

Population Growth and Rate of Change

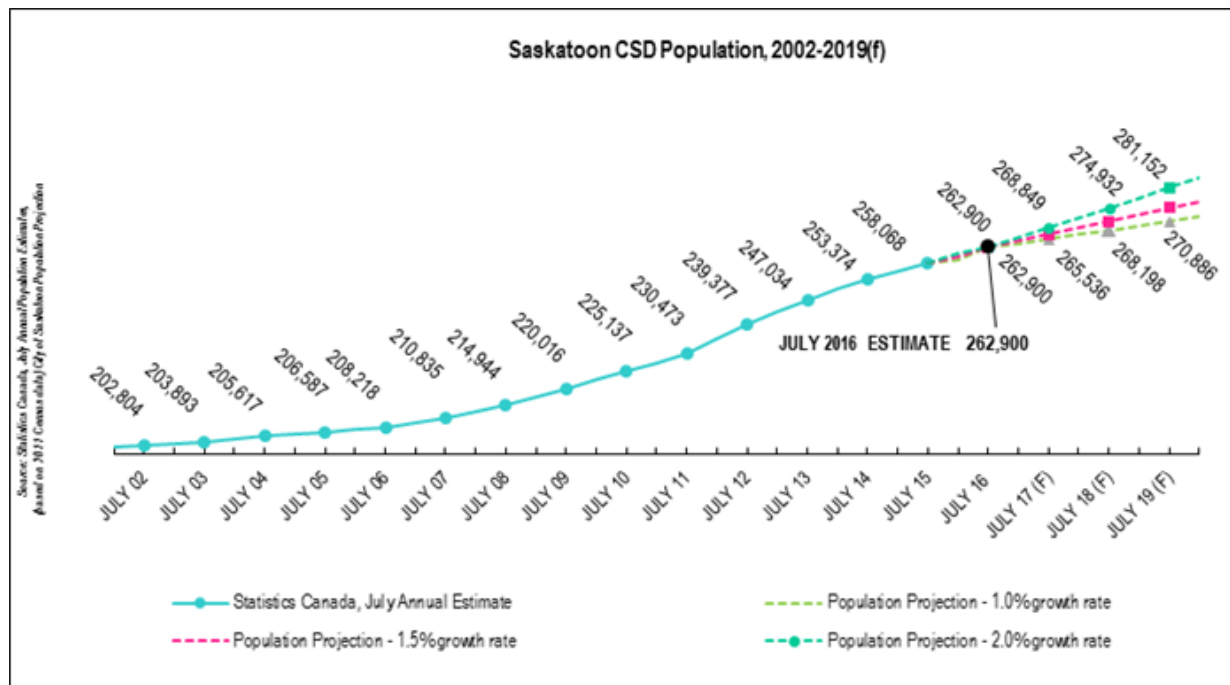
Indicators: Population growth and rate of change

Description: Population growth and growth rate are indicators of sustainable growth and community success. The overall vision of the City of Saskatoon's (CoS) *Strategic Plan 2013-2023* is to continue to grow and prosper. Population growth is necessary to provide sufficient labour for Saskatoon's continued economic growth. Population growth also provides opportunity for other aspects of the community to grow and diversify including business, education, culture, recreation, and overall financial stability.

Population growth is a fundamental driver of the City's business plan and budget planning process. City infrastructure investments are based on population growth. The return on those investments often depends on further growth.

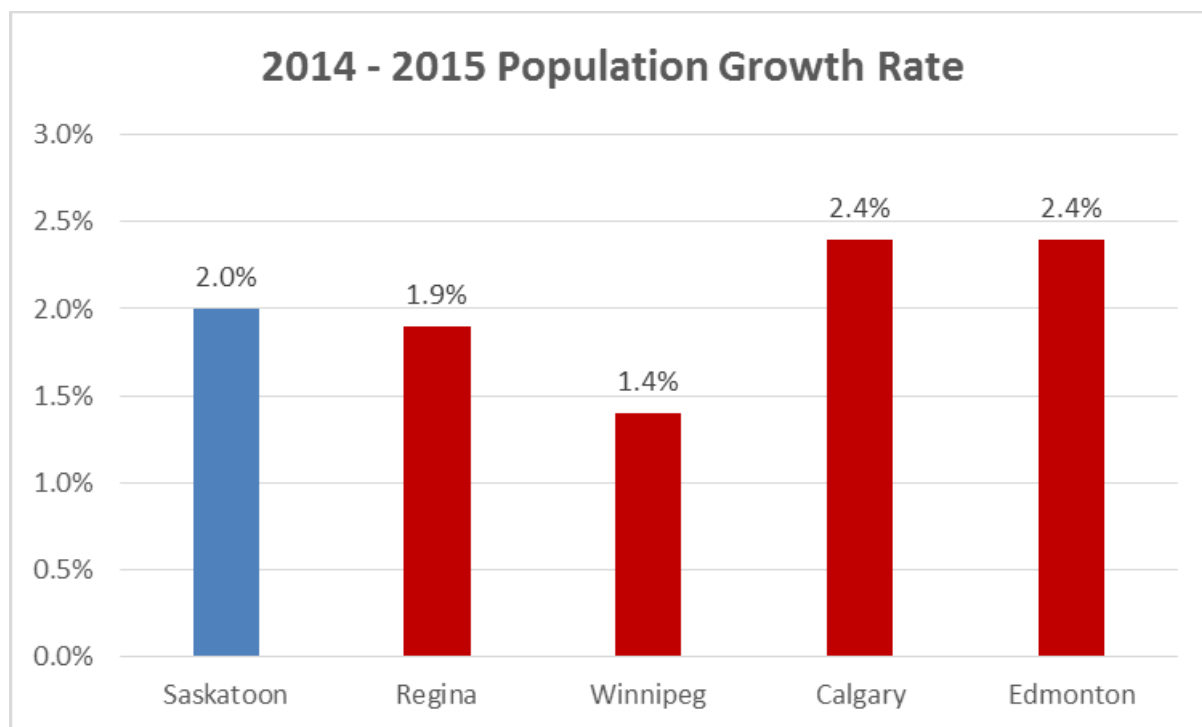
How are we doing?

The City of Saskatoon estimated our July 2016 population to be 262,900. Year over year, this is a growth rate of 1.9% over July 2015. While the growth rate is lower than what Saskatoon has been experiencing in recent years, the key point is that the city is still experiencing solid population growth.



How are other cities doing?

Although population growth has slowed in Saskatoon in the past year, a 1.9% (CoS) or 2.0% (StatsCan) is still strong growth. Saskatoon's growth rate is comparable to other Western Canadian cities.



Source: Statistics Canada