# **Fact Sheet:** Calgary Head Offices

CALGARY CENSUS METROPOLITAN AREA (CMA) 2019 EDITION

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# Highest Concentration of Head Offices in Canada

Head offices are highly desirable businesses for any city in that they provide the base of corporate decision-making. This generates a significant benefit in terms of the employment profile as well as the economic benefits that accrue to businesses beyond just the head office.

The importance of corporate head office activity can be observed in the economic impact generated beyond that directly associated with the head offices themselves. Professional businesses and financal services often establish themselves in proximity to larger corporate headquarters, creating a larger and more knowledgeable professional community - one that can offer greater access to high quality services for surrounding companies. Head offices also serve as pillars of the community, sponsoring charitable organizations and supporting the arts. Symbolically, the presence of head offices adds to a city's image - Calgary's heavy concentration of key energy companies has helped forge it's reputation as an energy leader.

For more than a decade, Calgary has remained Western Canada's head office centre and Canada's most concentrated headquarter location. This analysis provides an overview of Calgary's strength and positioning among Canada's most populated Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs)<sup>1</sup> in terms of head office count and concentration, followed by notable historical head office relocations.

This analysis is largely based on the Financial Post (Infomart) FP500 and Next 300 Database<sup>2</sup> – the most commonly used source for Canadian company headquarters information about the largest companies in Canada. According to the FP500 2019 Edition, Calgary is home to 118 or approximately 1 in 7 of Canada's 800 largest corporate headquarters. As Canada's energy centre, it is no surprise that the majority of top corporations in Alberta, and specifically Calgary, are energy-related. In fact, 84 of Calgary's 118 head offices (73.0 per cent) are categorized as energy or oil & gas field services companies.

### **Calgary Head Offices by Industry**

| Industry                            | Number of<br>Head Offices |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Oil & Gas Companies                 | 62                        |
| Oil & Gas Field Services            | 22                        |
| Engineering/Construction            | 5                         |
| Gas/Electrical Utilities, Pipelines | 5                         |
| Diversified Financial               | 3                         |
| General Manufacturing               | 3                         |
| Transportation/Couriers             | 3                         |
| Wholesalers/Distributors            | 3                         |
| Credit Unions                       | 2                         |
| Real Estate                         | 2                         |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts       | 2                         |
| Services (General)                  | 2                         |
| Accounting                          | 1                         |
| Food & Drugstores                   | 1                         |
| Media                               | 1                         |
| Chemicals & Fertilizers             | 1                         |
| Total                               | 118                       |

Source: FP500 2019 Database

## **Major Head Offices**

Leading the FP500 2019 ranking for Calgary (based on 2018 revenue) are industry giants Enbridge Inc. (\$46.4 Billion), Suncor Energy Inc. (\$38.7 Billion), and Imperial Oil Ltd. (\$35.0 Billion).

To view a list of Calgary's top head offices please see the documents **FP500 Top Calgary-Based Companies by Revenue 2019** or **FP500 Top Calgary-Based Companies by Employee 2019** at the following link:

www.calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com/researchand-reports/company-lists/company-lists/

| Top 15 Calgary-Based Head Offices by Revenue |           |                          |           |  |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Company                                      | Industry  | Revenue<br>(\$ Billions) | Employees |  |
| Enbridge Inc.                                | Energy    | \$46.4                   | 12,000    |  |
| Suncor Energy Inc.                           | Energy    | \$38.7                   | 12,480    |  |
| Imperial Oil Ltd.                            | Energy    | \$35.0                   | 5,700     |  |
| Husky Energy Inc.                            | Energy    | \$22.3                   | 5,157     |  |
| Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.              | Energy    | \$21.0                   | 9,709     |  |
| Cenovus Energy Inc.                          | Energy    | \$20.8                   | 2,264     |  |
| Parkland Fuel Corp.                          | Energy    | \$14.4                   | 3,051     |  |
| TransCanada Corp.                            | Energy    | \$13.7                   | 7,081     |  |
| Encana Corp.*                                | Energy    | \$7.7                    | 2,065     |  |
| Pembina Pipeline Corp.                       | Energy    | \$7.4                    | 2,162     |  |
| Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.                | Transport | \$7.3                    | 12,770    |  |
| Gibson Energy Inc.                           | Energy    | \$6.8                    | 550       |  |
| NOVA Chemicals Corp.*                        | Chemical  | \$5.8                    | 2,900     |  |
| Shaw Communications Inc.                     | Media     | \$5.2                    | 10,000    |  |
| ATCO Ltd.                                    | Utility   | \$4.9                    | 6,241     |  |

\*Converted from US\$; Source: FP500 2019 Database

## **Summary of Changes for Calgary Head Offices**

| Company                           | Reason for Change  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| AKITA Drilling Ltd.               | Ranked in 2019 due to increased 2018 revenue.  |  |  |
| Alaris Royalty Corp.              | Ranked in 2019 due to increased 2018 revenue.  |  |  |
| Credit Union Central Alberta Ltd. | Connect First Credit Union and Mountain View Credit Union announced intent to merge February 7, 2018.  |  |  |
| CWC Energy Services Corp.         | Ranked in 2019 due to increased 2018 revenue.  |  |  |
| Gear Energy Ltd.                  | Ranked in 2019 due to increased 2018 revenue. Announced successful completion of the acquisition of Steppe Resources Inc. on September 18, 2018. |  |  |
| Journey Energy Inc.               | Ranked in 2019 due to increased 2018 revenue.  |  |  |
| Perpetual Energy Inc.             | Ranked in 2019 due to increased 2018 revenue.  |  |  |
| Storm Resources Ltd.              | Ranked in 2019 due to increased 2018 revenue.  |  |  |
| Strad Energy Services Ltd.        | Ranked in 2019 due to increased 2018 revenue.  |  |  |
| Agrium Inc.                       | Agrium Inc. and Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. merged under new parent company Nutrien Ltd. on January 1, 2018.                         |  |  |
| AltaGas Canada Inc.               | Company reorganization. Successful closing of IPO on October 25, 2018. AltaGas Ltd. holds a 45 percent interest in ACI.                          |  |  |
| BlackPearl Resources Inc.         | International Petroleum Corp. announced intent to acquire BlackPearl on October 10, 2018.  |  |  |
| Cona Resources Ltd.               | Cona Resources Ltd. announced agreement to be taken private by Waterous Energy Fund on March 7, 2018.  |  |  |
| Connacher Oil and Gas Ltd.        | Plan to emerge from protection of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act was pending in 2019.  |  |  |
| Enbridge Income Fund              | Enbridge Income Fund Holdings Inc. was acquired by Enbridge Inc. on November 8, 2018.  |  |  |
| Newalta Corp.                     | Tervita Corporation and Newalta Corporation agreed in March 2018 to merge and continue under the Tervita name.                                   |  |  |
| Raging River Exploration Inc.     | Baytex Energy Ltd. announced intent to merge with Raging River Exploration on June 18, 2018.   |  |  |
| Spartan Energy Corp.              | Vermilion Energy Inc. announced intent to acquire Spartan Energy Corp. on April 16, 2018.  |  |  |
| Trinidad Drilling Ltd.            | Trinidad Drilling Ltd. announced intent to amalgamate with a subsidiary of Ensign Energy Services Inc. on February 13, 2019.                     |  |  |
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Source: FP500 2019 Database; Company Reports; News Articles; Press Releases



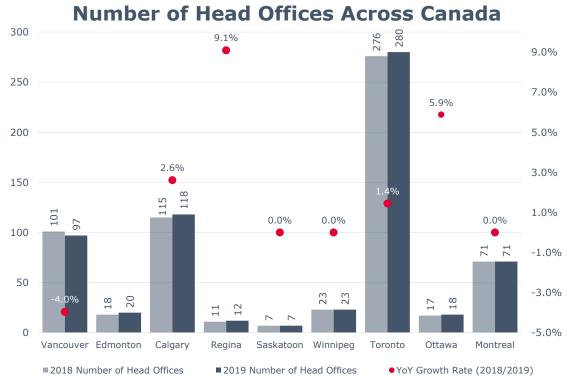
## **Number of Head Offices**

The absolute number of Calgary head offices has decreased over the past decade - from 114 in 2010 to 118 in 2019. Despite this decrease, Calgary maintains the city's position as Western Canada's head office leader. Among select major centres in Canada, Calgary's 10-year growth of -15.0 per cent trails Ottawa (22.0 per cent) and Vancouver (0.3 per cent). The rate of growth for Toronto over the same period was -4.7 per cent. Saskatoon's head offices declined the most of major cities in Canada, with -49.1 per cent growth (four head offices) between 2010 to 2019.

### Head Office 10-Year Growth

| СМА       | 2010 | 2019 | 10-Year Total<br>Growth |
|-----------|------|------|-------------------------|
| Vancouver | 84   | 97   | 0.3%                    |
| Edmonton  | 26   | 20   | -37.0%                  |
| Calgary   | 114  | 118  | -15.0%                  |
| Regina    | 11   | 12   | -10.8%                  |
| Saskatoon | 11   | 7    | -49.1%                  |
| Winnipeg  | 32   | 23   | -37.0%                  |
| Toronto   | 259  | 280  | -4.7%                   |
| Ottawa    | 13   | 18   | 22.0%                   |
| Montreal  | 92   | 71   | -29.1%                  |

Source: FP500 2019 Database; FP500 2010 Database; Statistics Canada, 2019



Source: FP500 2019 Database, FP500 2018 Database



Calgary has ranked among the Top 5 most liveable cities in the world every year since 2009 because of our economy, safety, infrastructure, social programs and a healthy lifestyle. *The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2009-2018* 

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# Highly educated, globally connected workforce.

Calgary has the highest proportion of STEM degree completions of major cities in Canada.

Calgary is a global city and one of the most ethnically diverse cities in Canada. 33.7 percent of Calgary's population is visible minority and 29.4 percent are immigrants.

Census 2016, Statistics Canada



# **Head Office Concentration**

Generally, analysis of head offices tends to be reported using absolute numbers - however, in order to capture the true economic effect of corporate headquarter concentration, the ideal measure is to adjust for population.

Calgary overwhelmingly had the highest concentration of head offices among select Canadian CMAs examined in this analysis. In 2019, Calgary boasted 7.9 major corporate headquarters per 100,000 population.

## **Head Office Relocations**

For company leaders, employees, investors and customers, the location of a corporation's headquarters is an important element of its identity in terms of image, personality and positioning. Calgary offers companies an exceptional business environment and an internationally renowned lifestyle that today's companies are seeking. A historical timeline of head office relocations to Calgary is detailed on the following page.

## Head Office Concentration 10-Year Growth

Per 100,000 Population

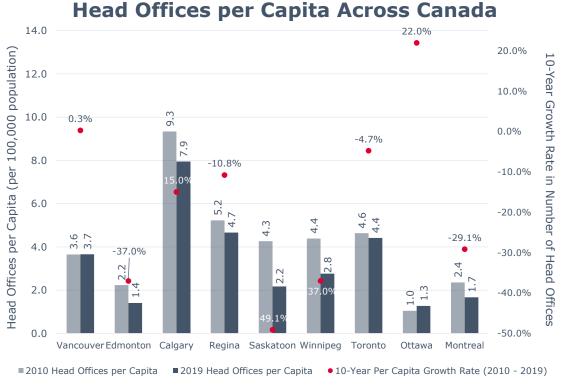
| СМА       | 2010 | 2019 | 10-Year Total<br>Per Capita<br>Growth |
|-----------|------|------|---------------------------------------|
| Vancouver | 3.6  | 3.7  | 0.3%                                  |
| Edmonton  | 2.2  | 1.4  | -37.0%                                |
| Calgary   | 9.3  | 7.9  | -15.0%                                |
| Regina    | 5.2  | 4.7  | -10.8%                                |
| Saskatoon | 4.3  | 2.2  | -49.1%                                |
| Winnipeg  | 4.4  | 2.8  | -37.0%                                |
| Toronto   | 4.6  | 4.4  | -4.7%                                 |
| Ottawa    | 1.0  | 1.3  | 22.0%                                 |
| Montreal  | 2.4  | 1.7  | -29.1%                                |

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#### Footnotes

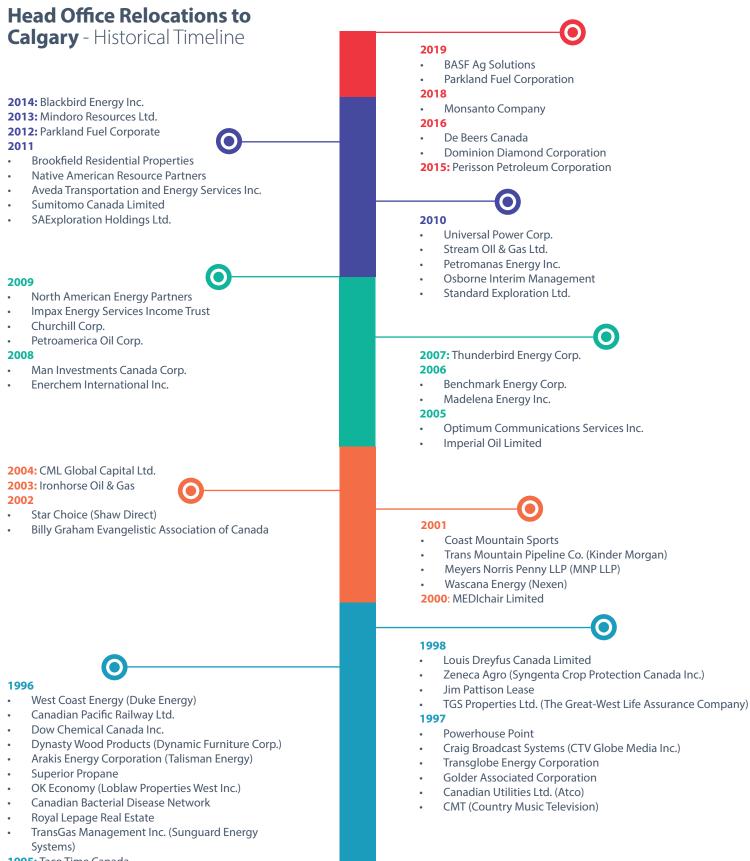
<sup>1</sup>Based on Statistic Canada's Standard Geographical Classification (SGC) 2016.

<sup>2</sup>With the exception of Head Office Relocations, which are sourced from press releases and news articles.



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