

Table 12-9
Police personnel in municipal police services — Alberta, 2012

Police service	2011 Population ¹		2012 Actual strength ²				2012 Authorized strength ³		2011 crime		Net gain or loss: 2011 hirings and departures	2011 Police officers eligible to retire ⁸
			Police officers		Police officers per 100,000 population ⁴	Other personnel ⁵	Total police	Police officers per 100,000 population ⁴	Crime Severity Index ⁶	Weighted clearance rate ⁷		
	Male	Female	Male	Female							rate	number
Population 100,000 and over												
Calgary	1,159,446	1,674	301	1,975	170	806	1,960	169	65.7	35.2	44	6.7
Edmonton	844,474	1,314	289	1,603	190	618	1,647	195	98.0	42.3	100	10.5
Population 50,000 to 99,999												
Lethbridge	91,438	157	15	172	188	48	173	189	87.0	56.4	7	0.0
Medicine Hat	63,841	101	14	115	180	40	116	182	78.0	55.5	3	4.3
Royal Canadian Mounted Police												
Grande Prairie	52,238	61	16	77	147	0	84	161	150.7	45.4	2	6.5
Red Deer	94,212	91	37	128	136	0	151	160	153.8	31.8	2	10.2
Sherwood Park	64,002	63	16	79	123	0	76	119	54.1	37.0	-1	5.1
St. Albert	65,693	40	13	53	81	0	55	84	56.5	33.9	2	5.7
Wood Buffalo	66,042	111	39	150	227	1	158	239	124.9	47.4	2	2.7
Population 15,000 to 49,999												
Camrose	17,017	28	1	29	170	15	31	182	102.4	52.8	0	10.3
Royal Canadian Mounted Police												
Airdrie	33,715	27	11	38	113	0	39	116	90.4	33.9	1	5.3
Blackfalds	21,260	3	2	5	24	0	5	24	119.1	47.1	0	20.0
Cochrane	15,928	15	2	17	107	0	18	113	54.5	46.4	0	0.0
Fort Saskatchewan	17,177	18	8	26	151	0	24	140	119.0	34.8	0	3.8
Leduc	19,627	18	5	23	117	0	25	127	104.5	46.2	-1	8.7
Lloydminster ⁹	26,544	26	8	34	128	0	42	158	160.7	41.4	1	5.9
Okotoks	19,829	18	4	22	111	0	19	96	69.2	38.7	1	9.1
Spruce Grove	22,490	15	3	18	80	0	20	89	92.8	33.8	1	16.7
Population 5,000 to 14,999												
Lacombe	12,193	10	3	13	107	3	15	123	59.1	45.9	1	23.1
Taber	8,581	13	1	14	163	10	14	163	74.7	57.9	0	0.0
Royal Canadian Mounted Police												
Banff	7,913	14	1	15	190	0	16	202	153.3	52.9	4	13.3
Beaumont	10,142	11	1	12	118	0	11	108	61.9	60.3	0	8.3
Bonnyville	6,415	9	1	10	156	0	11	171	211.7	51.8	1	0.0
Brooks	14,323	21	2	23	161	0	23	161	107.7	36.3	3	4.3
Canmore	14,077	13	6	19	135	0	19	135	60.3	48.3	1	0.0
Chestermere	11,091	13	2	15	135	0	16	144	69.4	32.5	1	6.7
Cold Lake	12,837	13	2	15	117	0	17	132	138.8	47.3	1	0.0
Devon	7,250	6	2	8	110	0	7	97	48.1	38.9	1	12.5
Drayton Valley	7,932	8	2	10	126	0	11	139	161.0	32.1	1	10.0
Drumheller	7,498	11	1	12	160	0	11	147	125.4	47.2	1	8.3
Edson	8,376	13	2	15	179	0	17	203	136.2	49.2	1	6.7
High River	12,628	15	4	19	150	0	18	143	66.6	37.2	1	15.8
Hinton	10,146	14	5	19	187	0	19	187	95.5	47.8	2	5.3
Innisfail	8,348	9	3	12	144	0	9	108	109.9	28.0	0	0.0
Morinville	7,684	6	3	9	117	0	9	117	65.6	41.4	1	0.0
Olds	8,522	5	1	6	70	0	9	106	88.4	42.6	0	16.7
Peace River	7,035	10	2	12	171	0	12	171	135.9	63.9	1	0.0
Ponoka	7,468	10	2	12	161	0	12	161	119.1	47.1	1	8.3
Redcliff	5,724	7	0	7	122	2	8	140	63.7	54.2	0	14.3
Rocky Mountain House	7,507	8	5	13	173	0	14	186	151.2	38.9	0	0.0
Slave Lake	7,237	9	3	12	166	0	13	180	140.2	54.1	1	0.0
St. Paul	5,633	5	5	10	178	0	11	195	218.0	59.2	0	0.0
Stettler	5,754	5	3	8	139	0	8	139	97.1	42.3	-1	12.5
Stony Plain	14,180	11	1	12	85	0	15	106	93.6	40.4	0	25.0
Strathmore	11,236	12	5	17	151	0	16	142	101.1	45.8	0	5.9
Sylvan Lake	11,625	13	2	15	129	0	14	120	82.2	44.8	2	0.0
Vegreville	5,991	8	0	8	134	0	8	134	108.6	54.3	0	12.5
Wainwright	5,705	7	0	7	123	0	8	140	88.9	48.8	1	14.3
Wetaskiwin	13,496	20	5	25	185	0	22	163	161.6	47.8	2	8.0
Whitecourt	9,321	12	1	13	139	0	16	172	151.1	53.0	0	0.0

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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number			rate		number		rate		number	percent		
Population less than 5,000												
Blood Tribe Police	4,330	28	2	30	693	22	31	716	328.8	61.3	0	0.0
Lakeshore Regional Police	1,945	8	1	9	463	2	10	514	436.7	78.4	0	22.2
North Peace Tribal	1,239	5	1	6	484	1	6	484	385.6	81.0	0	0.0
Tsuu T'ina Nation	3,054	9	2	11	360	3	11	360	150.8	84.6	1	36.4

1. Populations are based on preliminary postcensal estimates for 2011, Statistics Canada, Demography Division. Populations are adjusted to follow policing boundaries. Populations for 2012 are not yet available.
2. Represents the actual number of permanent, fully-sworn police officers of all ranks (or their full-time equivalents) as of May 15, 2012.
3. Represents the number of fully-sworn police officer positions that the police department was allowed to fill during the calendar or fiscal year, whether or not that number of officers was hired.
4. Based on the number of police officers in 2012 and populations for 2011. Populations are adjusted to follow policing boundaries. Populations for 2012 are not yet available.
5. Counts include civilian and other personnel (e.g., clerical, dispatch, management, cadets, special constables, security officers, school crossing guards, by-law enforcement officers) on the police department's payroll as of May 15.
6. The police-reported Crime Severity Index (CSI) takes into account both the volume and the seriousness of crime. In the calculation of the CSI, each offence is assigned a weight, derived from average sentences handed down by criminal courts. The more serious the average sentence, the higher the weight for that offence. As a result, more serious offences have a greater impact on changes in the index. All *Criminal Code* offences, including traffic offences and other federal statute offences, are included in the CSI. The CSI is not available for police services or detachments with populations less than 1,000. Data for police services or detachments with populations less than 5,000 should be used with caution.
7. Criminal incidents can either be cleared by charge or cleared otherwise (for example, through diversionary programs and other extrajudicial means in instances where a charge could otherwise be laid). The weighted clearance rate is based on the same principle used to create the police-reported Crime Severity Index, whereby more serious offences are assigned a higher weight than less serious offences. Applying this concept to clearance rates means that, for example, the clearance of a homicide, robbery or break and enter receives a higher weight than the clearance of less serious offences such as minor theft, mischief and disturbing the peace. The weighted clearance rate is not available for police services or detachments with populations less than 1,000. Data for police services or detachments with populations less than 5,000 should be used with caution.
8. The percent of officers eligible to retire is calculated using counts of officers who were eligible to retire in 2011 (or the 2011/2012 fiscal year), along with the number of fully sworn officers employed on May 15, 2012.
9. Includes the portion of Lloydminster that is located in Saskatchewan.

Note(s): Use caution in comparing forces: The number of officers may not reflect the number available for general community policing because some officers in certain communities are restricted to specific locations (e.g. ports, airports). Note for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police municipal contracts: Municipal employees working within detachments of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are not included in the category "other personnel".

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, Police Administration Survey and Supplemental.