2016 Census of Population – City of Winnipeg

Released on February 8th, 2017, the Census of population for the City of Winnipeg highlights several key facts. First, the 2011-2016 period is the fastest growth we've seen since the 1960's. Over this period of time, the City of Winnipeg grew by 41,844 individuals or 59% of the total Provincial share of growth. This can be compared to the 6,844, or 10% of the Provincial share, outside the City but within the Winnipeg CMA. In fact, the City of Winnipeg's growth is faster than cities like Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. Moreover, these facts have been further underscored by this past March reporting by Statistics Canada of the City of Winnipeg's 2016 population at 735,600 and a one year growth of 15,800 individuals, which is the largest annual growth amount since the early 1960's. This positive change is illustrated by the enclosed map which reflects the growth within the City. Of particular interest is that growth has and is occurring throughout the City, not just in new subdivisions.

These facts are significant because our population is growing in such a way that it will cause us to remain "…considerably younger than that of Canada as a whole…"[1] where one quarter of the total population will be seniors. Winnipeg's relatively younger population "…could result in stronger economic growth outlook…" and according to the Conference Board of Canada, "…growth in potential output in Manitoba will overtake that of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia…" by 2032.

Over the next 18 months Statistics Canada will release detail from the Census that will shed light on our population, including updates to the population estimate which includes the census undercount and is a more accurate reflection of the true population of our growing City.

Highlights:

- In 2016, the enumerated population of Winnipeg (**City**) was 705,244, which represents a change of 6.3% from 2011. This compares to the provincial average of 5.8% and the national average of 5.0%.
- The land area of Winnipeg (**City**) is 464 square kilometres and the population density was 1,519 people per square kilometre, which is the highest density on record based on our current geography.
- In 2016, there were 281,046 private dwellings occupied in Winnipeg (**City**), which represent a change of 4.6% from 2011.

Key Tables:

Table 1.0: City of Winnipeg Census Highlights: 1991-2016

Census Year	Survey Count	Change*	% Change*	Population Density (people/squared km)	Dwelling Count
2016	705,244	41,627	6.3%	1,519	281,046
2011	663,617	30,166	4.8%	1,430	268,753
2006	633,451	13,907	2.2%	1,332	261,109

[1] The Conference Board of Canada, "Maximizing Manitoba's Potential." January, 2017.

2001	619,544	1,067	0.2%	1,303	261,311
1996	618,477	3,262	0.5%	1,301	
1991	615,215			1,294	

Source: Statistics Canada, Census (March 2017)

*From previous Census survey count

Table 2.0: Population count for surrounding census metropolitan area, 2016 and 2011

Geographic name	Population, 2016	Population, 2011	Population Change	Population, % change
Ritchot	6,679	5,478	1,201	21.9
Macdonald	7,162	6,280	882	14
St. François Xavier	1,411	1,240	171	13.8
Taché	11,568	10,284	1,284	12.5
Headingley	3,579	3,215	364	11.3
Springfield	15,342	14,069	1,273	9
West St. Paul	5,368	4,932	436	8.8
East St. Paul	9,372	9,046	326	3.6
St. Clements	10,876	10,505	371	3.5
Rosser	1,372	1,352	20	1.5
Brokenhead 4	516		516	
Sub Total	**73,245**	**66,401**	**6,844**	**10.3**
City of Winnipeg	**705,244**	**663,617**	**41,627**	**6.3**
Winnipeg CMA	**778,489**	**730,018**	**48,471**	**6.6**

Source: Statistics Canada, Census (March 2017)

Table 3.0: City of Winnipeg Population Estimate:

Estimate Year	Population Estimate	Change*	% Change*
2016	735,600	15,800	2.2%
2015	719,800	10,500	1.5%
2014	709,300	10,700	1.5%
2013	698,600	9,300	1.3%
2012	689,300	11,400	1.7%
2011	677,800	8,400	1.3%
2010	669,400	6,500	1.0%
2009	663,000	5,100	0.8%
2008	657,800	3,100	0.5%
2007	654,700	1,800	0.3%
2006	652,900		

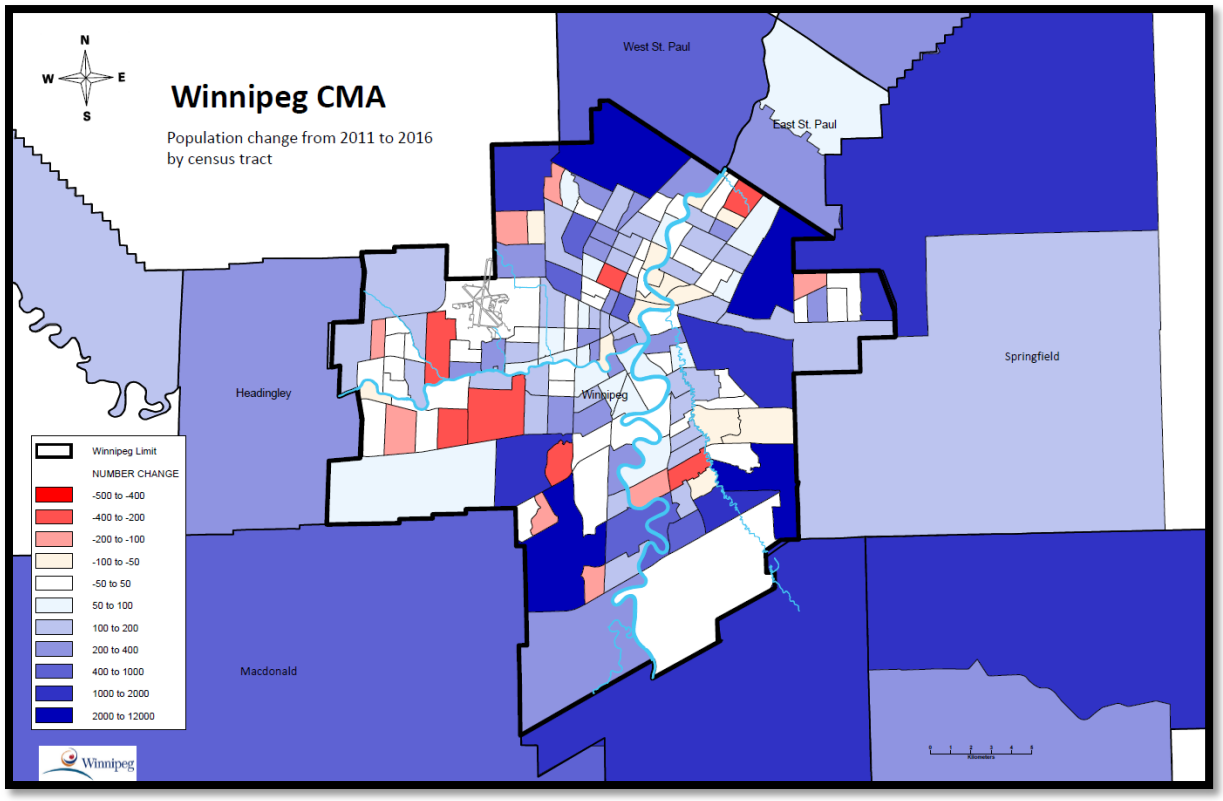
Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division (March 2017)

Map of Population Change:

The enclosed map of the Winnipeg CMA was created to illustrate the geographical differences in population change over the 2011-2016 census period. Several key observations can be made:

1) There are regions experiencing population increase and those which are experiencing decrease, but the size of these changes are vastly different: the largest decline was -327 individuals, whereas largest increase was over 11,000.
2) Significant growth occurred in mature neighbourhoods – upwards of 400 individuals added in certain areas.
3) Growth outside the City has been significant, but in total the City of Winnipeg grew over 6 times more than outside but within the CMA.

Please note: The underlying methodology used by the City of Winnipeg to prepare the following map was based on numbers of population growth instead of percentage changes. The use of percentage changes can sometimes be misleading, especially when comparing things where scales are considerably different.



Note: A full-resolution map is enclosed.

Background Information

Every five years Statistics Canada conducts a Census, and on February 2017, Statistics Canada released the most recent 2016 census population and dwelling count data for Canada. This is only the first release containing basic information on total population and dwellings; detailed data and analysis will take up to a year depending on the topic.

Census Program Release Schedule

Release Date	Topic
February 8, 2017	Population and dwelling counts
May 3, 2017	Age and sex, Type of dwelling
August 2, 2017	Families, households and marital status, Language
September 13, 2017	Income
October 25, 2017	Immigration and ethnocultural diversity, Housing, Aboriginal peoples
November 29, 2017	Education, Labour, Journey to work, Language of work, Mobility and migration

Source: http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm

Census vs. Population Estimates

The Census program only occurs every five years and so between those periods, also known as intercensal periods, Statistics Canada conducts the Population Estimates Program. **Given that a Census is a count of those who completed a census form, there will be an undercount**. **This is the key difference between a census and the regularly updated population estimate.** The adjusted population, or census population including undercount, is used as the base for the Population Estimate Program. In turn, this data is used to determine representation in Parliament and to calculate transfer payments between levels of government and to support various agencies.[2]

Source information

2011 City of Winnipeg Census: https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/as-sa/fogs-spg/Facts-csd-eng.cfm?LANG=Eng&GK=CSD&GC=4611040

2016 City of Winnipeg Census: http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/hlt-fst/pd-pl/Table.cfm?Lang=Eng&T=303&CMA=602&S=86&O=A&RPP=25#map-popup

2016 National CMA Census: http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/hlt-fst/pd-pl/Table.cfm?Lang=Eng&T=205&SR=1&S=10&O=D&RPP=100&PR=0&CMA=0#tPopDwell

[2] http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/ref/98-304/chap1-eng.cfm