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SUBJECT: 2017 YEAR-END POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES FOR WATERLOO REGION

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. Although based on the best information available, population and household numbers should always be regarded as estimates, not statements of fact.

Year-End 2017 Population and Household Estimates for the Region of Waterloo

	Region of Waterloo*	Cambridge	Kitchener	North Dumfries	Waterloo	Wellesley	Wilmot	Woolwich
Total Population Year-end 2017*	594,100	135,060	252,520	10,380	137,420	11,530	21,220	25,960
Population in Regular Households	575,270	132,830	248,510	10,270	125,830	11,520	20,950	25,370
Population in Collective Dwellings***	18,830	2,230	4,010	110	11,590	10	280	600
Total Population Year-end 2016*	583,500	133,900	246,700	10,180	134,600	11,460	20,990	25,640
Additional Population	10,600	1,160	5,820	200	2,820	70	230	320
Population Change 2016-2017 (%)	1.82%	0.9%	2.4%	2.0%	2.1%	0.6%	1.1%	1.2%
Households Year-end 2017*	213,220	49,160	96,720	3,550	43,890	3,390	7,650	8,870
Households Year-end 2016*	209,240	48,640	94,170	3,460	43,330	3,370	7,560	8,710
Additional Households	3,980	520	2,550	90	560	20	90	160
Household Change 2016-2017 (%)	1.90%	1.1%	2.7%	2.6%	1.3%	0.6%	1.2%	1.8%
Persons per Unit+	2.70	2.70	2.57	2.89	2.87	3.40	2.74	2.86
Temporary Student Population (included above)	23,720	(1,010)	(720)	(110)	25,940	(50)	(180)	(160)
Students Arriving	31,540	790	3,020	30	27,490	40	60	100
Living in Student Residences	10,430	-	530	-	9,900	-	-	-
Living in Other Accommodations	21,100	790	2,480	30	17,590	40	60	100
Students Leaving++	(7,820)	(1,800)	(3,740)	(140)	(1,550)	(90)	(250)	(260)

* 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

Year-end	Population			Households		
	Total Population	Annual Growth	Change %	total Households	Annual Growth	Change %
1992	406,600	7,200	1.80%	140,260	3,120	2.28%
1993	411,900	5,300	1.30%	143,090	2,830	2.02%
1994	418,000	6,100	1.48%	146,280	3,190	2.23%
1995	421,100	3,100	0.74%	148,080	1,800	1.23%
1996	424,000	2,900	0.69%	149,640	1,560	1.05%
1997	430,200	6,200	1.46%	152,010	2,370	1.58%
1998	437,600	7,400	1.72%	154,950	2,940	1.93%
1999	446,200	8,600	1.97%	158,270	3,320	2.14%
2000	454,800	8,600	1.93%	161,590	3,320	2.10%
2001	465,000	10,200	2.24%	164,600	3,010	1.86%
2002	474,500	9,500	2.04%	167,530	2,930	1.78%
2003	485,200	10,700	2.26%	170,820	3,290	1.96%
2004	497,600	12,400	2.56%	175,080	4,260	2.49%
2005	507,800	10,200	2.05%	178,780	3,700	2.11%
2006	517,300	9,500	1.87%	182,200	3,420	1.91%
2007	523,100	5,800	1.12%	185,130	2,930	1.61%
2008	532,100	9,000	1.72%	188,800	3,670	1.98%
2009	535,200	3,100	0.58%	189,820	1,020	0.54%
2010	543,900	8,700	1.63%	193,230	3,410	1.80%
2011	551,600	7,700	1.42%	196,490	3,260	1.69%
2012	556,900	5,300	0.96%	198,480	1,990	1.01%
2013	563,000	6,100	1.10%	200,830	2,350	1.18%
2014	569,000	6,000	1.07%	203,660	2,830	1.41%
2015	574,700	5,700	1.00%	205,990	2,330	1.14%
2016	583,500	8,800	1.53%	209,240	3,250	1.58%
2017	594,100	10,600	1.82%	213,220	3,980	1.90%
2018(f)	600,770	6,670	1.12%	216,500	3,280	1.54%
5-year average		7,440	1.30%		2,948	1.44%
15-year average		7,973	1.51%		3,046	1.62%

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For further information, please refer to Report PDL-CPL-18-12 “Year End 2017 Population and Household Estimates for the Region of Waterloo” at: www.regionofwaterloo.ca or contact us at:

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