



MEMO

To: Governance Working Group

From: City Clerk's Office

Date: June 26, 2023

Re: Population by Ward

On June 6, 2023 Municipal Council passed the following recommendation:

“g) the matter of a ward boundary review BE REFERRED to the Governance Working Group (GWG) for consideration; it being noted that the GWG requested that the most current ward and census information be provided at the next meeting of the GWG;”

Attached you will find 2021 census data divided by ward (Table 2) from the Planning and Economic Development Service area as well as ward population information from the City Clerk's Office, as presented to Corporate Services Committee on May 31, 2021. Based on population information provided by the Planning and Economic Development Service Area, the figures in Table 1 represent the most recent ward variance calculations available to the City Clerk's Office and an estimate of post-secondary students in London from 2020. Table 3 includes growth projections up to 2024.

Table 1: 2020 Population Data by Ward, incl. Post-Secondary Students

Ward	2018 Population	2020 Population	2020 Population Variance
1	25,846	28,002	-8.23%
2	25,015	26,612	-12.79%
3	27,150	28,860	-5.42%
4	30,341	31,606	3.58%
5	32,116	33,529	9.88%
6	29,857	29,322	-3.90%
7	35,026	37,454	22.75%
8	29,391	29,536	-3.20%
9	28,017	31,893	4.52%
10	28,429	31,232	2.36%
11	29,509	31,146	2.07%
12	31,406	33,436	9.58%
13	26,857	28,583	-6.33%
14	24,288	25,974	-14.88%
Total	403,248		427,185
Average	28,803		30,513

Source: Population data received from Planning and Economic Development November 2020. Population figures include students living in residence only.

The inclusion of post-secondary students in the above total population counts is an estimate only. Only students living in residence at Western University and Fanshawe College have been included. A total of 2,056 students living in residence have been added to Ward 3 and a total of 6,339 students living in residence have been added to Ward 6.¹

¹ The Western number (6,339) comes from the Institutional Planning and Budgeting – Western facts 2020 website. Fanshawe number is provided by main web site and includes 1,660 units in three traditional on-campus residences and an additional 396 units in an off-campus townhouse complex.

Table 2: Population by Ward, 2021 Census Update

Ward	2020 Population²	2021 Census Population³	Net difference
1	28,002	27,469	-534
2	26,612	26,465	-148
3	28,860	29,891	1031
4	31,606	32,370	764
5	33,529	35,387	1858
6	29,322	23,738	-5585
7	37,454	43,351	5897
8	29,536	29,757	221
9	31,893	33,861	1968
10	31,232	31,682	450
11	31,146	30,248	-899
12	33,436	33,472	36
13	28,583	31,071	2488
14	25,974	28,318	2344
Total	427,185	437,080	9,895

Source: Population data received from Planning and Economic Development June 2023. Population figures for 2021 do not include any additional enumeration of post-secondary students.

² Population data received from City Planning November 2020. Population figures include students living in residence only

³ Population data received from City Planning June 2023. Population figures are based on 2021 census population data for each traffic zone, which aligns with Ward Boundaries. Does not include any additional student enumeration.

1.3 Growth Projections

The Table below shows growth projection percentage per ward up to 2024, received from the Planning and Economic Development Service Area. The city-wide forecasts are from the Watson and Associates “City of London Population, Housing and Employment Growth Forecast Update” for use in the 2019 Development Charges Study. Watson and Associates completed an updated study in July 2022 including City-Wide Permanent Population Forecast Scenarios from 2021 to 2051.

Table 3: 2019-2024 Growth Projection Percentage per Ward

Ward	Growth Projections 2019-2024
1	2%
2	0%
3	9%
4	1%
5	8%
6	4%
7	13%
8	1%
9	16%
10	1%
11	2%
12	5%
13	7%
14	10%

Should Council direct Civic Administration to undertake a comprehensive ward boundary review, staff recommends retaining a consultant to assist with population estimates, rooted on the 2021 Census. Based on municipalities of similar size, Civic Administration estimates this process would take approximately twelve to eighteen months to complete.