

YOUR COMPLETE COMMUNITY GUIDE FOR NEW HOME BUYERS

ST. ALBERT ALBERTA, CANADA

The Botanical Arts City — Where Life Blooms

68,232

POPULATION (2021)

1861

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TO DOWNTOWN EDMONTON

30+

NEIGHBOURHOODS

65+ km

TRAIL SYSTEM

■ COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

St. Albert — known as "**The Botanical Arts City**" — is one of Alberta's most desirable communities. Located immediately northwest of Edmonton along the Sturgeon River, it offers the ideal blend of small-town warmth and big-city convenience. With a population of 68,232 (2021 Census), it is the second-largest city in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region — yet proudly retains its strong community character and family-friendly identity.

Founded	1861 — originally a Métis settlement by Father Albert Lacombe
City Status	Incorporated as a City since January 1, 1977
Location	Northwest of Edmonton, Edmonton Metropolitan Region, Alberta
Named After	Albert of Louvain (via Father Lacombe's patron saint)
Elevation	689 m (2,260 ft) above sea level
Population	68,232 (2021 Statistics Canada Census)
Land Area	47.84 km ² (18.47 sq mi)
Pop. Density	1,426/km ²
Area Codes	780 / 587 / 825 / 368
Postal Code Area	T8N
Time Zone	MST (UTC-7) MDT in summer (UTC-6)
Mayor	Scott Olivieri
City Hall	5 St. Anne Street, St. Albert, AB T8N 3Z9
City Hall Phone	780-459-1500 (Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm)
Website	stalbert.ca
Waterways	Sturgeon River, Big Lake
Major Highways	Highway 2 (QEI), Highway 216 (Anthony Henday Dr), Highway 633

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NEIGHBOURHOODS

St. Albert is home to 30+ distinct neighbourhoods — from established mature communities to vibrant new developments — each offering its own character and amenities.

- Akinsdale
- Braeside
- Braywood
- Britannia Youngstown
- Brookview
- Deer Ridge
- Erin Ridge
- Forest Lawn
- Glenora
- Grandin
- Heritage Lakes
- Inglewood
- Jensen Lakes
- Kingswood
- Lacombe Park
- Lacombe Park Gardens
- Lacombe Park North
- Mission
- Oakmont
- Pineview
- Riverside
- Sturgeon Heights
- Timberlea
- Tuscany Hills
- Vintage Park
- Woodlands

■ *Jensen Lakes is St. Albert's newest master-planned community — featuring a private lake, beach, and resort-style amenities. Riverside and Erin Ridge are among the most popular growing neighbourhoods with new construction available.*

SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

St. Albert is served by two publicly funded school divisions offering exceptional K–12 programming. Over 67.5% of adult residents hold post-secondary credentials — among Alberta's highest rates. Three new schools were approved for provincial funding in March 2026.

Greater St. Albert / Sturgeon School Division (Public Schools)

- Paul Kane High School (Gr. 10–12) — IB Programme
- Bellerose Composite High (Gr. 10–12) — CTS & Academic
- Sir George Simpson Junior High (Gr. 7–9)
- Lorne Akins Junior High (Gr. 7–9)
- École J.J. Niddrie (K–9, French Immersion)
- Muriel Martin Elementary (K–6)
- Ronald Harvey Elementary (K–6, Arts Focus)
- Elmer Elson Elementary (K–6)
- Richard S. Fowler Catholic Jr. High
- Bertha Kennedy Catholic Community School
- Multiple new elementary schools (2026 approved)
- French Immersion available at multiple sites

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

- St. Albert Catholic High School (Gr. 10–12)
- Vital Grandin Catholic Jr. High (Gr. 7–9)
- St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary
- École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville
- Multiple K–6 Catholic schools throughout city
- French Immersion available (Catholic system)
- gsacrd.ab.ca | 780-459-7711
- sturgeon.ab.ca | 780-460-3712

■ *Paul Kane High School offers the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. St. Albert's education attainment rate of 67.5% post-secondary compares favourably to the national average of 59.6%.*

PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION

St. Albert is celebrated for its outstanding green spaces. The city maintains 70+ parks, an extensive trail network, and world-class recreation facilities — all connected by the legendary Red Willow Trail system that winds through virtually every neighbourhood.

Key Parks & Natural Areas

- Red Willow Trail System — 65+ km of linked trails
- Big Lake — provincially significant wetland & bird habitat
- Riel Park — sports fields, playground, picnic areas
- Lions Park — splash park, playground, courts
- Grain Elevator Park — 1906/1929 historic elevators
- Akinsdale Archery Park — archery range
- Lacombe Lake Park — waterfront green space
- Rotary Park — riverside pathways
- Heritage Trail — paved connector to city parks
- Multiple spray decks & wading pools (seasonal)
- Dog off-leash areas throughout the community
- Kâkesimokamik Healing Garden — reconciliation site

Recreation Centres & Facilities

Servus Credit Union Place	NHL-size arena, curling, leisure skating — major regional facility
Fountain Park Rec. Centre	Aquatics (pool & waterslide), fitness, arena, racquet courts
Arden Theatre	Professional performing arts venue — 100+ shows per year
St. Albert Farmers' Market	Every Saturday June–Oct — one of Alberta's largest outdoor markets
Broadview Golf Course	18-hole public golf course within city limits

■ *The Red Willow Trail System is St. Albert's crown jewel — 65+ km of paved and natural paths following the Sturgeon River valley, open for walking, cycling, and cross-country skiing year-round.*

■ SHOPPING, DINING & AMENITIES

St. Albert has a fully self-contained commercial base with every major retailer, grocery chain, dining option, and professional service you could need — no trip to Edmonton required for day-to-day living.

- St. Albert Centre — 100+ stores
- Costco, Canadian Tire, Home Depot
- Real Canadian Superstore, Safeway, Sobeyes
- T&T; Supermarket, No Frills
- Shoppers Drug Mart (multiple locations)
- Hundreds of restaurants & cafés
- St. Albert Farmers' Market (Sat, Jun–Oct)
- Downtown Perron Street — boutique & dining
- Banks, law offices, accountants, clinics
- South Edmonton Common & WEM — 20 min away

■ HEALTHCARE

Hospital	Sturgeon Community Hospital — 201 Boudreau Rd, St. Albert Full acute care, 24/7 emergency
Hospital Phone	780-418-8200
Ambulance / EMS	High-quality EMS integrated with St. Albert & Strathcona County emergency services
Walk-in Clinics	Multiple walk-in clinics throughout all neighbourhoods — no appointment needed
Pharmacy	Shoppers Drug Mart, Rexall, independent pharmacies throughout the city
Mental Health	AHS Addiction & Mental Health: 780-342-7700 Family & community support available
Health Link (24/7)	811 — Province-wide nurse advice line, available any time of day or night
Alberta Health	All residents covered under Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP)

■ TRANSPORTATION & GETTING AROUND

Major Highways	Hwy 2 (QEII), Hwy 216 (Anthony Henday Drive), Hwy 633
Drive to Edmonton	Approx. 20–25 minutes to downtown Edmonton
Drive to YEG Airport	Approx. 25–35 minutes via Anthony Henday Drive
Public Transit	St. Albert Transit (StAT) — local bus routes throughout city
Edmonton Connections	StAT connects to Edmonton Transit (ETS) network
Transit Schedules	stalbert.ca/city/transit/schedules/
Park & Ride	Available at transit terminals for Edmonton commuters
Mobility / Accessible	Accessible transit options available — contact StAT for details
Cycling / Walking	Red Willow Trail network connects all neighbourhoods & links to Edmonton paths

■ WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

The City of St. Albert's **Be Waste Wise** program provides curbside collection services to all residential properties using a three-cart system. Your household is assigned to either **Zone A** or **Zone B** — confirm your zone at stalbert.ca.

Brown Garbage Cart	General waste — collected EVERY TWO WEEKS on your scheduled day
Green Organics Cart	Food scraps & yard waste — WEEKLY (Apr–Oct) EVERY TWO WEEKS (Nov–Mar)
Blue Recycling Bags	Paper, plastics, metals, glass — collected EVERY WEEK year-round

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Collection Start Time	Place carts/bags at curb by 7:00 AM on your collection day
Cart Spacing	Space carts at least 1 metre (3 ft) apart; max weight 200 lbs (90 kg)
Bulk / Large Items	Contact city for large-item or renovation debris disposal options
Eco Stations	City of Edmonton Waste Facilities — nearest eco-station for hazardous materials
Zone Schedules	2026 Zone A & Zone B calendars: stalbert.ca/home/waste/collection/schedule/
Waste Inquiries	wastewise@stalbert.ca 780-459-1557
MyCity App	Download at my.stalbert.ca to look up your collection day and report issues

Tip: Download the St. Albert MyCity app (my.stalbert.ca) to find your pickup day, look up what goes in each cart, manage utility accounts, and submit service requests online.

■ UTILITIES & PROPERTY SERVICES

Water & Sewer	City of St. Albert — contact 780-459-1500 to set up service upon moving in
Electricity	ATCO Electric — 310-5678 atco.com
Natural Gas	ATCO Gas — 310-5678 atco.com
Internet	TELUS, Shaw/Rogers, Xplornet & others; fibre optic available in many areas
Property Tax	Paid to City of St. Albert — online at stalbert.ca/serve/ , at City Hall, or by bank
Assessment	Annual property assessment — stalbert.ca/home/assessment/ appeal via Assessment Review Board
Building Permits	stalbert.ca/city/approvals/ 780-459-1500
County Connect	Online service portal: stalbert.ca/serve/ — pay bills, book programs, report issues
Snow Removal	City maintains roads & sidewalks; residents responsible for private walkways
Awards	City of St. Albert received Canadian Award for Financial Reporting (2026)

■ SAFETY & COMMUNITY SECURITY

St. Albert is consistently recognized as one of the safest cities in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. Residents cite safety as a top reason for choosing and staying in St. Albert. City Council publicly reaffirmed their commitment to community safety in 2026.

Police	RCMP — St. Albert Detachment Community-focused, proactive policing
Non-Emergency	780-458-7700
Emergency	9-1-1
Fire Service	St. Albert Fire Department — multiple stations strategically located across the city
RCMP News	stalbert.ca/cosa/news/rcmp/ — regular community updates
Issue Reporting	MyCity App — my.stalbert.ca report concerns online any time
Bylaw Enforcement	Dedicated bylaw officers for noise, parking, and property standards
Emergency Alerts	Sign up at stalbert.ca for emergency notification alerts
Victim Services	Support for crime survivors available through AHS and community partners
Safety Commitment	Mayor & Council publicly committed to sustained safety investment (2026)

■ COMMUNITY LIFE & EVENTS

St. Albert has an exceptionally strong culture of community involvement, volunteering, and local events. The calendar is packed year-round with arts, festivals, and family activities.

- St. Albert Farmers' Market (Jun–Oct, Sat)
- Children's Festival (May/June annual)
- Canada Day Festival & Fireworks
- New Year's Eve events
- Celebration of Lights
- Mental Health Awareness Week (May)
- Arden Theatre — 100+ live performances/year
- Grain Elevator Park heritage programming
- Botanical Arts walks & studio tours
- Active aging & seniors programming
- Family Day celebrations
- Remembrance Day ceremonies

Arts & Culture: Arden Theatre (professional live theatre & concerts), St. Albert Place gallery, Grain Elevator Park heritage site, Father LaCombe Chapel (National Historic Site), St. Albert Grain Elevator Park, and public botanical art installations throughout the city.

■ DEMOGRAPHICS & ECONOMY

Population (2021)	68,232 (Statistics Canada) Est. 69,335 (2020 estimate)
Pop. Growth	+4.0% from 2016 to 2021 (65,589 → 68,232)
Post-Secondary	67.5% of adults 25+ hold a post-secondary credential
University Degree	31.7% of adults 25+ hold a university certificate or degree
College Diploma	24.3% of adults 25+ hold a college diploma
Trades Certificate	11.6% of adults 25+ hold a trades certificate
Unemployment Rate	4.3% — consistently low, driven by Edmonton metropolitan economy
Mother Tongue	86% English 2.6% French 1.5% Tagalog 0.8% German 0.7% Spanish
Visible Minorities	11.1% of population Largest groups: Filipino 3.1%, South Asian 1.7%
Indigenous Population	5.5% of total population
Major Employers	Edmonton (20 min commute), healthcare, education, retail, professional services
Economy	Strong local economy + full access to Edmonton's job market

■ QUICK CONTACTS & RESOURCES

City of St. Albert (Main)	780-459-1500 stalbert.ca
Emergency	9-1-1
RCMP (Non-Emergency)	780-458-7700
Sturgeon Community Hospital	780-418-8200 201 Boudreau Rd, St. Albert
EMS / Fire (Admin)	780-459-1500
Health Link (24/7)	811
AHS Mental Health	780-342-7700
Public Schools (Sturgeon)	780-460-3712 sturgeon.ab.ca
Catholic Schools (GSACRD)	780-459-7711 gsacrd.ab.ca
Transit (StAT)	stalbert.ca/city/transit/

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Waste Collection	780-459-1557 wastewise@stalbert.ca
Utilities / Water	780-459-1500 stalbert.ca/home/utilities/
Assessment & Tax	stalbert.ca/home/assessment/
Building Permits	stalbert.ca/city/approvals/
MyCity App	my.stalbert.ca — collection days, payments, service requests
ATCO Gas & Electric	310-5678 atco.com
Canada Post	1-866-607-6301 canadapost.ca
Arden Theatre	stalbert.ca/exp/arden/
Farmers' Market	stalbert.ca — search 'farmers market'

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