

ST. ALBERT CENSUS

2024
EXECUTIVE
SUMMARY

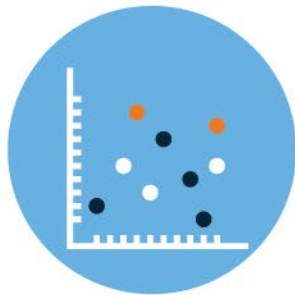


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OVERVIEW

Background

Consistent with the requirements of the *Municipal Census Regulation* and the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Census Manual, the City of St. Albert undertook a municipal census to obtain an accurate population count. The municipal census took place between May 6 and June 27, 2024.

An accurate population count benefits the City in several ways:

- It informs planning for the community as it grows and changes.
- It determines the amount of per-capita funding received from the Provincial and Federal Governments to some services.
- It provides information needed to plan for and provide services our community needs and values such as parks and trails, policing, libraries roads, infrastructure, and social services.
- It provides demographic information useful to businesses and community organizations.

The census collected information on the number of residents per household and responses to 16 additional questions. Census data was gathered through both online and in-person methods. Residents received a secure access code by mail to participate online.

Response Rate

The population numbers within this document are representations of the raw information collected through the census enumeration process – no extrapolation or imputation was performed. The overall response rate, that is, the number of dwellings with responses divided by the total number of occupied dwellings, was 97.8 per cent.

Overall Population

The 2024 census records an overall population of 72,316, an increase of 6,234 people since the previous census in 2018, which recorded a population of 66,082. The average annual growth rate from 2014 to 2024 is 1.35 per cent. These results are shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Overall Population

Year	Population	Growth	Average Annual Growth (%)
2008	58,501		
2010	60,138	1,637	1.4
2012	60,994	856	0.71
2014	63,255	2,261	1.85
2016	64,645	1,390	1.1
2018	66,082	1,437	1.11
2024	72,316	6,234	1.51

Population by Neighbourhood

In 2024, Lacombe Park, Grandin, and Deer Ridge are the most populous neighborhoods, with Lacombe Park at 10.9 per cent. The largest growth was seen in Jensen Lakes, increasing by over 724.4 per cent, while Erin Ridge had the highest decline at -6.38 per cent. More details are in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Population by Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood	2018 Residents	2024 Residents	Change 2018-24	% Change	% 2024 population
Akinsdale	4,844	4,794	-50	-1.0%	6.6%
Braeside	2,791	2,803	12	0.4%	3.9%
Cherot	-	64	64	-	0.1%
Deer Ridge	6,004	5,833	-171	-2.8%	8.1%
Downtown	580	708	128	22.1%	1.0%
Erin Ridge	5,908	5,531	377	-6.38%	7.6%
Erin Ridge North	2,085	3,384	1,299	62.3%	4.7%
Forest Lawn	2,704	2,597	-107	-4.0%	3.6%
Grandin	7,282	7,450	168	2.3%	10.3%
Heritage Lakes	3,751	3,713	-38	-1.0%	5.1%
Inglewood	1,413	1,433	20	1.4%	2.0%
Jensen Lakes	225	1,855	1,630	724.4%	2.6%
Kingswood	2,520	2,504	-16	-0.6%	3.5%
Lacombe Park	7,549	7,905	356	4.7%	10.9%
Mission	2,363	2,465	102	4.3%	3.4%
North Ridge	5,607	5,647	40	0.7%	7.8%
Oakmont	3,496	3,860	364	10.4%	5.3%
Pineview	1,745	1,749	4	0.2%	2.4%
Riverside	523	2,713	2,190	418.7%	3.8%
Rural	-	130	130	-	0.2%
South Riel	-	253	253	-	0.3%
Sturgeon Heights	1,800	1,787	-13	-0.7%	2.5%
Ville Giroux	319	637	318	99.7%	0.9%
Woodlands	2,573	2,501	-72	-2.8%	3.5%
Total	66,082	72,316	6,234		

HOUSING

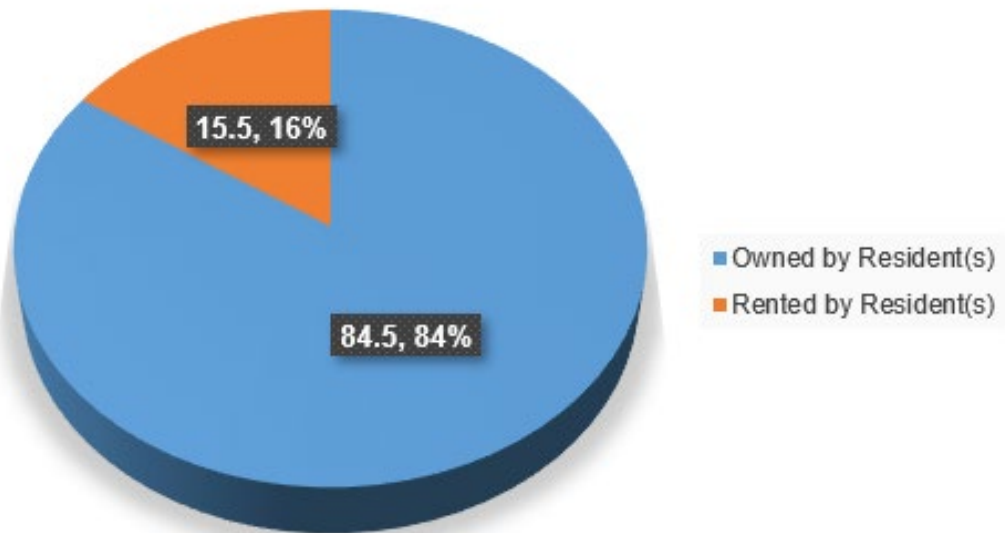
Dwelling Count and Ownership

The city has a total of 28,323 dwellings, of which 746 are vacant. Additionally, there are 706 empty lots and 392 dwellings under construction.

The average number of people per household in St. Albert is 2.44. The average household size in a single detached home is 2.8 persons, in a townhome/duplex 2.4 persons, and in an apartment 2 persons.

In 2024, 84.5 per cent of residents own their home. This information is presented graphically in **Figure 1**.

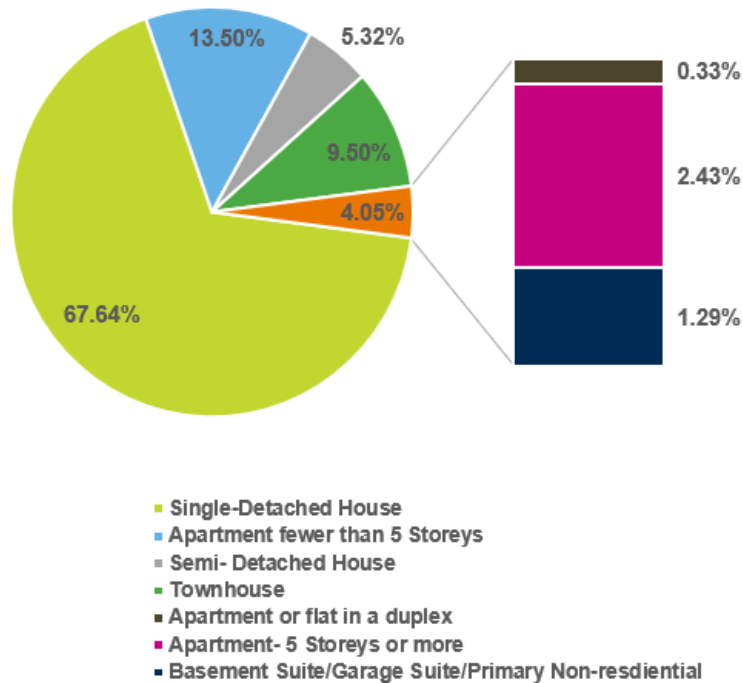
Figure 1. Ownership



Housing Types

Single-detached houses dominate the housing market, comprising 67.64 per cent of total residences. Apartments with fewer than five-storeys are the second most common at 13.50 per cent, followed by townhouses at 9.50 per cent. Other housing types, such as semi-detached houses, higher-rise apartments and basement or garage suites, make up smaller percentages, with Apartment or flat in a duplex being the least common at 0.33 per cent.

Figure 2. Housing Type

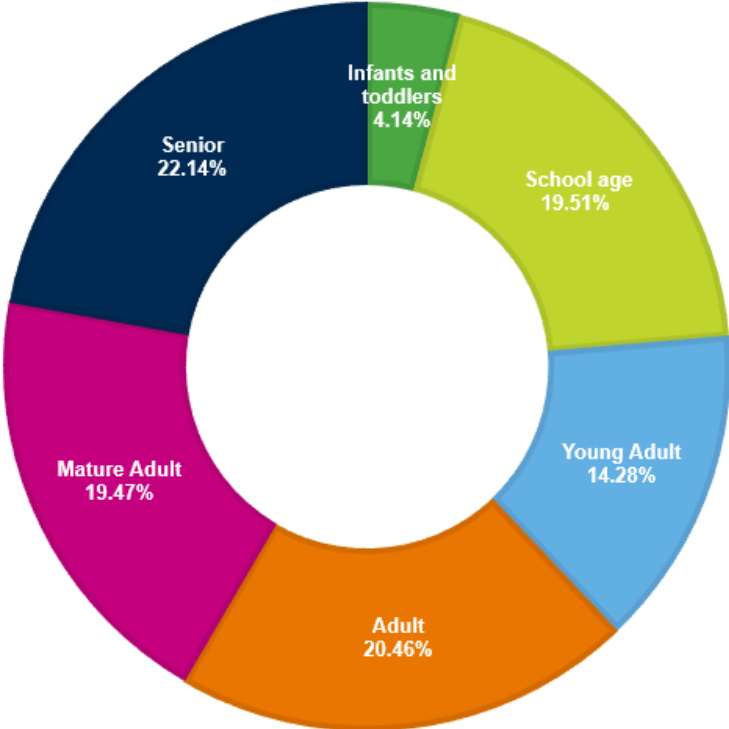


DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Age and Gender

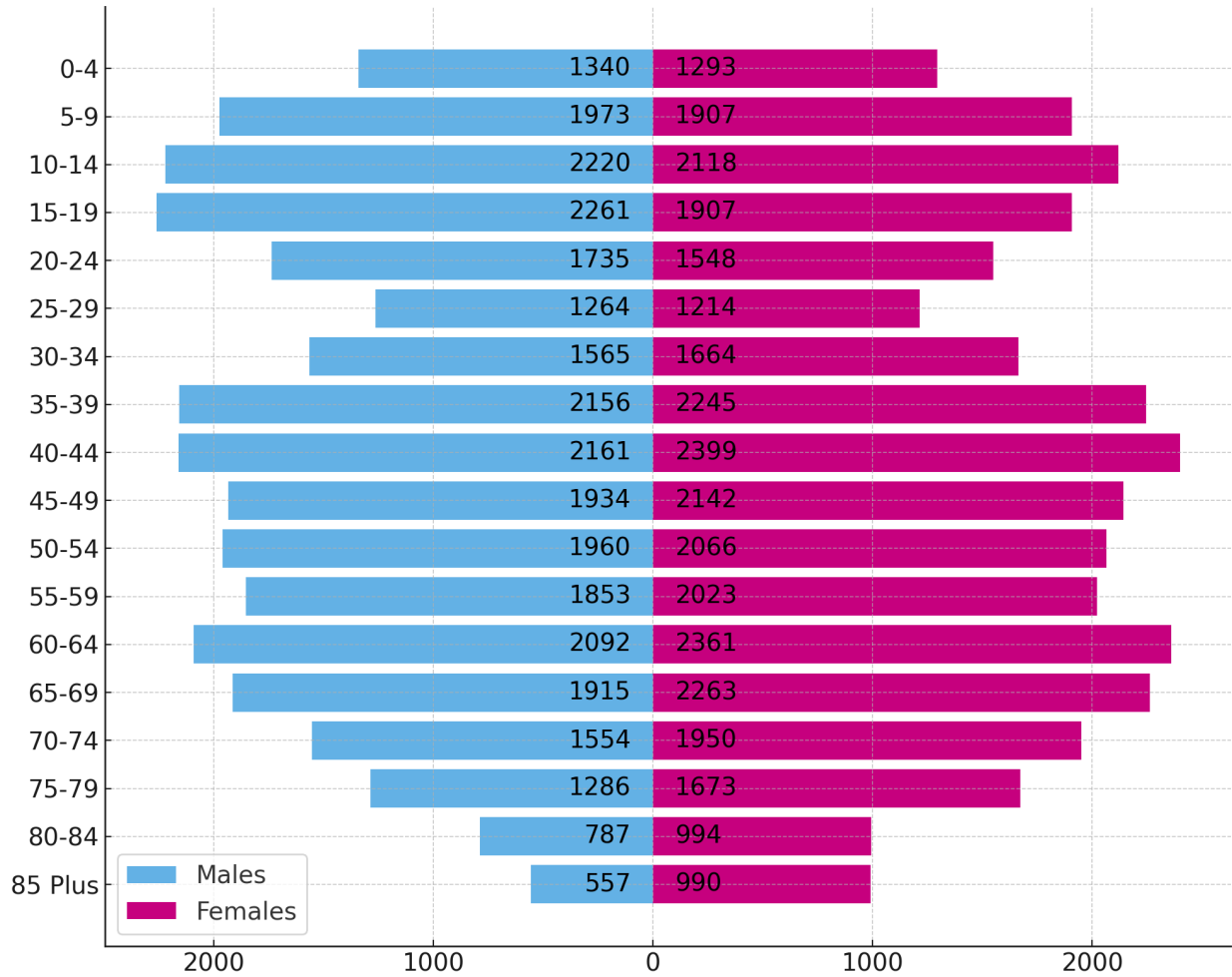
In 2024, the senior population (65+ years) rose significantly to 22.14 per cent, up from 17.9 per cent in 2018, while the proportions of infants, toddlers, school-age children, and young adults all saw slight declines. Adults (30 to 44 years) and mature adults (45 to 64 years) population remained relatively stable. These shifts highlight an aging demographic with fewer younger residents.

Figure 3. Per Cent of Population by Age Group



The 5-year cohort age and gender pyramid show the largest proportion of the population is within the 40 to 44 cohort, which represents approximately 7.2 per cent of the population. The second largest age cohort is the 60 to 64 cohort with 7 per cent of the population. In 2024, the gender distribution was 48.12 per cent male and 51.49 per cent female. There is a small but noticeable increase in residents identifying as nonbinary, gender non-conforming, and other gender identities (0.38 per cent).

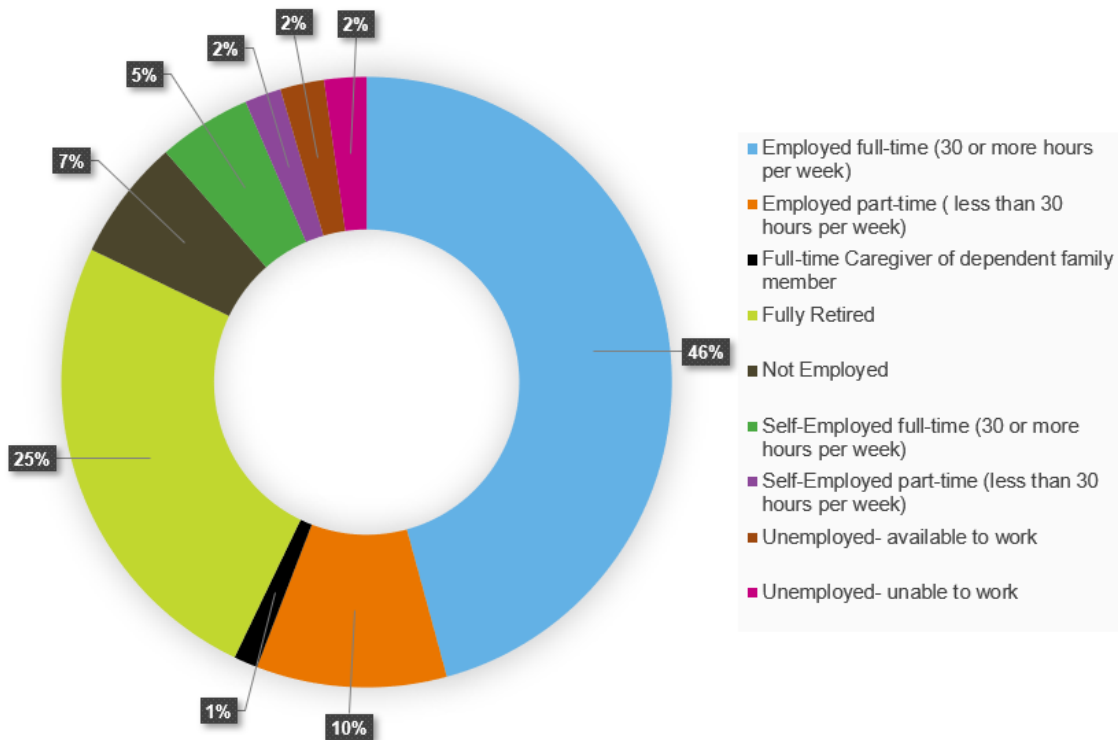
Figure 4. 5-Year Cohort by Gender



Employment Type

Of St. Albert residents who responded with their employment status, about 45.77 per cent are employed full-time (working 30 or more hours per week), while 10.09 per cent are employed part-time (less than 30 hours per week). A significant portion of the population is fully retired, representing 25.02 per cent. A further breakdown is shown in **Figure 5**.

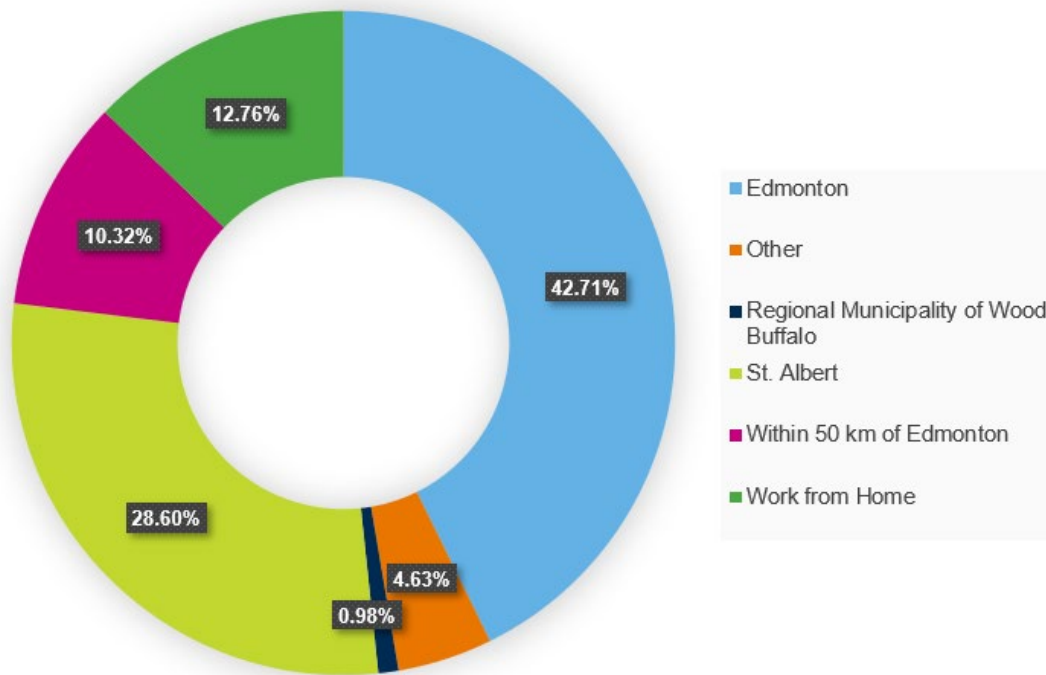
Figure 5. Employment by Type



Employment Location

Of residents who work full or part-time and responded with their primary work location, about 42.7 per cent work in Edmonton, and about 28.6 per cent work in St. Albert. A notable 12.76 per cent of respondents work from home, reflecting the growing trend of remote work.

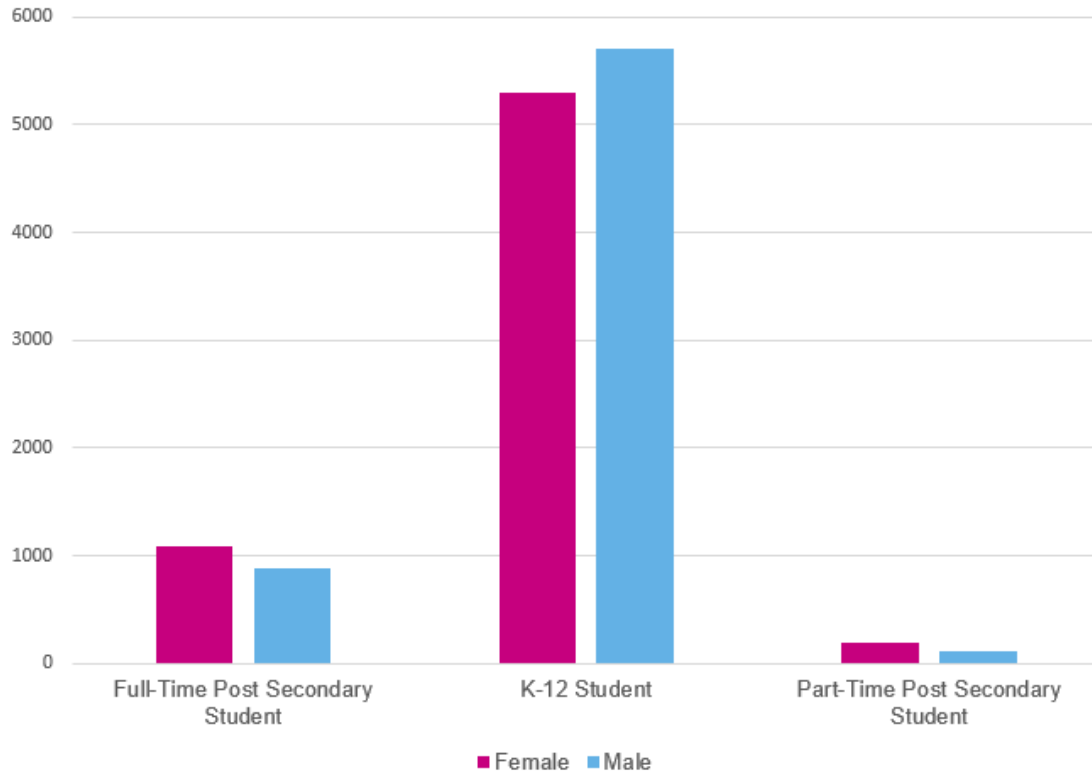
Figure 6. Primary Employment Location



Student Population

A total of 11,159 residents identified as K to 12 students. In addition, there were 2,019 full-time post-secondary students and 324 part-time post-secondary students.

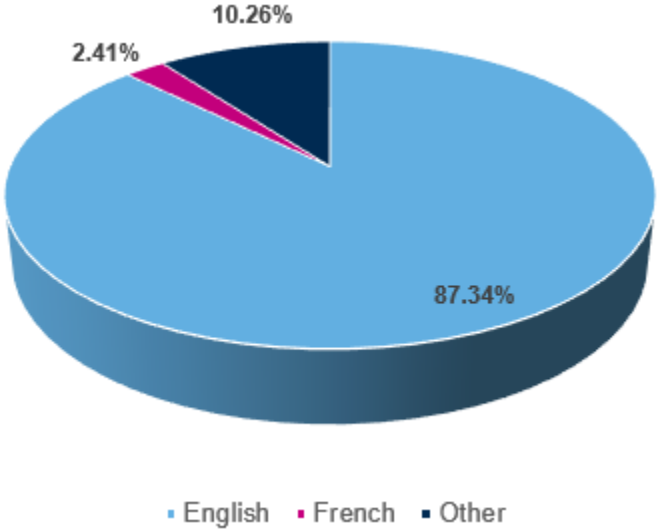
Figure 7. Student Population



Mother Tongue

The first language learned at home and still understood today is defined as one’s mother tongue. Of those residents who provided a response, about 87 per cent speak English as a mother tongue and 2.4 per cent speak French. The percentage of individuals reporting other languages as a mother tongue rose from 9.1 per cent in 2018 to 10.2 per cent in 2024.

Figure 8. Mother Tongue



SUMMARY

In 2024, St. Albert continues to grow, reaching a total population of 72,316. The city is experiencing an aging trend, with seniors (22.14 per cent) surpassing the percentage of young adults (14.28 per cent). Gender distribution remains relatively balanced, but there is an increasing recognition of nonbinary and gender-diverse individuals. The most of St. Albert residents speak English as their mother tongue, though other languages, including French are becoming more common.

The school population remains strong, with most children attending local K to 12 schools. The workforce is aging, with a significant portion of residents fully retired (25.02 per cent). Full-time employment remains the dominant work type, and the trend of remote work is growing, with 12.76 per cent of residents working from home. Edmonton is the primary employment location for most respondents (42.71 per cent), followed by St. Albert (28.60 per cent). The city continues to see new development, with northern and western neighborhoods attracting younger families, while more mature eastern neighborhoods are home to more senior residents.