

= Edmonton =

Edmonton / ??dm?nt?n / is the capital of Alberta , Canada . Edmonton is on the North Saskatchewan River and is the centre of the Edmonton Capital Region , which is surrounded by Alberta 's central region .

The city had a population of 877 @, @ 926 in the 2014 census , is Alberta 's second @-@ largest city and Canada 's fifth @-@ largest municipality . This population represents 66 percent of the total 2014 population of 1 @, @ 328 @, @ 300 within the Edmonton census metropolitan area ( CMA ) , Canada 's fifth @-@ largest CMA by population . Edmonton is the most northern North American city with a metropolitan population over one million . A resident of Edmonton is known as an Edmontonian .

Edmonton 's historic growth has been facilitated through the absorption of five adjacent urban municipalities ( Strathcona , North Edmonton , West Edmonton , Beverly and Jasper Place ) and a series of annexations ending in 1982 . Edmonton serves as the northern anchor of the Calgary ? Edmonton Corridor . Known as the " Gateway to the North " , the city is a staging point for large @-@ scale oil sands projects occurring in northern Alberta and large @-@ scale diamond mining operations in the Northwest Territories .

Edmonton is a cultural , governmental and educational centre . It hosts a year @-@ round slate of festivals , reflected in the nickname " Canada 's Festival City " . It is home to North America 's largest mall , West Edmonton Mall ( the world 's largest mall from 1981 until 2004 ) , and Fort Edmonton Park , Canada 's largest living history museum .

= = History = =

The earliest known inhabitants settled in the area that is now Edmonton around 3 @, @ 000 BC and perhaps as early as 12 @, @ 000 BC , when an ice @-@ free corridor opened up as the last glacial period ended and timber , water , and wildlife became available in the region .

In 1754 , Anthony Henday , an explorer working for the Hudson 's Bay Company ( HBC ) , may have been the first European to enter the Edmonton area . His expeditions across the Canadian Prairies were mainly to seek contact with the aboriginal population for the purpose of establishing the fur trade , as competition was fierce between the Hudson 's Bay Company and the North West Company . By 1795 , Fort Edmonton was established on the north bank of the river , as a major trading post for the Hudson 's Bay Company . The name of the new fort was suggested by John Peter Pruden after Edmonton , London , the home town of both the HBC deputy governor Sir James Winter Lake , and Pruden .

The coming of the Canadian Pacific Railway ( CPR ) to southern Alberta in 1885 helped the Edmonton economy , and the 1891 building of the Calgary and Edmonton ( C & E ) Railway resulted in the emergence of a railway townsite ( South Edmonton / Strathcona ) on the south side of the river , across from Edmonton . The arrival of the CPR and the C & E Railway facilitated the arrival of settlers and entrepreneurs from eastern Canada , Britain and continental Europe , U.S. and other parts of the world . The fertile soil and cheap land in the Edmonton area helped attract settlers , further establishing Edmonton as a major regional commercial and agricultural centre . Some people participating in the Klondike Gold Rush passed through South Edmonton / Strathcona in 1897 . Strathcona was the northernmost railway point in North America , but travel to the Klondike was still very difficult for the " Klondikers " , and a majority of them took a steamship north to the Yukon from Vancouver .

Incorporated as a town in 1892 with a population of 700 and then as a city in 1904 with a population of 8 @, @ 350 , Edmonton became the capital of Alberta when the province was formed a year later , on September 1 , 1905 . In November 1905 , the Canadian Northern Railway ( CNR ) arrived in Edmonton , accelerating growth .

During the early 1900s , Edmonton grew very rapidly , causing speculation in real estate . In 1912 , Edmonton amalgamated with the City of Strathcona , south of the North Saskatchewan River ; as a result , the city extended south of the North Saskatchewan River for the first time .

Just prior to World War I , the boom ended , and the city 's population declined sharply from more than 72 @, @ 000 in 1914 to less than 54 @, @ 000 only two years later . Many impoverished families moved to subsistence farms outside the city and others fled to greener pastures in other provinces . Recruitment to the Canadian army during the war also contributed to the drop in population . Afterwards , the city slowly recovered in population and economy during the 1920s and 1930s and took off again during and after World War II .

The Edmonton City Centre Airport opened in 1929 , becoming the first licensed airfield in Canada . Originally named Blatchford Field in honour of former mayor Kenny Blatchford , pioneering aviators such as Wilfrid R. " Wop " May and Max Ward used Blatchford Field as a major base for the distribution of mail , food , and medicine to Northern Canada ; hence Edmonton 's emergence as the " Gateway to the North " . World War II saw Edmonton becoming a major base for the construction of the Alaska Highway and the Northwest Staging Route .

= = Geography = =

Edmonton is located on the North Saskatchewan River , and sits at an elevation of 671 metres ( 2 @, @ 201 ft ) . Edmonton is the most northerly city in North America with a metropolitan population of over one million . It is at the same latitude as Hamburg ( Germany ) , Dublin ( Ireland ) , Manchester ( United Kingdom ) , and Magnitogorsk ( Russia ) . North as it is , it is south of the geographic centre of Alberta , which is located near the Hamlet of Fort Assiniboine . The terrain in and around Edmonton is generally flat to gently rolling , with ravines and deep river valleys , such as the North Saskatchewan River valley . The Canadian Rockies are located about 220 km ( 140 mi ) to the southwest .

The North Saskatchewan River originates at the Columbia Icefield in Jasper National Park and bisects the city . Before the construction of two reservoirs near the mountains , it would sometimes flood Edmonton 's river valley , most notably in the North Saskatchewan River flood of 1915 . It empties via the Saskatchewan River , Lake Winnipeg , and the Nelson River into Hudson Bay . It runs from the southwest to the northeast and is fed by numerous creeks throughout the city , such as Mill Creek , Whitemud Creek and Blackmud Creek ; this creates numerous ravines , some of which are used for urban parkland . Edmonton is within the Canadian Prairies Ecozone . Aspen parkland , surrounds the city and , acts a transitional area from the prairie to the south and boreal forest in the north . However , the aspen woods and forests in and around Edmonton have long since been reduced by farming and other human activities , such as oil and natural gas exploration .

= = = Climate = = =

Edmonton has a humid continental climate ( Köppen climate classification Dfb ) It falls into the NRC Plant Hardiness Zone 4a .

The city has milder winters than either Regina or Winnipeg , both further south of Edmonton in latitude . Its average daily temperatures range from a low of ? 10 @. @ 4 ° C ( 13 @. @ 3 ° F ) in January to a summer peak of 17 @. @ 7 ° C ( 63 @. @ 9 ° F ) in July . With average maximum of 23 @. @ 1 ° C ( 73 @. @ 6 ° F ) in July , and minimum of ? 14 @. @ 8 ° C ( 5 @. @ 4 ° F ) in January . Annually , temperatures can exceed 30 ° C ( 86 ° F ) for an average of four to five days anytime from late April to mid @- @ September and fall below ? 20 ° C ( ? 4 ° F ) for an average of 28 days . The highest temperature recorded within the City of Edmonton was 37 @. @ 2 ° C ( 99 @. @ 0 ° F ) , on June 29 , 1937 . On July 2 , 2013 , a record high humidex of 43 was recorded , due to an unusually humid day with a temperature of 33 @. @ 9 ° C ( 93 @. @ 0 ° F ) and a record high dew point of 23 ° C ( 73 @. @ 4 ° F ) . The lowest overall temperature ever recorded in Edmonton was ? 49 @. @ 4 ° C ( ? 56 @. @ 9 ° F ) , on January 19 and 21 , 1886 . On January 26 , 1972 , the temperature was recorded at ? 48 @. @ 3 ° C ( ? 54 @. @ 9 ° F ) and at -61 with the wind chill , making it the lowest temperature including the wind chill ever recorded in Edmonton .

Typically , summer lasts from late June until early September , and the humidity is seldom uncomfortably high . Winter lasts from November to March , and varies greatly in length and severity

. Spring and autumn are both short and highly variable . Edmonton 's growing season is from May 9 to September 22 ; Edmonton averages 135 @-@ 140 frost free days a year . At the summer solstice , Edmonton receives seventeen hours and three minutes of daylight , with an hour and forty @-@ six minutes of civil twilight . On average Edmonton receives 2 @,@ 299 hours of bright sunshine per year and is one of Canada 's sunniest cities .

The summer of 2006 was a particularly warm one for Edmonton , as temperatures reached 29 ° C ( 84 ° F ) or higher more than 20 times during the year , from as early as mid @-@ May and again in early September . The winter of 2011 ? 12 was particularly warm ; from December 22 , 2011 , till March 20 , 2012 , on 53 occasions Edmonton saw temperatures at or above 0 @.@ 0 ° C ( 32 @.@ 0 ° F ) at the City Centre Airport .

Edmonton has a fairly dry climate . On average , it receives 476 @.@ 9 millimetres ( 18 @.@ 78 in ) of precipitation , of which 365 @.@ 7 millimetres ( 14 @.@ 40 in ) is rain and 111 @.@ 2 millimetres ( 4 @.@ 38 in ) is the melt from 123 @.@ 5 centimetres ( 48 @.@ 6 in ) of snowfall per annum . Precipitation is heaviest in the late spring , summer , and early autumn . The wettest month is July , while the driest months are February , March , October , and November . In July , the mean precipitation is 91 @.@ 7 mm ( 3 @.@ 61 in ) . Dry spells are not uncommon and may occur at any time of the year . Extremes do occur , such as the 114 mm ( 4 @.@ 49 in ) of rainfall that fell on July 31 , 1953 . Summer thunderstorms can be frequent and occasionally severe enough to produce large hail , damaging winds , funnel clouds , and occasionally tornadoes . Twelve tornadoes had been recorded in Edmonton between 1890 and 1989 . The F4 tornado that struck Edmonton on July 31 , 1987 , killing 27 , was unusual in many respects , including severity , duration , damage , and casualties . It is commonly referred to as Black Friday due both to its aberrant characteristics and the emotional shock it generated . Then @-@ mayor Laurence Decore cited the community 's response to the tornado as evidence that Edmonton was a " city of champions , " which later became an unofficial slogan of the city .

A massive cluster of thunderstorms occurred on July 11 , 2004 , with large hail and over 100 mm ( 4 in ) of rain reported within the space of an hour in many places . This " 1 @-@ in @-@ 200 year event " flooded major intersections and underpasses and damaged both residential and commercial properties . The storm caused extensive damage to West Edmonton Mall ; a small glass section of the roof collapsed under the weight of the rainwater , causing water to drain onto the mall 's indoor ice rink . As a result , the mall was forced to undergo an evacuation as a precautionary measure .

= = = Parkland and environment = = =

Edmonton 's river valley constitutes the longest stretch of connected urban parkland in North America , and Edmonton has the highest amount of parkland per capita of any Canadian city ; the river valley is 22 times larger than New York City 's Central Park . The river valley is home to various parks ranging from fully serviced urban parks to campsite @-@ like facilities with few amenities . This main " Ribbon of Green " is supplemented by numerous neighbourhood parks located throughout the city , to give a total of 111 km<sup>2</sup> ( 27 @,@ 400 acres ) of parkland . Within the 7 @,@ 400 ha ( 18 @,@ 000 acres ) , 25 km ( 16 mi ) -long river valley park system , there are 11 lakes , 14 ravines , and 22 major parks , and most of the city has accessible bike and walking trail connections . These trails are also part of the 235 km ( 146 mi ) Waskahagan walking trail . The City of Edmonton has named five parks in its River Valley Parks System in honour of each of " The Famous Five " .

Edmonton 's streets and parklands also contain one of the largest remaining concentrations of healthy American elm trees in the world , unaffected by Dutch elm disease , which has wiped out vast numbers of such trees in eastern North America . Jack pine , lodgepole pine , white spruce , white birch , aspen , mountain ash , Amur maple , Russian olive , green ash , basswood , various poplars and willows , flowering crabapple , Mayday tree and Manitoba maple are also abundant ; bur oak , silver maple , hawthorn and Ohio buckeye are increasingly popular . Other introduced tree species include white ash , blue spruce , Norway maple , red oak , sugar maple , common horse @-@ chestnut , McIntosh apple , and Evans cherry . Three walnut species ? butternut , Manchurian

walnut , and black walnut ? have survived in Edmonton .

Several golf courses , both public and private , are also located in the river valley ; the long summer daylight hours of this northern city provide for extended play from early morning well into the evening . Golf courses and the park system become a winter recreation area during this season , and cross @-@ country skiing and skating are popular during the long winter . Four downhill ski slopes are located in the river valley as well , two within the city and two immediately outside .

A variety of volunteer opportunities exist for citizens to participate in the stewardship of Edmonton 's parkland and river valley . Volunteer programs include River Valley Clean @-@ up , Root for Trees , and Partner in Parks . River Valley Clean @-@ up engages volunteers to pick up hundreds of bags of litter each year .

= = = Neighbourhoods = = =

Edmonton is divided into 375 neighbourhoods within 7 geographic sectors ? a mature area sector , which includes neighbourhoods that were essentially built out prior to 1970 , and 6 surrounding suburban sectors .

Edmonton 's Downtown is located within the city 's mature area or inner city . It and the surrounding Boyle Street , Central McDougall , Cloverdale , Garneau , McCauley , Oliver , Queen Mary Park , Riverdale , Rosedale , Strathcona and University of Alberta form Edmonton 's Central Core . Oliver and Garneau are the city 's most populated and most densely populated neighbourhoods respectively . The mature area sector also contains the five former urban municipalities annexed by the city over its history ? Beverly , Jasper Place , North Edmonton , Strathcona and West Edmonton ( Calder ) .

Larger residential areas within Edmonton 's six suburban sectors , each comprising multiple neighbourhoods , include : Heritage Valley , Kaskitayo , Riverbend , Terwillegar Heights and Windermere ( southwest sector ) ; The Grange , Lewis Farms and West Jasper Place ( west sector ) ; Big Lake ( northwest sector ) ; Castle Downs , Lake District and The Palisades ( north sector ) ; Casselman @-@ Steele Heights , Clareview , Hermitage and Pilot Sound ( northeast sector ) ; and Ellerslie , The Meadows , Mill Woods and Southeast Edmonton ( southeast sector ) . Mill Woods is divided into a town centre community ( Mill Woods Town Centre ) and eight surrounding communities ? Burnewood , Knottwood , Lakewood , Millbourne , Millhurst , Ridgewood , Southwood , and Woodvale ? each having between two and four neighbourhoods .

Several transit @-@ oriented developments ( TOD ) have begun to appear along the LRT line at Clareview , with future developments planned at Belvedere ( part of the Old Town Fort Road Redevelopment Project ) . Another TOD , called Century Park , is being constructed at the site of what was once Heritage Mall , at the southern end of the LRT line . Century Park will eventually house up to 5 @, @ 000 residents .

The Edmonton City Centre Airport is planned to be redeveloped into a sustainable community of 30 @, @ 000 people comprising a transit @-@ oriented mixed use town centre , townhouses , low , medium and high rise apartments , neighbourhood retail and service uses , and a major park .

Edmonton has four major industrial districts ? the Northwest Industrial District , the Northeast Industrial District , the Southeast Industrial District and the emerging Edmonton Energy and Technology Park , which is part of Alberta 's Industrial Heartland . The northwest , northeast and southeast districts each have smaller industrial areas and neighbourhoods within them .

The city has established 12 business revitalization zones ? 124 Street and Area , Alberta Avenue , Beverly , Downtown , Chinatown and Little Italy , Fort Road and Area , Inglewood , Kingsway , North Edge , Northwest Industrial , Old Strathcona and Stony Plain Road .

= = = Metropolitan area = = =

Edmonton is at the centre of Canada 's sixth largest census metropolitan area ( CMA ) , which includes Edmonton and 34 other municipalities in the surrounding area . Larger urban communities include Sherwood Park ( an urban service area within Strathcona County ) , the cities of St. Albert ,

Leduc , Spruce Grove and Fort Saskatchewan , and the towns of Stony Plain , Beaumont , Morinville , and Devon . Major employment areas outside of Edmonton but within the CMA include the Nisku Industrial Business Park and the Edmonton International Airport ( including a planned inland port logistics support facility in support of the Port Alberta initiative ) in Leduc County , the Acheson Industrial Area in Parkland County , Refinery Row in Strathcona County and Alberta 's Industrial Heartland within portions of Fort Saskatchewan , Strathcona County and Sturgeon County . Alberta 's Industrial Heartland also extends beyond the CMA 's northeastern boundary into a portion of Lamont County .

The individual economic development interests and costs of service delivery in certain municipalities within the region has led to intermunicipal competition , strained intermunicipal relationships and overall fragmentation of the region . Although several attempts have been made by the City of Edmonton to absorb surrounding municipalities or annex portions of its neighbours , the city has not absorbed another municipality since the Town of Jasper Place joined Edmonton on August 17 , 1964 and the city has not annexed land from any of its neighbours since January 1 , 1982 . After years of mounting pressure in the early 21st century , the Province of Alberta formed the Capital Region Board ( CRB ) on April 15 , 2008 . The CRB consists of 24 member municipalities ? 22 of which are within the Edmonton CMA and two of which are outside the CMA . The City of Edmonton subsequently announced in March 2013 its intent to annex 156 square kilometers of land ( including the Edmonton International Airport ) from Leduc County .

= = Demographics = =

The population of the City of Edmonton according to its 2014 municipal census is 877 @, @ 926 , a 7 @. @ 4 % change from its 2012 municipal census population of 817 @, @ 498 . The 2012 census captured more detailed demographic information on residents , including age and gender , marital status , employment status , length of residency , prior residence , employment transportation mode , citizenship and school residency , as well as dwellings and properties , including ownership , structure and status . Per its municipal census policy , the city 's next municipal census is scheduled for 2016 .

In the 2011 Census , the City of Edmonton had a population of 812 @, @ 201 living in 324 @, @ 756 of its 348 @, @ 672 total dwellings , an 11 @. @ 2 percent change from its 2006 population of 730 @, @ 372 . With a land area of 684 @. @ 37 km<sup>2</sup> ( 264 @. @ 24 sq mi ) , it had a population density of 1 @, @ 186 @. @ 8 / km<sup>2</sup> ( 3 @, @ 073 @. @ 8 / sq mi ) in 2011 . The census also reported that 50 @. @ 2 percent of the population ( 407 @, @ 325 ) was female while 49 @. @ 8 percent ( 404 @, @ 875 ) was male . The average age of the city 's population was 36 @. @ 0 years while there was an average 2 @. @ 5 people per household .

The Edmonton census metropolitan area ( CMA ) has the sixth @-@ greatest population of CMAs in Canada and the second @-@ greatest in Alberta , but has the largest land area in Canada . It had a population of 1 @, @ 159 @, @ 869 in the 2011 Census compared to its 2006 population of 1 @, @ 034 @, @ 945 . Its five @-@ year population change of 12 @. @ 1 percent was second only to the Calgary CMA between 2006 and 2011 . With a land area of 9 @, @ 426 @. @ 73 km<sup>2</sup> ( 3 @, @ 639 @. @ 68 sq mi ) , the Edmonton CMA had a population density of 123 @. @ 0 / km<sup>2</sup> ( 318 @. @ 7 / sq mi ) in 2011 . Statistics Canada 's latest estimate of the Edmonton CMA population , as of July 1 , 2013 , is 1 @, @ 289 @, @ 564 .

The Edmonton population centre is the core of the Edmonton CMA . This core includes the cities of Edmonton , Fort Saskatchewan and St. Albert , the Sherwood Park portion of Strathcona County , and portions of Parkland County and Sturgeon County . The Edmonton population centre , the fifth @-@ largest in Canada , had a population of 960 @, @ 015 in 2011 , an 11 @. @ 3 percent increase over its 2006 population of 862 @, @ 544 .

In 2006 , people of European ethnicities formed the largest cluster of ethnic groups in Edmonton . These included ethnicities mostly of English , Scottish , German , Irish , Ukrainian , Polish , and French origin . According to the 2006 census , the City of Edmonton was 71 @. @ 8 percent White and 5 @. @ 3 percent Aboriginal , while visible minorities accounted for 22 @. @ 9 percent of the

population .

### == Religion ==

According to the 2001 census , 31 % 2 percent of Edmonton residents are Protestant and 29 % 4 percent are Catholic . 5 % 5 percent belong to other Christian denominations , 2 % 9 percent are Muslim , 0 % 6 percent are Jewish , 5 % 1 percent are adherents of other religions , and 24 % 4 percent profess no religion . A Bahá'í Centre is located in Edmonton . The first mosque established in Canada ? the Al Rashid Mosque , founded by Abdullah Yusuf Ali ? is situated in Edmonton . The Baitul Hadi Mosque is the only Ahmadiyya mosque in the city . Edmonton also hosts a Maronite Catholic church , on 76 Avenue / 98 Street , with services in English on Saturdays and Arabic on Sundays . The Lebanese community also has a Druze Community Centre on the north side of the city . The Edmonton Alberta Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was dedicated on December 11 , 1999 . The Hindu Community in Edmonton is served by the Hindu Society of Alberta ( North Indian Temple ) and the Maha Ganapathy Society of Alberta ( South Indian Temple ) . The Sikh community in Edmonton is served by four gurdwaras . The Jewish Community in Edmonton is served by Jewish Federation of Edmonton . The region is served by five synagogues . Edmonton is also home to two of Alberta 's five Unitarian Universalist congregations ? the Unitarian Church of Edmonton and the Westwood Unitarian Congregation ; the other three are located in Calgary , Lethbridge , and Red Deer .

### == Economy ==

Edmonton is the major economic centre for northern and central Alberta and a major centre for the oil and gas industry . As of 2014 , the estimated value of major projects within the Edmonton Capital Region was \$ 57 billion , of which \$ 34 billion are within the oil and gas , oil sands and pipeline sectors .

Edmonton traditionally has been a hub for Albertan petrochemical industries , earning it the nickname " Oil Capital of Canada " in the 1940s . Supply and service industries drive the energy extraction engine , while research develops new technologies and supports expanded value-added processing of Alberta 's massive oil , gas , and oil sands reserves . These are reported to be the second largest in the world , after Saudi Arabia .

Much of the growth in technology sectors is due to Edmonton 's reputation as one of Canada 's premier research and education centres . Research initiatives are anchored by educational institutions such as the University of Alberta ( U of A ) as well as government initiatives underway at the Alberta Research Council and Edmonton Research Park . The U of A campus is home to the National Institute for Nanotechnology .

During the 1970s and 1980s , Edmonton became a major financial centre , with both regional offices of Canada 's major banks and locally based institutions opening . However , the turmoil of the late 1980s economy radically changed the situation . Locally based operations such as Principal Trust and Canadian Commercial Bank would fail , and some regional offices were moved to other cities . The 1990s saw a solidification of the economy , and Edmonton is now home to Canadian Western Bank , the only publicly traded Schedule I chartered bank headquarters west of Toronto . Other major financial centres include ATB Financial , Servus Credit Union ( formerly Capital City Savings ) , TD Canada Trust and Manulife Financial .

Edmonton has been the birthplace of several companies that have grown to international stature . The local retail market has also seen the creation of many successful store concepts , such as The Brick , Katz Group , AutoCanada , Boston Pizza , Pizza 73 , Liquor Stores GP ( which includes Liquor Depot , Liquor Barn , OK Liquor , and Grapes & Grains ) , Planet Organic , Shaw Communications , Empire Design , Running Room , Booster Juice , Earl 's , Fountain Tire and XS Cargo .

Edmonton 's geographical location has made it an ideal spot for distribution and logistics . CN Rail 's North American operational facility is located in the city , as well as a major intermodal facility that

handles all incoming freight from the port of Prince Rupert in British Columbia .

= = = Retail = = =

Edmonton is home to several shopping malls , including Canada 's first mall , Westmount Centre ; and the largest mall in North America , West Edmonton Mall , which is also considered to be the 10th largest mall in the world . Other mentionable malls include Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre , Edmonton City Centre ( a combination of the former Edmonton Centre and Eaton Centre malls ) , Southgate Centre , Kingsway Mall , Northgate Centre , Abbotsfield Mall , Londonderry Mall , and Mill Woods Town Centre .

Edmonton also has many big box shopping centres and power centres . Some of the major ones include South Edmonton Common ( North America 's largest open air retail development ) , Skyview Power Centre , Terra Rosa Centre , Oliver Square , Southpark Centre , The Meadows , Christy 's Corner , and Westpoint . In 2008 , construction started on the Windermere power centre .

In contrast to suburban centres , Edmonton has many urban retail locations . The largest of them all , Old Strathcona , includes many independent stores between 99 Street and 109 Street on Whyte Avenue and area . In around the downtown of Edmonton , there are a small handful of shopping districts , such as previously mentioned Edmonton City Centre mall , Jasper Avenue and 104 Street . Near Oliver , 124 Street is home to a significant number of retail stores . Edmonton is the Canadian testing @-@ ground for many American retailers , such as Bath & Body Works and Calvin Klein .

= = Arts and culture = =

Many events are anchored in the downtown Arts District , centred around Churchill Square ( named in honour of Sir Winston Churchill ) . On the south side of the river , the University district and Whyte Avenue contain theatres , concert halls , and various live music venues .

= = = Performing arts = = =

The Francis Winspear Centre for Music was opened in 1997 after years of planning and fundraising . Described as one of the most acoustically perfect concert halls in Canada , it is home to the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and hosts a wide variety of shows every year . It seats 1 @, @ 932 patrons and houses the \$ 3 @-@ million Davis Concert Organ , the largest concert organ in Canada . Across 102 Avenue is the Citadel Theatre , named after The Salvation Army Citadel in which Joe Shctor first started the Citadel Theatre Company in 1965 . It is now one of the largest theatre complexes in Canada , with five halls , each specializing in different kinds of productions . On the University of Alberta grounds is the 2 @, @ 534 @-@ seat Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium , which were undertaken over a year of heavy renovations carried out as part of the province 's 2005 centennial celebrations . Both it and its southern twin in Calgary were constructed in 1955 for the province 's golden jubilee and have hosted many concerts , musicals , and ballets . The Edmonton Opera uses the Jubilee as its base of operations . On the front of the building is a quote from Suetonius ' Life of Augustus : " He found a city built of brick ? left it built of marble . "

The Old Strathcona neighbourhood is home to the Theatre District , which holds the ATB Financial Arts Barns ( headquarters of the Edmonton International Fringe Festival ) , The Waltherdale Playhouse , Catalyst Theatre , and the Varscona Theatre ( base of operations for several theatre companies , including Teatro la Quindicina , Shadow Theatre , Die @-@ Nasty , and Oh Susanna ! ) . Edmonton was named cultural capital of Canada in 2007 . The Ukrainian Dnipro Ensemble of Edmonton , along with other Ukrainian choirs such as the Ukrainian Male Chorus of Edmonton , helps preserve the Ukrainian musical culture within the parameters of the Canadian multicultural identity in Edmonton .

= = = Festivals = = =

Edmonton plays host to several large festivals each year , contributing to its nickname , " Canada 's Festival City " . Downtown Edmonton 's Churchill Square host numerous festivals each summer . The Works Art & Design Festival , which takes place from late June to early July , showcases Canadian and international art and design from well @-@ known award @-@ winning artists as well as emerging and student artists . The Edmonton International Street Performer 's Festival takes place in mid @-@ July and showcases street performance artists from around the world .

Edmonton 's main summer festival is K @-@ Days , formerly Klondike Days , Capital Ex and originally the Edmonton Exhibition . Founded in 1879 , the Edmonton Exhibition was originally an annual fair and exhibition that eventually adopted a gold rush theme , becoming Klondike Days in the 1960s . Northlands , the operators , renamed the festival to " Edmonton 's Capital Ex " or " Capital Ex " in 2006 . In 2012 , Edmonton Northlands conducted a poll to rename the festival that resulted in changing the name to " K @-@ Days " . Activities include carnival rides and fairways , music , trade shows , and daily fireworks .

Since 1960 , the Sourdough Raft Races have also been a popular event . Later in November , Edmonton plays host to the Canadian Finals Rodeo and Farmfair ; this is a significant event in Canada 's rodeo circuit and second only to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in prestige .

The Edmonton International Fringe Festival , held in mid @-@ August , is the largest fringe theatre festival in North America and second only to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival worldwide . In August , Edmonton is also host to the Edmonton Folk Music Festival , one of the most successful and popular folk music festivals in North America . Another major summer festival is the Edmonton Heritage Festival , which is an ethnocultural festival that takes place in Hawrelak Park on the Heritage Day long weekend . Many other festivals exist , such as Interstellar Rodeo , the Free Will Shakespeare Festival , the Dragon Boat Festival , the Whyte Avenue Art Walk , and the Edmonton International Film Festival .

= = = Museums and galleries = = =

There are many museums in Edmonton of various sizes . The largest is the Royal Alberta Museum ( RAM ) , which was formerly known as the Provincial Museum of Alberta until it was renamed in honour of Queen Elizabeth II 's 2005 Alberta centennial visit . The RAM houses over 10 million objects in its collection and showcases the culture and practices of the diverse aboriginal tribes of the region . The main building , overlooking the river valley west of the city centre in the Glenora neighbourhood , was opened in 1967 and is now in the early stages of large @-@ scale redevelopment .

The Telus World of Science is located in the Woodcroft neighbourhood northwest of the city centre . It opened in 1984 and has since been expanded several times . It contains five permanent galleries , one additional gallery for temporary exhibits , an IMAX theatre , a planetarium , an observatory , and an amateur radio station . The Edmonton Valley Zoo is in the river valley to the southwest of the city centre .

The Alberta Aviation Museum , located in a hangar at the City Centre Airport , was built for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan . Its collection includes both civilian and military aircraft , the largest of which are a Boeing 737 and two CF @-@ 101 Voodoos . It also has one of only 3 BOMARC missiles in Canada .

The Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre is also home to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum . The museum is dedicated to preserving the military heritage and the sacrifices made by the people of Edmonton and Alberta in general . The museum features two galleries and several smaller exhibits . The collection includes historic firearms , uniforms , souvenirs , memorabilia , military accoutrements , as well as a large photographic and archival collection spanning the pre @-@ World War One period to the present . The museum features an exhibit on the role of the 49th Battalion , CEF in Canada 's Hundred Days Offensive . The Telephone Historical Centre is a telephone museum also located in the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre in central Edmonton . In addition to a collection of artifacts tracing the history of the telephone , the museum has its own theatre featuring a brief film led by the robot Xeldon .



The Alberta Railway Museum is located in the rural northeast portion of the city . It contains a variety of locomotives and railroad cars from different periods , and includes a working steam locomotive . Since most of its exhibits are outdoors , it is only open between Victoria Day and Labour Day .

Fort Edmonton Park , Canada 's largest living history museum , is located in the river valley southwest of the city centre . Edmonton 's heritage is displayed through historical buildings ( many of which are originals moved to the park ) , costumed historical interpreters , and authentic artifacts . In total , it covers the region 's history from approximately 1795 to 1929 ( represented by Fort Edmonton ) , followed chronologically by 1885 , 1905 , and 1920 streets , and a recreation of a 1920s midway . A steam train , streetcars , automobiles and horse @-@ drawn vehicles may be seen in operation ( and utilized by the public ) around the park . The John Walter Museum and Historical Area ( c . 1875 to 1901 ) is on the Canadian Register of Historic Places . The University of Alberta operates its own internal Museums and Collections service .

The Art Gallery of Alberta ( AGA ) is the city 's largest single gallery . Formerly housed in an inconspicuous 1970s building downtown , the AGA collection had over 5 @,@ 000 pieces of art . The former AGA building was demolished in July 2007 to make way for construction of a new facility designed by Randall Stout . It was estimated to cost over \$ 88 @-@ million and the amount that Edmonton City Council donated towards its construction was met with some controversy . The AGA officially opened on January 31 , 2010 . Independent galleries can be found throughout the city , especially along the 124 Street / Jasper Avenue corridor , known as the " gallery walk " .

= = = Music = = =

In the city 's early days , music was performed in churches and community halls . Edmonton has a history of opera and classical music performance ; both genres historically have been supported by a variety of clubs and associations . Edmonton 's first major radio station , CKUA , began broadcasting music in 1927 . The city is a centre for music instruction ; the University of Alberta began its music department in 1945 , and MacEwan University opened a jazz and musical theatre program in 1980 . Festivals of jazz , folk , and classical music are popular entertainment events in the city .

The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra has existed under various incarnations since 1913 . In 1952 , the Edmonton Philharmonic and the Edmonton Pops orchestras amalgamated to form the 60 @-@ member modern version . The Orchestra performs at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music .

The city also has a vibrant popular music scene , across genres including hip @-@ hop , reggae , R & B , rock , pop , metal , punk , country and electronica . Notable past and present local musicians include Robert Goulet , Tommy Banks , Tim Feehan , Cadence Weapon , Kreesha Turner , The Smalls , SNFU , Social Code , Stereos , Ten Second Epic , Tupelo Honey , Mac DeMarco , Shout Out Out Out Out , Purity Ring , The Wet Secrets , and numerous others .

= = = Nightlife = = =

There are several key areas of nightlife in the city of Edmonton . The most popular is the Whyte Avenue ( 82 Avenue ) strip , located between 109 Street and 99 Street ; it has the highest number of heritage buildings in Edmonton , and the nightlife ( bars , clubs , and restaurants ) are located throughout , but mostly west of Gateway Boulevard ( 103 Street ) . Once the heart of the town of Strathcona ( annexed by Edmonton on February 1 , 1912 ) , it fell into disrepair during the middle of the 20th century . Beginning in the 1970s , a coordinated effort to revive the area through the establishment of a business revitalization zone has produced an area rich with restored historical buildings and pleasant streetscapes . Its proximity to the University of Alberta has led to a high number of establishments ranging from restaurants and pubs to trendy clubs while hosting a wide variety of retail and specialty shops during the day . This area also contains two independent movie theatres : the Garneau and Princess theatres , as well as several live theatre , music , and comedy venues .

Downtown Edmonton has undergone a continual process of renewal and growth since the mid @-@ 1990s . Many buildings were demolished during the oil boom , starting in the 1960s and continuing into the 1980s , to make way for office towers . As such , there have always been numerous pub @-@ type establishments , as well as many hotel lounges and restaurants . The past decade has seen a strong resurgence in more mainstream venues . Edmonton also has a high demand for pub crawl tours in the city . Various clubs are also to be found along Edmonton 's main street , Jasper Avenue . The Edmonton City Centre mall also houses an Empire Theatres movie theatre , featuring nine screens . The nonprofit Metro Cinema shows a variety of alternative or otherwise unreleased films every week .

West Edmonton Mall holds several after @-@ hour establishments in addition to its many stores and attractions . Bourbon Street has numerous eating establishments ; clubs and casinos can also be found within the complex . Scotiabank Theatre ( formerly known as Silver City ) , at the west end of the mall , is a theatre that features twelve screens and an IMAX .

= = Sports and recreation = =

Edmonton has a number of professional sports teams , including the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League , Edmonton Oilers of the National Hockey League , Edmonton Energy of the International Basketball League , and FC Edmonton of the North American Soccer League . Junior sports clubs include the Edmonton Huskies and Edmonton Wildcats of the Canadian Junior Football League and the Edmonton Oil Kings of the Western Hockey League . Venues for Edmonton 's professional and junior sports teams include Commonwealth Stadium ( Eskimos ) , Argyll Velodrome , Rogers Place ( Oilers and Oil Kings ) , Edmonton Ballpark ( Prospects ) , the Universiade Pavilion ( Energy ) , and Clarke Stadium ( FC Edmonton , Huskies and Wildcats ) .

Edmonton 's teams have rivalries with Calgary 's teams and games between Edmonton and Calgary teams are often referred to as the Battle of Alberta .

Past notable hockey teams in Edmonton include : the original junior hockey incarnation of the Edmonton Oil Kings , with multiple league and national Memorial Cup championships playing in the Western Hockey League ; the Edmonton Flyers , with multiple Lester Patrick Cups and one national Allan Cup , and ; the Edmonton Roadrunners of the American Hockey League . Other past notable sports teams include ; the Edmonton Grads , a women 's basketball team with 108 local , provincial , national , and international titles and the world champions for 17 years in a row ; the Edmonton Trappers , a Triple @-@ A level baseball team with multiple division and league titles in the Pacific Coast League , and ; the Edmonton Rush , a box lacrosse team with one league championship .

Local university @-@ level sports teams include the U of A Golden Bears , the U of A Pandas , the NAIT Ooks , and the MacEwan Griffins . Local amateur teams , among others , include the Edmonton Gold of the Rugby Canada Super League and two flat track roller derby leagues : Oil City Roller Derby and E @-@ Ville Roller Derby .

From 2005 to 2012 , Edmonton hosted an annual circuit on the Indy Racing League known as the Edmonton Indy . In addition , Castrol Raceway hosts regular sprint car and a national IHRA events at their facility next to Edmonton International Airport .

Other past sporting events hosted by Edmonton include the 1978 Commonwealth Games , the 1983 World University Games ( Universiade ) , the 2001 World Championships in Athletics , the 2002 World Ringette Championships , the 2005 World Master Games , the 2006 Women 's Rugby World Cup , the 2007 and 2014 FIFA U @-@ 20 Women 's World Cup , the 2015 FIFA Women 's World Cup , and the CN Canadian Women 's Open . Edmonton shared hosting duties with Calgary for the 2012 World Junior Ice Hockey Championships .

= = Government = =

In 1892 Edmonton was incorporated as a town . The first mayor was Matthew McCauley , who established the first school board in Edmonton and Board of Trade ( later Chamber of Commerce ) and a municipal police service . Due to mayor McCauley 's good relationship with the federal

Liberals this helped Edmonton to maintain political prominence over Strathcona , a rival settlement on the south bank of the North Saskatchewan River . Edmonton was incorporated as a city in 1904 and became the capital of Alberta in 1905 .

Unions and radical organizations such as the Industrial Workers of the World struggled for progressive social change through the early years , with the first reformer , James East , being elected in 1912 , followed by the first official Labour alderman , James Kinney , the following year . Many thousands of workers participated in the Edmonton general strike of 1919 and a strong block of Labour representatives were on council after the next election : James Kinney , James East , Sam McCoppen , Joe Clarke and Rice Sheppard .

Labour representation on city council would become a near @-@ majority in 1929 , and , during the Great Depression , a full majority from 1932 to 1934 . Jan Reimer became the city 's first female mayor , when she was elected in 1989 .

= = = Municipal politics = = =

Edmonton is represented by a mayor and 12 councillors ? one for each of the 12 wards . On July 22 , 2009 City Council adopted an electoral system that divides Edmonton into 12 wards , instead of the previous two for each of six wards . This system came into effect with the following election in October 2010 . The most recent election was held in October 2013 , and elected members to a four @-@ year term .

= = = Provincial politics = = =

Edmonton is the capital of the province of Alberta and holds all main provincial areas of government such as the Provincial Legislature of Alberta . The Edmonton region is represented by 20 MLAs , one for each provincial electoral district . Many of these boundaries have been changed , adjusted and renamed while the city has grown . In the current 29th Alberta Legislature all of Edmonton 's districts are represented by members from the governing Alberta New Democratic Party . Six of these members are cabinet ministers while one of them is also the Premier of Alberta , Rachel Notley .

= = = Crime = = =

The city 's police force , the Edmonton Police Service , was founded in 1892 , and had approximately 1 @,@ 400 officers in 2012 . Edmonton experienced a decrease in crime in the 1990s , an increase in the early 2000s , and another downturn at the end of the decade .

The Edmonton census metropolitan area ( CMA ) had a crime severity index of 84 @.@ 5 in 2013 , which is higher than the national average of 68 @.@ 7 . Its crime severity index was the fifth @-@ highest among CMAs in Canada behind Regina , Saskatoon , Kelowna and Vancouver . Edmonton had the fourth @-@ most homicides in 2013 at 27 .

= = = Military = = =

Edmonton is home to 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group ( 1 CMBG ) , the Regular Force army brigade group of Land Force Western Area of the Canadian Army . Units in 1 CMBG include Lord Strathcona 's Horse ( Royal Canadians ) , 1 Combat Engineer Regiment , two of the three regular force battalions of Princess Patricia 's Canadian Light Infantry , and various headquarters , service , and support elements . Although not part of 1 CMBG , 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron and 1 Field Ambulance are located with the brigade group . All of these units are located at Lancaster Park , immediately north of the city . From 1943 , as CFB Namao ( now CFB Edmonton / Edmonton Garrison ) , it was a major air force base . In 1996 , all fixed @-@ wing aviation units were transferred to CFB Cold Lake .

The Canadian Airborne Training Centre had been located in the city in the 1980s . The move of 1

CMBG and component units from Calgary occurred in 1996 in what was described as a cost @-@ saving measure . The brigade had existed in Calgary since the 1950s , and Lord Strathcona 's Horse had traditionally been a Calgary garrison unit dating back to before World War I.

Edmonton also has a large army reserve element from 41 Canadian Brigade Group ( 41 CBG ) , including The Loyal Edmonton Regiment ( 4th Battalion , Princess Patricia 's Canadian Light Infantry ) ; 41 Combat Engineer Regiment ; HQ Battery , 20th Field Artillery Regiment ; and B Squadron of The South Alberta Light Horse , one of Alberta 's oldest army reserve units . Despite being far from Canada 's coasts , Edmonton is also the home of HMCS Nonsuch , a naval reserve division . There are numerous cadet corps of the different elements ( naval , army and air force ) within Edmonton as well .

= = Infrastructure = =

= = = Transportation = = =

= = = = Aviation = = = =

Edmonton is a major air transportation gateway to northern Alberta and northern Canada . The Edmonton International Airport ( EIA ) is the main airport serving the city .

The EIA provides passenger service to destinations in the United States , Europe , Mexico , and the Caribbean . The EIA is located within Leduc County , adjacent to the City of Leduc and the Nisku Industrial Business Park . With direct air distances from Edmonton to places such as London in Europe being shorter than to other main airports in western North America , Edmonton Airports is working to establish a major container shipping hub called Port Alberta .

= = = = Rail = = = =

Edmonton serves as a major transportation hub for Canadian National Railway , whose North American operations management centre is located at their Edmonton offices . It is also tied into the Canadian Pacific Railway network , which provides service from Calgary to the south and extends northeast of Edmonton to serve Alberta 's Industrial Heartland .

Inter @-@ city rail passenger rail service is provided by Via Rail 's premier train , the Canadian , as it travels between Vancouver , British Columbia , and Toronto , Ontario . Passenger trains stop at the Edmonton railway station three days a week in both directions . The train connects Edmonton to multiple stops in British Columbia , Alberta , Saskatchewan , Manitoba , and Ontario .

= = = = Public transit = = = =

The Edmonton Transit System ( ETS ) is the city 's public transit agency , operating the Edmonton Light Rail Transit ( LRT ) line as well as a fleet of buses . Approximately one @-@ third of people in the Edmonton Capital Region ( mostly from Edmonton proper ) use ETS per day ( 354 @,@ 440 out of 1 @,@ 034 @,@ 945 ) . There are approximately 280 @,@ 000 ETS bus riders on average per day .

From the 1990s to early 2009 , Edmonton was one of two cities in Canada still operating trolley buses , along with Vancouver . On June 18 , 2008 , City Council decided to abandon the Edmonton trolley bus system and the last trolley bus ran on May 2 , 2009 .

Scheduled LRT service began on April 23 , 1978 , with five extensions of the single line completed since . The original Edmonton line is considered to be the first " modern " light rail line in North America ( i.e. , built from scratch , rather than being an upgrade of an old system ) . It introduced the use of German @-@ designed rolling stock that subsequently became the standard light rail vehicle of the United States . The Edmonton " proof @-@ of @-@ payment " fare collection system adopted

in 1980 ? modelled after European ticket systems ? became the North American transit industry 's preferred approach for subsequent light rail projects . The four @-@ year South LRT extension was opened in full on April 24 , 2010 , which sees trains travelling to Century Park ( located at 23 Avenue and 111 Street ) , making stops at South Campus and Southgate Centre along the way . A line to the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in north @-@ central Edmonton using the same high floor technology of the existing system opened September 6 , 2015 . Edmonton is also expanding the LRT to Mill Woods ( the southeast ) by 2020 and to Lewis Farms ( the west ) thereafter using low floor technology .

= = = = Roads = = = =

A largely gridded system forms most of Edmonton 's street and road network . The address system is mostly numbered , with streets running south to north and avenues running east to west . In built @-@ up areas built since the 1950s , local streets and major roadways generally do not conform to the grid system . Major roadways include Kingsway , Yellowhead Trail ( Highway 16 ) , Whitemud Drive and Anthony Henday Drive , and the city is connected to other communities elsewhere in Alberta , British Columbia , and Saskatchewan via the Yellowhead Highway to the west and east and the Queen Elizabeth II Highway ( Alberta Highway 2 ) to the south .

= = = = Trail system = = = =

There is an extensive multi @-@ use trail system for bicycles and pedestrians throughout the city ; however , most of this is within the river valley parkland system .

= = = Electricity and water = = =

Edmonton 's first power company established itself in 1891 and installed streetlights along the city 's main avenue , Jasper Avenue . The power company was bought by the Town of Edmonton in 1902 and remains under municipal ownership today as EPCOR . Also in charge of water treatment , in 2002 EPCOR installed the world 's largest ultraviolet ( UV ) water treatment or ultraviolet disinfection system at its E.L. Smith Water Treatment Plant .

= = = Waste disposal = = =

The Edmonton Composting Facility , the largest of its type in the world , is also the largest stainless steel building in North America . By 2016 , the city anticipates that it will divert more than 90 percent of the city 's household waste from the landfills . Among the innovative uses for the city 's waste includes a Christmas tree recycling program . The trees are collected each January and put through a woodchipper ; this material is used as an addition to the composting process . In addition , the wood chips absorb much of the odour produced by the compost by providing a biofilter element to trap odour causing gaseous results of the process .

Together , the Waste Management Centre and Wastewater Treatment plant are known as the Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence . Research partners include the University of Alberta , the Alberta Research Council , the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology , and Olds College .

= = = Health care = = =

There are four main hospitals serving Edmonton : University of Alberta Hospital , Royal Alexandra Hospital , Misericordia Community Hospital , and Grey Nuns Community Hospital . Other area hospitals include Sturgeon Community Hospital in St. Albert , Leduc Community Hospital in Leduc , Westview Health Centre in Stony Plain , and Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital in Fort Saskatchewan . Dedicated psychiatric care is provided at the Alberta Hospital . The Northeast

Community Health Centre offers a 24 @-@ hour emergency room with no inpatient ward services . The University of Alberta Hospital is the centre of a larger complex of hospitals and clinics located adjacent to the university campus which comprises the Stollery Children 's Hospital , Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute , Cross Cancer Institute , Zeidler Gastrointestinal Health Centre , Ledcor Clinical Training Centre , and Edmonton Clinic . Several health research institutes , including the Heritage Medical Research Centre , Medical Sciences Building , Katz Group Centre for Pharmacy and Health Research , and Li Ka Shing Centre for Health Research Innovation , are also located at this site . A similar set @-@ up is also evident at the Royal Alexandra Hospital , which is connected to the Lois Hole Hospital for Women and Orthopaedic Surgery Centre . All hospitals are under the administration of Alberta Health Services , although Misericordia and Grey Nuns are run separately by Covenant Health .

= = Education = =

= = = Secondary = = =

Edmonton has three publicly funded school boards ( districts ) that provide kindergarten and grades 1 ? 12 . The vast majority of students attend schools in the two large English language boards : Edmonton Public Schools , and the separate Edmonton Catholic School District . Also , since 1994 , the Francophone minority community has had their own school board based in Edmonton , the Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No. 2 , which includes surrounding communities . The city also has a number of public charter schools that are independent of any board . All three school boards and public charter schools are funded through provincial grants and property taxes .

Some private schools exist as well , including Edmonton Academy , Progressive Academy and Tempo School . The Edmonton Society for Christian Education and Millwoods Christian School ( not part of the former ) used to be private schools ; however , both have become part of Edmonton Public Schools as alternative programs .

Both the Edmonton Public Schools and the Edmonton Catholic School District provide support and resources for those wishing to homeschool their children .

= = = Post @-@ secondary = = =

Those post @-@ secondary institutions based in Edmonton that are publicly funded include Concordia University College of Alberta , MacEwan University , The King 's University College , NorQuest College , the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology ( NAIT ) and the University of Alberta ( U of A ) . The publicly funded Athabasca University and the University of Lethbridge also have campuses in Edmonton .

The U of A is a board @-@ governed institution that has an annual revenue of over one billion dollars . In 2011 / 12 , the university had over 38 @,@ 000 students enrolled within nearly 400 undergraduate , graduate and professional programs , as well as over 15 @,@ 000 students enrolled in its faculty of extension . The U of A is also home to the second @-@ largest research library system in Canada .

In 2010 / 11 , MacEwan University had a total student population of over 43 @,@ 000 students , including nearly 14 @,@ 000 full @-@ time students , enrolled in programs offering bachelor 's degrees , university transfers , diplomas and certificates . NAIT has an approximate total of 61 @,@ 200 students enrolled in more than 200 programs while NorQuest College has approximately 8 @,@ 500 students enrolled in various full @-@ time , part @-@ time and continuing education programs .

Other post @-@ secondary institutions within Edmonton include Taylor University College and Seminary and Yellowhead Tribal College , a First Nations college .

## == Media ==

Edmonton has seven local broadcast television stations shown on basic cable TV or over @-@ the @-@ air , with the oldest broadcasters in the city being CTV ( 1961 ) and CBC ( 1954 ) . Most of Edmonton 's conventional television stations have made the switch to over @-@ the @-@ air digital broadcasting . The cable television providers in Edmonton are Telus ( for IPTV ) and Shaw Cable . Twenty @-@ one FM and eight AM radio stations are based in Edmonton .

Edmonton has two large @-@ circulation daily newspapers , the Edmonton Journal and the Edmonton Sun . The Journal , established in 1903 and owned by the Postmedia Network , has a daily circulation of 112 @, @ 000 , while the Sun , established in 1978 and owned by Sun Media , has a circulation of 55 @, @ 000 . The Journal no longer publishes a Sunday edition as of July 2012 .

There is one free daily newspaper in the city , Metro . The magazine Vue Weekly is published on a weekly basis and focuses on alternative news . The Edmonton Examiner is a city @-@ wide community based paper also published weekly . There are also a number of smaller weekly and community newspapers .

## == Sister cities ==

Edmonton has five sister cities , with one American city listed by Sister Cities International .

Gatineau , Quebec , Canada , since 1967

Harbin , China , since 1985

Nashville , Tennessee , United States , since 1990

Wonju , South Korea , since 1998

Bergen op Zoom , the Netherlands , since 2013