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## Airdrie population over 30,000 2007 Official Census Results

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The 2007 City of Airdrie official census result is 31,512, an 8.53 percent growth rate in population compared to last year's rate of 7.26 percent, population 29,035. This growth rate almost reached last years estimated population for 2008, 31,915.

The growth is high as compared to other southern Alberta cities such as the City of Lethbridge which increased its population by 2,979, a growth rate of 3.78 percent. The number of dwellings in Airdrie has increased 11.40 percent to 11,723, up from 10,523 in 2006.

In 2007, development occurred in all four quadrants of Airdrie, making it another record year for building revenue, construction value and housing starts. A total of 1,315 residential units were built and the total value of construction was \$350.8 million.

“This year we experienced phenomenal growth, with our population almost reaching our estimated population for 2008,” says Mayor Linda Bruce. “As we continue to grow at such a rapid rate, we will continue to strategically partner with residents, developers and the business community to ensure success.”

The city's growth, which has traditionally been centred on residential growth, is now experiencing enormous commercial and industrial growth. There are more than 15 projects underway in the Kings Heights area. Some of the highlights from the last year include Fortis Alberta breaking ground on a new \$20 million office facility in the southeast area of Kings Heights, and an application for a \$10 million Home Depot in the southwest area of Sierra Springs. In addition to all the building in 2007, major arterial roads were upgraded. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation installed a parallel exit lane for the ramp exit to Yankee Valley Boulevard, providing a measure of safety by reducing vehicle line-ups on the northbound Highway II in the right hand travel lane.

The City of Airdrie was extremely pleased with the number of online responses this year. The new security PIN system saw 48.9 percent of households responding online, which represents 5,728 dwellings. The 2007 census period covered from April 18, 2006 to May 31, 2007. Complete census findings will be posted online at [www.airdrie.ca](http://www.airdrie.ca) this fall.

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