



Bedford

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Bedford is a bustling hub of Halifax Regional Municipality’s Suburban Area. The area operated as the Town of Bedford prior to the creation of the Halifax Regional Municipality in 1996. Over time the community has developed as a vibrant community, well serviced by many local businesses, services and amenities.

While it has undergone significant change, the community still retains its heritage through historic landmarks and heritage properties. Bedford has a variety of housing options including single-unit homes, townhouses and multi-unit buildings. Over the years, Bedford has undergone periods of rapid growth and expansion. Parks, green spaces and waterfront access along the Bedford Basin all contribute to Bedford’s many options for recreation.

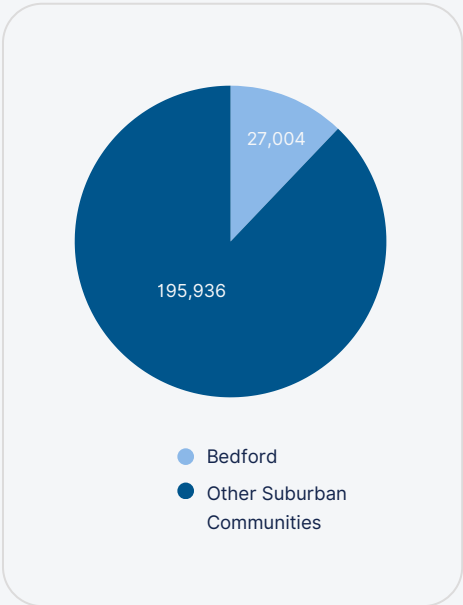
Population

Census 2021



12%

Bedford's share of the total Suburban Area population (222,940).



2024 Estimate

27,004

Total Bedford population in 2021

31,231

Estimated Bedford population in 2024

Approximately 13.5% growth between 2021 – 2024.

Age

2024 Estimate

Average age
40.7 years



0-14

17%



15-64

65%



65+

18%

Identity

Census 2021

Indigenous

615 2.3%

2.3% of Bedford residents identify as Indigenous.

Visible minority

6,053 22.6%

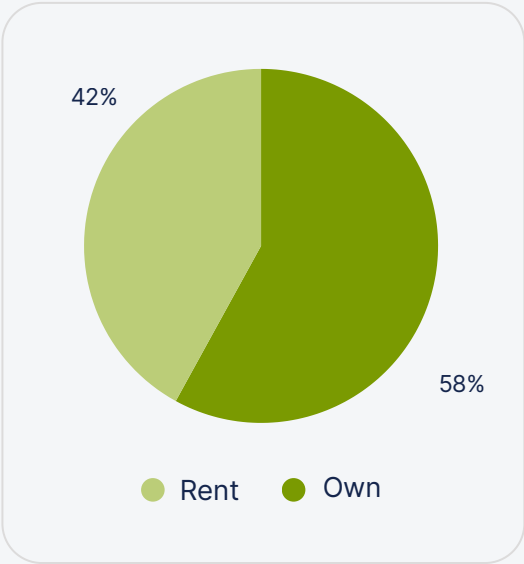
22.6% of Bedford residents identify as a visible minority.

Immigrant to Canada

5,133 19.2%

19.2% of Bedford residents identify as an immigrant to Canada.

A note on data sources: Data labelled *Census 2021* was sourced from the 2021 Statistics Canada census, while data labelled *2024 Estimate* was sourced from Environics population estimates. The next Statistic Canada census is expected to occur in 2026.



Household

Census 2021

\$122,355

Average household income



58%

Residents own their home

42%

Residents rent their home

Number of dwellings by building type



4,770 44.5%
Single-detached house



547 5.1%
Semi-detached house



718 6.7%
Row houses



141 1.3%
Apartment in a duplex



1,810 16.9%
Apartment (in building of < 5 storeys)



2,719 25.4%
Apartment (in building of 5 or more storeys)



0 0%
Moveable dwelling

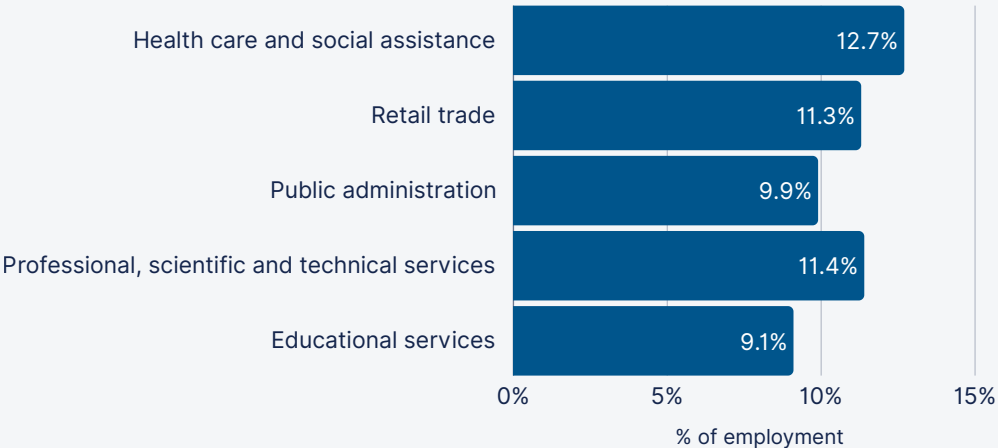


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Other single-attached house

Employment

Census 2021

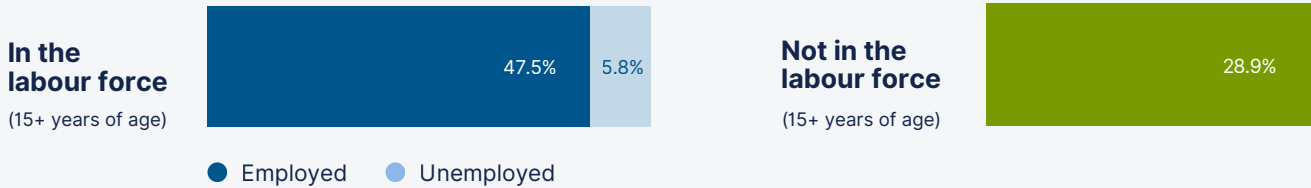
Top 5 industries employing Bedford residents



Rate of employment

Census 2021

As a percentage of total Bedford population



Transportation

Census 2021

Preferred mode of transportation to work



Personal vehicle
83% Driver
7% Passenger



Public transit
4%



Active Transportation /Other
6%