POPULATION
10,125

BLACKFALDS
ALBERTA

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
CENSUS REPORT
2018

A Decade of Growth

A message from the CAO

2018 marks the achievement of a milestone; passing the city threshold of 10,000 residents!

Blackfalds has seen tremendous growth over the last 10 years and has more than doubled in size in that time. Residents enjoy high architectural standards, high service levels and numerous recreation opportunities such as play grounds, trails, athletic venues such as the skate board & bike skills park as well as the Abbey Centre and its unique features.

Blackfalds has become the premier destination of choice in central Alberta and we are proud to be one of the fastest growing communities in Canada.

This year's Census was very successful with only 9 residents not participating in the count. The data collected provides valuable information to assist the Town in planning for the future and allows us to apply for funding that ensures our first-rate recreation and amenities can grow.

The Municipal Census data was collected between May 1 and June 30. The Census was conducted online and through door to door interviews. In 2018, 43% of the households completed the census online and the remaining 57% was done through enumerators going door to door.

Thanks to all Blackfalds' residents who participated in this year's census. This is a great community and I am excited for what our future holds.

Yours truly,

Myron Thompson, CAO

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A Milestone Achieved

For the 10th year in a row, Blackfalds has displayed growth above the Provincial average, clocking in a 2.11% compared to 0.9% for the Province.

While growth throughout the Province and the Town has slowed, Blackfalds exceeded the landmark population number of 10,000 in population. The Town has grown by 109% since 2007 with the community growing on both sides of Highway 2A.

The growth trend also highlights the over 55 age group growing by 8% this year and people under the age of 55 remaining almost static. The increase of 209 people in Town is 38% (79) of these new residents that fall into the over 55 group.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 1.1.

10,125

9,916

9,510

8,793

7,858

2014

2015

2016

2017
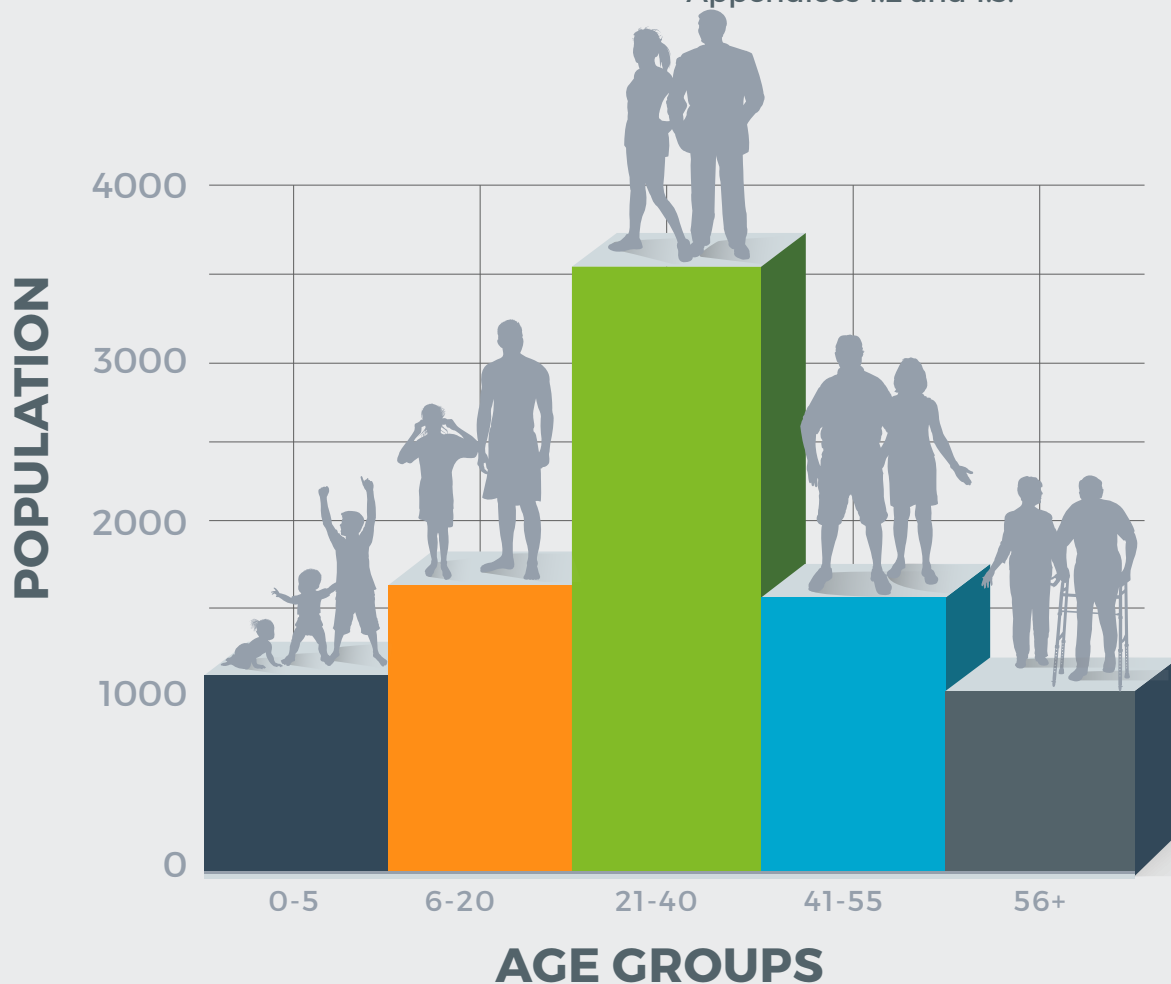
2018

A Place to Grow Your Family

Blackfalds has a very solid base of young and growing families – the largest age group being 21 to 40 (35%) and 0 to 20 at 30%.

The over 56 age group is now the same percentage as the 0 to 5 group with both at 11%. This seems to represent a stabilization of the growth in young families and the Town is now attracting moderate growth in the older generations.

The age groups are also growing older and progressing into the next age bracket.
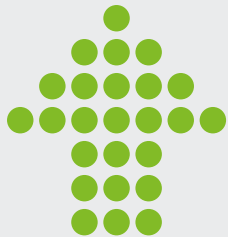
The weighted average for age continues to be 30 which is significantly younger than the provincial median. The average age for children under 20 is 8.2 years and the average age for adults is 40.9 years of age.

For more detailed information, check Appendices 1.2 and 1.3.

POPULATION

4000

3000

2000

1000

0

0-5   6-20   21-40   41-55   56+

AGE GROUPS

There's No Place Like Home

The number of dwellings in Blackfalds continued to increase in 2018 from 4,349 to 4,357; an increase of 8 units.

One of the largest shifts seen in 2018 is the reduction of bare land or those under construction, which dropped from 861 to 670.

There were 199 new homes completed with bare land, under construction and vacant lots decreasing by 181.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 2.

OWNER VS. RENTAL

The majority (2,539) or 58% of residences are owner occupied with rentals at 14% and undeclared at 27% or 1,187.

SINGLE DETACHED VS. MULTI-FAMILY

Single detached homes account for 57% (2,486) of residences and multi-family dwellings comprise 14%. The remaining 28% (1,240) were undeclared.

Note: 4,357 dwellings includes bare land or under construction.

A Diverse Trained Workforce

62% of the population (6,289) indicated that they are either employed, a stay at home caregiver or unemployed. Census data indicates that 63% of these folks are employed full time, 10% are part time, 8% are retired, 7% are stay at home caregivers and 5% are unemployed.

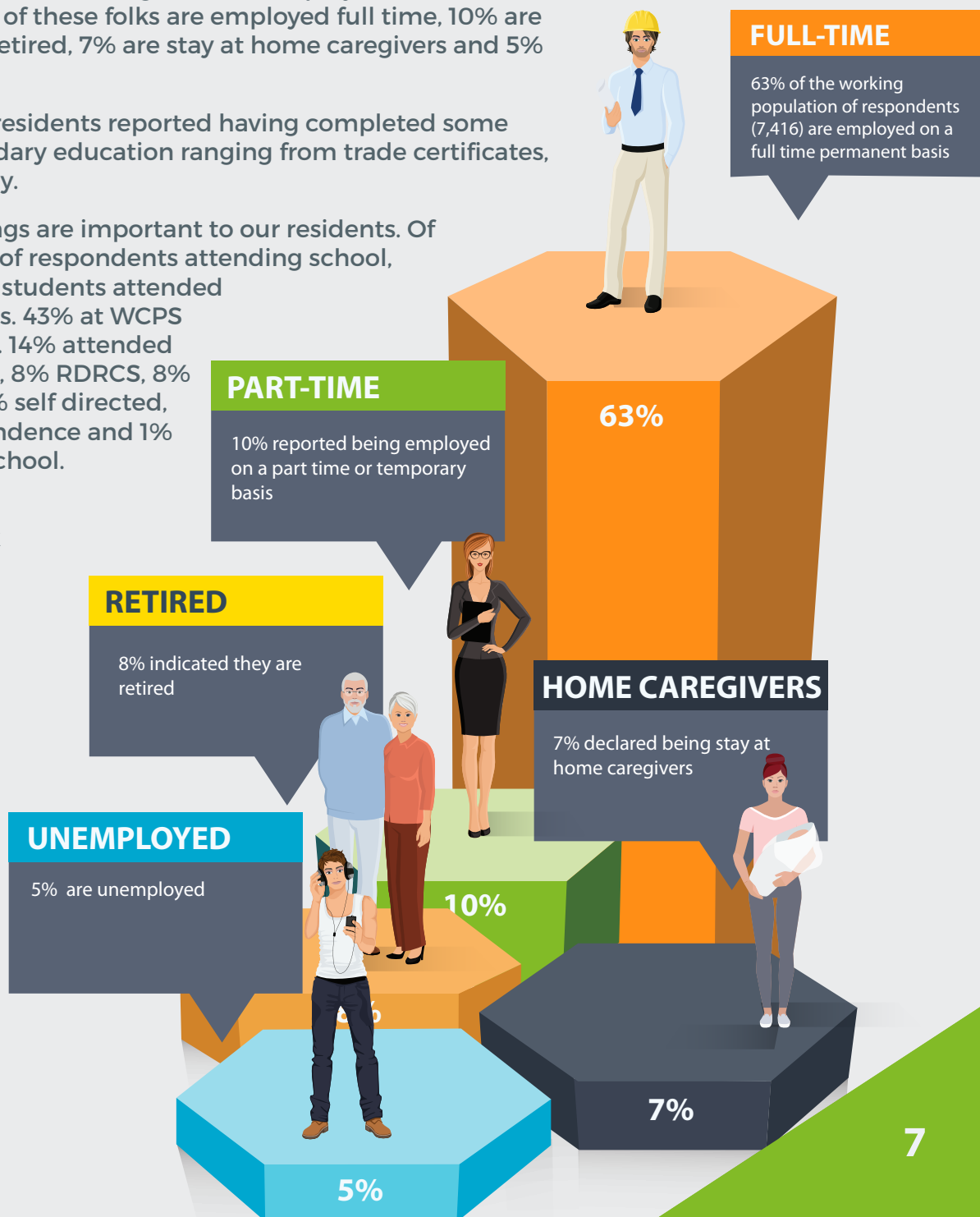59% of Blackfalds residents reported having completed some level of post secondary education ranging from trade certificates, college or university.

Educational offerings are important to our residents. Of those dependents of respondents attending school, we see that 61% of students attended school in Blackfalds. 43% at WCPS and 18% at RDRCS. 14% attended school in Lacombe, 8% RDRCS, 8% post-secondary, 7% self directed, online or correspondence and 1% attended private school.

For more detailed information, check Appendices 3.1-3.3.

FULL-TIME

63% of the working population of respondents (7,416) are employed on a full time permanent basis

63%

PART-TIME

10% reported being employed on a part time or temporary basis

RETIRED

8% indicated they are retired

HOME CAREGIVERS

7% declared being stay at home caregivers

UNEMPLOYED

5% are unemployed

10%

7%

5%
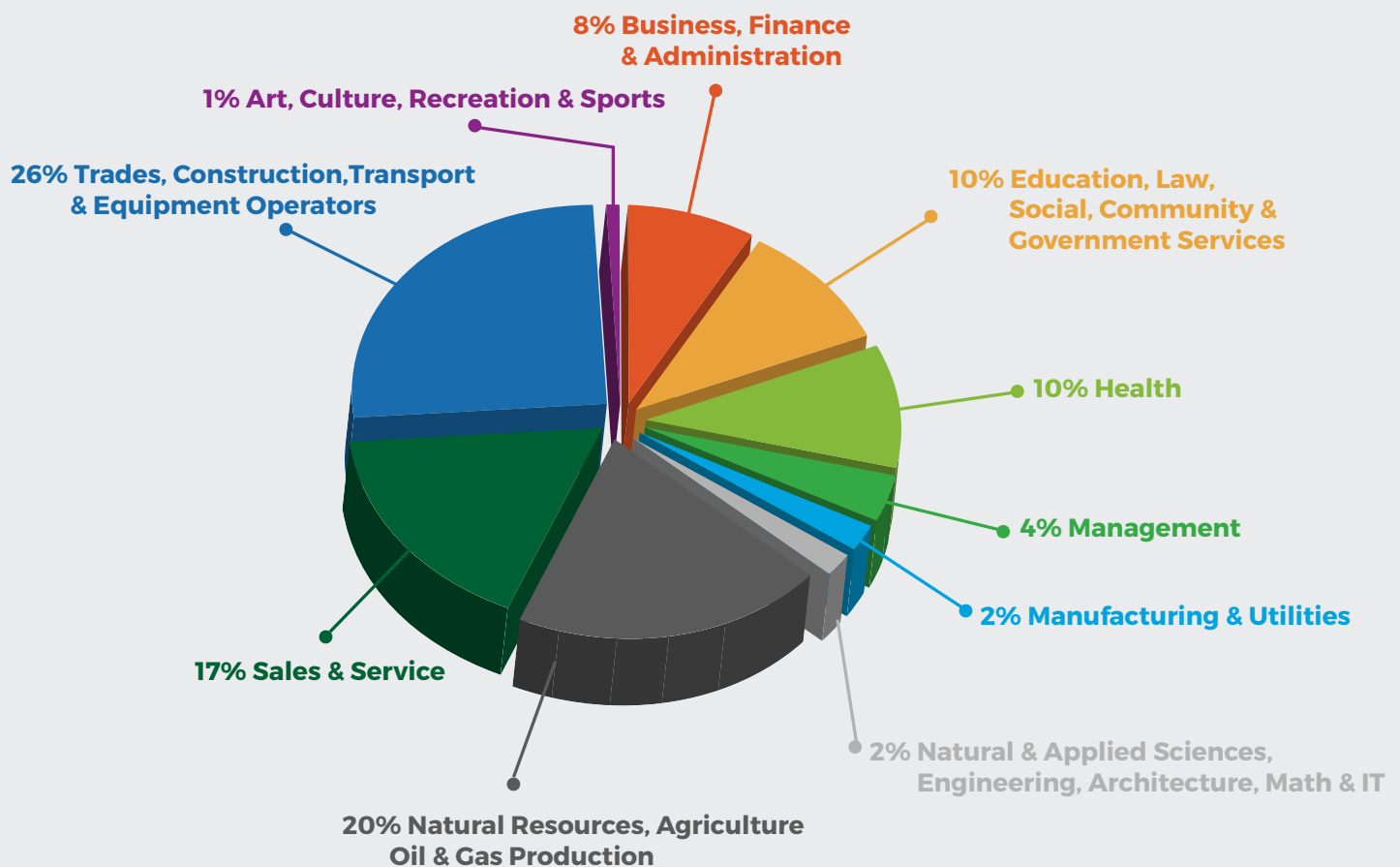
An Accomplished Populace

Out of 4,787 respondents, the majority reported working in trades (1,267), natural resources (947) and sales & services (814). There is a broad range of occupations throughout the different occupational classifications.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 4.

8% Business, Finance & Administration

1% Art, Culture, Recreation & Sports

26% Trades, Construction,Transport & Equipment Operators

10% Education, Law, Social, Community & Government Services

10% Health

4% Management

2% Manufacturing & Utilities

17% Sales & Service

2% Natural & Applied Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, Math & IT

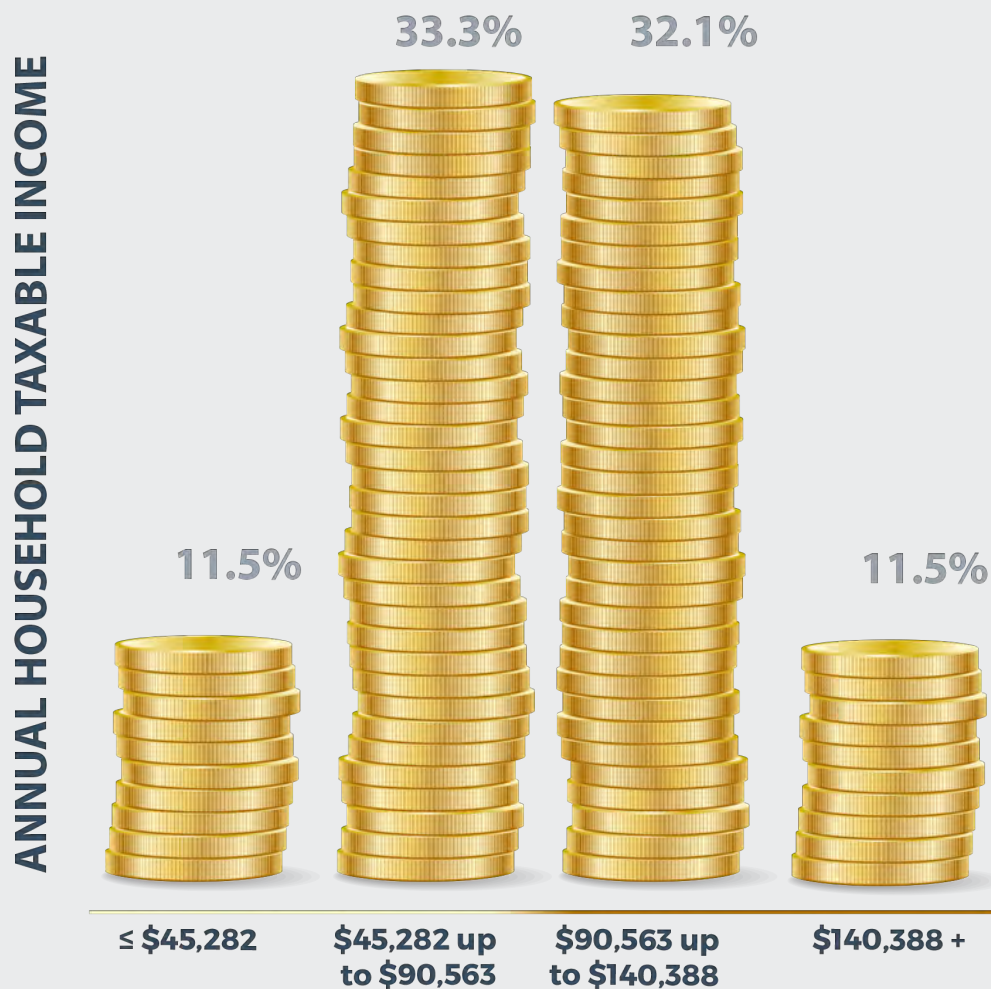**20% Natural Resources, Agriculture Oil & Gas Production**

Earning An Honest Living

Among residents who declared their annual household income, the majority of the population (65.4%) were within the range of $45,282 to $140,388 with 33.3% declaring between $45,282 to $90,563 and 32.1% declaring between $90,563 and $140,388. 11.5% of households reported exceeding $140,388 in annual income while 11.5% disclosed earning up to $45,282.

For more detailed information, check Appendix 5.

Note: 1,492 respondents did not provide financial information and were not included in these charts.

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD TAXABLE INCOME

33.3%   32.1%

11.5%   11.5%

≤ $45,282 $45,282 up to $90,563 $90,563 up to $140,388 $140,388 +

Note: 38% (1,277) of respondents did not provide any financial information and were not included in these charts.

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APPENDIX 1.1 Population Growth

Alberta Population Growth

Year	Alberta	%	Blackfalds	%2
2007	3,354,411	5.41%	4,843	10.75%
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	4,146,691	4.53%	8,793	11.90%
2016	4,216,375	1.68%	9,510	8.15%
2017	4,280,127	1.51%	9,916	4.27%
2018	4,318,772	0.90%	10,125	2.11%

APPENDIX 1.2 Population Growth by Age
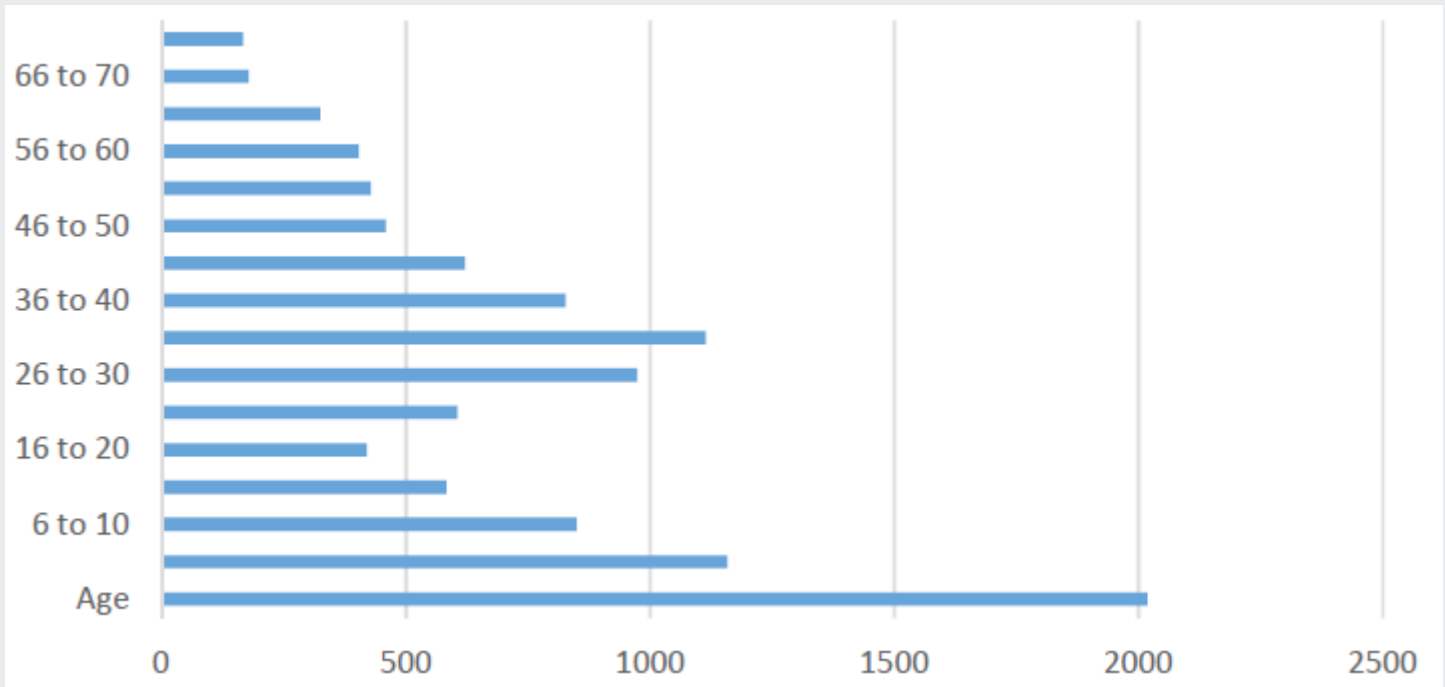
Age	2018	2017	Change	Percent Change
0 to 5	1,158	1,185	- 27	-2%
6 to 10	850	816	34	4%
11 to 15	583	580	3	1%
16 to 20	421	440	- 19	-4%
21 to 25	606	666	- 60	-9%
26 to 30	974	1,013	- 39	-4%
31 to 35	1,114	1,103	11	1%
36 to 40	827	802	25	3%
41 to 45	622	587	35	6%
46 to 50	459	458	1	0%
51 to 55	429	401	28	7%
56 to 60	404	385	19	5%
61 to 65	325	290	35	12%
66 to 70	178	163	15	9%
Over 71	167	157	10	6%
Total	9,117	9,046	71	1%
Undeclared	1,008	870	138	16%
Total	**10,125**	**9,916**	**209**	

APPENDIX 1.3 Detailed Population by Age

Age	2018	2009
0 to 5	1,158	696
6 to 20	1,854	1,050
21 to 55	5,031	3,229
Over 55	1,074	422
Total	**9,117**	**5,397**

Note: Excludes undeclared.
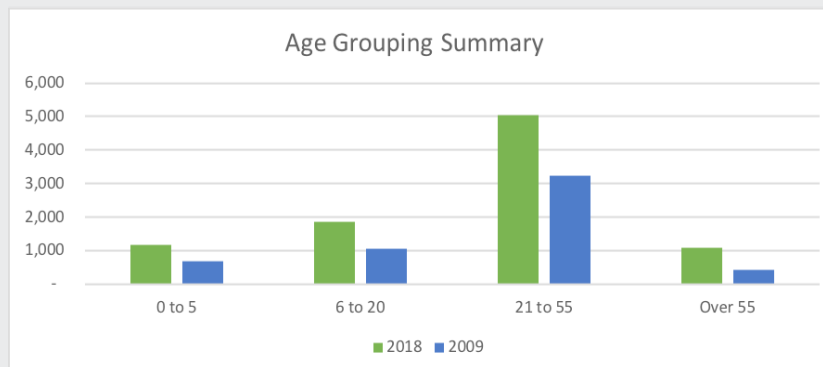
Age Group	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2009
0 to 5	1,158	1,185	1,179	1,101	1,013	962	926	696
6 to 20	1,854	1,836	1,813	1,647	1,478	1,381	1,316	1,050
21 - 40	3,521	3,584	3,672	3,439	3,182	2,964	2,779	2,289
41 - 55	1,510	1,446	1,460	1,386	1,290	1,201	1,197	940
56 - 65	729	675	601	548	493	425	351	277
Over 65	345	320	281	246	208	187	166	145
Undeclared	1,008	870	504	426	194	207	32	213
Total	**10,125**	**9,916**	**9,510**	**8,793**	**7,858**	**7,327**	**6,767**	**5,610**
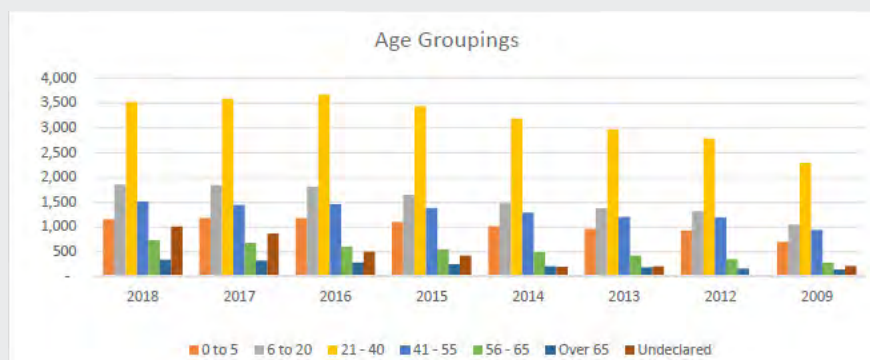
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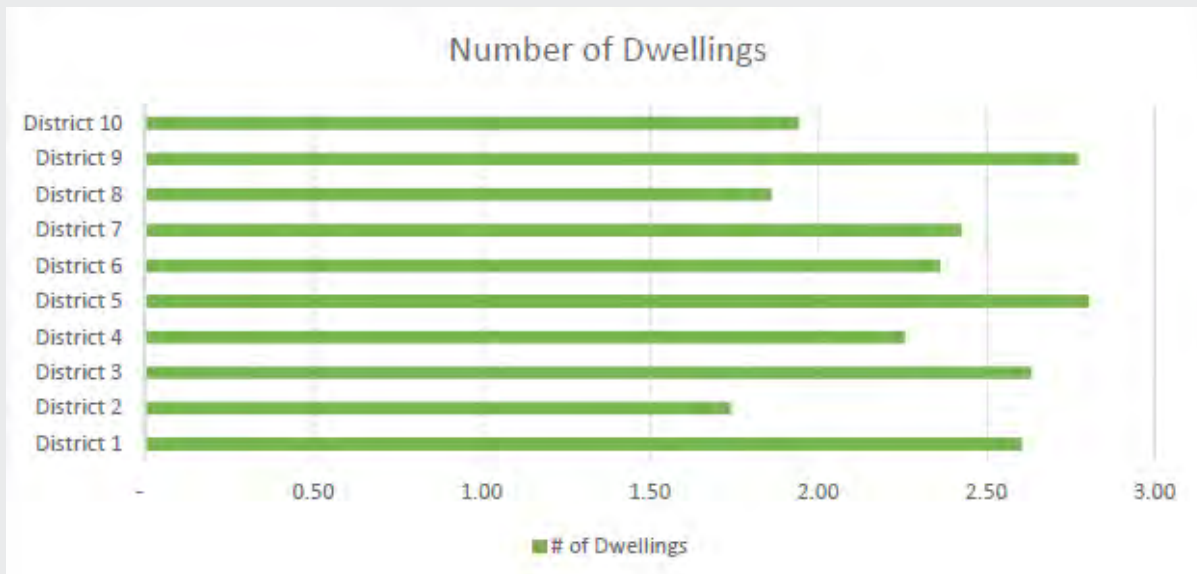
**Note:** 4,357 dwellings includes 670 which are bare land, uninhabitable or under construction.

District	# of Dwellings	Population
District 1	410	1,068
District 2	362	630
District 3	357	940
District 4	614	1,386
District 5	357	1,001
District 6	417	985
District 7	554	1,344
District 8	460	856
District 9	374	1,037
District 10	452	878
Total	**4,357**	**10,125**

Note: See Page 20 for Census District Map

APPENDIX 2.2 Dwelling Status & Types

Dwelling Status	Number	%
Owner Occupied	2,539	58%
Rented	631	14%
Undeclared	1,187	28%
Grand Total	**4,357**	100%
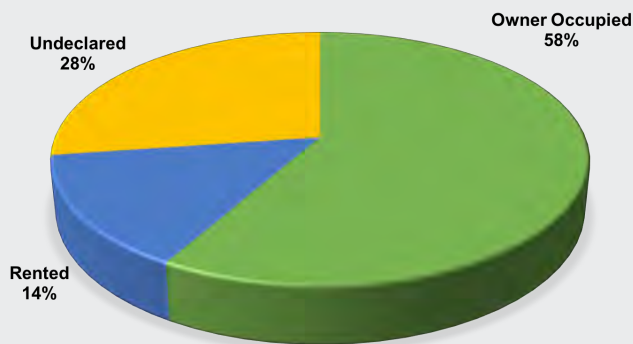
Dwelling Type	Number	%
Single Detached	2,486	57%
Multifamily Dwelling	631	15%
Undeclared	1,240	28%
Grand Total	**4,357**	100%
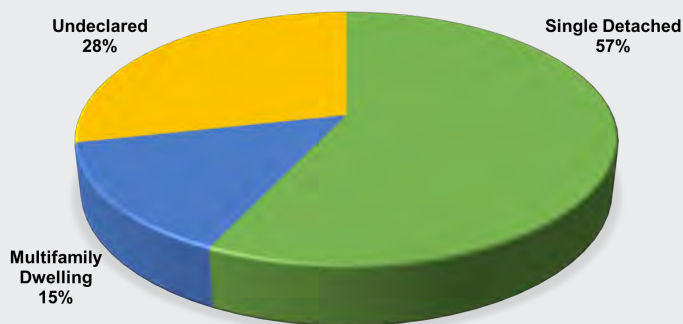
APPENDIX 3.1 Resident Levels of Education
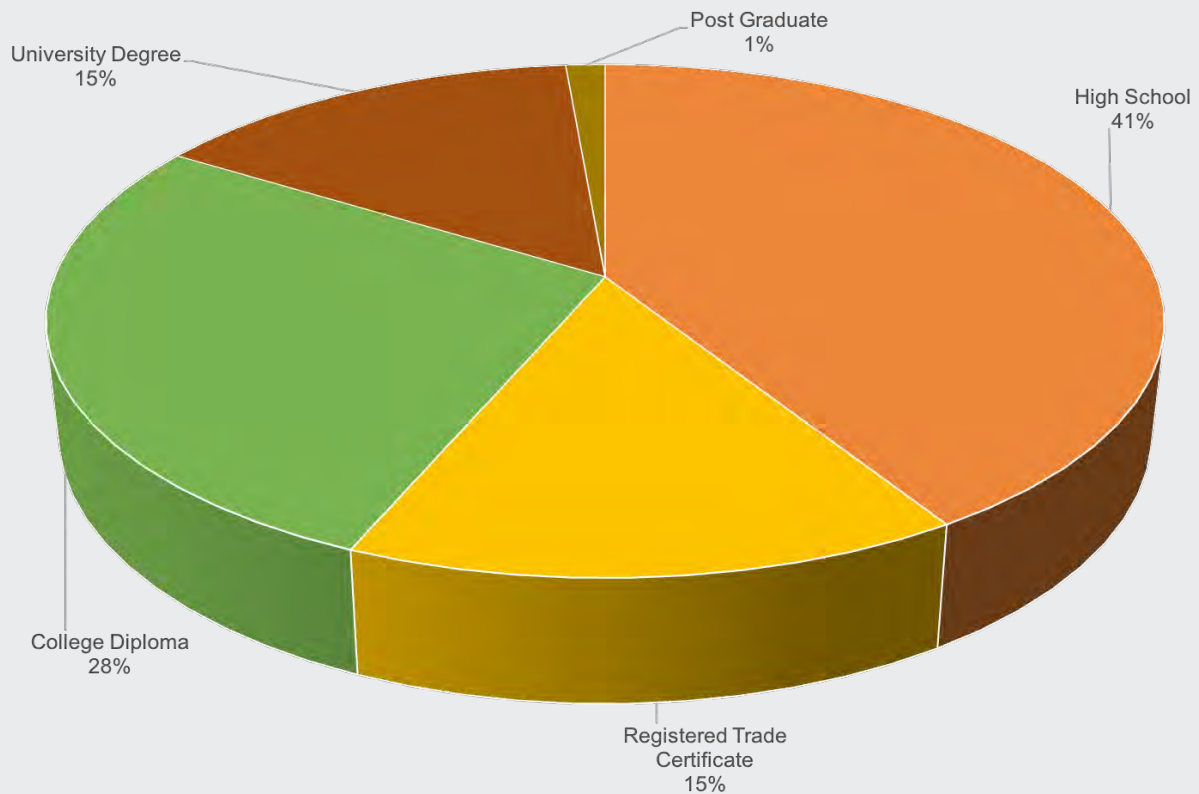
Highest Level of Education	Total	%
High School	2,332	41%
Registered Trade Certificate	863	15%
College Diploma	1,562	28%
University Degree	837	15%
Post Graduate	76	1%
Total	5,670	100%

APPENDIX 3.2 Employment Status
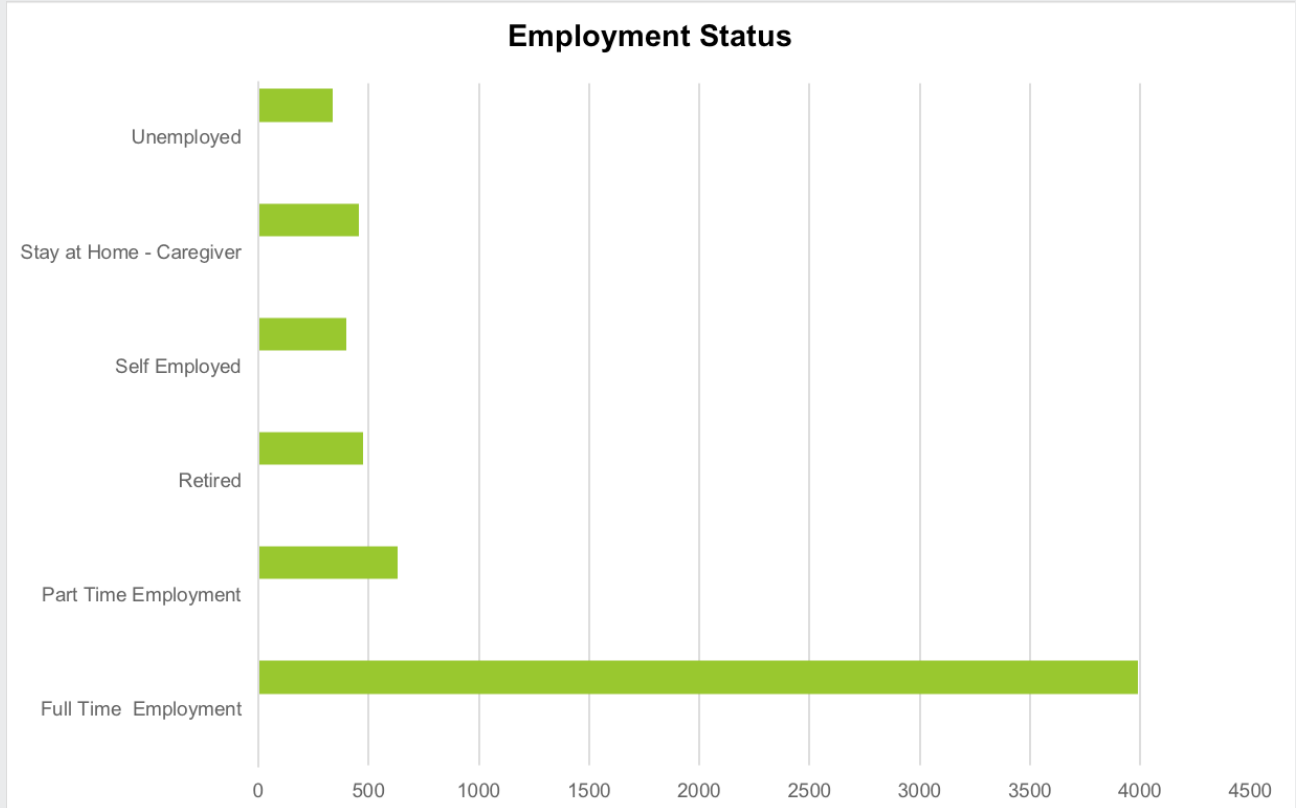
Employment Status

Employment Status	2018	%
Full Time Employment	3,991	63%
Part Time Employment	633	10%
Retired	475	8%
Self Employed	398	6%
Stay at Home - Caregiver	457	7%
Unemployed	335	5%
Total	**6,289**	**100%**

APPENDIX 3.3 Education by Location

School by Location and Type

	WCPS - Blackfalds	WCPS - Lacombe	RDRCS - Blackfalds	RDRCS - Red Deer	Private School	Home School	Post-Secondary
2018	867	284	357	156	23	47	160
2017	945	283	-	319	22	47	163
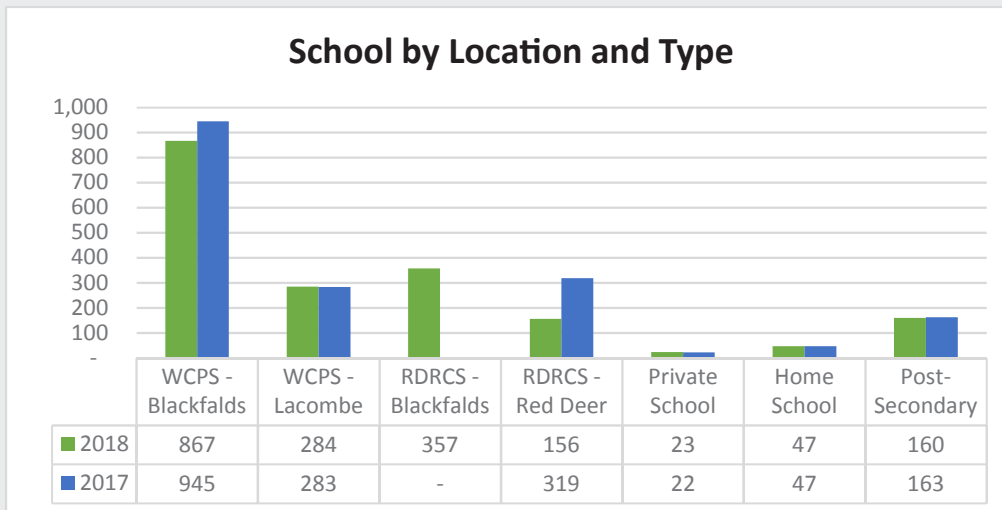
District	2018	2017	%
WCPS - Blackfalds	867	945	43%
WCPS - Lacombe	284	283	14%
RDRCS - Blackfalds	357	-	18%
RDRCS - Red Deer	156	319	8%
Private School	23	22	1%
Home School	47	47	2%
Post-Secondary	160	163	8%
Other - Self Directed, online, correspondence	139	106	7%
Total	**2,033**	**1,885**	100%

Note - Lacombe Outreach of 21 included in Lacombe

Attendance by Location

	Blackfalds	Lacombe	Red Deer	Other
2017	945	283	319	175
2018	1,224	284	156	209
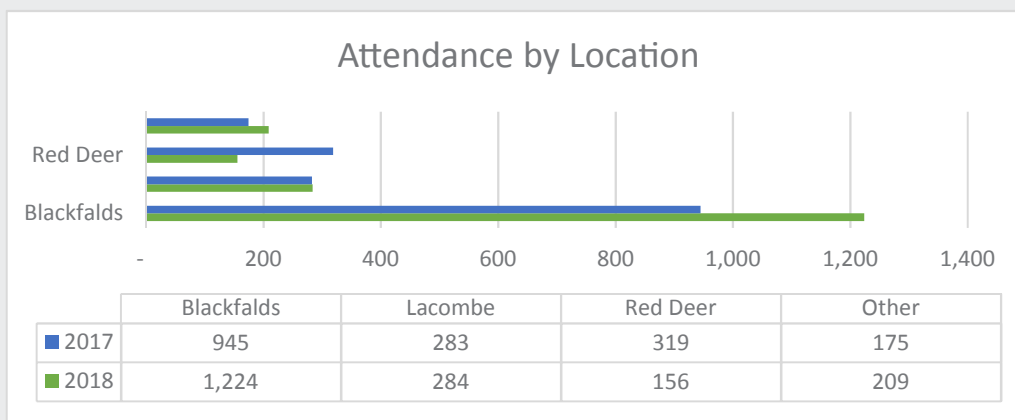
Excludes Post Secondary Students

APPENDIX 4.1 Occupations

Occupation or Industry
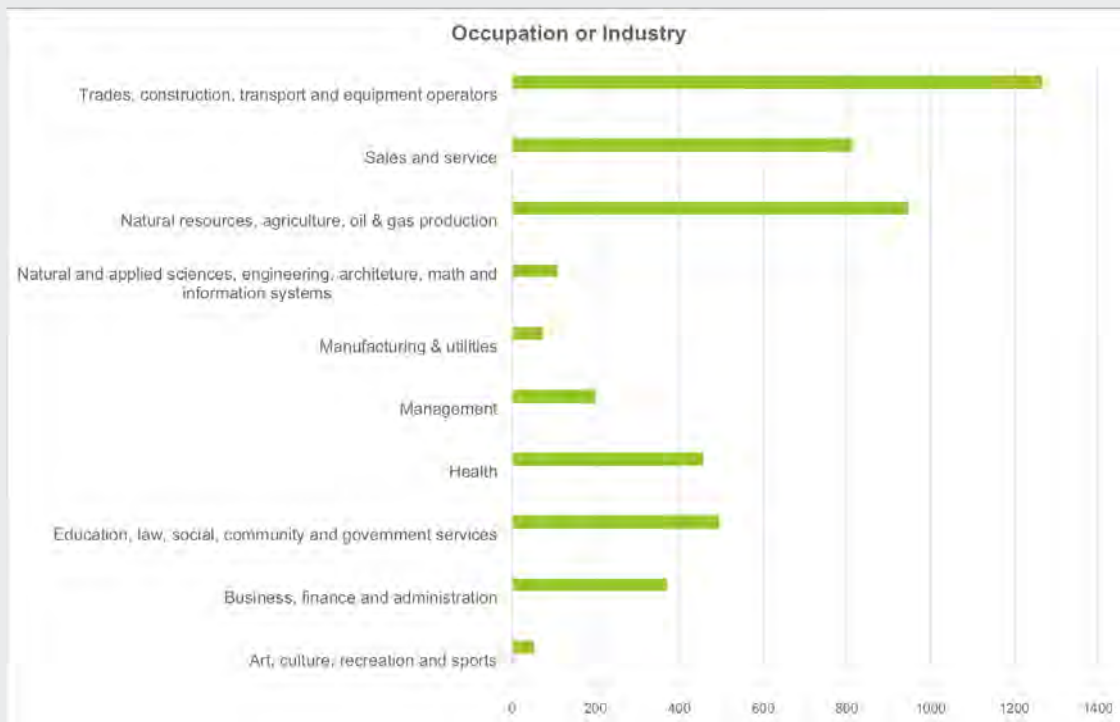
Occupation/Industry	2018	%
Art, culture, recreation and sports	53	1%
Business, finance and administration	370	8%
Education, law, social, community and government services	496	10%
Health	458	10%
Management	199	4%
Manufacturing & utilities	74	2%
Natural and applied sciences, engineering, architecture, math and information systems	109	2%
Natural resources, agriculture, oil & gas production	947	20%
Sales and service	814	17%
Trades, construction, transport and equipment operators	1,267	26%
Total	4,787	100%

APPENDIX 5.1 Household Taxable Income
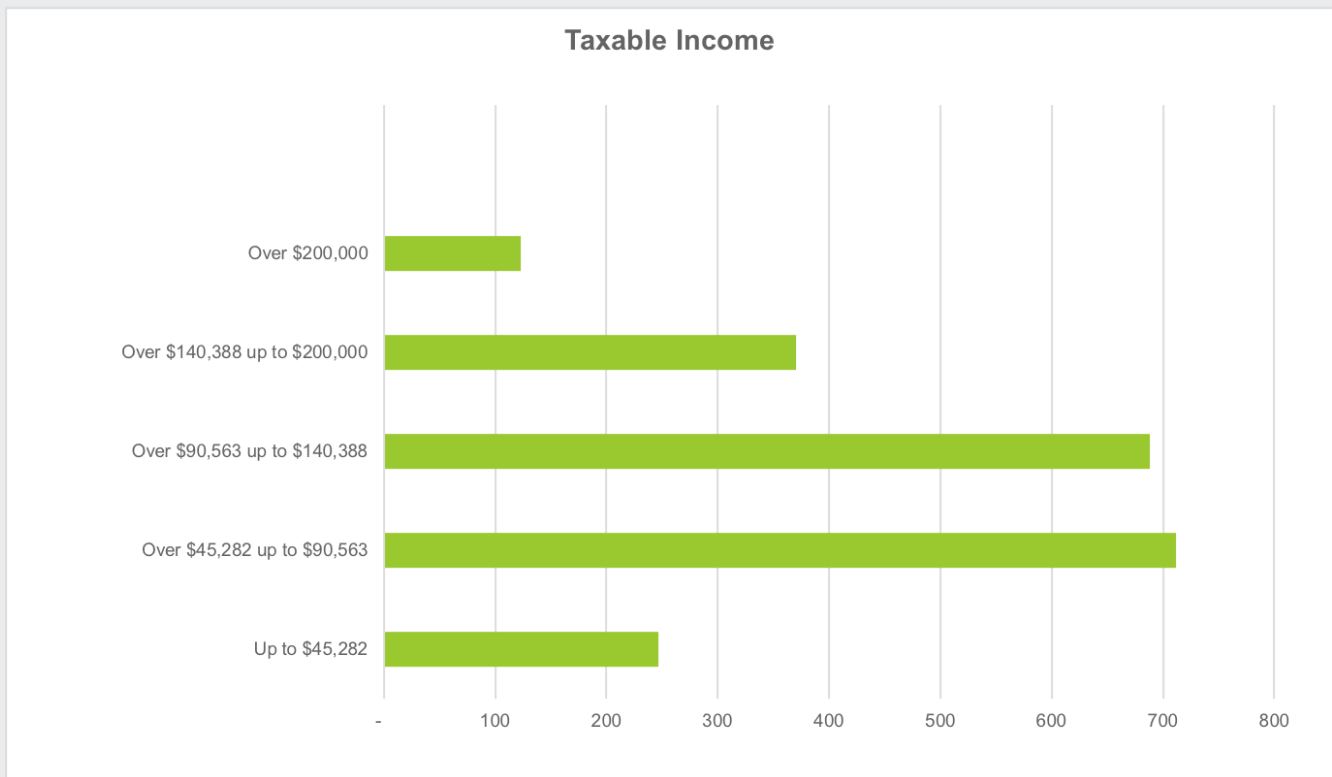
Taxable Income

Taxable Income	# Dwellings	%
Up to $45,282	247	11.5%
Over $45,282 up to $90,563	712	33.3%
Over $90,563 up to $140,388	688	32.1%
Over $140,388 up to $200,000	370	17.3%
Over $200,000	123	5.7%
Total	2,140	100.0%

Note: 1,492 undeclared

APPENDIX 6.1 Census District Map
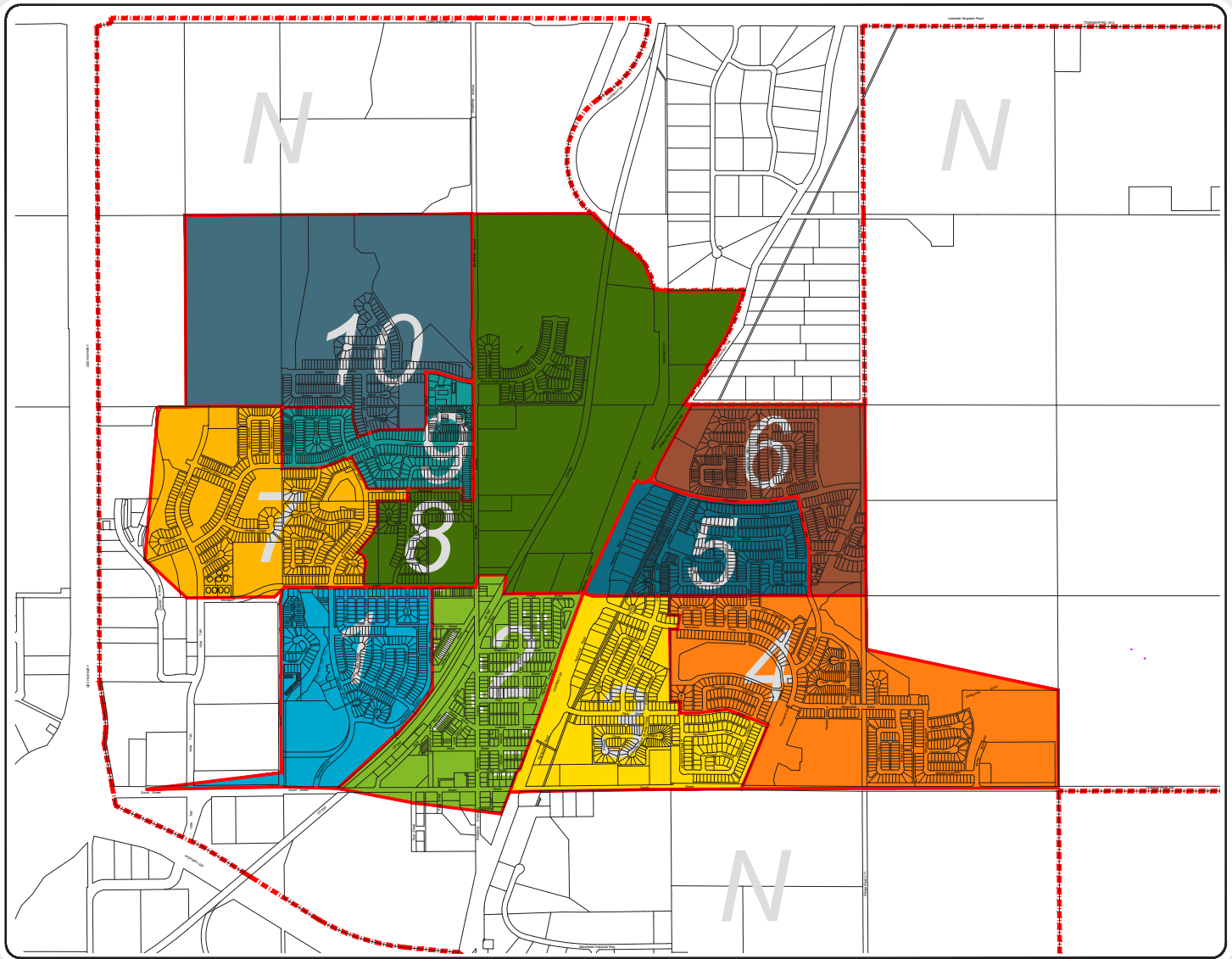
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