

The Report of the

Chief Electoral Officer

on the

2004 Provincial Enumeration

and

Monday, November 22, 2004

Provincial General Election of the

Twenty-sixth Legislative Assembly



Alberta Legislative Assembly Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

May 31, 2005

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Dear Ms. Tarchuk:

I have the privilege to submit to you my report on the 2004 Provincial General Enumeration and the November 22, 2004 Provincial General Election, in accordance with Section 4(3) of the *Election Act*.

An overview of the Senate Nominee Election, held in conjunction with the Provincial General Election, has also been included. Additional detail will be provided in "The Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 2004 Senate Nominee Election".

Should you require any additional information or clarification on anything contained in the Report, I would be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

O. Brian Fjeldheim Chief Electoral Officer

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2004 PROVINCIAL GENERAL ENUMERATION

Overview

The Register of Electors is an electronic database containing elector and address information, which is continuously updated and used to prepare Lists of Electors, when required. Originally established in 1996, it has been updated since the 2001 General Election through elector-initiated requests and use of information provided by Alberta Vital Statistics, which facilitated the deletion of deceased electors from the Register.

It was further updated through a door-to-door enumeration in the period from August 28 to September 12, 2004 under the authority of Section 13(2)(a) of the *Election Act*. The activity was conducted in order to provide an updated List of Electors to the registered political parties in the fourth year following the 2001 General Election, in accordance with Section 18(1)(b) of the *Election Act*. Lists of Electors were made available in both paper and electronic format.

Additional sources of electronic information are being evaluated for their potential to assist in updating the Register on an ongoing basis.

Mapping Activities

Elector information was collected based on the boundaries described in the *Electoral Divisions Act*. The *Act* was amended following the independent review of the 2002/2003 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission and the May 2003 acceptance of the revised electoral division boundaries by the Legislative Assembly.

The new electoral division boundaries described by the *Act* necessitated a major review and readjustment of Alberta's electoral map. Almost all electoral division boundaries were changed from those in effect at the 2001 General Election. Following training in November 2003, Provincial Returning Officers received their new electoral division maps. They reviewed over 5,000 polling subdivisions and revised them, where necessary. The majority of polling subdivision boundaries had to be revised due to changed electoral division boundaries and growth within the province. Polling subdivision boundaries were established to best accommodate the majority of electors on Polling Day. Issues such as clarity, accessibility, distances, normal travel patterns, and polling place potential were considered.

Provincial Returning Officers were also responsible for the review, and necessary revision, of Lists of Electors generated by Elections Alberta on the new polling subdivision boundaries. This was a major challenge due to significant growth and

also due to the use of mailing addresses in many rural communities. Elections Alberta will be better positioned to address these two major challenges in the future, through the staged acquisition of newly created civic addresses and collection of legal land descriptions, or other geographic descriptions, in rural areas.

The map review concluded in March 2004. At that time, revised polling subdivision maps and Lists of Electors based on the reconfigured boundaries were provided to registered political parties in accordance with Section 18(1)(c) of the *Election Act*.

Conduct of the Enumeration

Register of Electors information was supplied to enumerators on pre-printed enumeration records, for use in confirming, revising, deleting, and adding elector information. In new areas and other situations where previous elector information was not contained in the Register, civic address information was pre-printed onto the enumeration records. This reduced the requirement for information collection and helped to ensure thorough coverage.

Enumerators carried a translation sheet which explained the purpose of their visit in thirteen different languages. This proved extremely useful in overcoming language barriers to collect information.

The goal in the enumeration was to make contact and obtain information from electors in 95% of the residences across the province. Results fell short of this goal. Although it was achieved in many electoral divisions, those with higher no contact rates produced an average provincial contact rate of 91%. Enumerators contacted each residence at least three times, if necessary. Electors who were not contacted were left a "We Missed You" card asking them to contact the enumerator to arrange for inclusion in the Register of Electors. A legislative change allowed electors to confirm or update existing information via telephone, within certain parameters. This was particularly beneficial in rural areas and reduced the time and costs associated with repeat visits by enumerators.

Electors who provided information were left a "Thank You" card which advised them of the purpose of the data collection, including the possibility that their information could be shared with municipal and federal electoral agencies for electoral purposes. The cards also provided the Returning Officer's name and telephone number to give electors the opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns.

Some electors did not provide information to enumerators or to the Returning Officer during the revisions day associated with the enumeration. The "We Missed You" card left at the door clearly explained that their information would not appear in the Register nor on subsequent Lists of Electors, until the elector provided the necessary information.

This decision was sound. It was determined that all information for only one in three residences was confirmed without any revision being necessary. It can be predicted that including the names of over 246,000 electors that could not be contacted, instead of deleting them, would have resulted in the inclusion of approximately 164,000 incorrect entries in the Register and on Lists of Electors.

Challenges

Returning Officers were collectively responsible to recruit, train and manage over 5,400 enumerators. Recruitment in some areas was particularly challenging, necessitating a great deal of creativity on the part of Returning Officers. The challenge was ably addressed using the standardized procedures and training prepared by Elections Alberta.

Ensuring the personal security of both electors and enumerators was another challenge. Each enumerator was provided with unique identification, which was designed to deter unauthorized duplication and to be easily visible to electors. Enumerators authorized a security clearance check through Alberta Justice and Attorney General in the interest of elector protection. Enumerators were provided with specific training on managing the risks while working alone in the community and were instructed to avoid potential high-risk situations.

Another challenge arose from the difficulty of contacting electors, sometimes because of busy schedules and living environments. Some housing developments, including condominiums, apartments and gated communities, have a responsibility to restrict access to residents. Although Section 29 of the *Election Act* authorizes enumerator access, it can be difficult to arrange for this access with facility managers on a timely basis. Elections Alberta worked with condominium and apartment associations prior to the enumeration to facilitate this access.

In addition, multi-unit residential liaison officers were hired to develop access arrangements with building managers, where necessary. Retired members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police facilitated enumerator access to meet the requirements of the legislation while respecting the concerns of residents and building managers.

One electoral division was illustrative of this difficulty. Completion of the enumeration revealed a no contact rate of 26.4%; that is, enumerators contacted a resident in only about three out of four of the known residences in that area.

Elector data was obtained from Elections Canada, as authorized by Section 13(2)(b) of the *Election Act*, to bring the coverage for Calgary-Buffalo to an acceptable level, as presented on page 13. This valuable partnership will be expanded in the future. Due to time constraints, data could not be integrated for the other two electoral divisions that had a no contact rate higher than 20%. Although, based on the Calgary-Buffalo experience, this would have been a worthwhile exercise to reduce the number of no contacts and achieve a more complete List of Electors on Polling Day.

The enumeration process is a very effective method to collect timely, accurate elector information. The door-to-door visits ensure that no one is overlooked. At the same time, inherent difficulties associated with a door-to-door enumeration are increasing as time goes on. It becomes more challenging with each enumeration to recruit a sufficient number of enumerators and to obtain information from electors. Many electors are reluctant to provide information in spite of the advertising that takes place and the enhanced identification carried by enumerators.

Alternative methods for elector data collection are being examined. Those methods will include electronic updates from available sources, which are currently being assessed for currency and compatibility. It may be necessary to revise expectations for coverage, since it may be difficult to replicate the 97.4% inclusion rate achieved through the door-to-door enumeration process.

Timeline

Returning Officers received training in June 2004. Prior to that, they had contacted local constituency associations in May for names of potential enumerators. They recruited staff following their training session using other sources. Returning Officers showed a great deal of creativity in recruitment: local service agencies, social clubs, community groups, employee associations, religious organizations, and former enumeration/election/census workers were contacted. Returning Officers with a surplus of personnel provided names to their colleagues to ensure a full staff complement in all electoral divisions.

Over 5,400 enumerators visited approximately one million residences in the province between August 28 and September 12, 2004. The enumeration was not extended in any electoral divisions, due to the immediate need for updated Lists of Electors.

Electors who were missed during the enumeration had a couple of opportunities to be added to the Register of Electors. They were able to contact the enumerator responsible for their area or could contact the Returning Officer directly to be added to the Register on September 18, 2004, the revisions date. In spite of the tight timeline, every effort was made to include all interested

electors in the Register to ensure their names would appear on subsequent Lists of Electors prior to the election.

Data entry of the updated elector information commenced immediately following the conclusion of the enumeration. Approximately 600 data entry operators used a secure Internet connection to update the Register of Electors from the hard-copy enumeration records over a ten-day period, from September 14 to 24, 2004. Enumerators and Returning Officers reviewed the data input to ensure that all elector information had been entered accurately and consistently.

Advertising

Advertisements were placed in newspapers of general circulation to inform electors of the enumeration. Weekly advertisements included information on enumeration timelines and the purpose of the data collection. The advertisements included a telephone number for electors to contact with questions or concerns. Toll-free access was available during the enumeration to assist electors outside of the Edmonton calling area.



ATTENTION ALBERTANS

Enumerators will be going door-to-door to visit Albertans between August 28 and September 12, 2004 to collect elector information to update our Provincial Lists of Electors.

We look forward to our visit with you and thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Please call Elections Alberta at 422-VOTE (8683) in Edmonton & area or at 1-877-422-VOTE (8683) if you have any questions.



Key information was also made available on the Elections Alberta website. Returning Officers' contact information was web-posted to provide electors with their local contact.

Cost Summary Overview

2004 Boundary Redistribution and General Enumeration

Enumeration Officials' Fees and Associated Costs	Enumeration	Officials'	Fees a	nd Associate	ed Costs
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Total reported by all Electoral Divisions \$ 3,915,652

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Materials and Supplies \$141,683

Contract Services 517,030

Advertising 96,004

Temporary Staff—wages and benefits 45,067

Freight and Postage 50,920

Rentals, Repairs and Maintenance 8,448

Travel 46,128 905,280

Total Expenses: \$ 4,820,932

Number of Names on the October 2004 List of Electors 1,931,250

Average cost per name on List of Electors \$ 2.50

Table 1: 2004 General Enumeration Cost Summary By Electoral Division (Rounded To The Nearest Dollar)

		Returnii	ng Officers		E	numerators		Data Entry	Operators	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
			Office	Support		Fee	_	_	Office	
Electoral Division	Fees		Expenses	Staff	Fees	Per Name	Travel	Fees	Expenses	
1 Dunvegan-Central Peace	8,151	2,414	1,409	0	11,507	8,310	9,578			
2 Calgary-Bow	9,223	168	1,428	381	13,517	14,699	171	4,968		
3 Calgary-Buffalo	7,976	871	1,641	3,322		9,872	582	3,746		
4 Calgary-Cross	8,842	399	1,630	0	10,615	12,141	9	4,014		•
5 Calgary-Currie	8,957	88	2,541	836	13,841	12,496	0	4,398		
6 Calgary-East	8,845	81	1,557	0	11,915	12,256	0	4,204		•
7 Calgary-Egmont	9,342	168	1,370	395	13,770	14,936	76			
8 Calgary-Elbow	9,384	596	1,731	807	12,837	13,998	820			
9 Calgary-Fish Creek	9,462	399	1,418	324	11,542	14,449	0	4,635		
10 Calgary-Foothills	9,655	277	1,546	259	13,039	14,955	174	4,969		45,896
11 Calgary-Fort	8,620	393	1,653	0	11,452	12,658	0	4,209		
12 Calgary-Glenmore	9,052	282	1,169	0	12,375	14,158	0	4,695	1,001	42,731
13 Calgary-Hays	9,277	621	1,482	0	13,061	13,652	45	4,583	1,049	43,769
14 Calgary-Lougheed	9,272	918	1,493	0	13,555	14,410	548	4,846	1,128	46,170
15 Calgary-Mackay	9,717	536	1,801	176	16,688	15,321	0	5,376	1,350	50,966
16 Calgary-McCall	8,369	355	1,581	0	11,046	11,577	77	4,004	953	37,963
17 Calgary-Montrose	8,841	377	1,568	44	10,470	12,126	5	4,022	977	38,431
18 Calgary-Mountain View	9,439	393	1,397	701	13,995	14,341	0	4,965	1,118	46,349
19 Calgary-North Hill	8,858	323	1,814	183	13,005	12,298	0	4,309	1,049	41,839
20 Calgary-North West	10,042	153	1,965	220	19,710	17,830	0	6,269	1,573	57,762
21 Calgary-Nose Hill	8,733	435	1,296	272	12,745	12,789	0	4,382	1,033	41,685
22 Calgary-Shaw	9,331	383	1,618	265	13,291	14,306	33	4,777	1,080	45,083
23 Calgary-Varsity	9,010	539	2,123	104	14,678	14,029	0	4,797	1,207	46,488
24 Calgary-West	9,816	623	1,902	397	16,542	16,910	399	5,790	1,223	53,601
25 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	8,689	56	1,549	358	11,770	12,602	149	4,308	953	40,434
26 Edmonton-Calder	9,025	284	1,302	328	13,030	12,600	454	4,330	1,104	42,456
27 Edmonton-Castle Downs	9,883	101	1,383	261	14,390	15,823	124	5,290	1,176	48,431
28 Edmonton-Centre	8,255	73	2,045	334	15,115	11,518	0	4,135	1,156	42,631
29 Edmonton-Decore	8,845	24	1,638	0	12,014	13,460	0	4,460	969	41,410
30 Edmonton-Ellerslie	9,038	180	1,463	0	12,661	12,767	123	4,347	1,001	41,579
31 Edmonton-Glenora	8,789	17	1,550	117	12,368	12,189	0	4,186	985	40,202
32 Edmonton-Gold Bar	9,204	42	1,502	28	13,880	13,502	0	4,666	1,112	43,935
33 Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	8,783	0	1,917	0	13,230	12,072	0	4,248	1,080	41,330
34 Edmonton-Manning	9,417	442	1,677	0	14,293	13,736	0	4,724	1,144	45,433
35 Edmonton-McClung	8,814	39	1,419	0	12,979	13,801	153			
36 Edmonton-Meadowlark	8,698	172	1,444	37	12,581	12,867	27	4,161	985	
37 Edmonton-Mill Creek	8,926	261	1,640	1,287	13,487	13,031	92	4,518	1,080	
38 Edmonton-Mill Woods	8,954	82	1,421	56	12,371	12,613	0			
39 Edmonton-Riverview	9,248	74	1,490	486	13,504	13,210	0			
40 Edmonton-Rutherford	8,796	133	1,470	84	12,452	12,996	0	4,435		41,367
41 Edmonton-Strathcona	8,188	160	1,172	16		12,198	0			
42 Edmonton-Whitemud	9,796	121	1,382	0	17,079	16,844	204			
43 Airdrie-Chestermere	10,042	244	1,501	72	14,956	15,802	4,976			
44 Athabasca-Redwater	9,638	1,358	1,536	173		12,687	9,674			
45 Banff-Cochrane	9,119	1,822	1,982	0	11,343	10,502	1,083			
46 Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	9,564	1,956	1,448	257	14,599	12,414	7,245			
47 Battle River-Wainwright	8,631	1,327	1,359	167	14,305	11,254	12,167	3879		
SUBTOTAL	426,555	20,758	74,422	12,746	629,129	625,009	48,988		51,820	

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Electoral Division	Fees		Expenses	Staff	Fees	Per Name	Travel	Fees	Expenses	Total Cost
48 Bonnyville-Cold Lake	8,708	1,603		0	-	9,914	7,309		916	
49 Cardston-Taber-Warner	8,720	2,370		266		10,456	7,530		955	*
50 Cypress-Medicine Hat	8,865	1,705	1,449	186	-	11,781	6,782		1,049	50,746
51 Drayton Valley-Calmar	8,799	1,230	1,468	40		10,279	11,488		906	51,945
52 Drumheller-Stettler	8,445	980	-	230	-	11,236	12,305		965	*
53 Foothills-Rocky View	9,033	1,649	1,912	673		11,816	12,178		1,416	
54 Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	8,888	1,341	1,590	0	,	14,312	702	•	1,080	*
55 Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	9,533	1,259	1,642	0	15,267	13,539	7,485	4,645	1,162	54,533
56 Grande Prairie-Smoky	9,374	2,156	1,484	134	14,817	11,785	5,655	4,311	1,113	
57 Grande Prairie-Wapiti	9,033	1,847	1,489	452	13,396	11,748	5,661	4,319	1,059	49,005
58 Highwood	9,878	2,135	1,827	0	14,078	12,700	6,780	4,213	1,261	52,873
59 Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	9,439	882	1,379	128	15,545	13,115	9,101	4,464	1,033	55,084
60 Lac La Biche-St. Paul	8,619	1,416	1,210	128	13,216	10,144	12,477	3,432	971	51,612
61 Lacombe-Ponoka	9,633	1,039	1,368	72	14,754	14,155	10,621	4,591	993	57,226
62 Leduc-Beaumont-Devon	10,019	850	1,662	173	14,913	14,758	4,345	5,008	1,189	52,915
63 Lesser Slave Lake	9,539	3,632	1,510	181	12,546	10,391	8,406	3,722	1,128	51,056
64 Lethbridge-East	9,331	1,028	1,446	258	13,132	14,551	33	4,817	1,064	45,660
65 Lethbridge-West	9,410	1,203	1,482	0	11,630	13,108	139	4,327	922	42,219
66 Little Bow	8,624	1,795	1,371	25	12,737	10,713	8,501	3,736	997	48,500
67 Livingstone-Macleod	9,064	2,134	1,890	150	12,174	10,123	8,317	3,395	859	48,107
68 Medicine Hat	9,500	1,142	1,217	40	13,763	14,061	0	4,775	1,112	45,610
69 Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	8,713	960	1,397	0	14,058	11,909	9,752	4,027	1,180	51,995
70 Peace River	8,782	3,034	1,623	0	13,528	8,949	11,116		1,156	
71 Red Deer-North	8,939	701	1,545	0	-	12,081	584		1,049	
72 Red Deer-South	9,692	481	1,534	0		14,954	0		1,049	
73 Rocky Mountain House	9,332	2,493		0	-	11,687	13,535		922	58,382
74 Sherwood Park	9,563	216	1,414	159		14,610	10		1,080	
75 Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	·	1,520	1,752	224		15,017	1,794		1,223	52,303
76 St. Albert	9,872	279	1,890	491	15,071	15,621	29		1,207	49,727
77 Stony Plain	10,094	1,449	1,852	92	13,905	13,986	6,546		1,101	
78 Strathcona	9,804	634	1,619	230		15,082	6,030			
79 Strathmore-Brooks	9,539	1,623		212		14,133	8,512			56,211
80 Vermilion-Lloydminster	9,271	1,292		58		12,015	9,895			
81 West Yellowhead	8,211	1,533		760		9,356	3,503			40,592
82 Wetaskiwin-Camrose	9,377	1,038	1,819	682		12,878	3,151			46,528
83 Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	8,953	1,036	1,619	208		11,257	11,341		1,574	53,613
TOTAL	759,538		131,037		1,123,208	1,073,229				3,915,652

Enumeration Expenses – Fees and Associated Costs

The following information directly relates to the numbered columns presented on pages 7 and 8 in the table entitled 2004 General Enumeration Cost Summary by Electoral Division:

Returning Officers

- 1. Honorarium, basic fee, fee payment for names recorded on the List of Electors, attendance at the Chief Electoral Officer's training sessions, training of enumeration officials, revisions to maps and employer contributions.
- 2. Meals, accommodation and travel.
- 3. Office and equipment rental, training space rental, telephone expenses, map preparation, printing and miscellaneous costs.
- 4. Support staff and travel.

Enumerators

- Basic and instructional fee.
- 6. Fee payment for names and addresses recorded on the Lists of Electors.
- 7. Travel (based on the rate of 38 cents per kilometre).

Data Entry Operators

- 8. Fee payment for names and addresses recorded on the Lists of Electors and instruction fee.
- 9. Expense for use of personal computers, printing and the Internet.

Enumeration Fees and Expenses Regulation, August 2004 (Extract)

A **Returning Officer** may be paid the following:

- a) a monthly honorarium of \$115;
- b) a fee of \$1,465 for each year in which the register of electors is updated through an enumeration plus 15¢ per name included on the register of electors;
- c) a fee of \$185 per day for each day of attendance at a sitting to revise the register of electors prepared following an enumeration;
- d) a fee of \$170 per day for each day of attendance at training sessions called by the Chief Electoral Officer;
- e) a fee of \$370 for training staff to conduct an enumeration;
- f) when required to travel on official business, the rates prescribed in the Public Service Subsistence, Travel and Moving Expenses Regulation made under the Public Service Act:
- g) a supplemental fee of \$20 for every 100 kilometres, or portion thereof, traveled in excess of the first 100 kilometres of travel during an enumeration or an election;
- h) if a Returning Officer
 - elects to use the Returning Officer's personal residence as an office, a maximum rental of \$450 per month with a rental period not exceeding 2 months, unless otherwise approved by the Chief Electoral Officer, or
 - ii. elects to use commercial space as an office, the most economical rate available with a rental period not exceeding 2 months, unless otherwise approved by the Chief Electoral Officer;
- i) a fee of \$675 for revisions to the electoral division map showing subdivision boundaries and to the register of electors when directed by the Chief Electoral Officer; and
- j) an additional fee of \$675 for the review of the electoral division map and register of electors performed after an Electoral Boundaries Commission Report.

An **Enumerator** may be paid the following:

- a) a basic fee of \$115;
- b) a fee of 56¢ per name included in the register of electors;
- c) a fee of \$50 for attending a class of instruction;
- d) a fee of \$30 for verifying the accuracy of the revised register of electors;
- e) when required to travel on official business, the rates prescribed in the Public Service Subsistence, Travel and Moving Expenses Regulation; and
- f) a supplemental fee of \$10 for every 100 kilometres, or portion thereof, traveled in excess of the first 100 kilometres of travel during an enumeration.

A **Data Entry Operator** may be paid the following:

- a) a fee of \$17 for every complete poll entered;
- b) a fee of 14¢ per name included in the list of electors for specific polling subdivisions:
- c) a fee of \$30 for a self-training session; and
- d) when required to travel on official business, the rates prescribed in the *Public Service Subsistence, Travel and Moving Expenses Regulation.*

The following additional fees and expenses may be paid:

- a) telephone installation, service and toll charges at prevailing rates, on submission of the invoices or receipts for the installation, service and toll charges;
- b) support staff, including but not limited to messengers, special constables and interpreters, at a rate approved by the Chief Electoral Officer:
- c) printing costs for lists of electors, proclamations, ballots, forms and any other printing or photocopying required by a returning officer, at the most economical commercial rate available; and
- d) costs for the collection and the data entry of address based information at a rate approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.

If, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, an emergency exists, or circumstances for which no adequate provision of fees exists, the Chief electoral Officer may fix the appropriate fee for the situation.

Note: Two fees were deemed to be required by the Chief Electoral Officer under this section during the 2004 General Enumeration:

- i. a fee of 25¢ per new address collected in which no electors were resident; and
- ii. a Data Entry Operator fee of \$15 per poll for adding new addresses in which no electors were resident.

The fees under this Regulation may be prorated at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer for an enumeration of only part of an electoral division.

Points of Interest

Approximately 640,000 electors indicated that their address and personal information held in the Register was correct and could be confirmed without any changes. In effect, only one-third of overall Register data was still correct after the four years between the previous enumeration and the 2004 Provincial General Enumeration.

124,377 electors remained at the same address but indicated that changes were needed to their personal information. Enumerators recorded changes to names, dates of birth, telephone numbers, and genders.

644,572 electors were deleted from the address at which they were recorded in the Register.

471,257 electors were added to the Register or were recorded at a new address. They included electors who had moved, turned eighteen, attained the citizenship or residency requirements, and those who had been missed during the 2000 Confirmation Process.

250,959 new residential addresses were added to the Register in the transition to an address-based Register. Addresses without electors were collected for the first time to prepare for future data collection.

The October 2004 Lists of Electors had grown by 6.7% between August 2000 and August 2004. That exceeds the overall population growth of 6.5% for that period, indicating that Register quality continues to improve.

It is essential to collect basic personal information to identify electors in order to revise the Register electronically. This information is provided by electors on an optional basis. Following the conclusion of the enumeration, 83.4% of electors had provided dates of birth and 95.6% had provided gender information. This information is used internally for administrative purposes, and does not appear on Lists of Electors. Appropriate safeguards have been established to ensure that private information is kept strictly confidential.

Telephone numbers, which are also provided on an optional basis, were provided for 85.7% of electors. This information is very useful in verification of Register information, especially where the distance between residences is significant.

It is interesting to note that the percentage of optional information provided has increased in all areas (birth dates, genders, telephone numbers) since 2000 when elector data was last confirmed through a door-to-door process. This may be due to the increased awareness and acceptance of the Permanent Register that has developed over time, in response to advertising and education efforts.

Various Register statistics, by electoral division, are displayed on pages 13 to 19.

Table 2: Contacts

Electoral Division	Residences in the	Residences contacted	Percentage of
Electoral Division	Electoral Division	during Enumeration	Contact Rate
01 Dunvegan-Central Peace	8,987	8,544	95.1%
02 Calgary-Bow	15,735	14,602	92.8%
03 Calgary-Buffalo*	22,243	19,725	88.7%
04 Calgary-Cross	12,287	11,150	90.7%
05 Calgary-Currie	22,366	16,703	74.7%
06 Calgary-East	13,708	12,181	88.9%
07 Calgary-Egmont	17,063	16,114	94.4%
08 Calgary-Elbow	17,416	15,473	88.8%
09 Calgary-Fish Creek	13,484	13,038	96.7%
10 Calgary-Foothills	14,886	13,297	89.3%
11 Calgary-Fort	15,063	13,682	90.8%
12 Calgary-Glenmore	14,881	14,259	95.8%
13 Calgary-Hays	14,243	13,680	96.0%
14 Calgary-Lougheed	14,447	14,020	97.0%
15 Calgary-Mackay	16,055	14,645	91.2%
16 Calgary-McCall	13,654	12,412	90.9%
17 Calgary-Montrose	12,024	11,590	96.4%
18 Calgary-Mountain View	21,859	18,788	86.0%
19 Calgary-North Hill	16,227	14,214	87.6%
20 Calgary-North West	19,704	17,998	91.3%
21 Calgary-Nose Hill	14,033	12,763	90.9%
22 Calgary-Shaw	14,798	13,662	92.3%
23 Calgary-Varsity	16,895	15,530	91.9%
24 Calgary-West	19,929	17,433	87.5%
25 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	14,865	13,309	89.5%
26 Edmonton-Calder	15,854	13,903	87.7%
27 Edmonton-Castle Downs	15,688	15,335	97.7%
28 Edmonton-Centre	24,702	17,880	72.4%
29 Edmonton-Decore	13,977	12,914	92.4%
30 Edmonton-Ellerslie	13,753	13,240	96.3%
31 Edmonton-Glenora	17,090	14,417	84.4%
32 Edmonton-Gold Bar	18,337	15,956	87.0%
33 Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	16,889	14,734	87.2%
34 Edmonton-Manning	14,689	13,807	94.0%
35 Edmonton-McClung	15,446	12,713	82.3%
36 Edmonton-Meadowlark	15,177	13,709	90.3%
37 Edmonton-Mill Creek	14,907	12,841	86.1%
38 Edmonton-Mill Woods	14,040	13,013	92.7%
39 Edmonton-Riverview	15,241	13,719	90.0%
40 Edmonton-Rutherford	15,506	13,857	89.4%
41 Edmonton-Strathcona	20,863	16,846	80.7%
42 Edmonton-Whitemud	18,681	17,412	93.2%

^{*}Figures include data received from the National Register of Electors provided by Elections Canada.

Table 2: Contacts

Electoral Division	Residences in the Electoral Division	Residences contacted during Enumeration	Percentage of Contact Rate	
43 Airdrie-Chestermere	16,625	16,099	96.8%	
44 Athabasca-Redwater	13,682	13,297	97.2%	
45 Banff-Cochrane	13,694	12,489	91.2%	
46 Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	12,849	12,162	94.7%	
47 Battle River-Wainwright	12,184	11,950	98.1%	
48 Bonnyville-Cold Lake	11,281	10,307	91.4%	
49 Cardston-Taber-Warner	10,082	9,742	96.6%	
50 Cypress-Medicine Hat	12,333	11,932	96.7%	
51 Drayton Valley-Calmar	10,891	10,205	93.7%	
52 Drumheller-Stettler	12,821	11,800	92.0%	
53 Foothills-Rocky View	11,012	10,709	97.2%	
54 Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	18,084	14,481	80.1%	
55 Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	14,949	14,166	94.8%	
56 Grande Prairie-Smoky	13,916	12,176	87.5%	
57 Grande Prairie-Wapiti	13,885	11,793	84.9%	
58 Highwood	13,071	12,666	96.9%	
59 Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	14,355	13,325	92.8%	
60 Lac La Biche-St. Paul	10,832	9,997	92.3%	
61 Lacombe-Ponoka	15,242	14,278	93.7%	
62 Leduc-Beaumont-Devon	14,373	13,725	95.5%	
63 Lesser Slave Lake	10,769	10,362	96.2%	
64 Lethbridge-East	16,196	15,551	96.0%	
65 Lethbridge-West	16,434	15,196	92.5%	
66 Little Bow	10,708	10,029	93.7%	
67 Livingstone-Macleod	15,402	13,396	87.0%	
68 Medicine Hat	17,270	15,643	90.6%	
69 Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	12,932	11,998	92.8%	
70 Peace River	10,181	9,126	89.6%	
71 Red Deer-North	15,001	12,697	84.6%	
72 Red Deer-South	17,097	15,971	93.4%	
73 Rocky Mountain House	12,621	11,892	94.2%	
74 Sherwood Park	13,729	13,387	97.5%	
75 Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	14,870	14,045	94.5%	
76 St. Albert	16,196	15,122	93.4%	
77 Stony Plain	12,865	12,532	97.4%	
78 Strathcona	14,197	13,212	93.1%	
79 Strathmore-Brooks	14,487	13,936	96.2%	
80 Vermilion-Lloydminster	13,332	12,502	93.8%	
81 West Yellowhead	11,931	9,944	83.3%	
82 Wetaskiwin-Camrose	15,114	14,621	96.7%	
83 Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	12,294	11,235	91.4%	
Totals:	1,237,479	1,124,804	90.9%	

Table 3: Number of Names on Lists of Electors Following the Enumeration and Accuracy of Lists of Electors

Electoral Division	Number of Names on	Number of Names on	Accuracy of
Electoral Division	October 2004 List ¹	March 2005 List ²	October 2004 List ³
01 Dunvegan-Central Peace	14,839	15,048	98.6%
02 Calgary-Bow	26,487	26,997	98.1%
03 Calgary-Buffalo	23,211 ⁴	24,098	96.3%
04 Calgary-Cross	21,602	22,026	98.1%
05 Calgary-Currie	22,680	24,261	93.5%
06 Calgary-East	21,887	22,463	97.4%
07 Calgary-Egmont	26,806	26,988	99.3%
08 Calgary-Elbow	24,997	25,683	97.3%
09 Calgary-Fish Creek	25,822	25,955	99.5%
10 Calgary-Foothills	26,705	27,272	97.9%
11 Calgary-Fort	22,561	23,017	98.0%
12 Calgary-Glenmore	25,283	25,536	99.0%
13 Calgary-Hays	24,379	24,724	98.6%
14 Calgary-Lougheed	25,718	26,033	98.8%
15 Calgary-Mackay	27,361	27,887	98.1%
16 Calgary-McCall	20,670	21,816	94.7%
17 Calgary-Montrose	21,654	21,893	98.9%
18 Calgary-Mountain View	25,637	27,085	94.7%
19 Calgary-North Hill	21,992	22,779	96.5%
20 Calgary-North West	31,815	32,615	97.5%
21 Calgary-Nose Hill	22,846	23,233	98.3%
22 Calgary-Shaw	25,761	26,120	98.6%
23 Calgary-Varsity	25,048	25,617	97.8%
24 Calgary-West	29,890	30,894	96.8%
25 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	22,627	23,311	97.1%
26 Edmonton-Calder	22,461	23,226	96.7%
27 Edmonton-Castle Downs	28,356	28,901	98.1%
28 Edmonton-Centre	20,001	21,747	92.0%
29 Edmonton-Decore	24,036	24,515	98.0%
30 Edmonton-Ellerslie	22,798	23,319	97.8%
31 Edmonton-Glenora	21,757	23,050	94.4%
32 Edmonton-Gold Bar	24,115	25,002	96.5%
33 Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	21,558	22,569	95.5%
34 Edmonton-Manning	24,529	24,859	98.7%
35 Edmonton-McClung	23,845	24,848	96.0%

¹This represents the number of names on the Lists of Electors after elector information was confirmed, revised, added and deleted during the August 28 to September 12 door-to-door Enumeration.

²This includes the number of names on the Lists of Electors from the Enumeration, with the addition of elector information collected throughout the Revisions Period and on Polling Day, and following the deletion of duplicated, relocated and deceased electors.

³The percentage of names of electors on the March 2005 Lists of Electors that were included on the October 2004 Lists. Additional comments on accuracy appear on page 32.

⁴This includes names of 5,135 electors from the National Register of Electors provided by Elections Canada.

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Floring Division	Number of Names on	Number of Names on	Accuracy of
Electoral Division	October 2004 List ¹	March 2005 List ²	October 2004 List ³
36 Edmonton-Meadowlark	23,073	23,572	97.9%
37 Edmonton-Mill Creek	23,269	24,365	95.5%
38 Edmonton-Mill Woods	22,524	23,100	97.5%
39 Edmonton-Riverview	23,645	24,747	95.5%
40 Edmonton-Rutherford	23,211	23,868	97.2%
41 Edmonton-Strathcona	22,028	24,096	91.4%
42 Edmonton-Whitemud	30,078	31,027	96.9%
43 Airdrie-Chestermere	29,382	29,938	98.1%
44 Athabasca-Redwater	23,320	23,739	98.2%
45 Banff-Cochrane	20,467	21,095	97.0%
46 Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	22,172	22,650	97.9%
47 Battle River-Wainwright	20,097	20,190	99.5%
48 Bonnyville-Cold Lake	17,704	18,022	98.2%
49 Cardston-Taber-Warner	18,672	18,867	99.0%
50 Cypress-Medicine Hat	21,695	21,887	99.1%
51 Drayton Valley-Calmar	18,388	19,017	96.7%
52 Drumheller-Stettler	20,063	20,571	97.5%
53 Foothills-Rocky View	21,143	22,435	94.2%
54 Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	25,578	26,292	97.3%
55 Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	24,177	24,655	98.1%
56 Grande Prairie-Smoky	21,044	21,748	96.8%
57 Grande Prairie-Wapiti	21,527	22,089	97.5%
58 Highwood	22,591	23,281	97.0%
59 Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	23,419	23,855	98.2%
60 Lac La Biche-St. Paul	17,909	18,269	98.0%
61 Lacombe-Ponoka	24,977	26,127	95.6%
62 Leduc-Beaumont-Devon	26,343	26,661	98.8%
63 Lesser Slave Lake	18,660	18,914	98.7%
64 Lethbridge-East	25,944	26,150	99.2%
65 Lethbridge-West	23,408	24,176	96.8%
66 Little Bow	19,295	19,649	98.2%
67 Livingstone-Macleod	21,430	22,253	96.3%
68 Medicine Hat	25,107	25,459	98.6%
69 Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	21,291	21,928	97.1%
70 Peace River	16,567	16,993	97.5%
71 Red Deer-North	21,625	22,276	97.1%

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³The percentage of names of electors on the March 2005 Lists of Electors that were included on the October 2004 Lists. Additional comments on accuracy appear on page 32.

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Electoral Division	Number of Names on	Number of Names on	Accuracy of
Liectoral Division	October 2004 List ¹	March 2005 List ²	October 2004 List ³
72 Red Deer-South	26,748	27,146	98.5%
73 Rocky Mountain House	20,868	21,339	97.8%
74 Sherwood Park	26,088	26,309	99.2%
75 Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	26,816	27,435	97.7%
76 St. Albert	28,191	28,731	98.1%
77 Stony Plain	24,978	25,799	96.8%
78 Strathcona	26,891	27,605	97.4%
79 Strathmore-Brooks	25,237	25,368	99.5%
80 Vermilion-Lloydminster	21,472	21,600	99.4%
81 West Yellowhead	16,710	17,571	95.1%
82 Wetaskiwin-Camrose	23,593	23,967	98.4%
83 Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	20,101	20,625	97.5%
Totals:	1,931,250	1,982,843	97.4%

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³The percentage of names of electors on the March 2005 Lists of Electors that were included on the October 2004 Lists. Additional comments on accuracy appear on page 32.

Table 4: Optional Information Contained in the Register

	Electors	Electors Date of Birth		Gender		Telephone	
Electoral Division	(October 2004)	Received		Received		Numbers Received	
01 Dunvegan-Central Peace	14,839	12,513	84.33%	14,291	96.31%		90.50%
02 Calgary-Bow	26,487	18,714	70.65%	24,463	92.36%	20,064	75.75%
03 Calgary-Buffalo	23,211	18,920	81.51%	18,639	80.30%	13,149	*56.65%
04 Calgary-Cross	21,602	14,487	67.06%	19,989	92.53%		74.72%
05 Calgary-Currie	22,680	16,451	72.54%	20,952	92.38%	16,122	71.08%
06 Calgary-East	21,887	15,594	71.25%	21,349	97.54%	16,748	76.52%
07 Calgary-Egmont	26,806	24,442	91.18%	26,504	98.87%	24,832	92.64%
08 Calgary-Elbow	24,997	18,050	72.21%	23,552	94.22%	20,855	83.43%
09 Calgary-Fish Creek	25,822	22,299	86.36%	25,193	97.56%	24,257	93.94%
10 Calgary-Foothills	26,705	20,248	75.82%	25,863	96.85%	22,296	83.49%
11 Calgary-Fort	22,561	18,728	83.01%	21,953	97.31%		88.15%
12 Calgary-Glenmore	25,283	21,623	85.52%	24,891	98.45%	22,633	89.52%
13 Calgary-Hays	24,379	22,276	91.37%	24,087	98.80%	22,601	92.71%
14 Calgary-Lougheed	25,718	22,200	86.32%	25,507	99.18%		91.44%
15 Calgary-Mackay	27,361	20,777	75.94%	25,160	91.96%	22,532	82.35%
16 Calgary-McCall	20,670	11,698	56.59%	19,780	95.69%		69.66%
17 Calgary-Montrose	21,654	18,468	85.29%	21,154	97.69%	19,919	91.99%
18 Calgary-Mountain View	25,637	18,710	72.98%	23,651	92.25%		78.29%
19 Calgary-North Hill	21,992	16,232	73.81%	20,860	94.85%	17,058	77.56%
20 Calgary-North West	31,815	27,372	86.03%	30,896	97.11%		90.91%
21 Calgary-Nose Hill	22,846	18,449	80.75%	22,212	97.22%	19,523	85.45%
22 Calgary-Shaw	25,761	23,336	90.59%	25,643	99.54%	24,341	94.49%
23 Calgary-Varsity	25,048	19,764	78.90%	24,163	96.47%	20,957	83.67%
24 Calgary-West	29,890	21,147	70.75%	27,502	92.01%	23,004	76.96%
25 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	22,627	17,756	78.47%	21,678	95.81%	17,146	75.78%
26 Edmonton-Calder	22,461	18,010	80.18%	20,843	92.80%	17,825	79.36%
27 Edmonton-Castle Downs	28,356	25,095	88.50%	28,054	98.93%	25,361	89.44%
28 Edmonton-Centre	20,001	17,028	85.14%	19,530	97.65%	15,502	77.51%
29 Edmonton-Decore	24,036	18,859	78.46%	23,160	96.36%	21,085	87.72%
30 Edmonton-Ellerslie	22,798	18,714	82.09%	21,814	95.68%	18,599	81.58%
31 Edmonton-Glenora	21,757	19,399	89.16%	21,121	97.08%	19,338	88.88%
32 Edmonton-Gold Bar	24,115	20,409	84.63%	23,010	95.42%	20,789	86.21%
33 Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	21,558	17,278	80.15%	20,604	95.57%	17,056	79.12%
34 Edmonton-Manning	24,529	21,296	86.82%	23,815	97.09%	21,798	88.87%
35 Edmonton-McClung	23,845	19,870	83.33%	20,659	86.64%	19,061	79.94%
36 Edmonton-Meadowlark	23,073	18,157	78.69%	22,137	95.94%	18,444	79.94%
37 Edmonton-Mill Creek	23,269	19,677	84.56%	22,319	95.92%	20,941	90.00%
38 Edmonton-Mill Woods	22,524	19,217	85.32%	21,363	94.85%	18,406	81.72%
39 Edmonton-Riverview	23,645	19,428	82.17%	22,123	93.56%	19,436	82.20%
40 Edmonton-Rutherford	23,211	20,438	88.05%	22,592	97.33%	20,173	86.91%
41 Edmonton-Strathcona	22,028	16,392	74.41%	19,411	88.12%	15,499	70.36%
42 Edmonton-Whitemud	30,078	25,829	85.87%	29,185	97.03%	27,339	90.89%

^{*}Data from the National Register of Electors provided by Elections Canada does not include telephone numbers.

Table 4: Optional Information Contained in the Register

Electoral Division	Electors	Electors Date of Birth (October 2004) Received		Gender Received		Telephone Numbers Received	
	(October 2004)						
43 Airdrie-Chestermere	29,382	22,784	77.54%	25,138	85.56%	23,733	80.77%
44 Athabasca-Redwater	23,320	21,917	93.98%	23,158	99.31%	21,693	93.02%
45 Banff-Cochrane	20,467	15,960	77.98%	19,237	93.99%	16,291	79.60%
46 Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	22,172	20,074	90.54%	21,515	97.04%	20,330	91.69%
47 Battle River-Wainwright	20,097	17,756	88.35%	19,215	95.61%	18,496	92.03%
48 Bonnyville-Cold Lake	17,704	16,188	91.44%	17,416	98.37%	15,895	89.78%
49 Cardston-Taber-Warner	18,672	17,062	91.38%	18,490	99.03%	17,676	94.67%
50 Cypress-Medicine Hat	21,695	19,712	90.86%	21,301	98.18%	20,378	93.93%
51 Drayton Valley-Calmar	18,388	16,575	90.14%	17,620	95.82%	16,505	89.76%
52 Drumheller-Stettler	20,063	17,923	89.33%	19,317	96.28%		93.30%
53 Foothills-Rocky View	21,143	16,514	78.11%		92.08%	18,585	87.90%
54 Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	25,578	21,287	83.22%	25,327	99.02%	20,874	81.61%
55 Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	24,177	22,608	93.51%	24,017	99.34%	22,647	93.67%
56 Grande Prairie-Smoky	21,044	16,770	79.69%	19,736	93.78%		81.39%
57 Grande Prairie-Wapiti	21,527	18,961	88.08%	21,063	97.84%	19,646	91.26%
58 Highwood	22,591	20,247	89.62%	22,229	98.40%	21,143	93.59%
59 Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	23,419	21,982	93.86%	23,155	98.87%	22,360	95.48%
60 Lac La Biche-St. Paul	17,909	15,950	89.06%	17,251	96.33%	16,500	92.13%
61 Lacombe-Ponoka	24,977	22,268	89.15%	24,312	97.34%	23,341	93.45%
62 Leduc-Beaumont-Devon	26,343	23,334	88.58%	25,388	96.37%		93.03%
63 Lesser Slave Lake	18,660	12,421	66.56%	15,854	84.96%	10,919	58.52%
64 Lethbridge-East	25,944	23,471	90.47%	25,817	99.51%	23,726	91.45%
65 Lethbridge-West	23,408	18,277	78.08%	21,878	93.46%	19,032	81.31%
66 Little Bow	19,295	16,306	84.51%	18,611	96.46%	16,589	85.98%
67 Livingstone-Macleod	21,430	15,173	70.80%	17,966	83.84%	15,563	72.62%
68 Medicine Hat	25,107	21,445	85.41%	24,516	97.65%	21,875	87.13%
69 Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	21,291	17,474	82.07%	20,673	97.10%	18,694	87.80%
70 Peace River	16,567	14,339	86.55%		95.88%	14,368	86.73%
71 Red Deer-North	21,625	17,889	82.72%		97.36%		88.51%
72 Red Deer-South	26,748	22,353	83.57%		95.87%		86.92%
73 Rocky Mountain House	20,868	18,638	89.31%		97.11%		92.86%
74 Sherwood Park	26,088	23,886	91.56%		98.92%		94.27%
75 Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	26,816	24,519	91.43%		98.19%		91.66%
76 St. Albert	28,191	24,896	88.31%	27,428	97.29%		91.55%
77 Stony Plain	24,978	20,630	82.59%		94.52%	21,350	85.48%
78 Strathcona	26,891	23,942	89.03%		96.17%		90.29%
79 Strathmore-Brooks	25,237	22,695	89.93%		98.83%		91.21%
80 Vermilion-Lloydminster	21,472	19,194	89.39%		98.09%		92.19%
81 West Yellowhead	16,710	13,559	81.14%		92.38%	13,297	79.58%
82 Wetaskiwin-Camrose	23,593	21,213	89.91%		98.01%		90.92%
83 Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	20,101	17,470	86.91%		95.94%		84.95%
Totals:	· ·			•		1,655,279	