



# 2009 Town of Blackfalds Municipal Census



**Blackfalds  
Summary Information**

The Town of Blackfalds chose to conduct a municipal census in 2009.

This was done to update the population figures to ensure that the Town was receiving proper funding for per-capita grants. In addition, the Town collected census data to ensure the Province of Alberta that the population had surpassed the 5000 threshold to begin negotiations for a municipal police system.

The Census date was May 1, 2009 and the population of the Town of Blackfalds is now 5,610 and there are 2,380 dwellings within the town boundaries. Based on the information collected, the population has grown by 16% over 2007 and the number of dwellings has increased by 12%. This means that there are more people per dwelling than in past years because either the family size in the Town of Blackfalds has grown or more people are sharing accommodations for affordability.

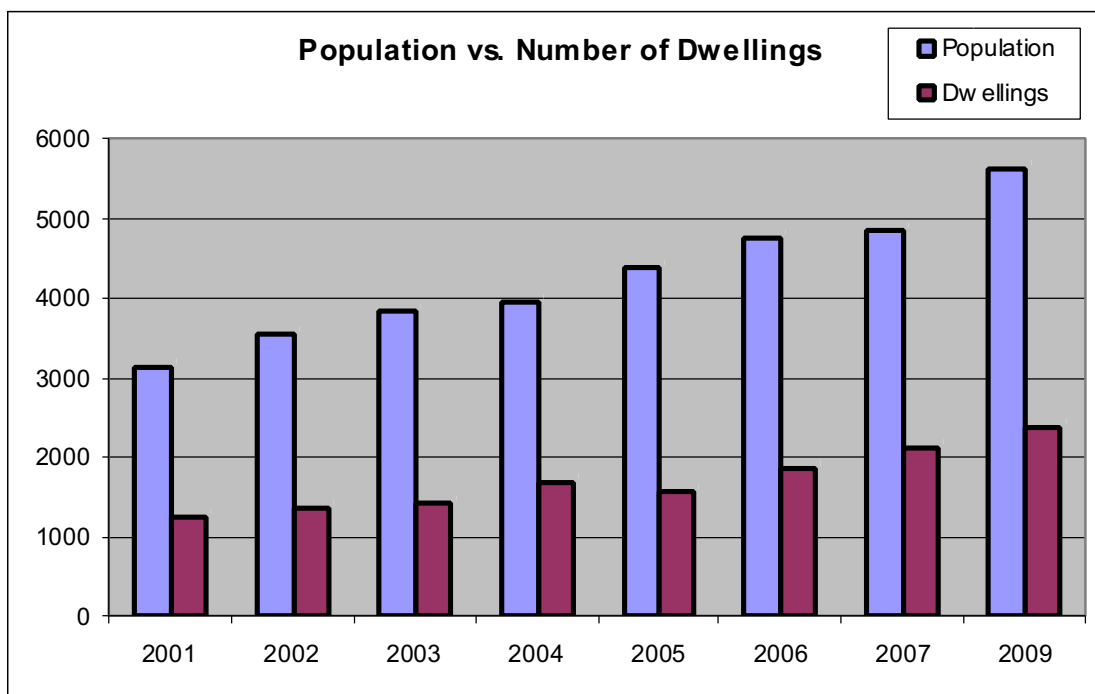
<u>At a glance:</u>	
Census Date:	May 1, 2009
Population:	5,610
Dwelling Units:	2,380
% Population change:	16%
% Housing change:	12%

**Table 1**

	Population	Dwellings
2001	3,144	1,238
2002	3,540	1,352
2003	3,812	1,410
2004	3,955	1,692
2005	4,373	1,572
2006	4,741	1,854
2007	4,843	2,124
2009	5,610	2,380
% change in Pop		16%
% change in Dwellings		12%

Table 1 shows the change in population of the Town of Blackfalds from 2001 to 2009 with the exception of 2008 when the municipal census was not conducted. Graph 1 is a representation of Table 1 which shows the changes in population and dwelling units.

**Graph 1**



**Age and Sex Comparisons:**

In 2009, the population breakdown of the Town of Blackfalds was 51% males and 49% females. When the historic data was researched, it appears that the population of the Town of Blackfalds has been relatively constant at 50/50 men vs. woman since 2001 with the largest change being in 2007 when 52% of the population was male and 48% of the population was female.

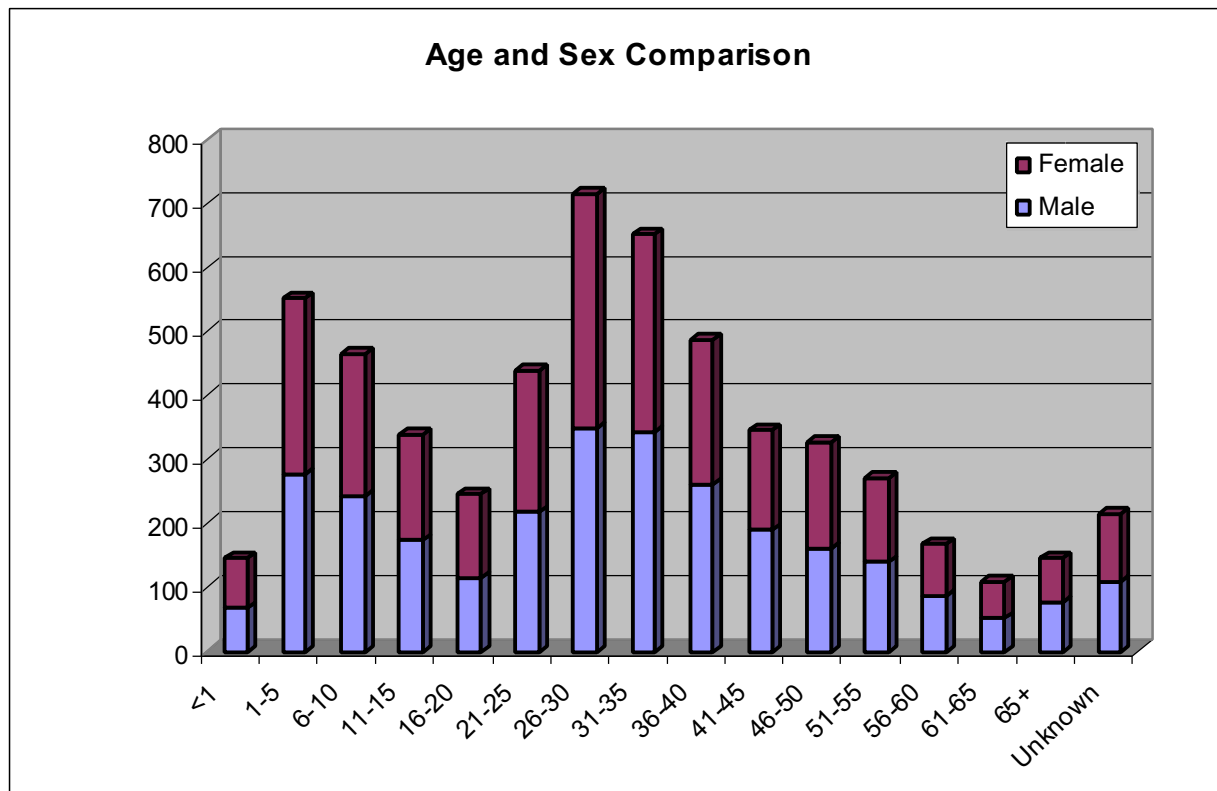
As in past years, age has been broken down into 5 year categories. In 2009, the highest number of people in any of the age groups was the 26-30 year olds followed by the 31-35 year olds and then the 1-5 year olds. This shows that more young people are finding suitable housing in the Town of Blackfalds. The number of 1-5 year olds is likely a direct correlation to the number of 26-35 year olds either starting or increasing their family size.

**Table 2 - 2009 Age & Sex Breakdown**

	Male	Female	Total
<1	69	76	145
1-5	278	273	551
6-10	242	221	463
11-15	174	166	340
16-20	115	132	247
21-25	219	221	440
26-30	348	364	712
31-35	343	309	652
36-40	260	225	485
41-45	189	155	344
46-50	160	166	326
51-55	140	130	270
56-60	87	81	168
61-65	52	57	109
65+	76	69	145
Unknown	108	105	213
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2860</b>	<b>2750</b>	<b>5610</b>

Graph 2 shows the age and sex breakdown by each age category. Graph 2 provides a quick snap shot of the data in Table 2.

**Graph 2**



**Age and Sex Comparisons (continued):**

**Table 3 - Historic Age and Sex Comparisons:**

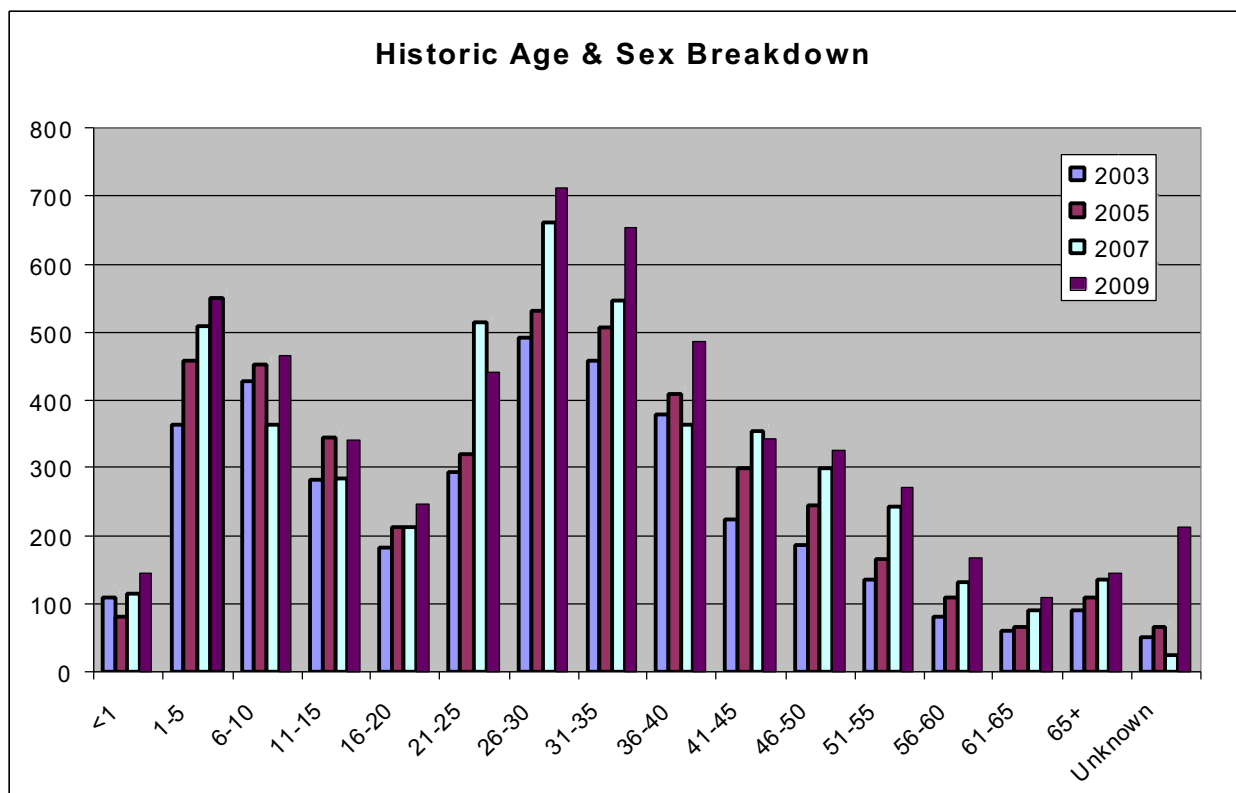
	2003	2005	2006	2007	2009
<1	110	81	115	115	145
1-5	364	456	517	509	551
6-10	426	453	483	363	463
11-15	282	345	288	285	340
16-20	183	212	211	213	247
21-25	294	320	375	513	440
26-30	492	532	619	659	712
31-35	456	507	601	545	652
36-40	377	408	352	363	485
41-45	223	299	325	354	344
46-50	186	245	268	298	326
51-55	136	165	212	243	270
56-60	81	109	133	132	168
61-65	61	66	72	90	109
65+	90	109	124	136	145
Unknown	51	66	46	25	213
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3812</b>	<b>4373</b>	<b>4741</b>	<b>4843</b>	<b>5610</b>

Table 3 shows the change in population from 2003 to 2009 by age group. 2001, 2002 and 2004 are not included in this table because the age groups had been changed. For example in 2009, Table 3 shows children that are less than 1 year of age and children that are between the ages of 1 and 5 years. In 2001, 2002 and 2004 the data was collected for children between the ages of 0-4 years and 5-9 years of age therefore no comparisons can be made between these age groups.

Graph 3 illustrates the changes in the population by age category from 2003 - 2009. The data from 2006 has been removed from the graph below to show the data in two year increments. The data for 2006 is contained in Table 3.

The largest population group from 2003-2009 has consistently been the 26-30 year olds, followed by the 31-35 year olds. The third highest age grouping from 2005-2009 are the 1 to 5 year olds and in 2003 it was the 6-10 year olds.

**Graph 3**



## Housing Tenure:

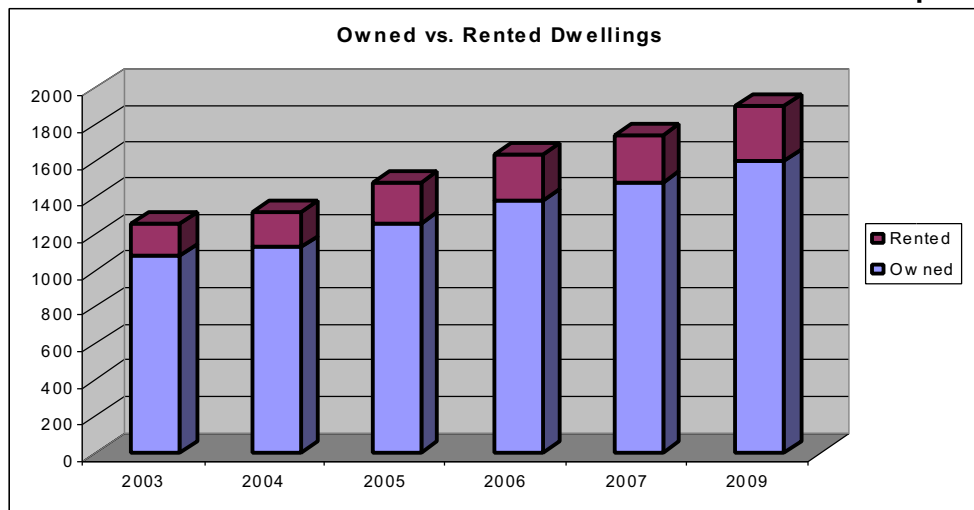
Housing tenure refers the number of dwellings that were either owned or rented. In 2009, there was a total of 2,380 dwellings which has increased by 256 units (12%) over 2007. Of those homes, 1,903 or 80% were occupied. The remaining 477 units were either unoccupied, vacant (house or lot), under construction or marked by the enumerators as unknown.

Table 4 shows the number of occupied dwellings in each enumeration area and whether they were owned or rented. Maps of each of the enumeration areas can be found at the end of this document. Based on the numbers in the table below, it appears that the boundaries of the enumeration areas have been amended over time. This table is simply meant to illustrate the change in population over time. This will be particularly evident in enumeration area 26 being the east portion of Panorama Estates which has been developing since 2005.

**Table 4 - Historic Housing Tenure**

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2009	
	Owned	Rented	Owned	Rented	Owned	Rented	Owned	Rented	Owned	Rented	Owned	Rented
EA 1	99	1	96	2	97	2	98	3	97	3	88	3
EA 2	159	14	170	11	184	27	228	30	253	36	283	60
EA 3	74	22	85	21	81	34	78	34	83	25	81	23
EA 4	144	7	171	8	168	4	182	3	180	6	177	18
EA 5	103	19	113	23	125	20	116	28	119	30	143	32
EA 6	32	28	31	28	39	32	39	33	41	30	42	21
EA 7	56	28	57	27	65	30	65	41	61	44	62	15
EA 8	85	2	92	3	95	4	1	0	94	14	82	9
EA 9	97	21	101	24	121	22	-	-	141	28	121	46
EA 10	118	25	112	31	114	32	116	33	115	32	111	34
EA 11	89	6	97	8	104	4	103	5	103	6	98	8
EA 12	0	0	-	-	33	6	35	10	37	6	40	10
EA 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	19	3
EA 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	38	5
EA 26	-	-	0	0	37	0	91	0	154	1	208	7
Unknown	26	7	6	4	-	-	234	33	3	1	16	-
<b>Total</b>	1082	180	1131	190	1263	217	1386	253	1484	264	1609	294
<b>%</b>	86%	14%	86%	14%	85%	15%	85%	15%	85%	15%	85%	15%

**Graph 4**



**Household Size:**

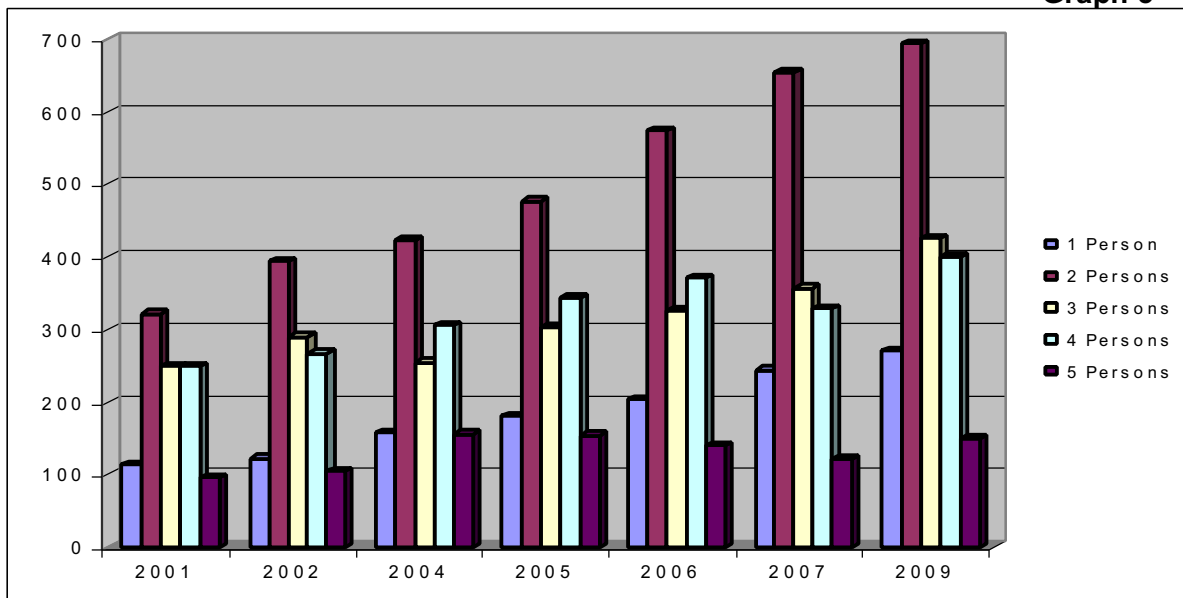
Household size means the number of people (adult or child) living in the same dwelling. In 2009, the Town of Blackfalds had the largest number of two person households. This is consistent with previous census data collected which indicates that two person households have consistently been the largest household group size since 2001. What is of particular interest in 2009 is that the population has grown by 16% and the number of dwelling units has increased by 12% (Table 1). The number of 4 person households has increased by 22% since 2007 and similarly, the number of 5 person households has increased by 23%. This can mean that either the family size is increasing or more people are sharing accommodations.

Table 5 shows the changes in household size from 2001-2009. When the data for the 2003 census was collected, it was not done in a way that household size could be calculated therefore it has been omitted. Graph 5 shows the breakdown of 1 person to 5 person households from 2001-2009.

**Table 5 - Historic Household Size**

	2001	2002	2004	2005	2006	2007	2009
1 Person	114	123	157	180	203	244	270
2 Persons	322	394	424	477	574	654	693
3 Persons	250	290	255	303	326	357	426
4 Persons	250	267	306	344	371	329	400
5 Persons	97	105	156	154	141	122	150
6 Persons	19	19	22	21	28	37	41
7 Persons	4	3	4	3	3	8	5
8 Persons	1	1	2	2	2	2	5
9 Persons	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10 of more Persons	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Vacant	63	99	247	88	206	371	390
Under Construction	90	46	26				
Unoccupied	28	3	93				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1238</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>1692</b>	<b>1572</b>	<b>1854</b>	<b>2124</b>	<b>2380</b>

**Graph 5**



## Housing Type:

The table below represents the different types of housing units available in the Town of Blackfalds and where they are located. For example, we know in enumeration area 26 (EA 26), which is the east portion of Panorama Estates, 307 dwellings were enumerated. Based on the information provided in the table below, there are 241 single family units, one of which contains a suite, and one duplex constructed to date in that enumeration area. There are 63 lots that were marked as unknown which means they are likely either vacant or under construction.

**Table 6 - Housing type by enumeration area**

	EA 1	EA 2	EA 3	EA 4	EA 5	EA 6	EA 7	EA 8	EA 9	EA 10	EA 11	EA 12	EA 16	EA 25	EA 26	N/A
Single Detached	93	208	16	203	98	52	57	112	130	118	99	1	30	78	241	17
Suite in Single Detached		8			3		1								1	
Duplex Unit		43	2	1	4		6			4	8			1	2	
Quadruplex/Triplex			9	1			1		16							
Row (Town) House	2	105	14		9		17		50	28		67		6		
Apartment						12										
Single Dwelling Attached to a Non-Residential Building						2										
Mobile Home		1	77	1	81	1										
Other Movable Dwelling																
Collective Dwelling																
Unknown	9	2	6	53	2				5				102	1	63	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>17</b>