



Medicine Hat  
The Gas City



***CITY OF  
MEDICINE HAT  
2009 CENSUS  
FINAL REPORT***



***“It was a roll of the dice... due to the economic times!”***

*City Clerk Department  
August 17, 2009*

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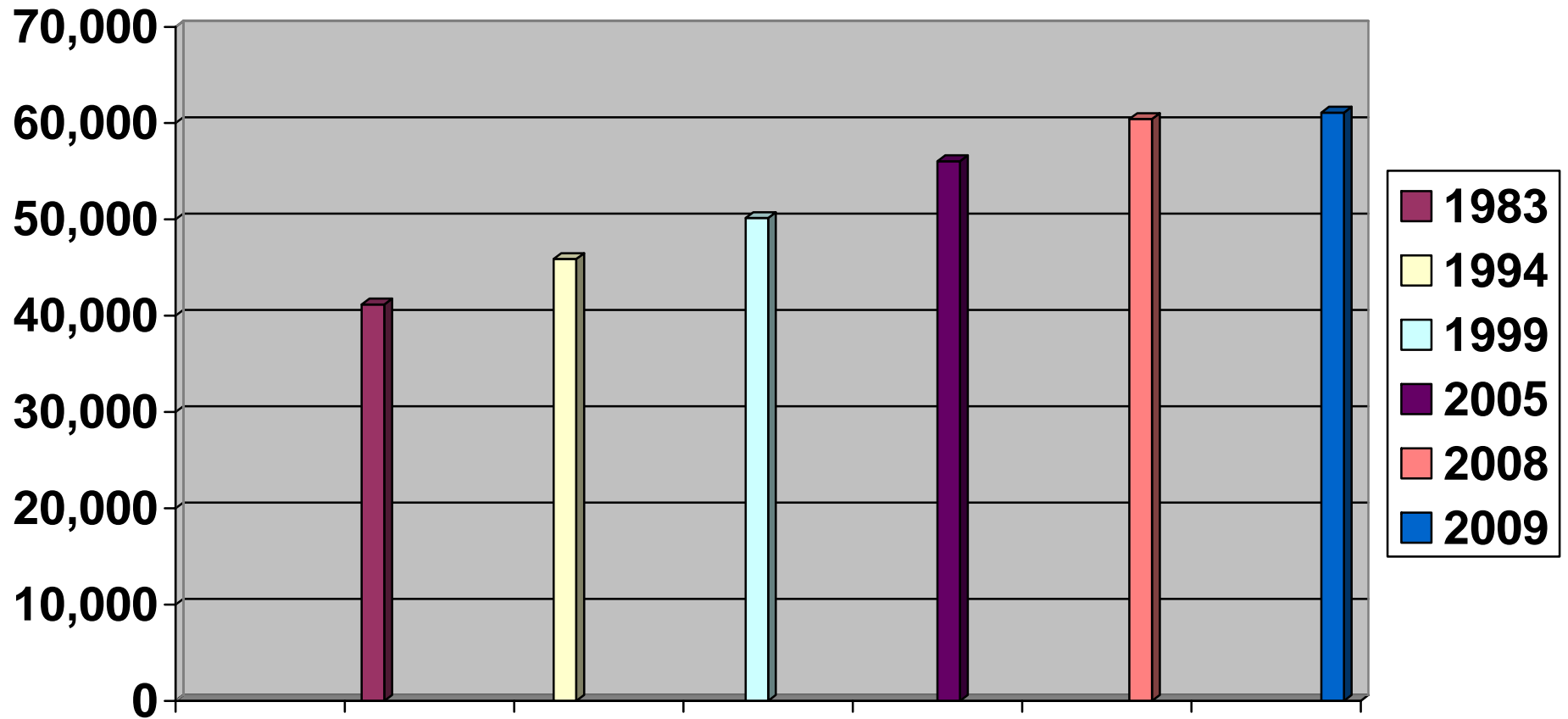
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# 61,097

Official Population Count  
As Of June 1, 2009

# 1983 to 2009 Population Growth





# CENSUS COORDINATOR AND TEAM LEADER'S REPORT



# 2009 Census Coordinator and Team Leader's Report

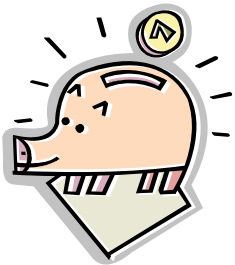
## INTRODUCTION

The City of Medicine Hat's 2009 Census was conducted from June 1 to 30, 2009.

The population of Medicine Hat continues to increase.

The new population figure is **61,097** or 671 persons or 1.1%.

The main benefits of conducting a 2009 census are:



**A significant annual increase in per capita grants (estimated to be in the \$300,000 range) and**



Important/detailed demographic information for a wide variety of analysis/study

All of the tests we performed confirms that the population figure is likely accurate within 1% to 2%.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Project Team was composed of 35 census takers, the Information and Computer Services Department, Mail/Print Room, Transit (the digital advertising on the buses was seen by many/many residents), Business Development Officer and the entire City Clerk Department, as well as Saamis Immigration Services Association.

Every census brings its own set of challenges and this year, they ranged from weather, replacing census takers due to illness, to repeat call backs. In addition, the  $\pm$  1,355 unoccupied dwelling residents was reflected by the June, 2009 rental vacancy rate of 4.8% and the dramatic drop in house starts.

Once again, thousands of residents cooperated and mailed, delivered, phoned or sent call back information by e-mail or facsimile transmission (fax). We thank them and look forward to providing an on line service capability for the next census. The new call back form worked very well.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# CENSUS DIVISION ANALYSIS

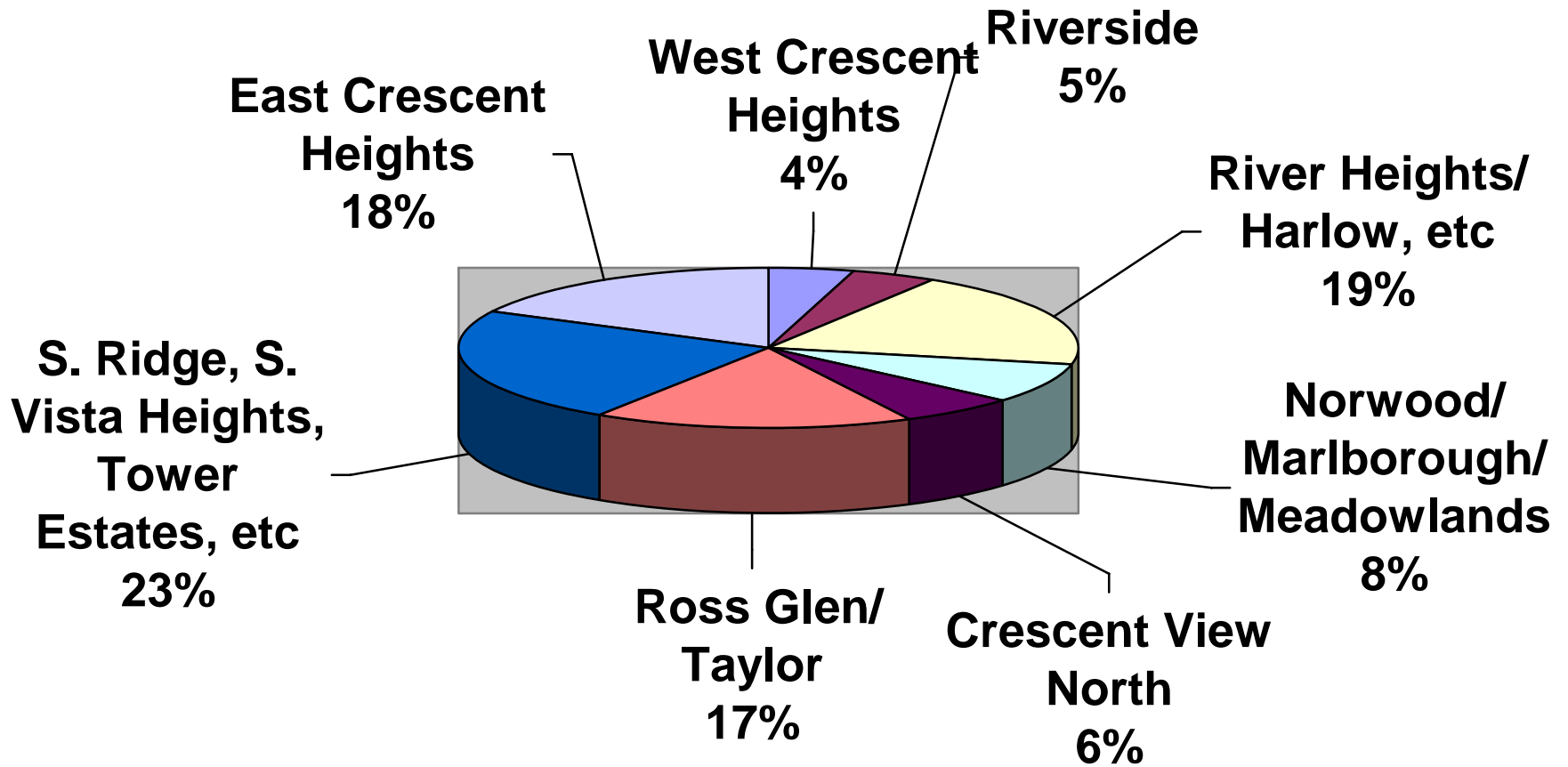




**2009 CENSUS - Division Analysis**

<b>GENERAL CENSUS AREAS</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
West Crescent Heights	2,743	2,510	2,687	2,696
East Crescent Heights	7,238	8,540	10,343	10,772
Riverside	2,137	2,860	2,714	2,761
River Heights/Harlow, South East & West Hill, Kensington, Downtown & Flats	11,742	11,815	12,395	11,824
Norwood including Marlborough/ Meadowlands	4,524	4,828	4,919	4,878
Crescent View North of Southview Drive, East of Dunmore Road	3,979	3,871	3,895	3,838
Ross Glen, South East of Southview Drive East of Dunmore Road	11,164	10,564	10,172	10,187
South Ridge, South Vista Heights, Saamis Heights, & Rural Area including Tower Estates	6,625	11,060	13,301	14,141
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50,152</b>	<b>56,048</b>	<b>60,426</b>	<b>61,097</b>

2009 ANALYSIS BY DIVISIONS



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### West Crescent Heights

- The population has been relatively the same for many years.

### East Crescent Heights

- increased by 429 persons that reflects the continued development north of 20<sup>th</sup> Street (Northlands) and the Ranchlands Subdivision.

### River Heights/Harlow/South East and West Hill, Kensington/Downtown and Flats

- the drop of 571 is likely due to the increased vacancies.

### Ross Glen/Taylor

- it was noted, this area had little change in 2008 and 2009 after the drop in 2005.

### South Ridge/South Vista Heights/Saamis Heights

- this part of the city continues to be the other growth area with an increase of 840 persons. . . . with more to come when construction increases.

Note: East Crescent Heights and South of the Trans Canada Highway now total 41% of the population count.



# CENSUS ANALYSIS BY AGE CATEGORY AND GENDER



## 2009 Census Overview - by Age Categories (Male/Female Combined)

	<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Birth to 1 year	1,333	2	1,331	2
2 years	743	1	819	1
3 years	751	1	737	1
4 years	726	1	800	1
5 years to 14 years	7,137	12	7,062	12
15 years to 19 years	3,843	6	3,782	6
20 years to 24 years	4,381	8	4,302	7
25 years to 44 years	17,165	29	16,896	28
45 years to 54 years	9,037	15	9,181	15
55 years to 64 years	6,132	10	6,659	11
65 years to 74 years	4,430	7	4,704	8
75 years to 84 years	3,418	6	3,377	6
85 years and over	<u>1,330</u>	<u>2*</u>	<u>1,320</u>	<u>2</u>
Ages not provided/available			<u>127</u>	
	<b><u>60,426</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>	<b><u>61,097</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

\* Does include a small number of residents who would not give their age category

## INTERESTING FACTS!!!

### 1999

- 33% are under 24 years
- 30% are between 25 and 44 years
- 37% are over 45 years

### 2005

- 32% are under 24 years
- 28% are between 25 and 44 years
- 40% are over 45 years

### 2008

- 31% are under 24 years
- 29% are between 25 and 44 years
- 40% are over 45 years

### 2009

- 31% are under 24 years
- 28% are between 25 and 44 years
- 41% are over 45 years

## 2009 Census Overview - Age Categories (By Male and Female Genders)

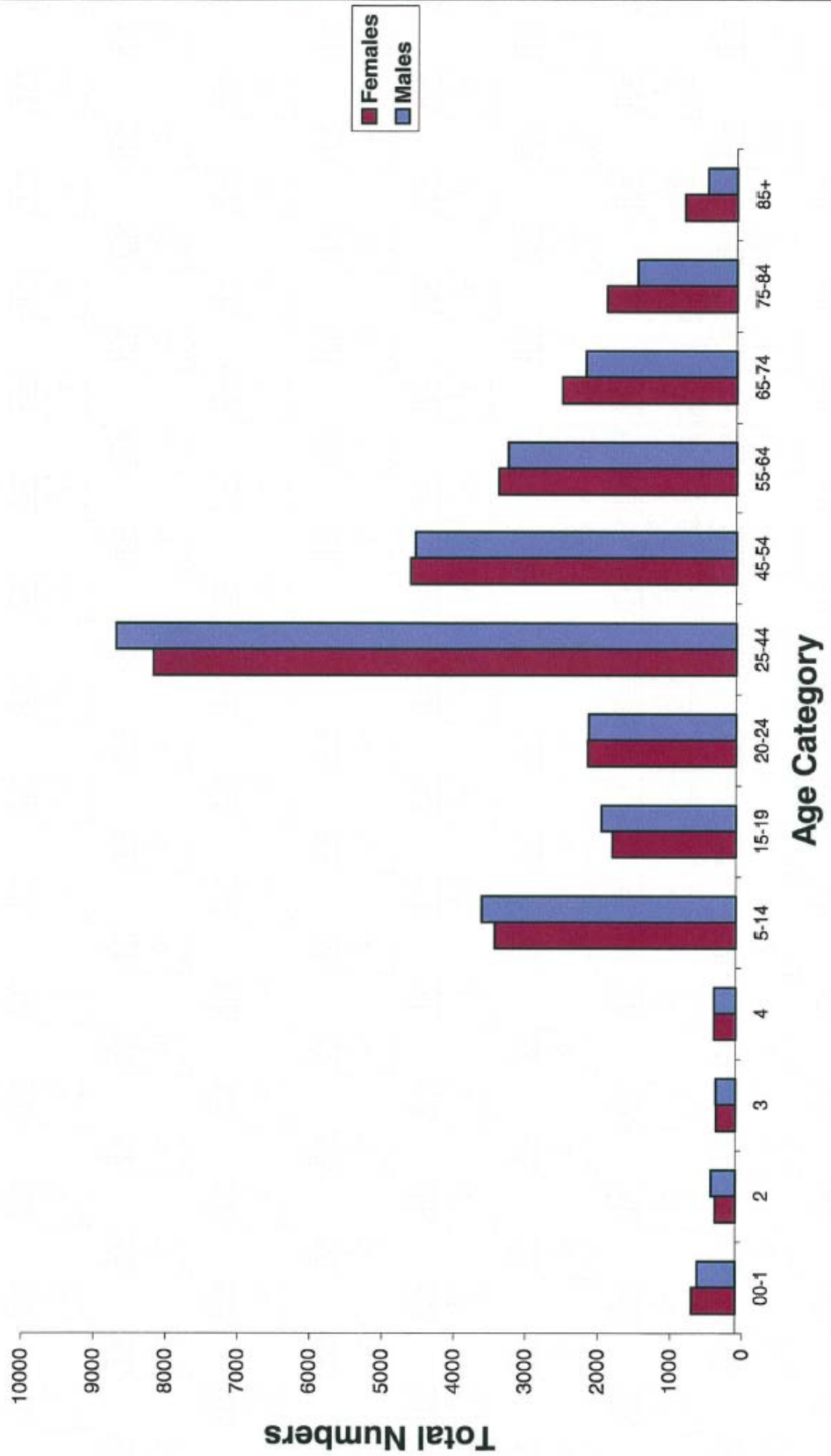
	Male	Female
Birth to 1 year	627	704
2 years	439	380
3 years	372	365
4 years	400	400
5 years to 14 years	3,621	3,441
15 years to 19 years	1,968	1,814
20 years to 24 years	2,144	2,158
25 years to 44 years	8,707	8,189
45 years to 54 years	4,559	4,622
55 years to 64 years	3,264	3,395
65 years to 74 years	2,191	2,513
75 years to 84 years	1,476	1,901
85 years and over	502	818
Ages not provided/available	63	64
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	30,333	30,764

**2009**

**THERE ARE MORE FEMALES THAN  
MALES!**

- Females 51%
- Males 49%

# Medicine Hat Population Pyramid For June 1, 2009 Census

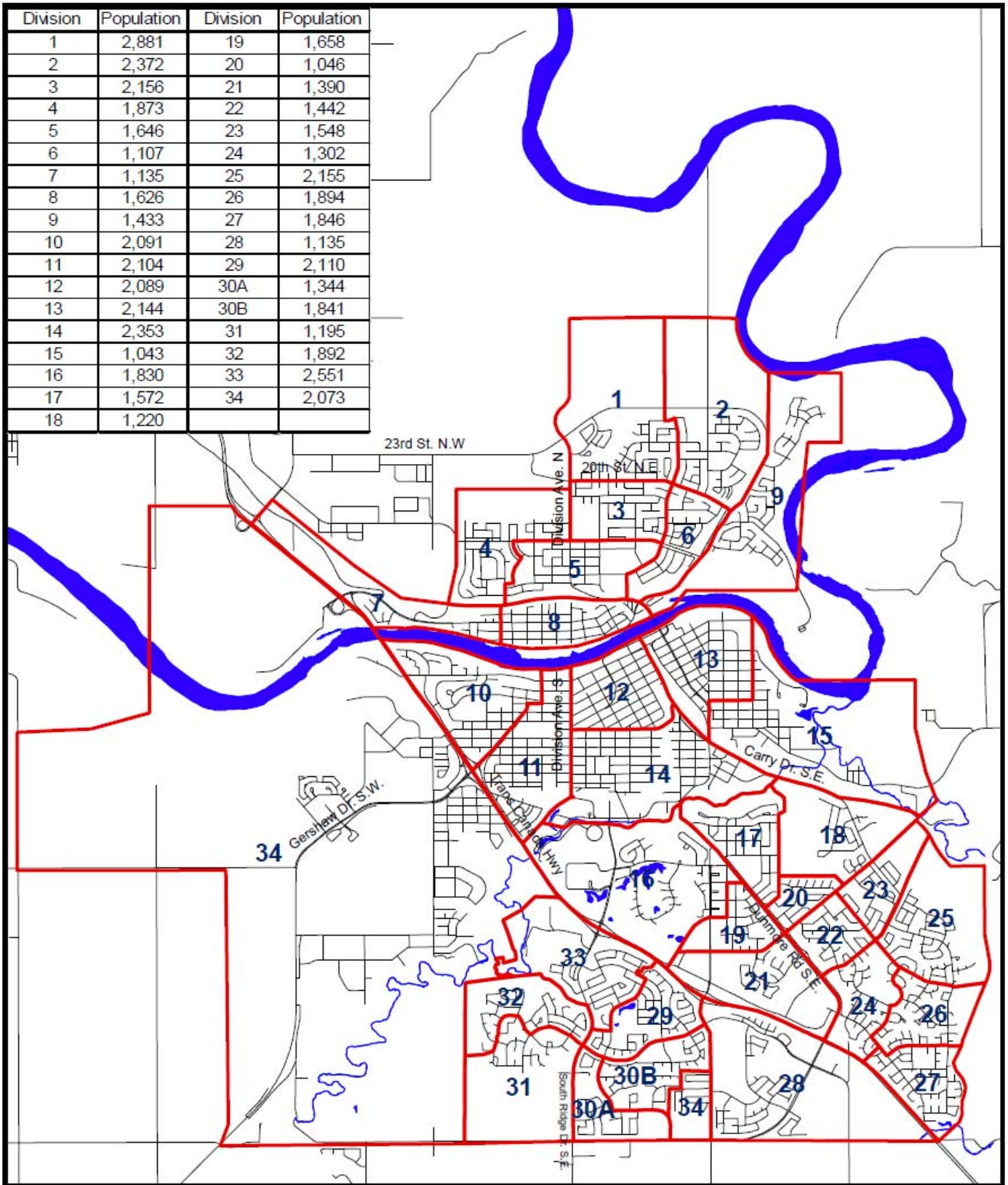




**Appendix A**  
**2009 Census Divisions**

**CITY of MEDICINE HAT 2009 CENSUS DIVISIONS**

Division	Population	Division	Population
1	2,881	19	1,658
2	2,372	20	1,046
3	2,156	21	1,390
4	1,873	22	1,442
5	1,646	23	1,548
6	1,107	24	1,302
7	1,135	25	2,155
8	1,626	26	1,894
9	1,433	27	1,846
10	2,091	28	1,135
11	2,104	29	2,110
12	2,089	30A	1,344
13	2,144	30B	1,841
14	2,353	31	1,195
15	1,043	32	1,892
16	1,830	33	2,551
17	1,572	34	2,073
18	1,220		



## Appendix B Historical Population Statistics

### YEAR      POPULATION

1901.....	1,570	1969 (Estimated).....	26,000
1906.....	3,020	1970.....	26,228
1911.....	5,606	1972.....	27,430
1916.....	9,272	1974.....	28,152
1921.....	9,634	1975.....	30,174
1926.....	9,536	1976.....	33,220
1931.....	10,300	1979.....	36,356
1936.....	9,592	1980.....	37,684
1941.....	10,571	1981 (May).....	39,934
1945.....	12,859	1981 (June - Federal) ..	40,380
1951.....	16,364	1983 (June).....	41,167
1952.....	17,000	1984 (January).....	41,493
1954 (June).....	18,285	1985 (June).....	41,717
1956 (June).....	20,122	1986 (May).....	42,182
1957 (June).....	20,247	1986 (June Federal) ....	41,804
1958 (June).....	21,079	1988 (June).....	42,290
1959 (May).....	21,743	1990 (June).....	42,929
1960 (May).....	23,172	1991 (June - Federal) ..	43,635
1961 (May).....	24,015	1992 (May).....	43,807
1962 (May).....	24,621	1994 (June).....	45,892
1963 (May).....	25,109	1996 (May - Federal) ..	46,785
1964 (May).....	25,271	1999 (June).....	50,152
1965 (May).....	25,376	2001 (May - Federal) ..	51,249
1967 (June).....	24,988	2005 (June).....	56,048
1968 (June).....	25,713	2006 (May – Federal) ..	56,997
		2008 (May).....	60,426
		2009 (June).....	61,097

