

# We look forward to welcoming you!

The province of Alberta is growing increasingly diverse and Lethbridge is no exception!

The city is situated on traditional Blackfoot territory and is bordered by the Blood Reserve, the largest in Canada and home to the Blood (Kainai) Nation. As a result, First Nations culture is part of our heritage and woven into the fabric of the city.

Lethbridge also attracts immigrants from around the world. As of 2011, there were 12,420 immigrants living in Lethbridge, an increase of 13 per cent over 2006.

A welcoming and compassionate city, Lethbridge has also welcomed refugees fleeing turmoil around the globe, including Canada's largest population of Bhutanese refugees and hundreds of refugees from Syria. A new Multicultural Centre, operated by the Southern Alberta Ethnic Association, opened in 2016 and serves as a community hub for more than 30 ethno-cultural groups from across the region.

Lethbridge is also home to a vibrant and proud LGBT population. 2016's Lethbridge Pride Festival saw more than 8,000 people attend events including a parade, drag shows, family activities and more.

## Mother Tongue - Lethbridge CMA

Language	People
English	96,305
German	4,500
Dutch	2,025
Spanish	1,585
French	1,065
Filipino	1,055
Nepali	965
Cantonese	455

Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time the data was collected.

## Sources

Statistics Canada 2016 Census