



CARDSTON COUNTY

Community Overview

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Executive Summary

Cardston County is a very sparsely populated rural municipality whose recent profile is defined more by continuity than by rapid change. Its total population has held close to 5,000 over time, growing gradually through the 2010s, peaking in 2021, and then easing slightly before a small rebound in 2025. Population in private households also continued to rise, pointing to steady household formation rather than contraction. The county remains comparatively young for the region, with a median age of 36.4 in 2021, but its age structure is not uniformly youthful. Large school-age cohorts sit alongside noticeable growth among older residents, especially in the senior age groups, giving the county a mixed demographic profile rather than one dominated by only one stage of life.

That balance shows up in household and housing patterns as well. Family living arrangements remain central, especially couple households, but one-person households have increased quickly and now form a more visible part of the local mix. Larger households are still present in meaningful numbers, so the county combines a strong base of small households with an ongoing family-sized presence. Housing is overwhelmingly single-detached and strongly owner-oriented, with ownership rising while renting declined. Median dwelling values changed only modestly between 2016 and 2021, suggesting a relatively steady housing market, but shelter costs moved differently by tenure: owners faced notably higher monthly costs and stronger cost growth, while renter costs were lower and edged down. The result is a low-density housing landscape with limited structural variety and a clear emphasis on long-term, owner-occupied living.

The county's social and economic picture is similarly rooted but not static. Non-immigrants remain the clear majority, though the immigrant population grew faster over the most recent five-year period, adding incremental change to an otherwise stable resident base. Household incomes were spread across the distribution but showed stronger presence and growth in middle and upper-middle brackets, while educational attainment rose across several levels, led by high school and non-university postsecondary credentials. Employment rates were steady, and the local job base remained heavily concentrated in agriculture and related work, a pattern echoed in residents' occupations. Cardston County emerges as a stable, agricultural municipality with gradual demographic change, durable family and ownership patterns, and a population base that is spread out geographically but relatively steady in character.

Median Age

Cardston County's median age was 36.4 years in 2021, up 3.4% from 2016. It remains below 2011's 37.4 years, showing a decline before a partial rebound.

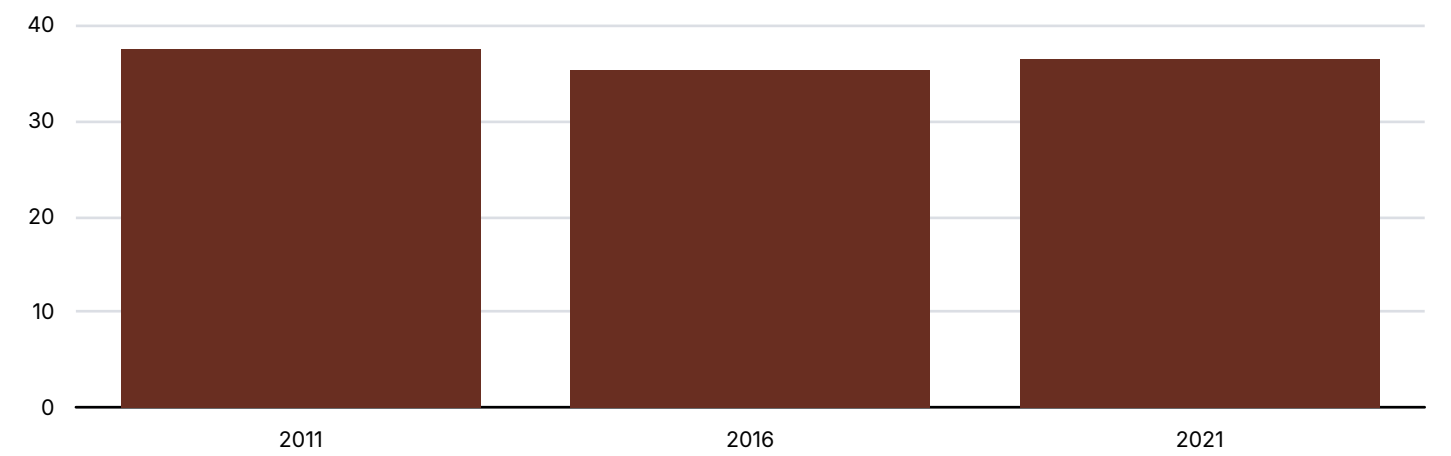


Figure 1.1: Shows the median age of residents. It helps indicate whether the population skews younger or older at the midpoint of the age distribution. (Cardston County, 2011-2021)¹

Cardston County's median age has shifted modestly over time, pointing to a population that remains in the mid-30s range. It was 37.4 years in 2011, fell to 35.2 years in 2016, then rose to 36.4 years in 2021. The five-year change from 2016 to 2021 was 3.4%, after a 5.9% decline in the prior five-year period. The pattern suggests a brief dip followed by a partial recovery rather than a steady trend in one direction.

Cardston County's median age was 36.4 years in 2021, down from 37.4 in 2011, after dipping to 35.2 in 2016. That places it among the younger places in the comparison set, below nearby Cardston at 40.8 and well under Claresholm at 56.8. It is closer to Glenwood at 42.8 than to the oldest communities shown, suggesting a comparatively younger population profile within the region.

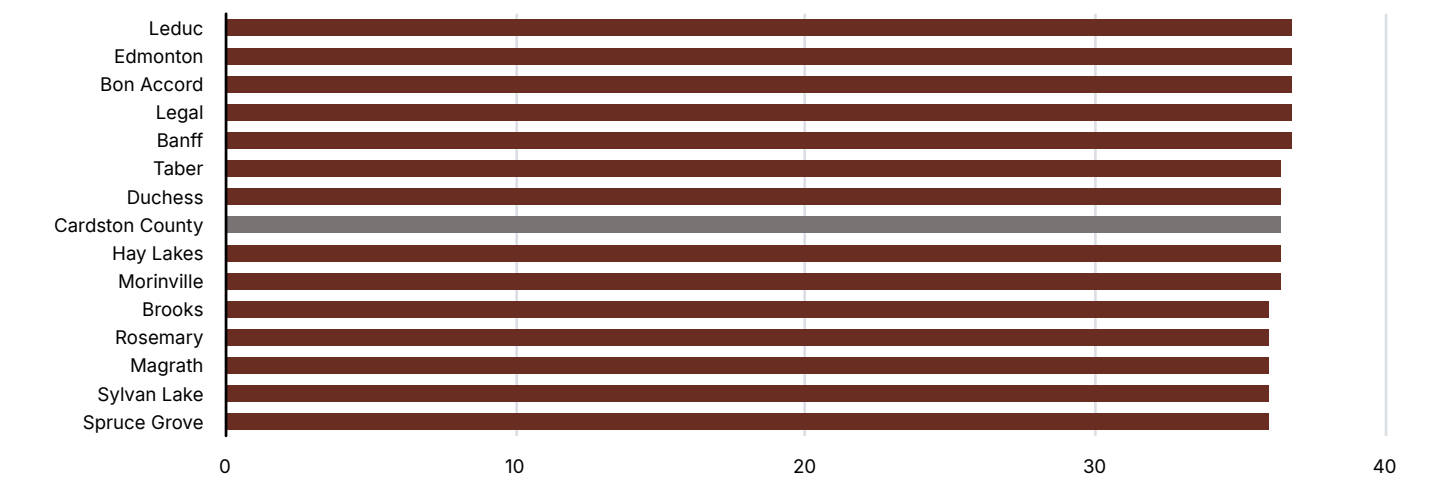


Figure 1.2: Comparison of Median Age with other locations (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Immigrant Status

Non-immigrants remained the largest group in Cardston County in 2021 at 3,065 people, up 5.2% from 2016. Immigrants rose to 255, while non-permanent residents fell to zero.

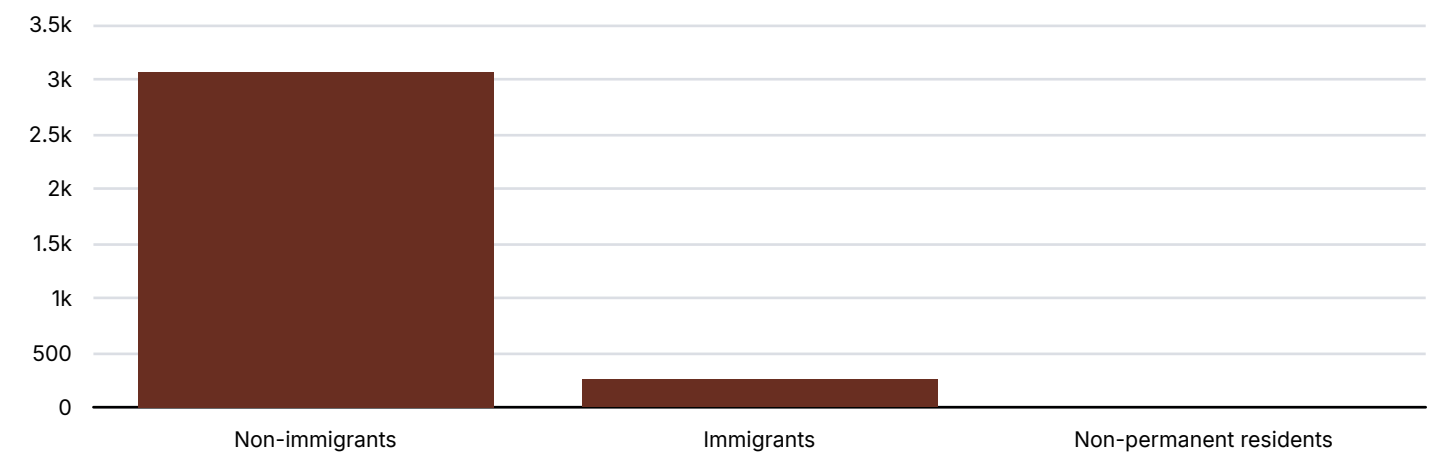
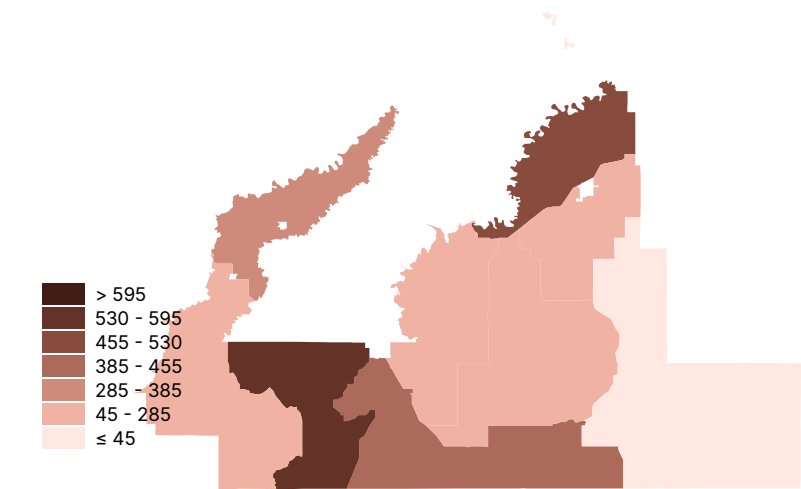


Figure 2.1: Shows whether residents are immigrants, non-permanent residents, or non-immigrants. It helps indicate the role of immigration in community growth and composition. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Cardston County's immigrant status profile in 2021 shows a population dominated by non-immigrants, with immigrants forming a smaller but growing share. Among residents in private households, the county had 3,065 non-immigrants and 255 immigrants, while non-permanent residents were not present. The five-year change points to different trends within the population. Non-immigrants increased by 5.2%, and immigrants grew faster, up 18.6%. With no non-permanent residents recorded, the county's composition appears relatively stable and centered on long-term residents. The faster growth among immigrants suggests that immigration is contributing to change, even if it remains a modest part of the total population. Taken together, the data show gradual growth with the strongest momentum in the immigrant population.



In 2021, Cardston County's population in private households was mostly non-immigrant, with immigrants a smaller but notable share. Non-permanent residents were absent. There were 3,065 non-immigrants and 255 immigrants, with the immigrant count up 18.6% over five years. Non-immigrants rose 5.2% in the same period. This pattern suggests immigration is present but secondary in the county's household population, while long-term residents make up the clear majority. The data points to modest immigrant growth alongside a stable non-immigrant base.

Figure 2.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Immigrant Status - Non-immigrants (Cardston County)¹

Total Population

Cardston County’s population reached 4,938 in 2025, up 0.28% from five years earlier. The county grew from 4,137 in 2006 to a peak of 4,987 in 2021 before easing slightly.

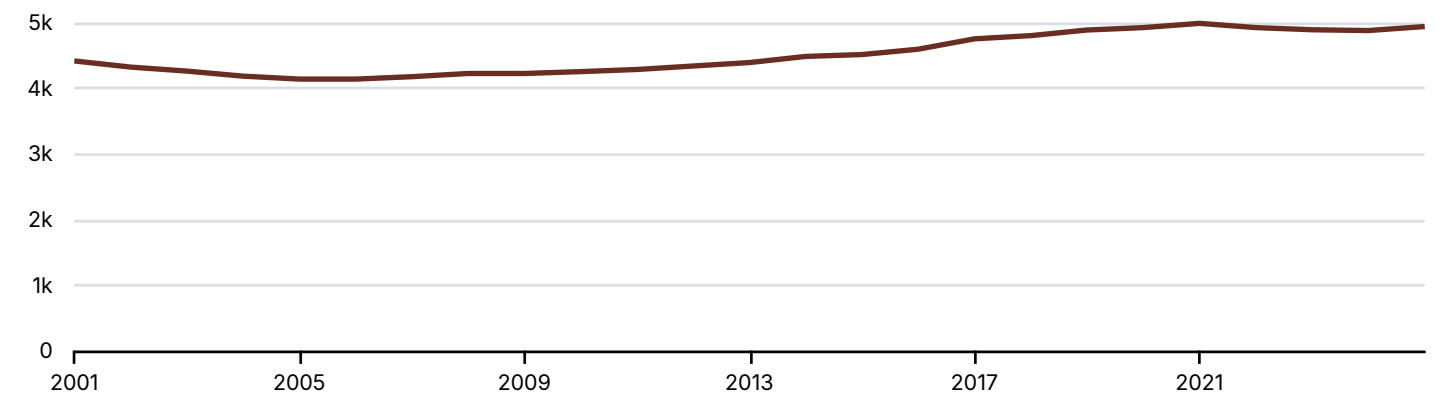


Figure 3.1: Shows the total number of people living in the area. It provides the basic population benchmark used across many other indicators. (Cardston County, 2001-2025)²

Cardston County’s total population has been fairly stable over the past quarter century, with a modest upward drift after an early decline. The county fell from 4,415 people in 2001 to 4,137 in 2005, then recovered steadily through the 2010s and early 2020s. It reached 4,987 in 2021, before easing to 4,876 in 2024 and 4,938 in 2025. That places the latest figure slightly above the 2001 level, suggesting gradual long-term growth rather than rapid change.

Cardston County’s total population has been broadly stable, with a modest rise over the long term and some recent softening. In 2025, it stood at 4,938 people, slightly above 2001’s 4,415. The county grew steadily through the 2010s, reaching 4,987 in 2021, before easing to 4,876 in 2024 and edging back up in 2025. Compared with Claresholm at 4,242 and Fort Macleod at 3,945 in 2025, Cardston County remains larger than either peer. The pattern points to a rural population base that has expanded gradually, then levelled off, rather than shifting sharply in either direction.

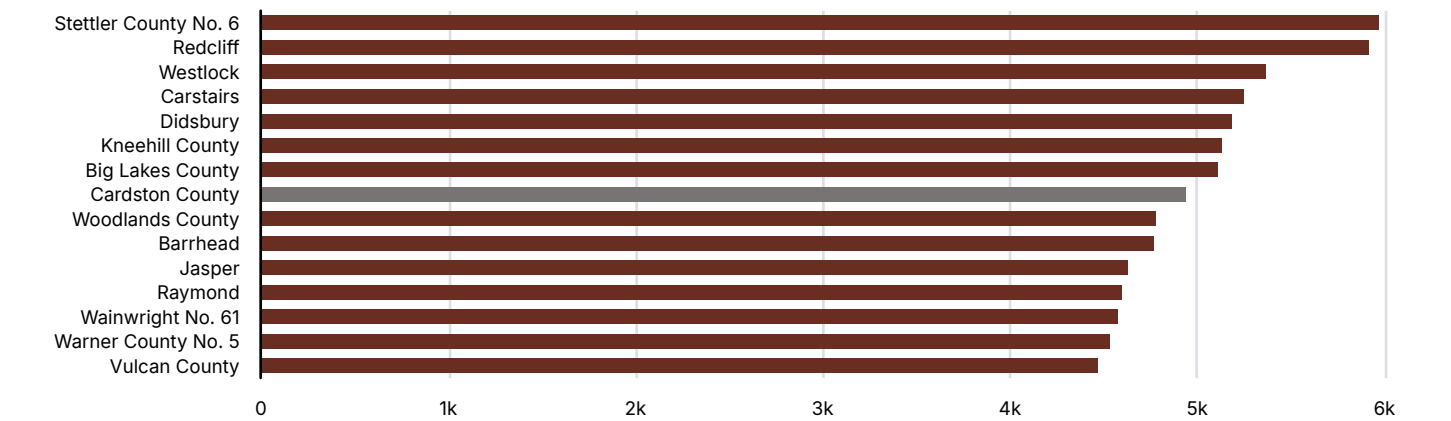


Figure 3.2: Comparison of Total Population with other locations (Cardston County, 2025)²

Median Dwelling Value

Cardston County's median dwelling value was \$348,000 in 2021, up 1.9% from \$341,452 in 2016. The five-year increase was \$6,548, showing a small rise over the period.



Figure 4.1: Shows the median value of residential dwellings. It helps indicate the typical price point in the local ownership housing market. (Cardston County, 2016-2021)¹

Cardston County's median dwelling value was \$348,000 in 2021, measured among owner households in non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings. That places the county's typical ownership housing price at a fairly defined level, with the 2021 figure providing the clearest snapshot of the local market. The median value was \$341,452 in 2016, so it increased by 1.9% over five years. The change was modest rather than sharp, suggesting relative stability in the county's dwelling values during that period.

Cardston County's median dwelling value was \$348,000 in 2021, up from \$341,452 in 2016, a 1.9% increase among owner households in non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings. That puts the county above nearby places such as Cardston (\$280,000), Claresholm and Glenwood (\$250,000 each), and Fort Macleod (\$240,000), while still below Pincher Creek No. 9 (\$400,000) and Willow Creek No. 26 (\$360,000). The pattern suggests a relatively high but fairly stable housing value level in the local market.

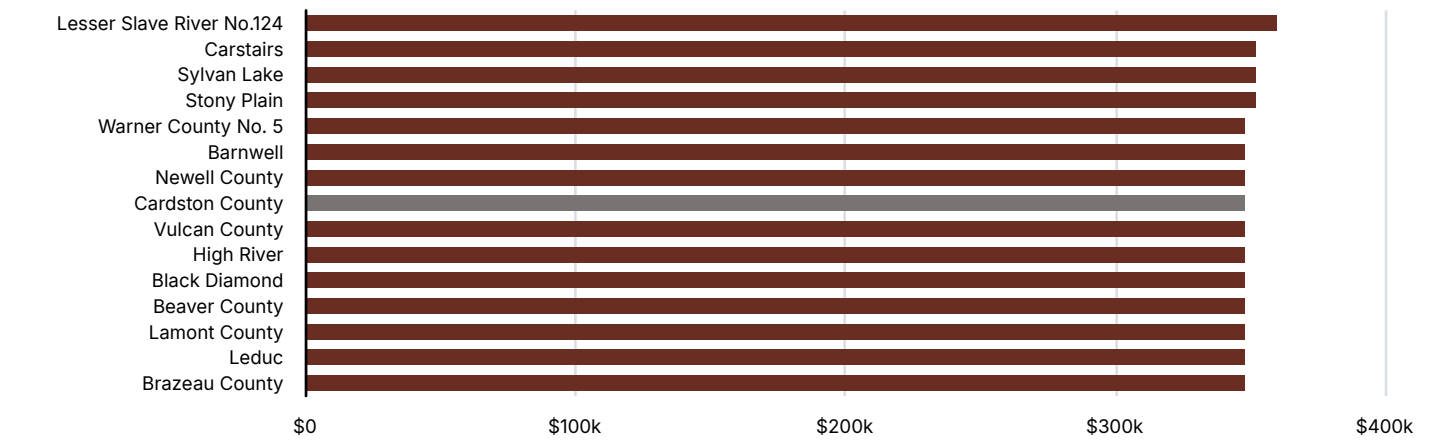


Figure 4.2: Comparison of Median Dwelling Value with other locations (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Household Type

Couple-family households without children were the largest group in Cardston County in 2021 at 455 households, up 3.4% from 2016. One-person households followed at 210, while two-or-more-person non-census-family households tripled to 15.

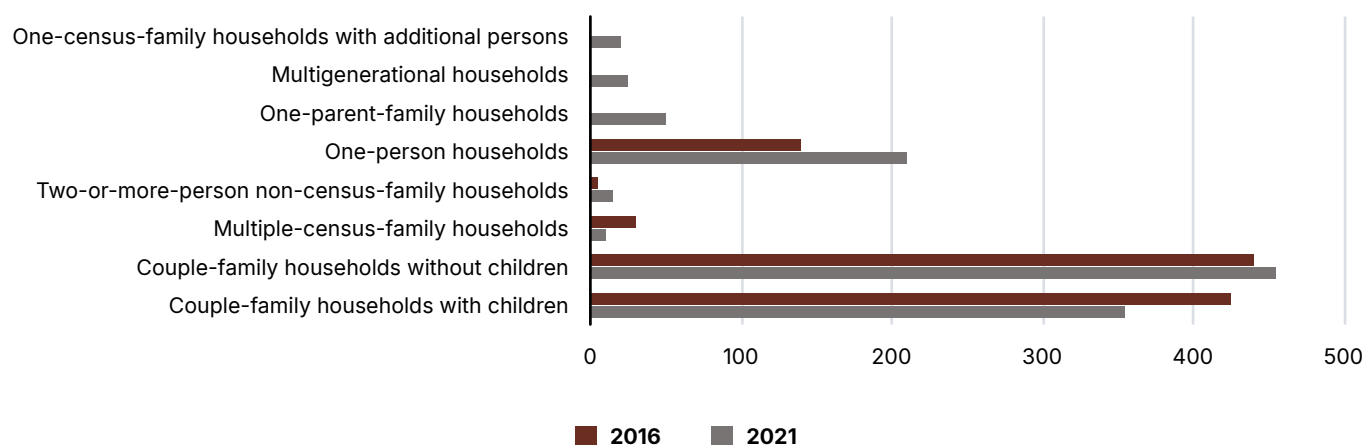


Figure 5.1: Shows the mix of household types, including one-person, family, and non-family households. It helps indicate how residents are organized across living arrangements. (Cardston County, 2016-2021)¹

In Cardston County, the 2021 household mix is centered on family living arrangements, with couple-family households without children the largest category at 455 households, followed by couple-family households with children at 355. One-person households also form a sizable group at 210, while one-parent-family households account for 50. The recent trend is mixed. Couple-family households with children fell 16.5% over five years, while couple-family households without children rose 3.4% and one-person households increased 50%. Smaller categories remain limited, including 25 multigenerational households and 15 two-or-more-person non-census-family households, the latter up 200%.

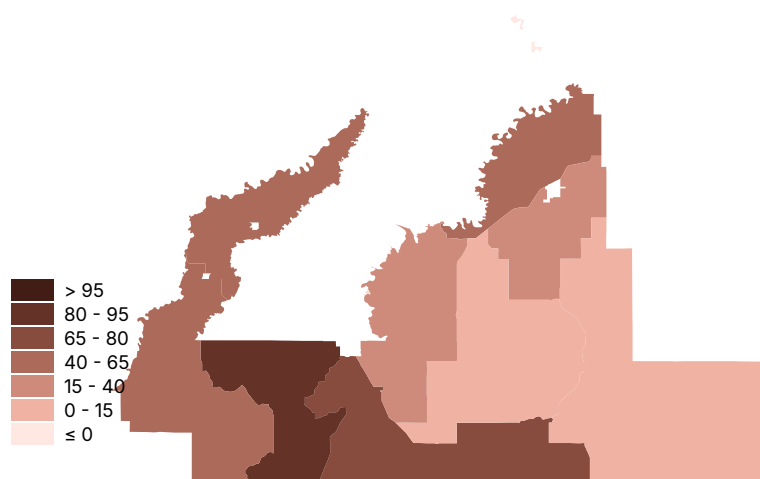


Figure 5.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Type - Couple-family households without children (Cardston County)¹

In Cardston County, private households in 2021 were concentrated in couple-family arrangements. Couple-family households without children were the largest group at 455 households, followed by couple-family households with children at 355 and one-person households at 210. Smaller categories included one-parent-family households at 50 and multigenerational households at 25. The mix points to a household profile led by two-adult family living arrangements, with a meaningful share of solo households alongside them. Over five years, one-person households rose by 50%, while couple-family households with children fell by 16.5%.

Dwelling Structure Type

Cardston County's housing stock remained centred on single-detached houses, rising to 1,115 in 2021, up 10.95% from 2016. Movable dwellings fell to 20, while apartment or flat in a duplex dropped to zero.

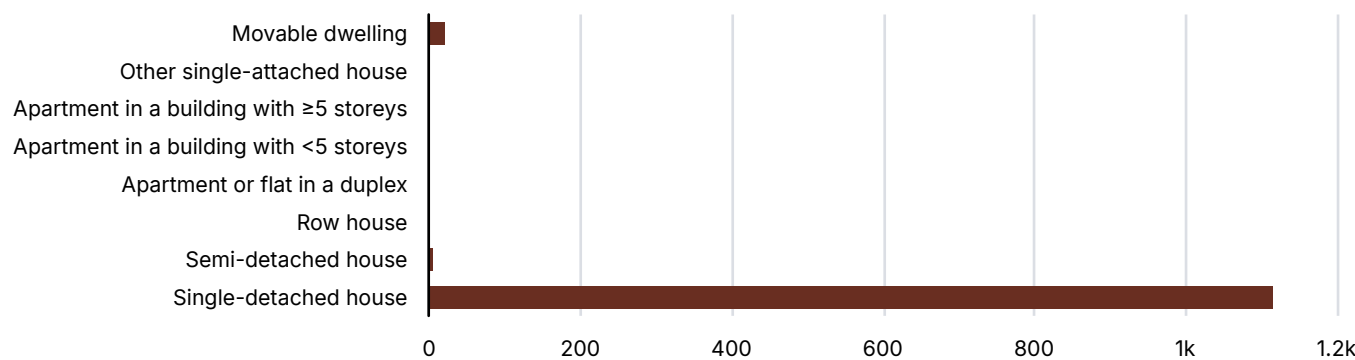


Figure 6.1: Shows the mix of dwelling structure types, such as detached homes, apartments, and other forms. It helps indicate the physical form of the housing stock. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Cardston County's occupied private dwellings are overwhelmingly single-detached houses. In 2021, there were 1,115 such homes, while semi-detached houses accounted for 5 units and movable dwellings for 20. Apartments and row houses were absent from the count. Over five years, single-detached houses rose 11.0%, while movable dwellings fell 33.3% and apartment units in duplexes dropped to zero. The housing stock remained highly concentrated in one dwelling type.

In Cardston County's occupied private dwellings, the housing stock is overwhelmingly single-detached. In 2021, there were 1,115 single-detached houses, compared with just 5 semi-detached houses and 20 movable dwellings. Other forms were absent or effectively absent, including row houses and apartment types. The 5-year change shows limited structural shift. Single-detached houses rose 11.0%, while movable dwellings fell 33.3%. Apartment or flat in a duplex also declined, to zero. This pattern points to a housing mix centered on low-density forms.

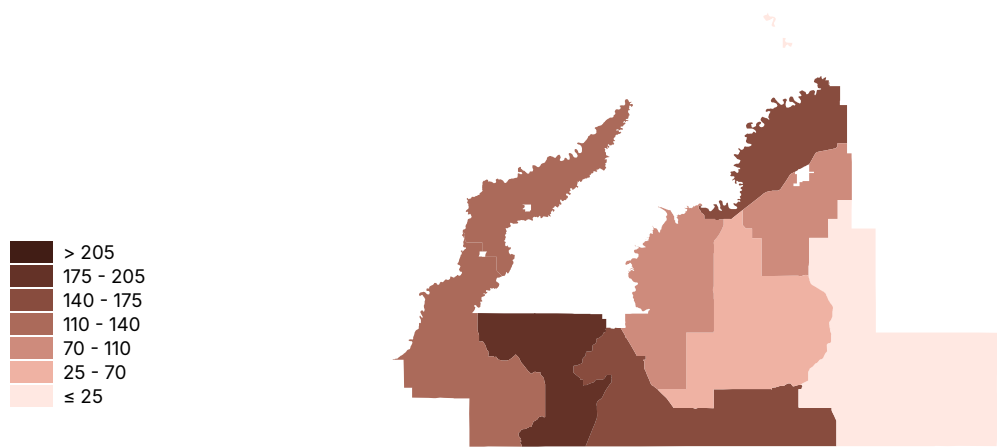


Figure 6.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Dwelling Structure Type - Single-detached house (Cardston County)¹

Housing Tenure

Owner households were the largest group in Cardston County in 2021 at 960, up 12.94% from 850 in 2016. Renter households fell to 180 from 195, leaving owner housing dominant.

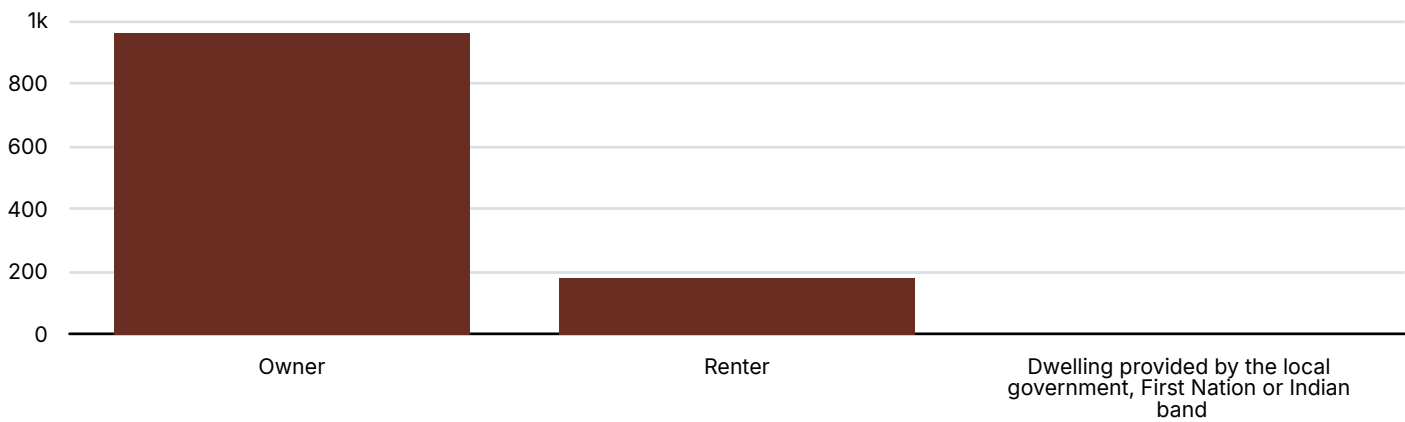


Figure 7.1: Shows whether households own or rent their homes. It helps indicate the balance between ownership and rental housing in the community. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

In Cardston County, housing tenure in 2021 was dominated by owner households, with a smaller renter segment. The pattern suggests a tenure profile that is more heavily weighted toward ownership than renting. There were 960 owner households, up 12.9% over five years. Renters numbered 180 households, down 7.7% over the same period. No households were listed as living in a dwelling provided by the local government, First Nation or Indian band. The gap between owners and renters remained wide, and the longer-term change moved in opposite directions. Ownership grew while renting declined, reinforcing the county's existing tenure balance. For private households in 2021, Cardston County's housing stock appears stable in its ownership orientation, with limited evidence of alternative tenure arrangements.

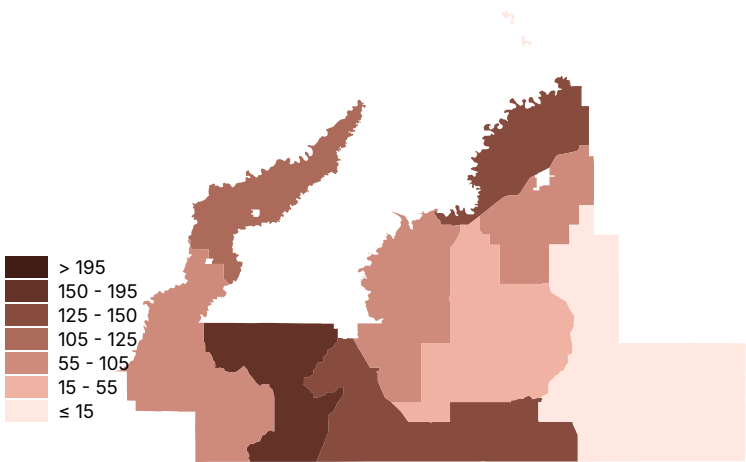


Figure 7.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Housing Tenure - Owner (Cardston County)¹

In 2021, housing tenure in Cardston County was dominated by ownership among private households. The county had 960 owner households and 180 renter households, with no dwellings provided by the local government, First Nation or Indian band. That pattern is echoed in several dissemination areas, where ownership generally exceeds renting, though the mix varies. For example, one area had 195 owners and 30 renters, while another recorded 125 owners and 20 renters. The county's tenure profile is strongly owner-oriented, with a smaller rental segment.

Household Total Income Groups

Cardston County's largest household income group in 2021 was \$150,000 to \$199,999 at 120 households, up 41.2% since 2016. The \$200,000 and over group rose 63.6% to 90 households.

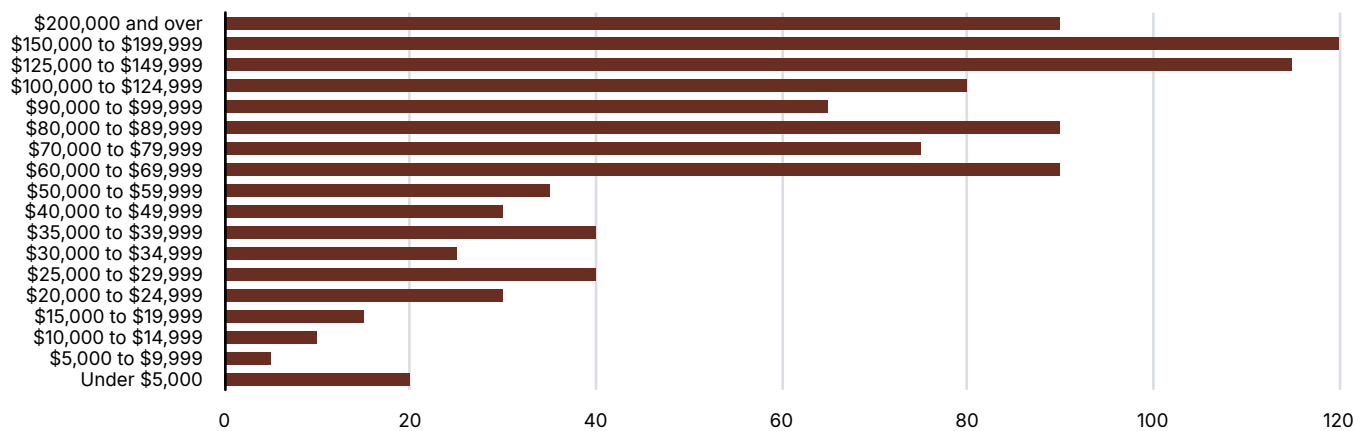


Figure 8.1: Shows households across total income groups. It helps indicate how household incomes are distributed from lower- to higher-income ranges. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Cardston County's household income profile in 2021 is spread across many income bands, but the largest counts are in the middle and upper-middle ranges. The distribution is not dominated by the lowest categories. Instead, it peaks around \$125,000 to \$149,999 and \$150,000 to \$199,999, with 115 and 120 households respectively. Several brackets also show recent movement over five years. The \$60,000 to \$69,999 group rose to 90 households, while \$100,000 to \$124,999 increased 45.5% and \$200,000 and over climbed 63.6%. By contrast, some mid-range brackets such as \$30,000 to \$34,999 and \$40,000 to \$49,999 fell by 50%. The pattern suggests a shift toward higher income groups alongside uneven changes in the middle of the distribution.

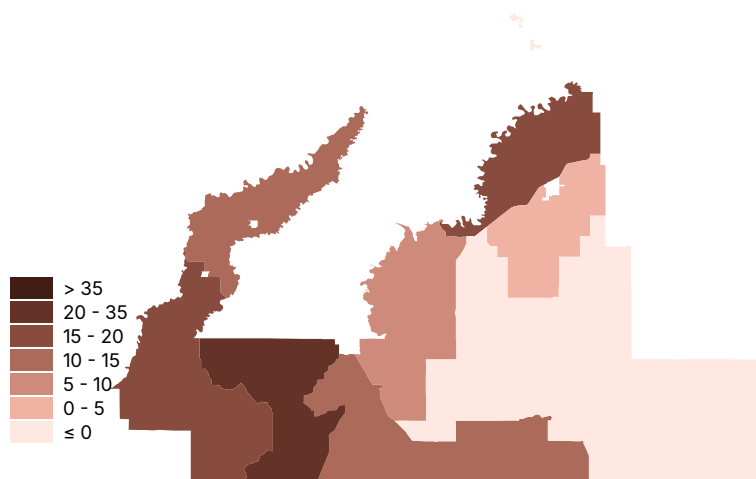


Figure 8.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Income Group Household - \$150,000 to \$199,999 (Cardston County)¹

Cardston County's household income profile in 2021 was spread across a wide range, with the largest counts in the middle and upper-middle brackets. The biggest groups were \$150,000 to \$199,999 at 120 households, \$125,000 to \$149,999 at 115, and both \$60,000 to \$69,999 and \$80,000 to \$89,999 at 90. Higher-income categories also grew over five years.

Average Shelter Costs

Cardston County’s owner households had the highest average monthly shelter costs in 2021 at \$1,288, up 24.2% from 2016. Renter costs were lower at \$800 and slipped 1.6% over the same period.

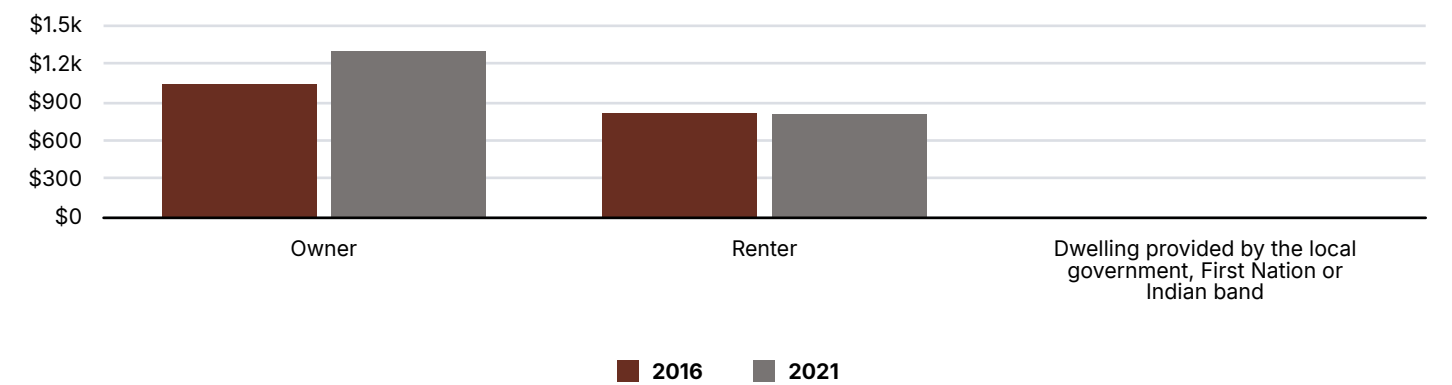


Figure 9.1: Shows the average monthly shelter costs paid by households. It helps indicate typical housing expenses faced by owners and renters. (Cardston County, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, average monthly shelter costs in Cardston County showed a clear split by housing tenure. Owner households paid \$1,288 a month, up 24.2% over five years, while renter households paid \$800, down 1.6%. Shelter costs for dwellings provided by the local government, First Nation or Indian band were recorded at \$0. The pattern points to rising costs for owners and a slightly lower level for renters over the period.

In 2021, average shelter costs in Cardston County were \$1,288 a month for owner households and \$800 for renters, within non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings. No value was reported for dwellings provided by the local government, First Nation or Indian band. Owner costs rose 24.2% over five years, while renter costs edged down 1.6%. Within the county, owner costs were the higher housing expense, and the gap between owners and renters was \$488 a month. The pattern points to stronger cost pressure for owners than renters, with variation across local areas ranging from zero reported costs to \$1,580 for owners.

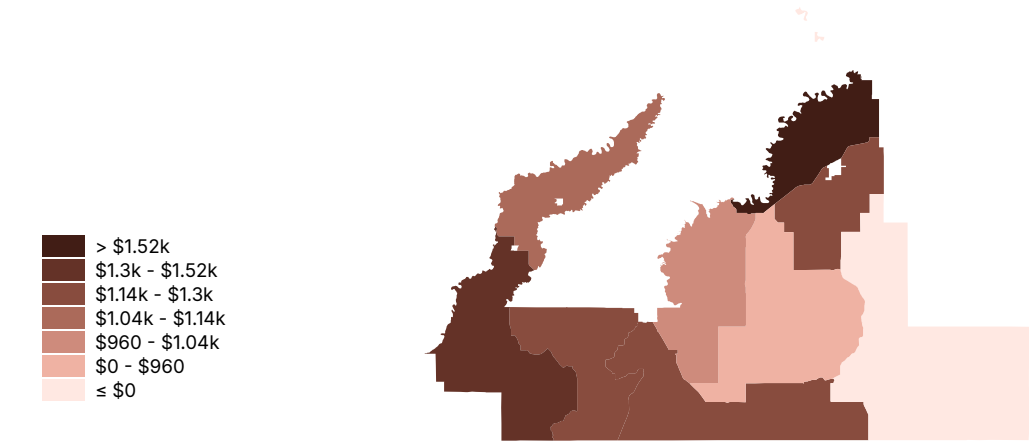


Figure 9.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Housing Tenure - Owner (Cardston County)¹

Population in Private Households

Cardston County had 3,320 people living in private households in 2021, up 4.7% over five years. The count rose from 3,000 in 2011 to 3,170 in 2016, then to 3,320 in 2021.

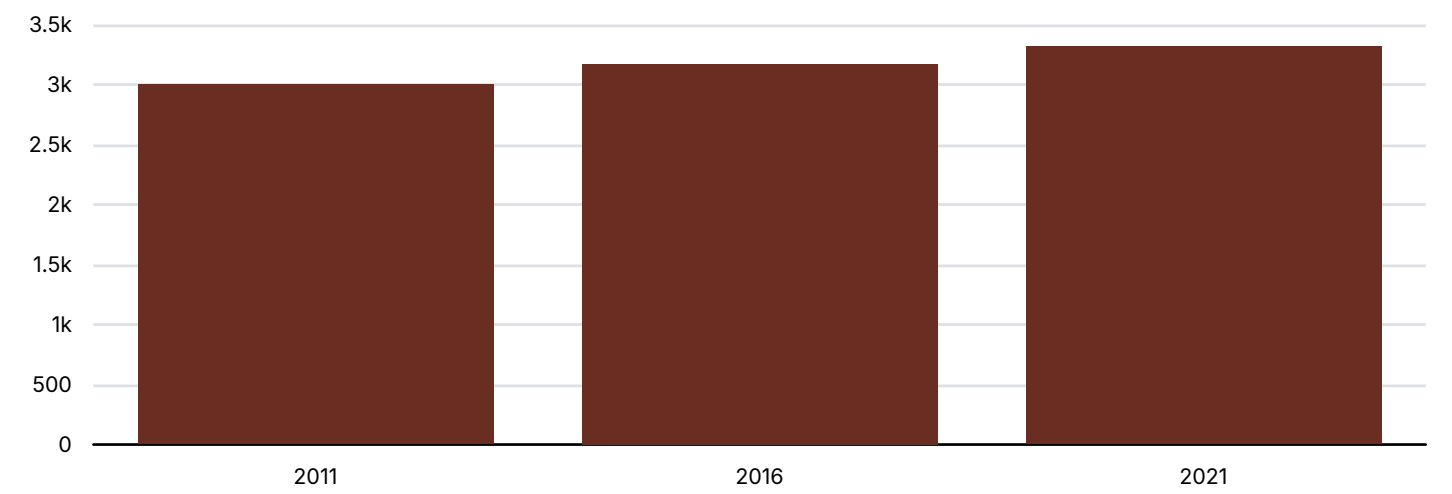
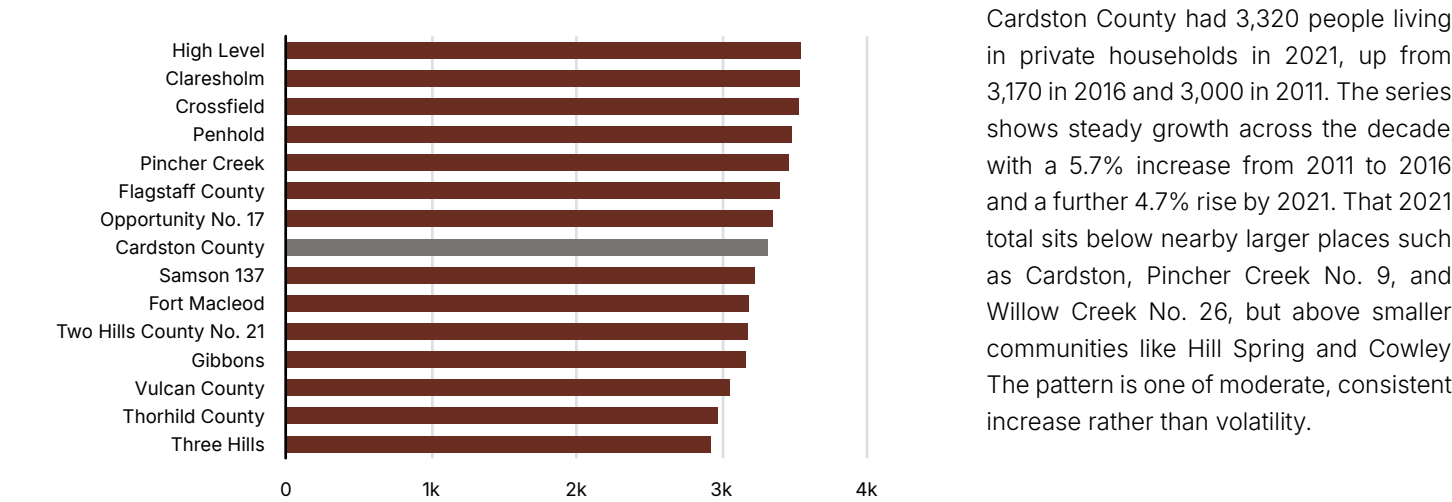


Figure 10.1: Shows the number of people living in private households. It helps indicate how much of the population lives in standard household settings rather than collective dwellings. (Cardston County, 2011-2021)¹

Cardston County’s population in private households rose steadily across the three census years shown. The count increased from 3,000 people in 2011 to 3,170 in 2016, then to 3,320 in 2021. That represents growth of 5.7% in the first five-year period and 4.7% in the second. The pattern is one of continued expansion, although the pace eased slightly after 2016. Within the scope of private households, the county’s trend suggests a gradual increase in the number of people living in standard household settings over time, rather than a stable or declining population base.



Cardston County had 3,320 people living in private households in 2021, up from 3,170 in 2016 and 3,000 in 2011. The series shows steady growth across the decade, with a 5.7% increase from 2011 to 2016 and a further 4.7% rise by 2021. That 2021 total sits below nearby larger places such as Cardston, Pincher Creek No. 9, and Willow Creek No. 26, but above smaller communities like Hill Spring and Cowley. The pattern is one of moderate, consistent increase rather than volatility.

Figure 10.2: Comparison of Population in Private Households with other locations (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Employment Rate

Cardston County's employment rate was 65.1% in 2021, unchanged from 2016. The five-year change was 0.0%, showing no movement in the share of the labour force aged 15 years and over that was employed.

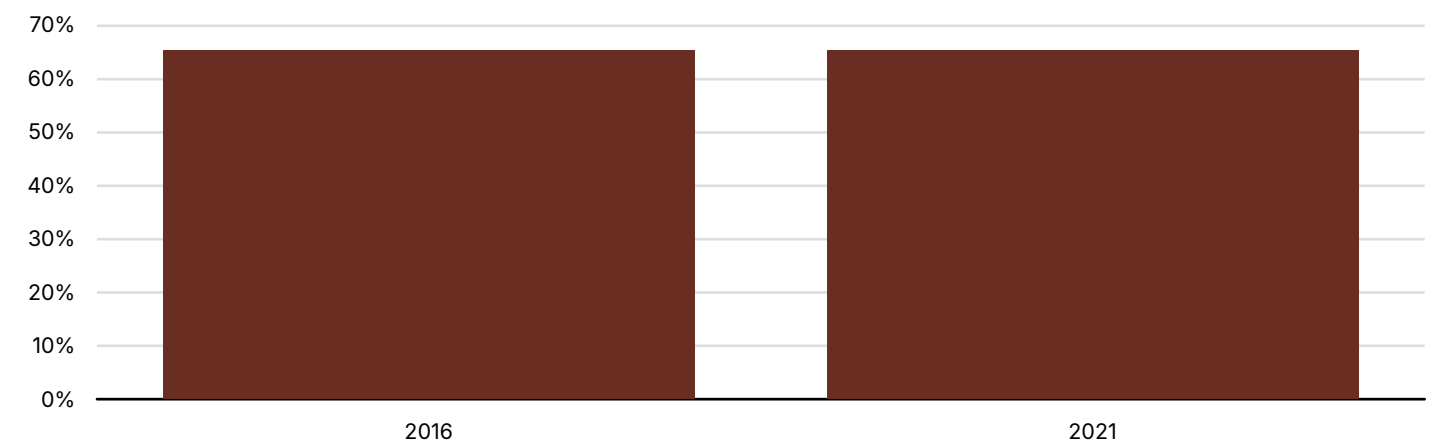
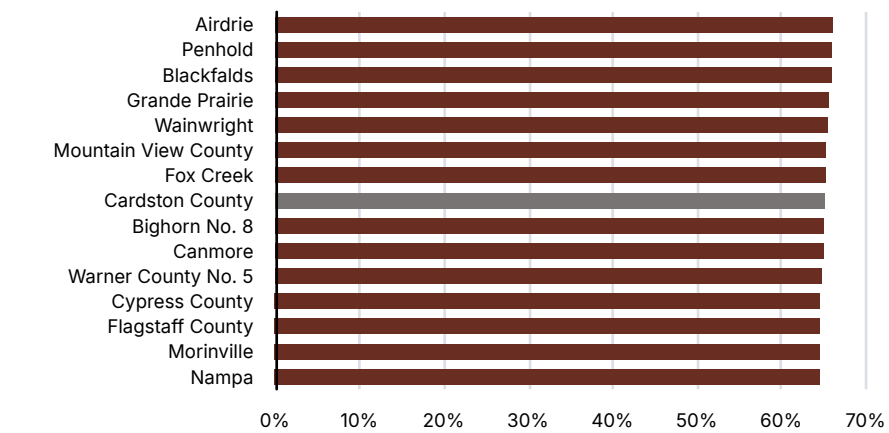


Figure 11.1: Shows the share of the working-age population that is employed. It helps indicate overall labour market health and how fully local talent is being used. (Cardston County, 2016-2021)¹

Cardston County's employment rate was unchanged at 65.1% in both 2016 and 2021, for the labour force aged 15 years and over. The data point to a stable labour market measure over the period, with no movement in the five-year change. The 2021 figure matches the 2016 level exactly, so the county recorded a 0% change over five years. With only these two observations, the clearest pattern is steadiness rather than growth or decline. That leaves little room for a trend-based reading beyond consistency. The employment rate remained at about two-thirds of the working-age population, suggesting a stable level of labour force participation in employment across the period.



Cardston County's employment rate was 65.1% in 2021, unchanged from 2016, within the labour force aged 15 years and over. That level sits above several nearby places, including Cardston at 50.5%, Claresholm at 47.2%, and Pincher Creek at 53.0%, while remaining below Willow Creek No. 26 at 68.7% and Cowley at 62.2%. The pattern suggests a relatively stable labour market position in the region, with little recent movement but a rate that is still competitive against many comparators.

Figure 11.2: Comparison of Employment Rate with other locations (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Household Size

Two-person households were the largest group in Cardston County in 2021, at 495 households, up 7.6% from 2016. One-person households rose fastest, increasing 44.8% to 210.

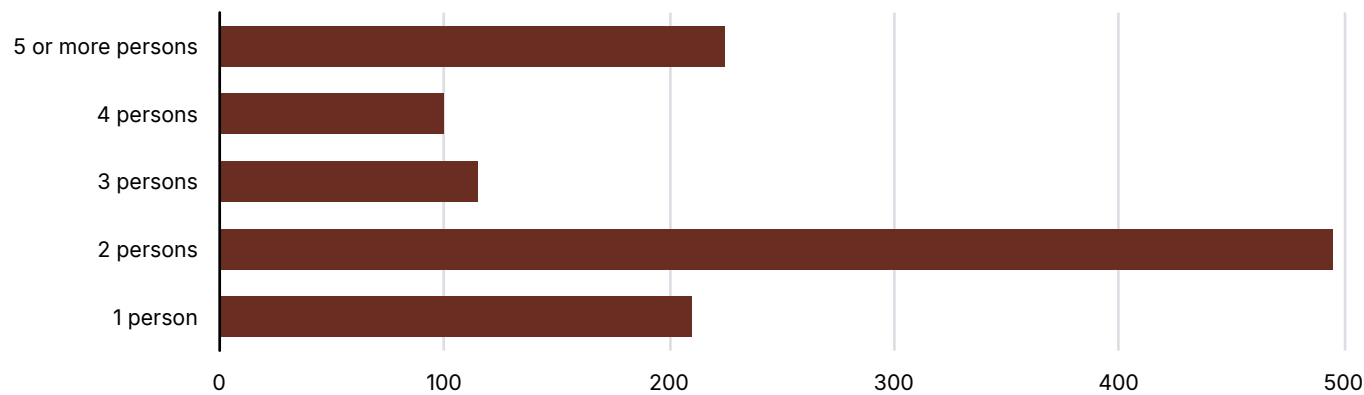


Figure 12.1: Shows the number of people living in households. It helps indicate common household arrangements and likely housing needs. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

In Cardston County, private households in 2021 were most commonly two-person households, while smaller and larger living arrangements made up the rest of the mix. The distribution points to a household structure centered on couples or shared adult households, with notable representation from one-person and five-person-or-more households. There were 495 two-person households, compared with 210 one-person households, 115 three-person households, 100 four-person households, and 225 households with five or more people. Over five years, one-person households grew by 44.8%, while two-person households rose 7.6% and three-person households increased 4.5%. Four-person households declined by 9.1%, while five-person-or-more households edged up 2.3%. The pattern suggests growth at both the smallest and largest household sizes, alongside a softer profile in middle-sized households.

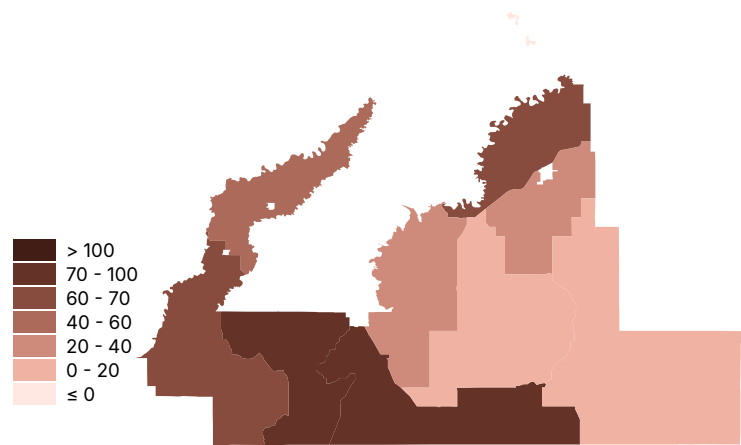


Figure 12.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Size - 2 persons (Cardston County)¹

In 2021, household size in Cardston County was concentrated in smaller households, with 495 two-person households and 210 one-person households. Larger households were also present, including 225 with five or more persons, while 3-person households numbered 115 and 4-person households 100. The recent pattern was mixed. One-person households rose 44.8% over five years, and two-person households increased 7.6%. By contrast, four-person households declined 9.1%, while five-or-more-person households edged up 2.3%. This mix suggests a county with a strong core of smaller households alongside a meaningful share of larger family-sized households.

Highest Education Level

In Cardston County, the largest education group was high school graduates at 890 people in 2021, up 64.8% from 2016. College credentials rose to 545, and masters degrees more than doubled to 70.

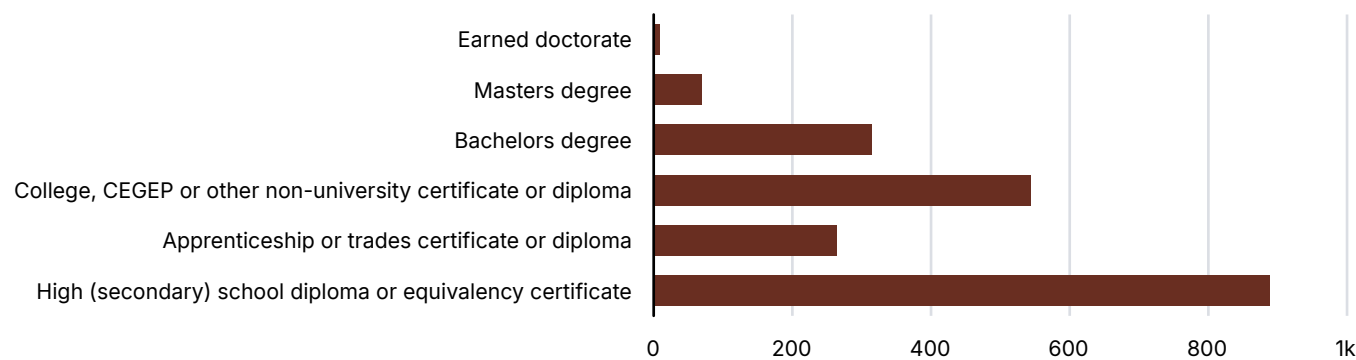


Figure 13.1: Shows the highest level of education completed by residents. It helps indicate the overall educational profile of the population. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

In 2021, Cardston County's educational profile was led by residents whose highest credential was a high school diploma or equivalency, at 890 people, followed by college, CEGEP or other non-university certificates or diplomas at 545 and bachelor's degrees at 315. Apprenticeship or trades credentials accounted for 265 people, while 70 had a master's degree and 10 held an earned doctorate. The five-year changes were positive across most levels, with masters degrees rising 133.3%, high school credentials up 64.8%, and college or non-university certificates up 58.0%, suggesting broad gains over time.

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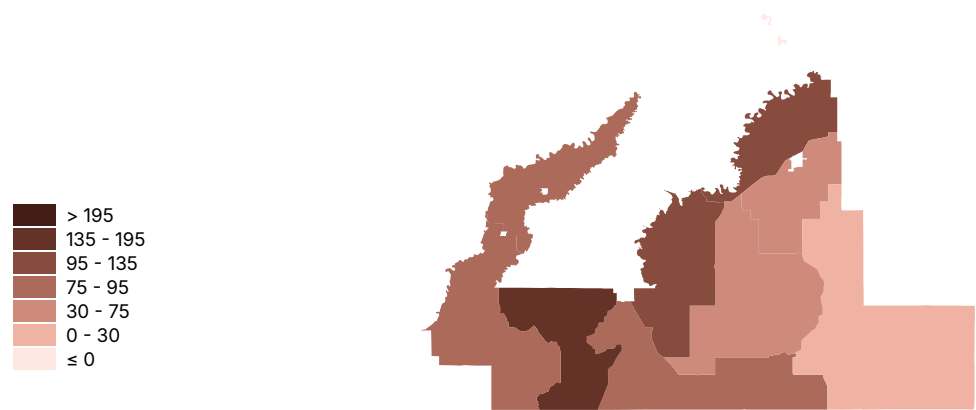


Figure 13.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Education Credential Ca - High (secondary) school diploma or equivalency certificate (Cardston County)¹

Population Density

Cardston County's population density reached 1.4 people per square kilometre in 2021, up from 1.3 in 2016 and 1.2 in 2011. The five-year increase was 7.7%, slightly below the previous period.

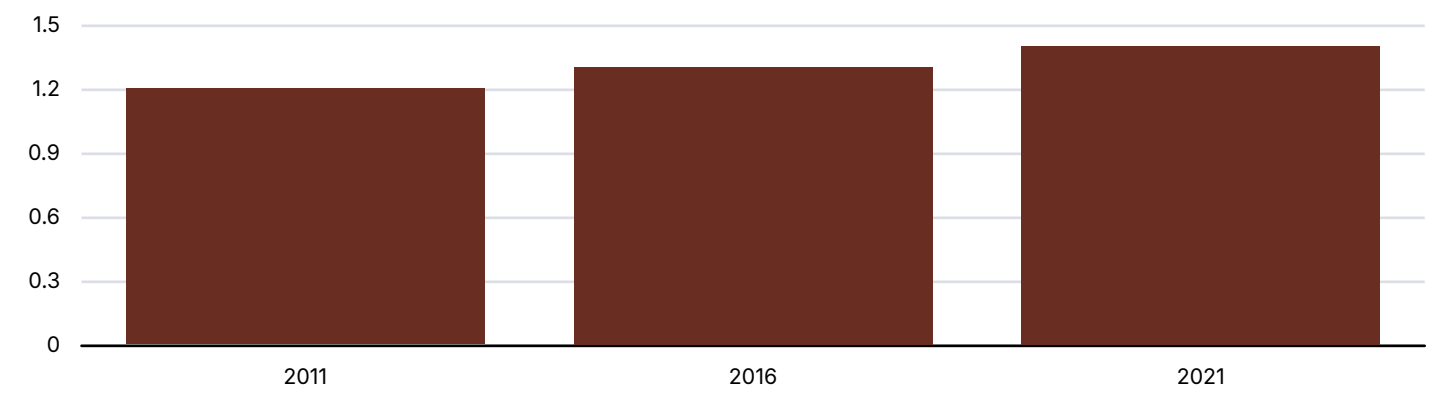


Figure 14.1: Shows how many people live per unit of land area. It helps indicate how compact or spread out the population is. (Cardston County, 2011-2021)¹

Cardston County's population density remains very low, but it has edged upward over time. Measured against total population, the county had 1.2 people per km2 in 2011, 1.3 in 2016, and 1.4 in 2021. The increases were modest but steady. Density rose 8.3% from 2011 to 2016, then a further 7.7% by 2021. That pattern points to gradual growth in concentration rather than any sharp change. Even with the recent increases, the county's settlement pattern remains spread out.

Cardston County remained very sparsely populated in 2021, with a density of 1.4 people per km2. That was only slightly above 1.3 in 2016 and 1.2 in 2011, showing modest growth over the decade. By comparison, several nearby places were far denser, including Cardston at 434.1, Claresholm at 362.1, and Fort Macleod at 146.2 people per km2. Others, such as Pincher Creek No. 9 at 0.9, were similarly sparse. The county's density sits at the low end of the regional pattern, pointing to a widely spread population rather than a compact settlement pattern.

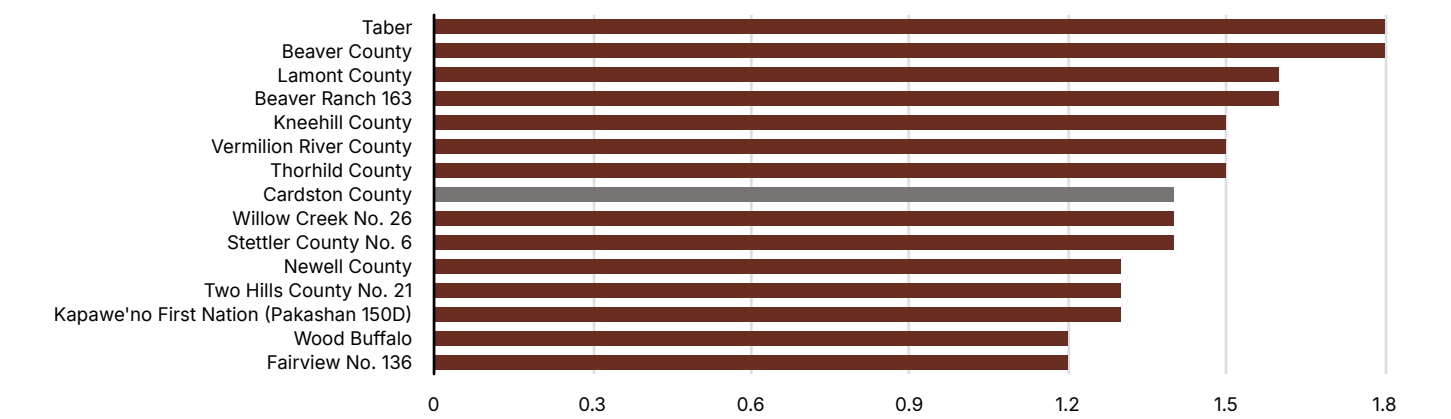


Figure 14.2: Comparison of Population Density with other locations (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Mother Tongue

English was the largest mother tongue in Cardston County at 3,195 people, up 4.8% over five years. German ranked second at 1,520, while Hungarian declined 50% to 5 people.

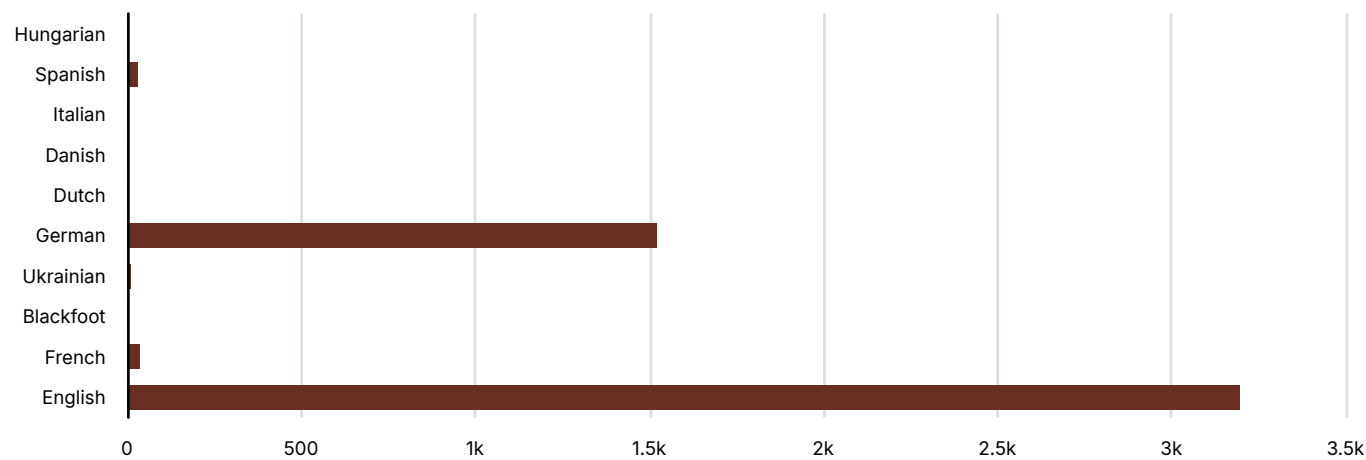
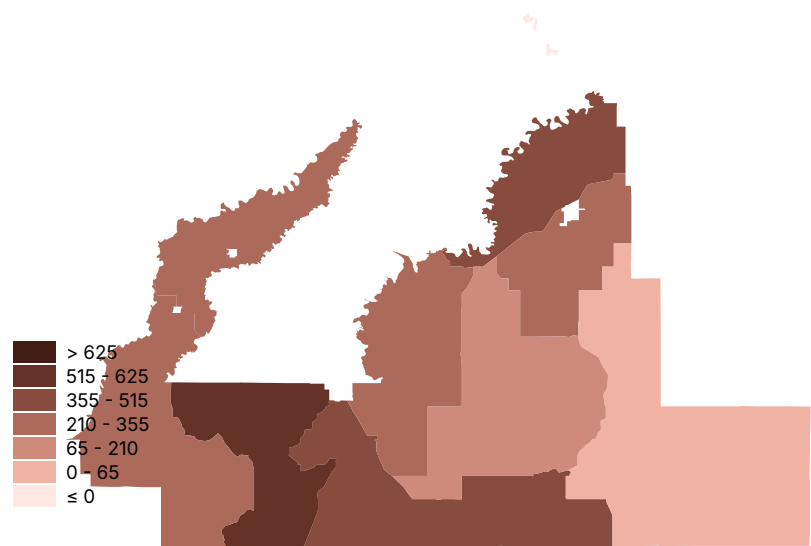


Figure 15.1: Shows the first language learned and still understood by residents. It helps indicate the linguistic roots of the population. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

In 2021, Cardston County’s mother tongue profile was led by English and German, showing a clear linguistic concentration. English was reported for 3,195 people, while German accounted for 1,520. Smaller groups included French at 35 and Spanish at 30. Over the previous five years, English rose by 4.8% and German by 16.9%, suggesting both remain stable parts of the county’s linguistic base. Several smaller languages moved more sharply. French increased by 40%, and Spanish by 20%, while Blackfoot and Hungarian each declined by 50%. Other listed languages, including Dutch and Italian, were unchanged, and some entries had no five-year change reported.



In Cardston County, mother tongue data in 2021 point to a mainly English- and German-speaking population, with English at 3,195 people and German at 1,520. French was much smaller at 35 people, while Spanish reached 30. Blackfoot and Hungarian each counted 5 people. Growth varied: German rose 16.9% over five years, English increased 4.8%, and French grew 40%. At the subarea level, German is especially prominent in several dissemination areas, while some communities remain overwhelmingly English-speaking.

Figure 15.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Language - English (Cardston County)¹

Visible Minority

Cardston County's largest visible minority group in 2021 was Latin American at 40 people, up 100% from 2016. Japanese followed at 25, while visible minority, n.i.e. fell to 15, down 40%.

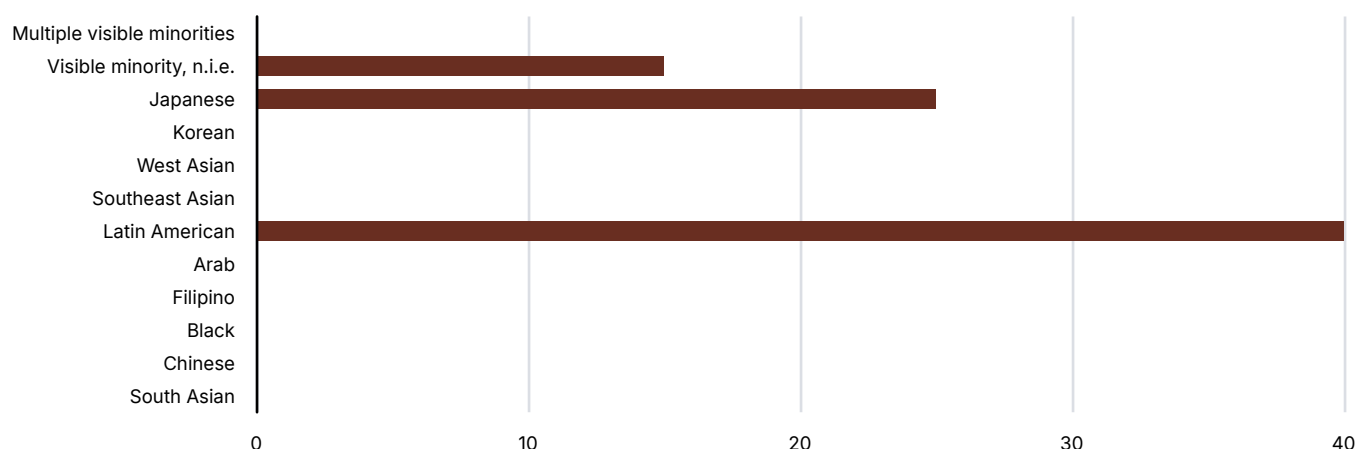
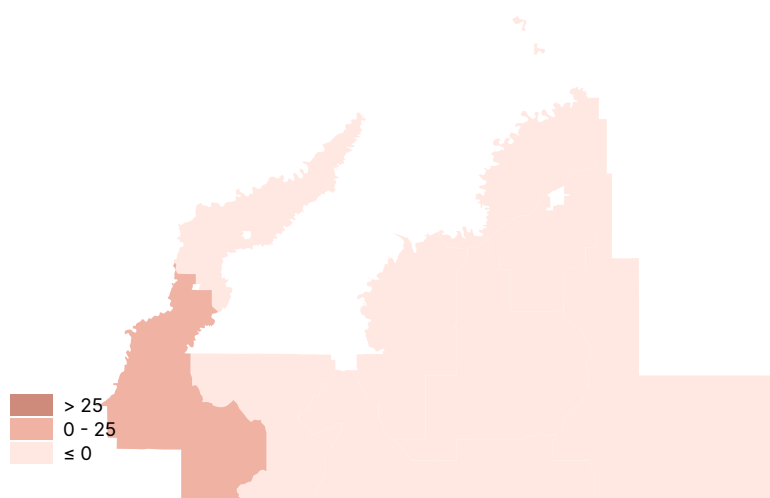


Figure 16.1: Shows residents who identify as belonging to visible minority groups. It helps indicate racialized population diversity in the community. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Cardston County's visible minority population in 2021 was concentrated in a few small groups, while several categories were reported at zero. Latin American residents were the largest counted group at 40 people, followed by Japanese residents at 25 and the category "Visible minority, n.i.e." at 15. Over five years, Latin American increased by 100%, Japanese rose 25%, and the n.i.e. category fell 40%. Black and Korean counts were both zero in 2021 after declines of 100% over five years. Other listed groups, including South Asian, Chinese, Filipino, Arab, Southeast Asian, West Asian, and multiple visible minorities, also recorded zero.



Cardston County's visible minority population was small and concentrated in a few categories in 2021. Latin American was the largest group at 40 people, followed by Japanese at 25 and visible minority, n.i.e. at 15. Most other listed groups were recorded at zero. The pattern was also thin at the sublocation level, with many dissemination areas showing no visible minority counts at all. That distribution suggests limited visible minority presence across the county, with only a few groups represented in any measurable way.

Figure 16.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Visible Minority - Latin American (Cardston County)¹

Age Groups

Cardston County's largest age group in 2021 was 10 to 14 years at 460 people, up 21.1% since 2016. The 85 years and over group rose to 85 people, a 70.0% increase.

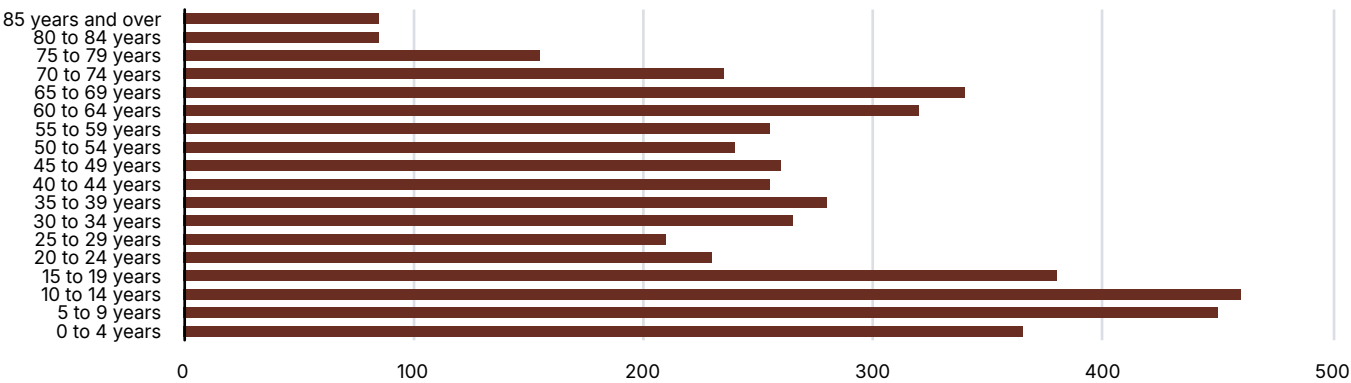


Figure 17.1: Shows how the population is distributed across age groups. It helps explain the community's age structure and stage of life profile. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

Cardston County's 2021 age profile shows a fairly even spread, with notable recent growth in several older cohorts and some younger-adult declines. The largest groups were ages 10 to 14 at 460 people, 5 to 9 at 450, and 65 to 69 at 340. By contrast, ages 25 to 29 numbered 210 and 20 to 24 totaled 230. Recent change was strongest among older residents: 75 to 79 rose 47.6%, 70 to 74 increased 34.3%, and 65 to 69 grew 33.3% over five years. Younger working-age groups moved differently, suggesting a population shifting unevenly across ages rather than growing uniformly.

Cardston County's 2021 age profile shows a broad base of children and a sizeable older population. The largest cohort was ages 10 to 14 at 460 people, followed by 5 to 9 and 15 to 19, at 450 and 380. Older groups also remained prominent, with 65 to 69 years at 340 and 70 to 74 years at 235. The 85 years and over group held 85 people, while ages 0 to 4 had 365. This mix suggests a community with both school-age and later-life residents.

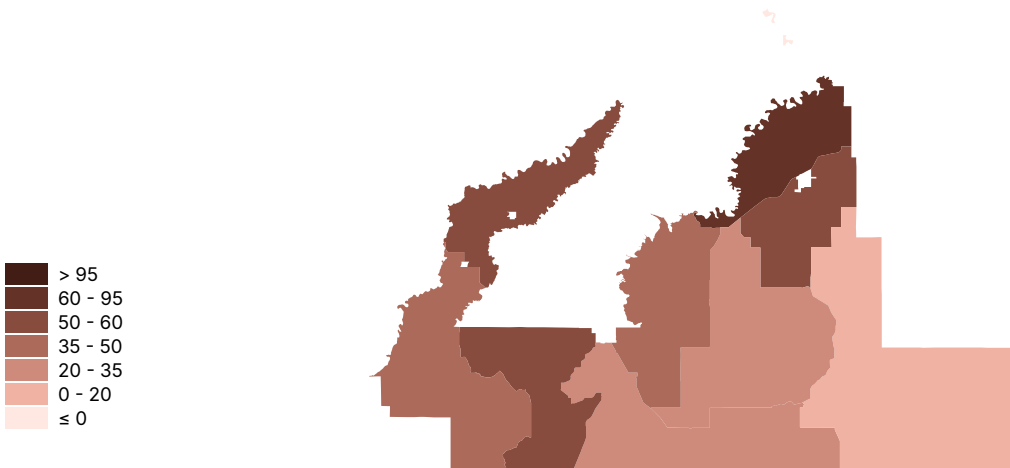


Figure 17.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Age Group - 10 to 14 years (Cardston County)¹

Family Type

In Cardston County, married couples without children were the largest family type in 2021 at 465 people, unchanged from 2016. Married couples with children fell 7.4% to 375, while one-parent families held at 60.

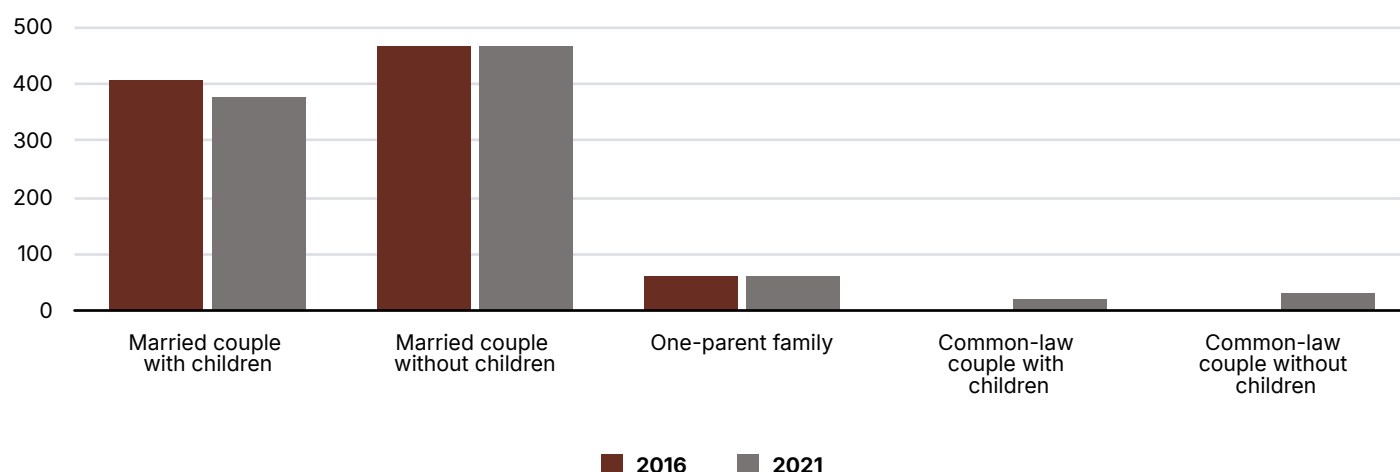


Figure 18.1: Shows the mix of family types, such as couple families and lone-parent families. It helps indicate the structure of family life in the community. (Cardston County, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, Cardston County's census families in private households were dominated by couple families, with married couples without children the largest group at 465 people. Married couples with children followed at 375, and one-parent families numbered 60. Common-law families were much smaller, including 30 without children and 20 with children. The only clear five-year movement was among married couples with children, which fell 7.4%, while married couples without children and one-parent families were unchanged. The pattern points to a family profile centered on married couples, with limited recent change.

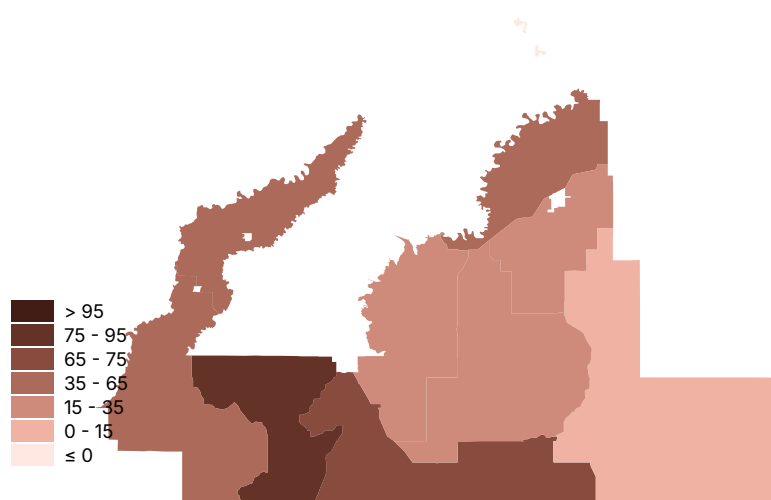


Figure 18.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Family Type - Married couple without children (Cardston County)¹

Cardston County's family profile in 2021 was led by married couples, especially those without children. There were 465 married-couple families without children and 375 with children, compared with 60 one-parent families. Common-law families were much smaller, at 30 without children and 20 with children. Across the county's dissemination areas, the pattern was similar but varied in scale. Some areas had no families recorded in these categories, while others were dominated by married couples, with modest one-parent counts appearing in a few places.

Ethnic Origin

English is the largest ethnic origin in Cardston County, at 1,535 people in 2021. Scottish follows with 765 and German with 680, while Canadian fell 49.8% to 525 over five years.

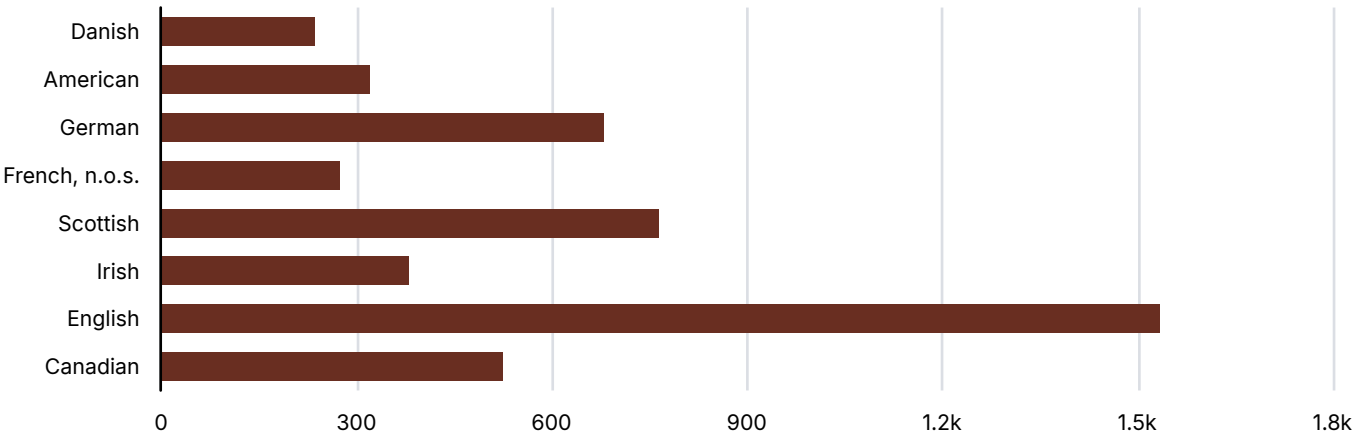


Figure 19.1: Shows the ethnic or cultural origins reported by residents. It helps indicate ancestry patterns and the community's cultural makeup. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

In 2021, Cardston County's reported ethnic origins were led by English, at 1,535 people, followed by German at 680 and Canadian at 525. The five-year change shows a mixed pattern: Scottish rose by 24.4% to 765, American increased 16.4% to 320, Irish edged up 7.0% to 380, and English grew 4.4%. By contrast, Canadian fell 49.8% and Danish declined 34.7%, while German was down 2.2%. French, n.o.s. stood at 275.

In 2021, Cardston County's reported ethnic origins were led by English, at 1,535 people, followed by German at 680, Scottish at 765, and Canadian at 525. Several groups rose over five years, including Scottish, up 24.4%, Irish, up 7.0%, and American, up 16.4%, while Canadian fell 49.8% and Danish declined 34.7%. The mix suggests a strong British and Northern European ancestry profile, with some shifts in relative counts over time.

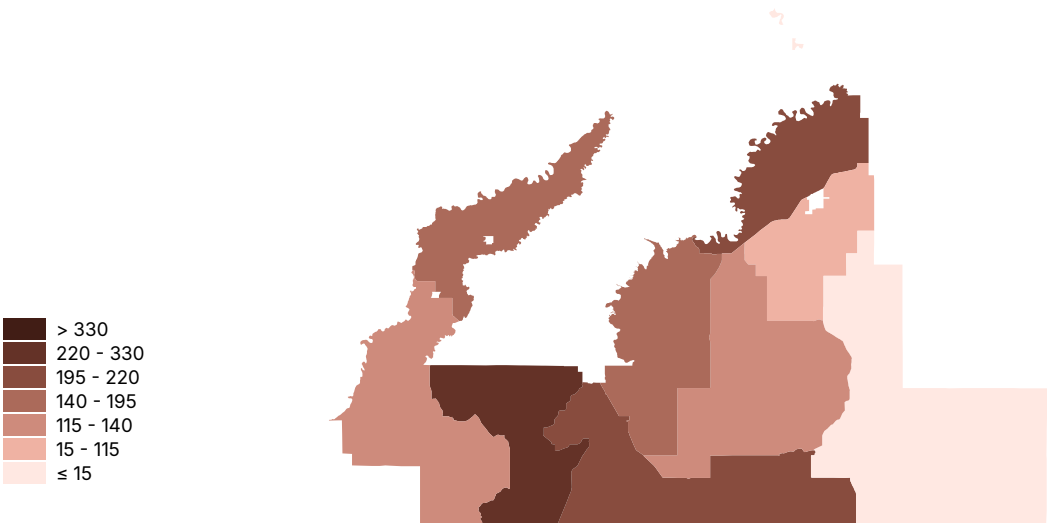


Figure 19.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Ethnic Origin - English (Cardston County)¹

Employment by Sector

Cardston County’s largest sector in 2025 was agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting with 173 jobs, down 2.3% from 2024 but up 130.7% over five years. Retail trade followed at 23, while accommodation and food services reached 19.

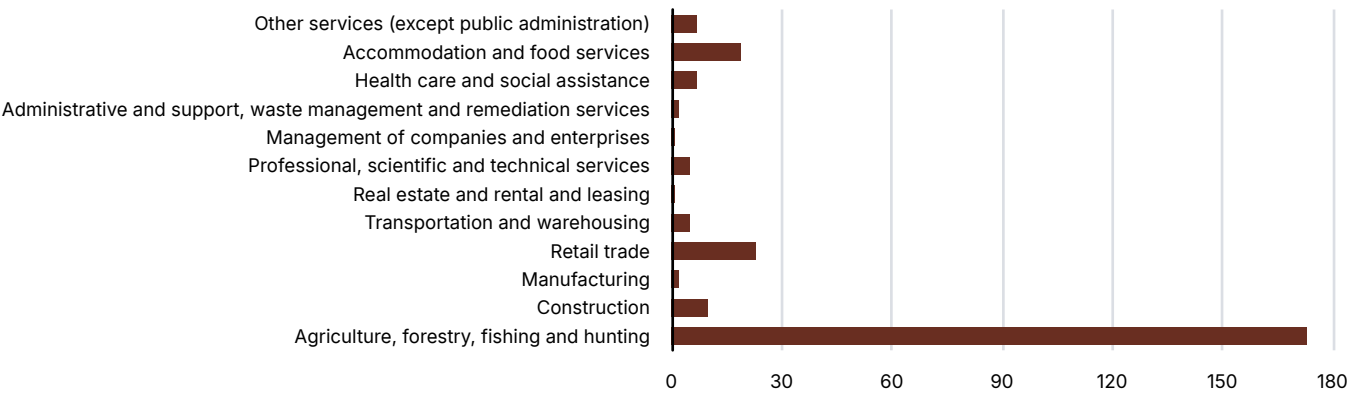


Figure 20.1: Shows how employment is distributed across industry sectors. It helps indicate which sectors account for the largest share of local jobs. (Cardston County, 2025)³

In 2025, employment in Cardston County was concentrated in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, which accounted for 173 jobs in the local workforce aged 15 and over. The next largest sectors were retail trade with 23 jobs and accommodation and food services with 19, while construction had 10. Recent changes were mixed: agriculture edged down 2.3%, retail fell 46.5%, and accommodation and food services was unchanged, even as some smaller sectors posted sharp long-term gains.

Cardston County’s employment profile in 2025 is concentrated in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, which accounts for 173 jobs among employees aged 15 and over. The next largest sectors are retail trade with 23 jobs and accommodation and food services with 19. Construction is smaller at 10 jobs, while health care and social assistance and other services each employ 7. This points to a local job base led by primary industry, with a modest spread across service sectors.

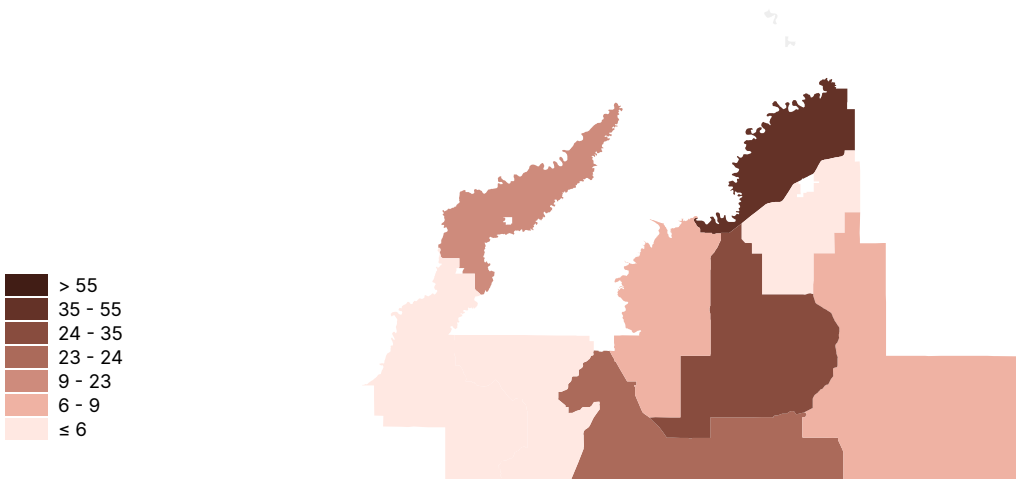


Figure 20.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Naics - Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (Cardston County)³

Employed Residents by Occupation

Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations became the largest group in Cardston County at 440 people in 2021, up 131.6% from 2016. Sales and service followed at 295, while trades stood at 245.

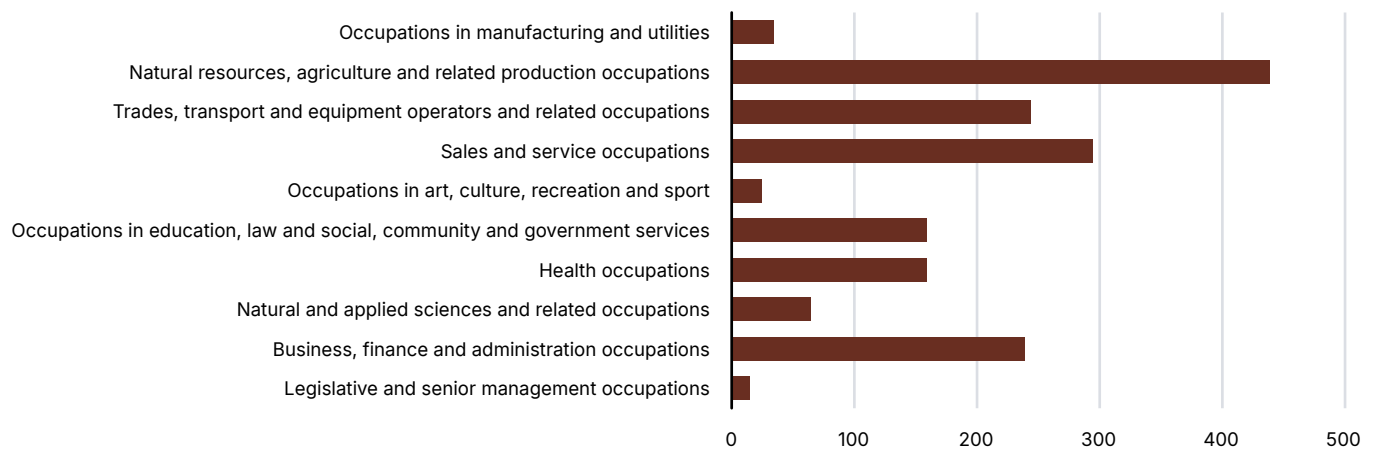
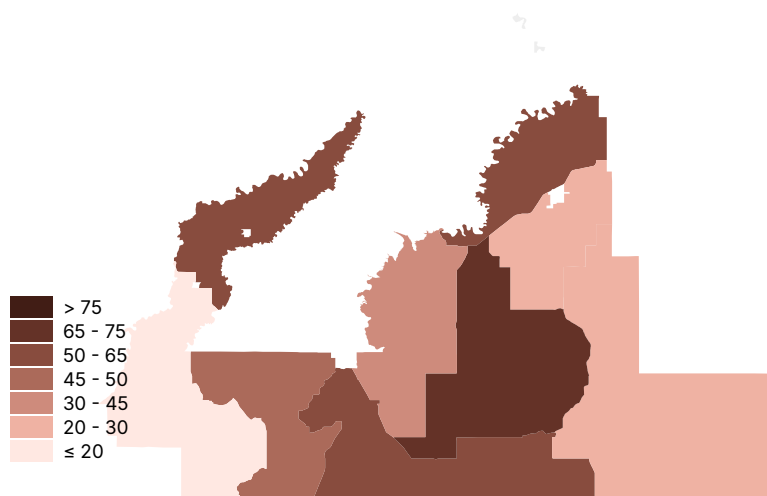


Figure 21.1: Shows the occupations held by employed residents. It helps indicate the community's skill mix and the kinds of work people do. (Cardston County, 2021)¹

In 2021, Cardston County's employed residents were concentrated in a few occupations, with natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations leading at 440 people. Sales and service occupations followed at 295, then trades, transport and equipment operators at 245, and business, finance and administration at 240. Over the previous five years, the strongest growth was in natural resources, agriculture and related work, up 131.6%, while sales and service rose 51.3% and health occupations 28%. Legislative and senior management occupations fell sharply.



In Cardston County, employed residents are concentrated in natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations, with 440 people in 2021. Sales and service had 295, while legislative and senior management had 15. The strongest five-year growth was in natural resources, agriculture and related production, up 131.6%, alongside gains in sales and service.

Figure 21.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Occupation - Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (Cardston County)¹

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