Planning, Housing and Community Services produces year-end estimates of population and households (equivalent to occupied dwelling units) for the Region of Waterloo and its constituent municipalities. The base for these estimates is the 2016 Census of Canada. Building permit activity as reported by the municipalities was used to update this base. Vacancy rates (extrapolated from CMHC data), demolitions, university/college student enrollment, and assumptions about the average number of persons per dwelling unit (PPU) also influence the numbers. This year, previous estimates from 2016-2018 were revised upward due to new information about increasing population of non-permanent residents. Although based on the best information available, population and household numbers should always be regarded as estimates, not statements of fact.

Year-End 2019 Population and Household Estimates for the Region of Waterloo

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<tr>
<th>Region of Waterloo**</th>
<th>Cambridge</th>
<th>Kitchener</th>
<th>North Dumfries</th>
<th>Waterloo</th>
<th>Wellesley</th>
<th>Wilmot</th>
<th>Woolwich</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Population Year-end 2019*</td>
<td>617,870</td>
<td>139,350</td>
<td>261,610</td>
<td>10,790</td>
<td>146,010</td>
<td>11,590</td>
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<td>Population in Regular Households</td>
<td>598,250</td>
<td>136,930</td>
<td>257,260</td>
<td>10,660</td>
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<td>Population in Collective Dwellings***</td>
<td>19,620</td>
<td>2,430</td>
<td>4,360</td>
<td>130</td>
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<td>Total Population Year-end 2018*</td>
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<td>Additional Population</td>
<td>7,490</td>
<td>1,440</td>
<td>2,680</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>2,510</td>
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<td>Population Change 2018-2019 (%)</td>
<td>1.23%</td>
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<td>Households Year-end 2019*</td>
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<td>50,420</td>
<td>98,820</td>
<td>3,690</td>
<td>45,570</td>
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<td>Households Year-end 2018*</td>
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<td>97,830</td>
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<td>Household Change 2018-2019 (%)</td>
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<td>Persons per Unit+</td>
<td>2.73</td>
<td>2.72</td>
<td>2.60</td>
<td>2.89</td>
<td>2.95</td>
<td>3.38</td>
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<tr>
<td>Temporary Student Population (included above)</td>
<td>33,950</td>
<td>780</td>
<td>4,030</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>29,490</td>
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<td>(180)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Students Arriving</td>
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<td>2,620</td>
<td>8,020</td>
<td>170</td>
<td>31,030</td>
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<tr>
<td>Living in Student Residences</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>530</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>9,900</td>
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<td>Students Leaving++</td>
<td>(8,130)</td>
<td>(1,840)</td>
<td>(3,990)</td>
<td>(150)</td>
<td>(1,530)</td>
<td>(80)</td>
<td>(260)</td>
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* Based on available data from the 2016 Census, includes adjustments for recent residential development, students and other foreign/temporary residents, net Census undercount, and vacancy rates. Due various corrections and adjustments, direct comparison to previous years estimates are not valid.
** Municipal totals may not add due to independent rounding.
*** Collective dwellings include student residences, nursing homes, group homes, hospitals, larger lodging houses, etc.
+ 'Persons per Unit' (PPU) calculation is based on the 'Population in Regular Households', not on 'Total Population'.
++ These are students who leave home to attend school. They represent the reverse flow of the temporary students arriving in the Region from elsewhere.
Long-term Trends in Population and Households: Waterloo Region

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<th>Year-end</th>
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<td>Annual Growth</td>
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<td>630,900</td>
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|          | 5-year average | 1.61%     | 3,078     | 1.44%     |
|          | 15-year average | 8,013     | 1.58%     | 3,027     | 1.62%     |

For further information, please refer to Report PDL-CPL-20-11 “Year End 2019 Population and Household Estimates for the Region of Waterloo” at: [www.regionofwaterloo.ca](http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca) or contact us at:

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