



Press Release

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City of Melfort outpaces Provincial growth

The population of Saskatchewan continued to grow in 2011 by a rate of 1.3%. Over the same period, the population of the City of Melfort has grown at a rate of 10%. Nearly 8 times the provincial average!

Covered health population figures released by the province earlier this month, showed the population of the City of Melfort has grown by 581 people, from 5,834 to an all time high of 6,415. Growth in the City of Melfort represented over 4% of the growth in the entire province in 2011.

“We knew that we have been growing, but the extent of the growth was surprising even to us.” stated Community Development Manager, Brent Lutz. “It is important to note that although Melfort leads the way for percentage growth in the region, we have not done so at the expense of our regional neighbors. Communities all throughout the North East have seen growth.”

Melfort’s trading area, which extends east to the Manitoba border, has increased by 2,718 people or 6%. The increase in the region amounts to 20% of the entire 2011 increase in the whole province of Saskatchewan. “Melfort now serves a trading area of nearly 47,000 people who rely on Melfort as a retail center and for personal or professional services.”

For more information refer to the attached report or contact the writer,

Trade Area Population		2010 Health	2011 Health	2011 Change	2011 % Change
Municipality	Type	Population	Population		Vs 2010 Health
Melfort	CY	5834	6415	581	9.96%
Tisdale	T	3919	4106	187	4.77%
Naicam	T	860	941	81	9.42%
Kinistino	T	652	788	136	20.86%
Star City	T	667	684	17	2.55%
James Smith 100	IRI	1506	1549	43	2.86%
Kinistin 91	IRI	423	433	10	2.36%
St. Brieux	VL	674	767	93	13.80%
Lake Lenore	VL	450	486	36	8.00%
Annaheim	VL	384	407	23	5.99%
Weldon	VL	188	246	58	30.85%
Pleasantdale	VL				
Ridgedale	VL	86	99	13	15.12%
Beatty	VL	63	68	5	7.94%
Yellow Creek	VL				
Valparaiso	VL				
Tisdale No. 427	RM	452	474	22	4.87%
Star City No. 428	RM	323	326	3	0.93%
Flett's Springs No. 429	RM	300	310	10	3.33%
Willow Creek No. 458	RM	757	695	-62	-8.19%
Kinistino No. 459	RM	668	593	-75	-11.23%
Connaught No. 457	RM	576	505	-71	-12.33%
Pleasantdale No. 398	RM	387	433	46	11.89%
Barrier Valley No. 397	RM	146	168	22	15.07%
Invergordon No. 430	RM	637	625	-12	-1.88%
Lake Lenore No. 399	RM	445	385	-60	-13.48%
Primary Trade Area		20397	21503	1106	5.42%

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Nipawin	T	5100	5485	385	7.55%
Birch Hills	T	1218	1451	233	19.13%
Porcupine Plain	T	1369	1443	74	5.41%
Chociceland	T	580	624	44	7.59%
Arborfield	T	556	565	9	1.62%
White Fox	VL	596	657	61	10.23%
Spalding	VL	334	390	56	16.77%
Codette	VL	426	424	-2	-0.47%
Bjorkdale	VL	368	400	32	8.70%
Zenon Park	VL	265	286	21	7.92%
Archerwill	VL	492	512	20	4.07%
Smeaton	VL	269	320	51	18.96%
Aylsham	VL	147	150	3	2.04%
Mistatim	VL	195	207	12	6.15%
Love	VL	124	136	12	9.68%
Yellowquill 90	IRI	698	791	93	13.32%
Torch River No. 488	RM	683	692	9	1.32%
Nipawin No. 487	RM	274	299	25	9.12%
Bjorkdale No. 426	RM	346	359	13	3.76%
Ponass Lake No. 367	RM	155	167	12	7.74%
Arborfield No. 456	RM	110	129	19	17.27%
Spalding No. 368	RM	167	172	5	2.99%
Secondary Trade Area		14472	15659	1187	8.20%
Hudson Bay	T	2432	2525	93	3.82%
Carrot River	T	1673	1738	65	3.89%
Kelvington	T	1109	1216	107	9.65%
Rose Valley	T	547	588	41	7.50%
Fosston	VL	117	112	-5	-4.27%
Weekes	VL	171	205	34	19.88%
Shoal Lake 28A	IRI	672	691	19	2.83%
Red Earth 29	IRI	1214	1251	37	3.05%
Hudson Bay No. 394	RM	344	363	19	5.52%
Moose Range No. 486	RM	334	333	-1	-0.30%
Porcupine No. 395	RM	336	352	16	4.76%
Kelvington No. 366	RM	156	156	0	0.00%
Tertiary Trade Area		9105	9530	425	4.67%
Total Trading Area		43974	46692	2718	6.18%
Provincial		1070477	1,084,127	13,650	1.28%
Trading Area Share		4.11%	4.31%	19.91%	484.73%
City of Melfort Share		0.54%	0.59%	4.26%	781.01%