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Fast facts

There are
161,000
jobs in the Centre City

(Place of Work Survey, 2011)

The average commute to work is
12 km

(Transportation, 2015)

Calgary's unemployment rate is
10.2%

(Statistics Canada, October 2016)

It's critical for The City to understand how Calgarians are employed and where their work is located. Because these are the places we travel to every day, our daily commutes are the source of the greatest stress on our transportation network. Since our city's growth is directly tied to our economy, we need to understand how employment is changing in Calgary so that we can better plan for the future.

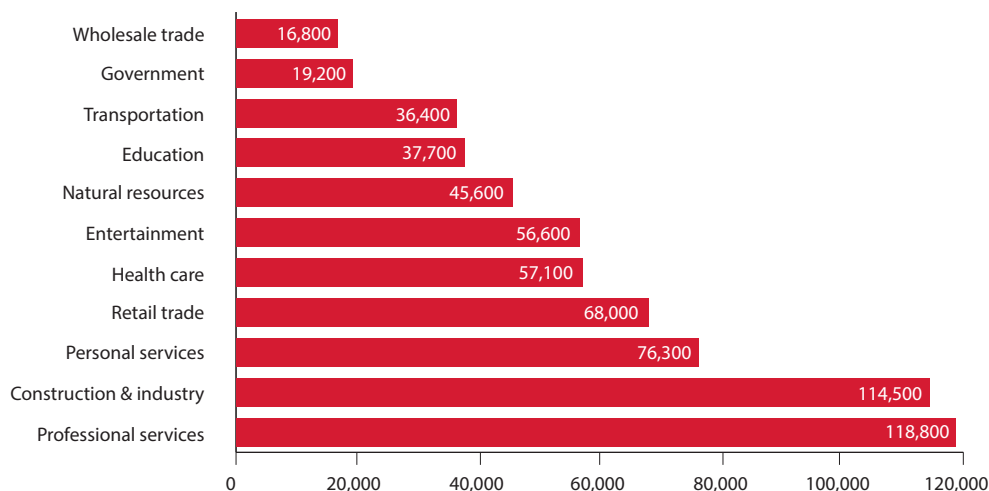
Working in Calgary

Over the past decade hundreds of thousands of new residents have come to Calgary, many attracted by our economic growth, high-paying jobs, and affordable quality of life. Most of these migrants have been young workers, which has resulted in Calgary having a relatively low median age (36.3 years) and a high labour force participation rate (72.2 per cent of population).

In 2011, there were an estimated 647,000 jobs in Calgary. The professional service, construction, and manufacturing sectors accounted for the largest share. Most workers perform tasks related to sales, services, business, or finance-related occupations.

Additional information is being collected this year on occupation and industry of employment, so we'll be able to look at more recent trends this fall.

Jobs by industrial sector, 2011



Jobs by type



50%
Office



23%
Sales and service

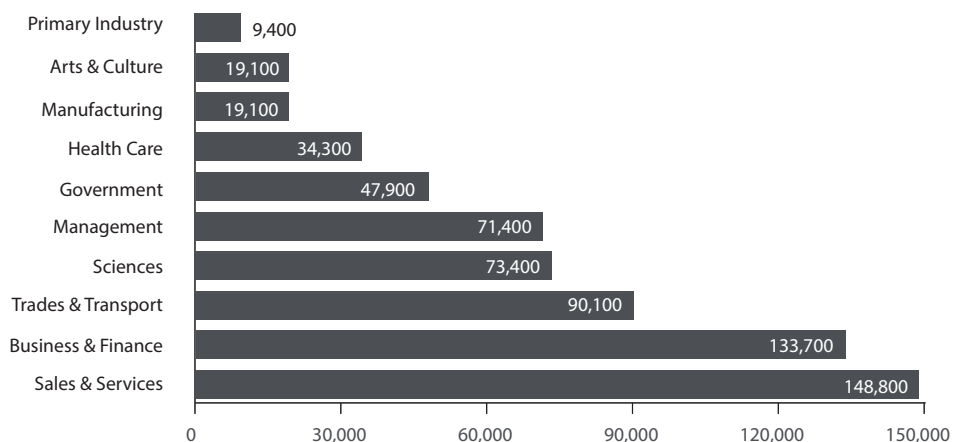


18%
Industrial



8%
Institutional

Jobs by occupation, 2011



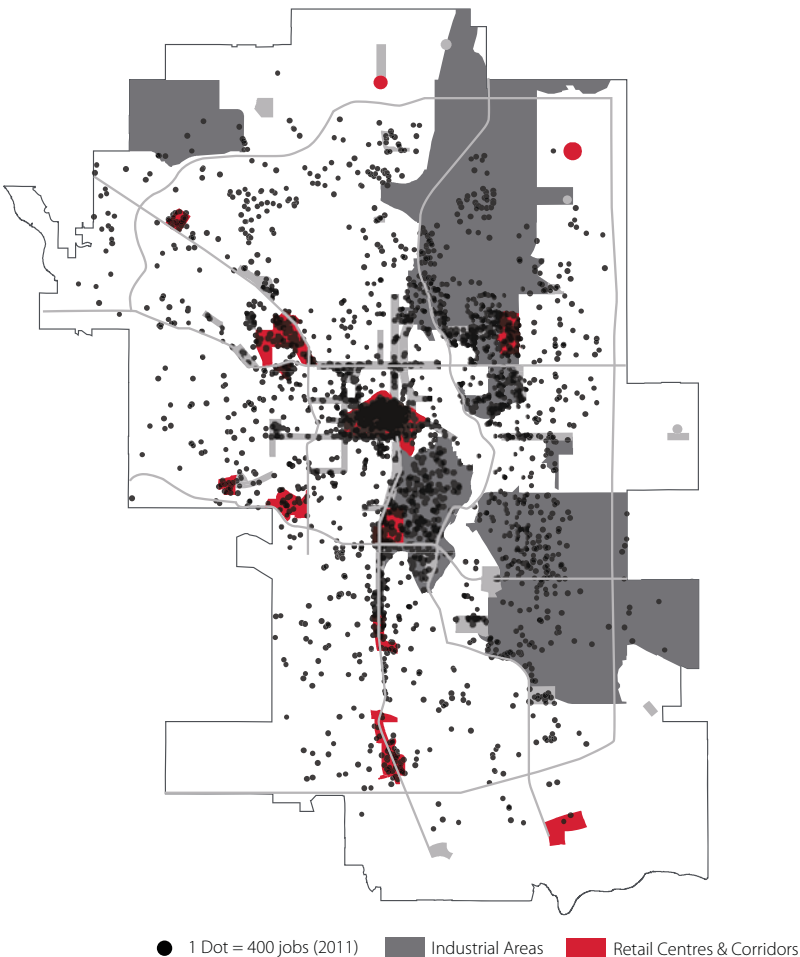
Where are jobs located in Calgary?

Our places of work are much more concentrated than where we live. This map shows job locations from the 2011 Place of Work Survey.

The city's employment locations are evenly split into four locations, with each capturing roughly 25%:

- Centre City
- Calgary's 4 major industrial areas
- Retail streets and major shopping centres
- Spread across the rest of the city

Because at least half the jobs in the city are in concentrated areas, it will be possible to make them more accessible by more frequent, high-quality transit service. Building more mixed-use activity centres should allow more Calgarians to live close to where they work.



Job density

Different land use designations permit different building types, which in turn house different numbers of employees. Since The City has a long-term goal of intensifying our employment areas, it's important to take a look at how that could be accomplished with our existing land use bylaw.

Industrial areas tend to have the lowest density of employment, while office employees are usually more concentrated. Encouraging more office uses at Calgary's activity centres can help to offset low retail densities and, when combined with residential development, can reduce traffic congestion in these high-demand areas.

