 7% reported being employed on a part time basis, 6% identified as self-employed, 12% indicated attending school full time, and 8% declared being stay at home caregivers.

59% of Blackfalds residents reported having completed post-secondary education* - including registered trade certificates, college diplomas and university degrees.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 4.

Note:

*Excluding respondents that did not declare age (870), employment status (1,014) or education information (1,530).

FULL-TIME

58% of the working population of respondents (3,900) are employed on a full time permanent basis

STUDENTS

12% indicated they were attending school

PART-TIME/TEMP

7% reported being employed on a part time or temporary basis

SELF-EMPLOYED

6% indicated being self-employed

CAREGIVERS

8% declared being stay home caregivers

58%

12%

7%

6%

8%

A Broad Range of Occupations

Out of 4,431 employed respondents, the majority reported working in trades (1,229), natural resources (907), and sales and service (658), followed by a close split between occupations in education, law, government, health, business, finance and administration (for a total of 1,637).

For more detailed information, check Appendix 5.

2% Natural & Applied Sciences

1% Art, Culture, Rec. & Sport

10% Health

11% Business & Management

Undeclared not included

30% Trades & Utilities

11% Government & Education

15% Sales & Service

20% Natural Resources
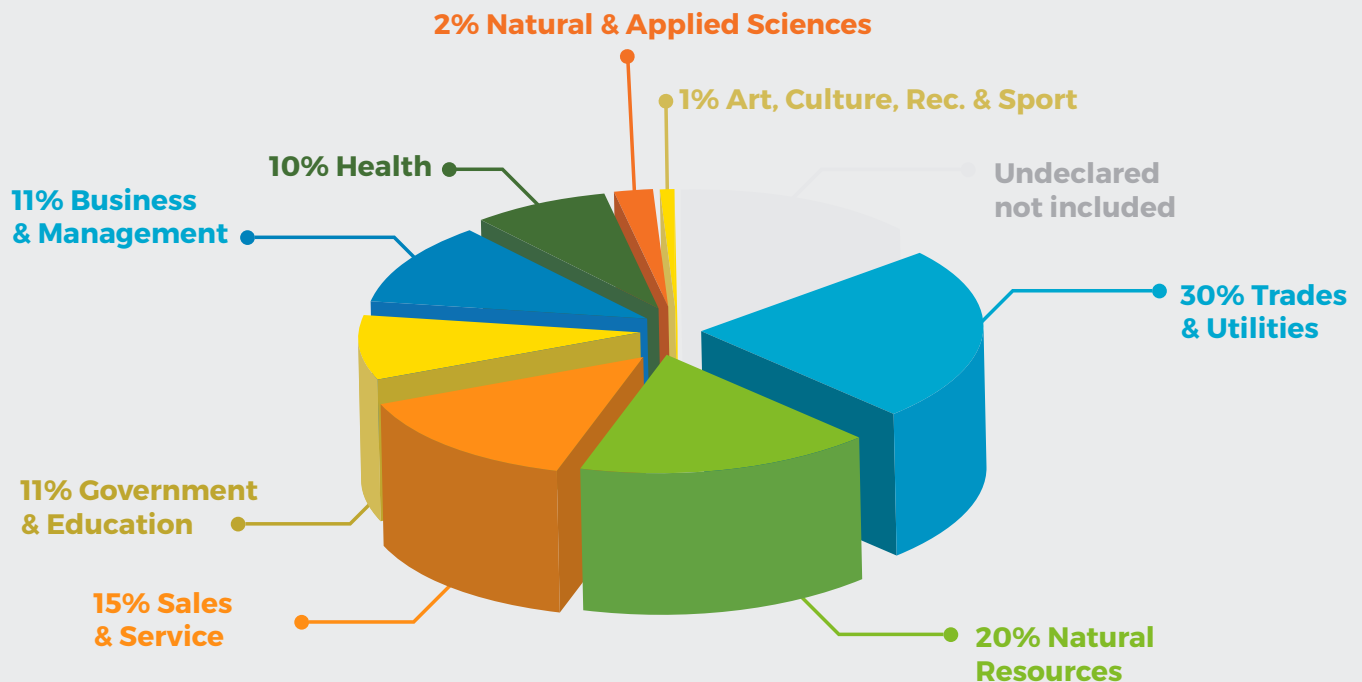
Household Earnings

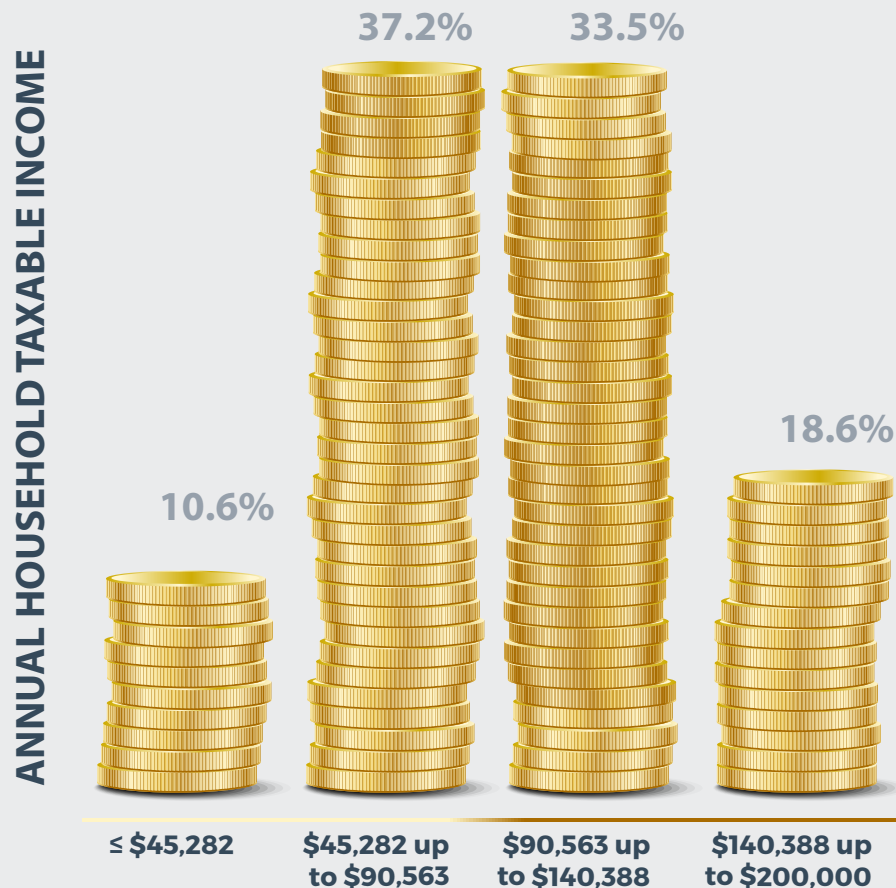Among respondents that declared their annual household income, the large majority (70.6%) were within the range of $45,282 to $140,388, with 37.2% declaring between $45,282 and $90,563 and 33.5% declaring between $90,563 and $140,388. This falls in line with the provincial median family income of $100,300*.

18.6% of households reported exceeding $140,388 in annual income while only 10.6% disclosed earning $45,282 or less.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 6.

*2015 federal census - http://bit.ly/2vmcnio

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD TAXABLE INCOME

10.6%	37.2%	33.5%	18.6%
≤ $45,282	$45,282 up to $90,563	$90,563 up to $140,388	$140,388 up to $200,000

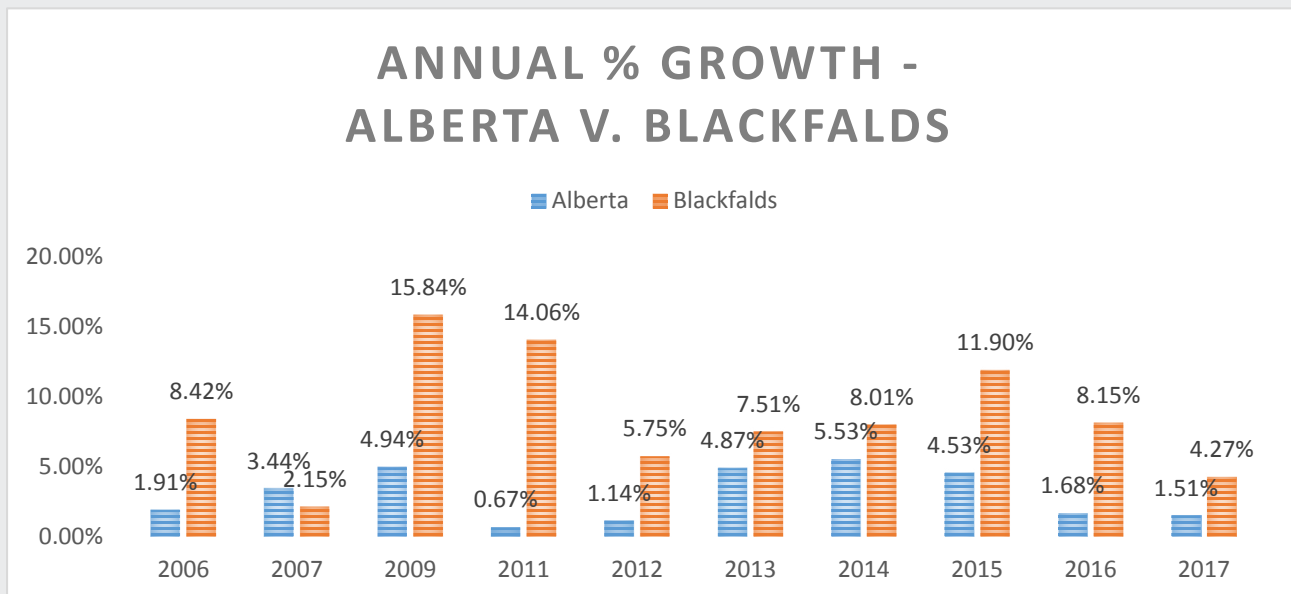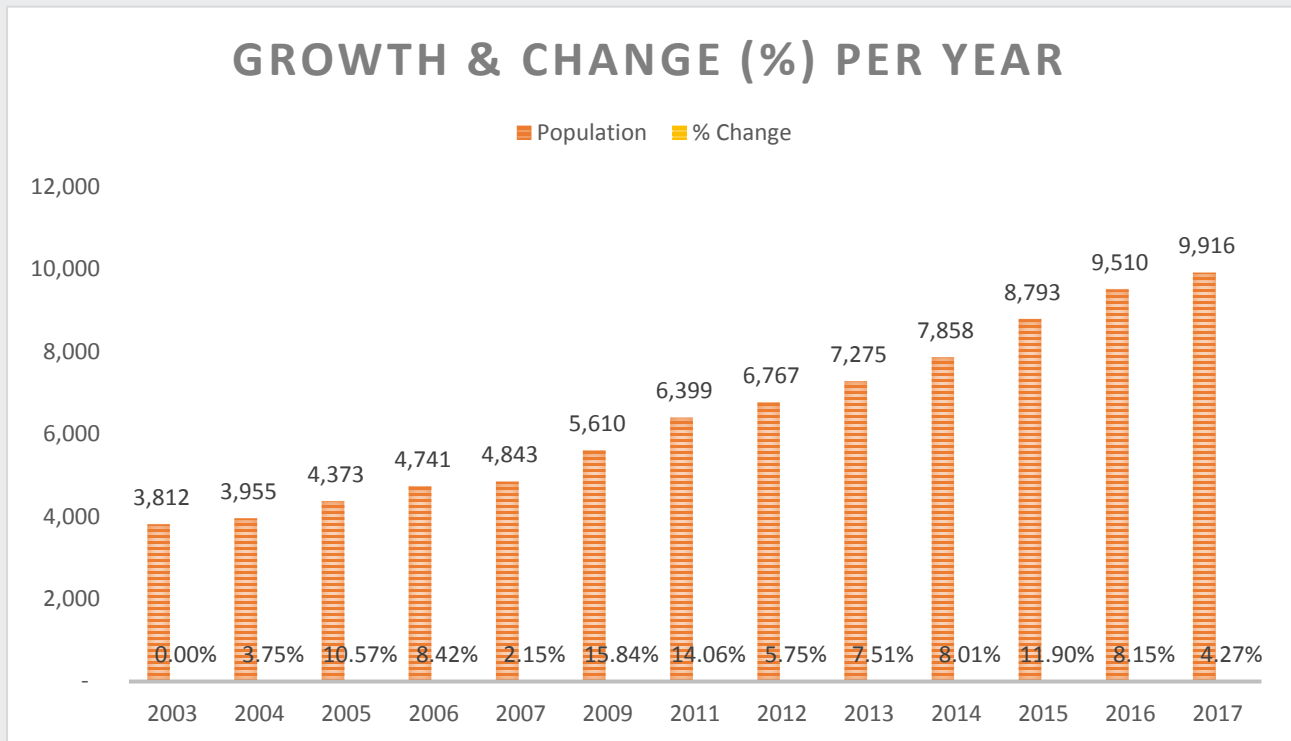**Note:** 1,475 respondents did not provide any financial information and were not included in these charts.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 Population Growth

GROWTH & CHANGE (%) PER YEAR

■ Population ■ % Change

Year	Population	% Change
2003	3,812	0.00%
2004	3,955	3.75%
2005	4,373	10.57%
2006	4,741	8.42%
2007	4,843	2.15%
2009	5,610	15.84%
2011	6,399	14.06%
2012	6,767	5.75%
2013	7,275	7.51%
2014	7,858	8.01%
2015	8,793	11.90%
2016	9,510	8.15%
2017	9,916	4.27%

ANNUAL % GROWTH - ALBERTA V. BLACKFALDS

■ Alberta ■ Blackfalds

Year	Alberta	Blackfalds
2006	1.91%	8.42%
2007	3.44%	2.15%
2009	4.94%	15.84%
2011	0.67%	14.06%
2012	1.14%	5.75%
2013	4.87%	7.51%
2014	5.53%	8.01%
2015	4.53%	11.90%
2016	1.68%	8.15%
2017	1.51%	4.27%

APPENDIX 2 Population by Age & Gender

OF RESIDENTS IN EACH AGE CATEGORY
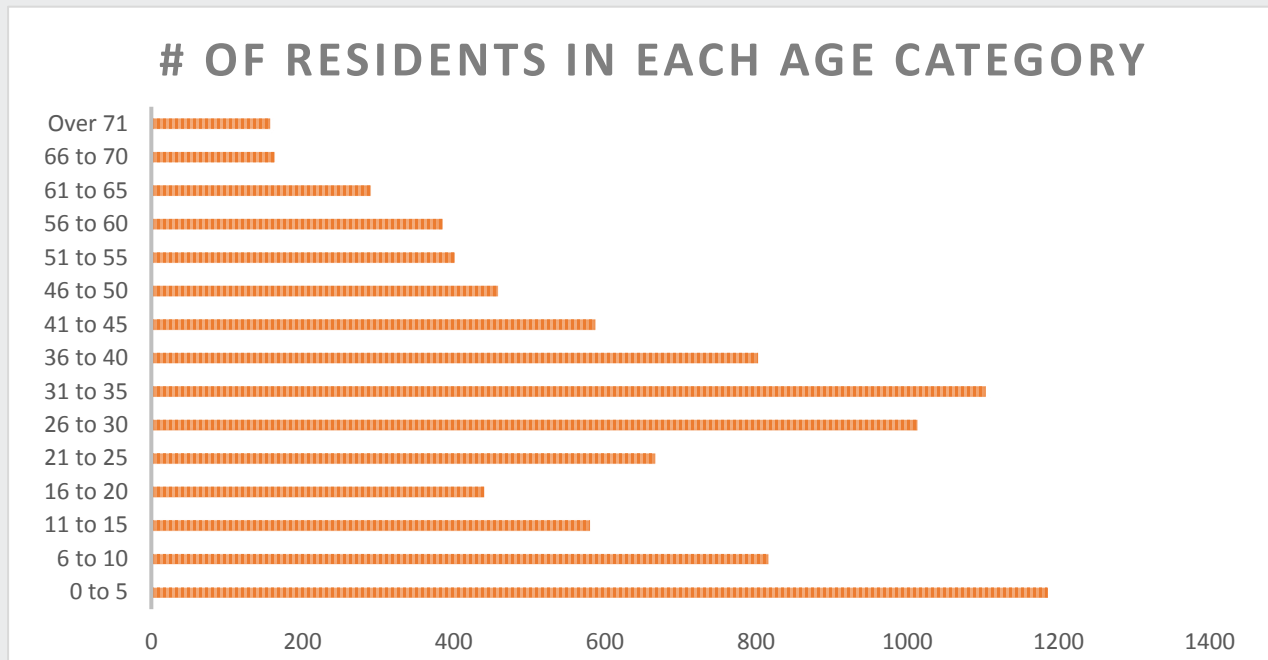
Age	Female	Male	Subtotal	Undeclared	Total
0 to 5	586	592	1,178	7	1,185
6 to 10	393	419	812	4	816
11 to 15	287	289	576	4	580
16 to 20	204	235	439	1	440
21 to 25	337	326	663	3	666
26 to 30	521	486	1,007	6	1,013
31 to 35	543	555	1,098	5	1,103
36 to 40	384	413	797	5	802
41 to 45	265	321	586	1	587
46 to 50	213	243	456	2	458
51 to 55	192	207	399	2	401
56 to 60	189	192	381	4	385
61 to 65	158	131	289	1	290
66 to 70	75	87	162	1	163
Over 71	71	86	157	-	157
Total	4,418	4,582	9,000	46	9,046
Undeclared	16	25	41	829	870
Total	4,434	4,607	9,041	875	9,916

APPENDIX 3 Dwelling Status & Types

Dwelling Status	# People	%
Owner Occupied	2,549	82%
Rented	569	18%
Total	**3,118**	**100%**

Note: 370 undeclared

Dwelling Type	# People	%
Single Detached	2,535	82%
Multifamily Dwelling	538	18%
Total	**3,073**	**100%**

Note: 415 undeclared

DWELLING STATUS
■ Owner Occupied ■ Rented

18%

82%

DWELLING TYPE
■ Single Detached ■ Multifamily Dwelling

18%

82%
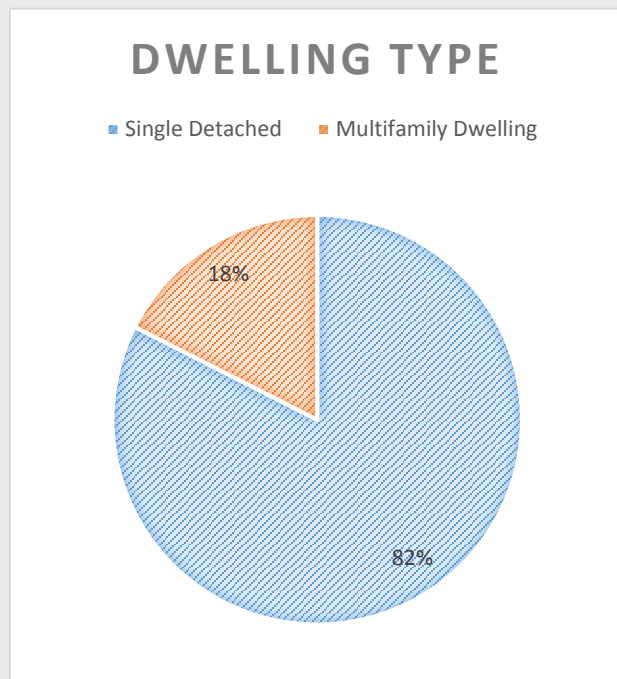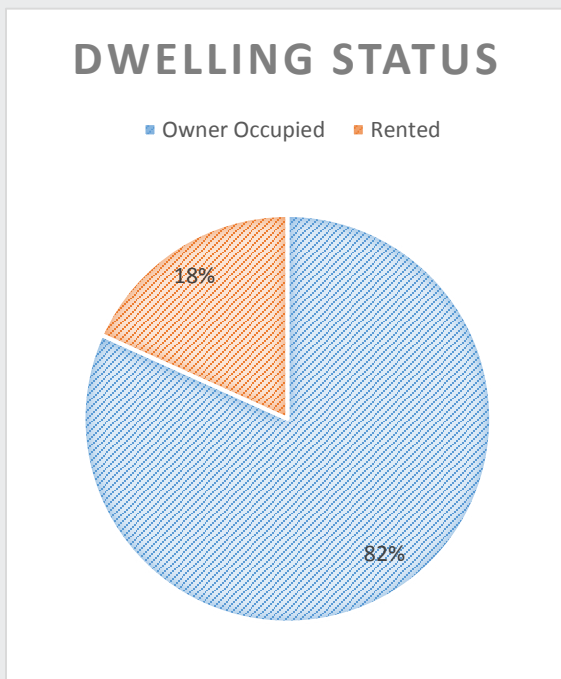
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APPENDIX 4.1 Employment Status

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Employment Status	Female	Male	Undeclared	Total	%
Full Time Employment	1,452	2,436	12	3,900	58%
In School	408	374	5	787	12%
Part Time Employment	403	97	-	500	7%
Retired	207	156	1	364	5%
Self Employed	203	174	-	377	6%
Stay at home - Caregiver	481	66	-	547	8%
Unemployed	156	140	2	298	4%
Total	**3,310**	**3,443**	**20**	**6,773**	**100%**

Note: 1,014 undeclared

APPENDIX 4.2 Resident Levels of Education

LEVELS OF EDUCATION
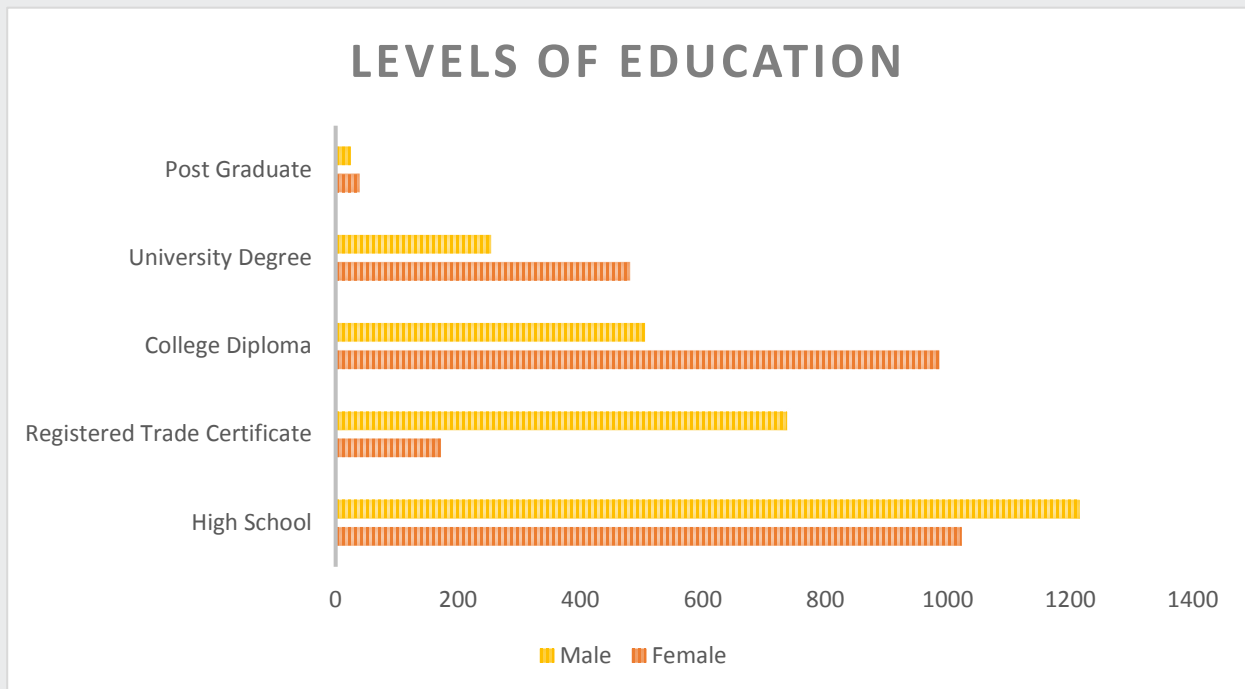
Highest Level of Education	Female	Male	Undeclared	Total	%
High School	1022	1214	4	2,240	41%
Registered Trade Certificate	172	737	1	910	17%
College Diploma	986	505	2	1,493	27%
University Degree	481	254	0	735	14%
Post Graduate	40	25	0	65	1%
Total	**2,701**	**2,735**	**7**	**5,443**	**100%**

Note: 1,530 undeclared

APPENDIX 5 Occupations
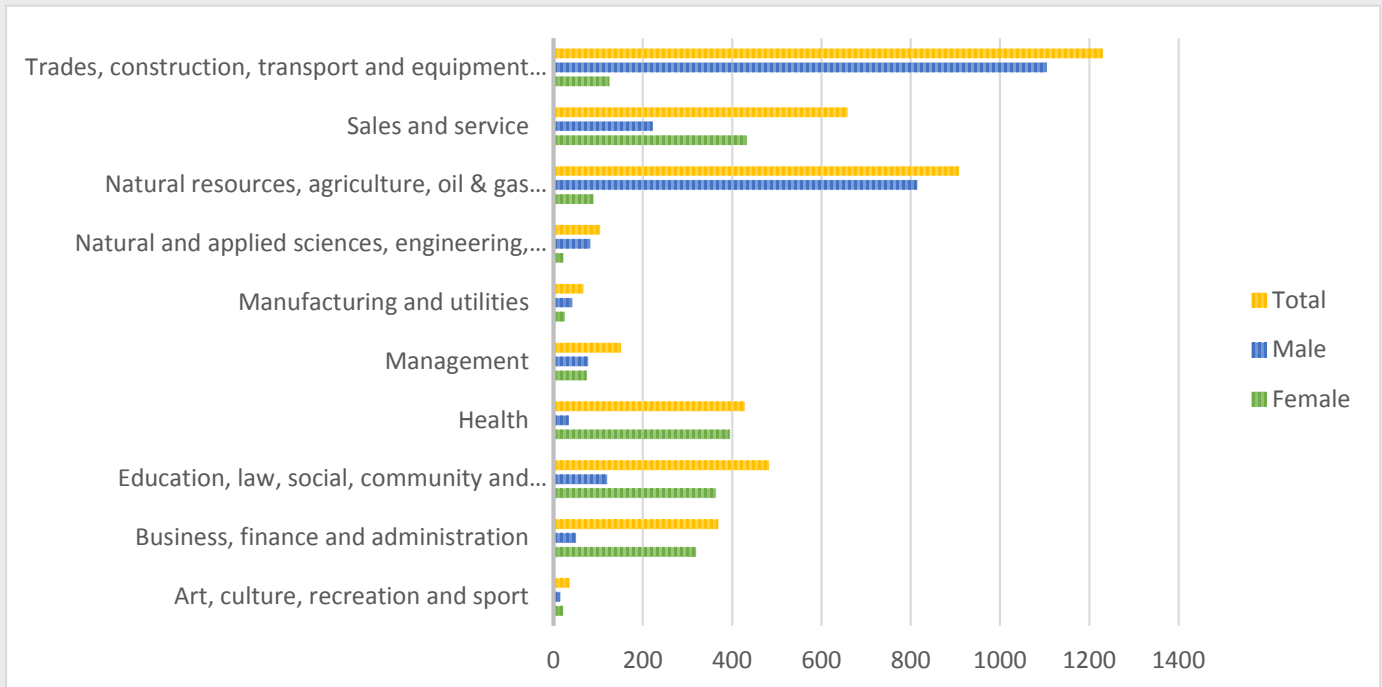
Occupation/Industry	Female	Male	Undeclared	Total	%
Art, culture, recreation and sport	21	15	0	36	1%
Business, finance and administration	318	50	1	369	8%
Education, law, social, community and government services	362	120	0	482	11%
Health	394	34	0	428	10%
Management	74	77	0	151	3%
Manufacturing and utilities	25	42	0	67	2%
Natural and applied sciences, engineering, architecture, math and information technology	22	82	0	104	2%
Natural resources, agriculture, oil & gas production and related occupations	89	813	5	907	20%
Sales and service	431	222	5	658	15%
Trades, construction, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	125	1102	2	1,229	28%
Total	**1,861**	**2,557**	**13**	**4,431**	**100%**

Note: 1,281 undeclared

APPENDIX 6 Household Taxable Income
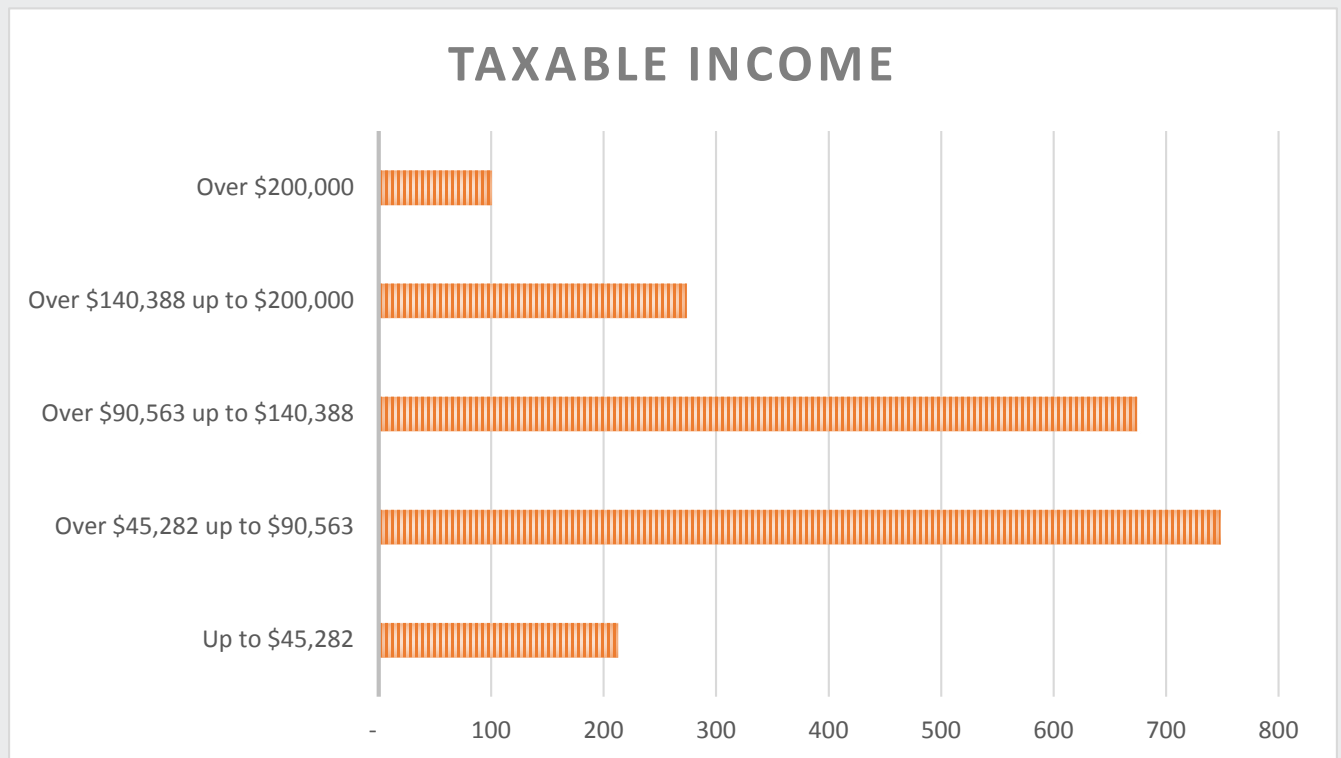
TAXABLE INCOME

Household Taxable Income	# Dwellings	%
Up to $45,282	213	11%
Over $45,282 up to $90,563	748	37%
Over $90,563 up to $140,388	674	34%
Over $140,388 up to $200,000	274	14%
Over $200,000	101	5%
Total	**2,010**	**100%**

Note: 1,475 undeclared

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