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## Resilient Calgary



CITY OF CALGARY VISION:  
A great place to make a living,  
a great place to make a life.



Resilient Calgary: Agenda-Setting Workshop Findings and Update  
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**Resilience** is about  
surviving and thriving,  
regardless of the  
challenge.





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## What are Calgary's resilience challenges?

### RESILIENCE CHALLENGES

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

BLIZZARD

DROUGHT

ECONOMIC SHIFTS

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
ACCIDENTHURRICANE, TYPHOON,  
CYCLONELACK OF AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING

RAINFALL FLOODING

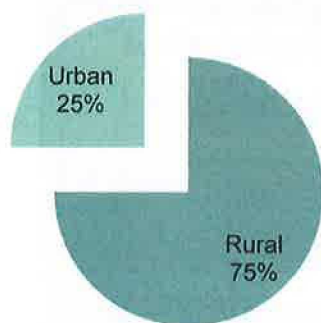


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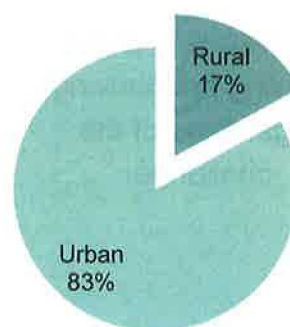


## Urban vs. Rural Context 1901 - 2011

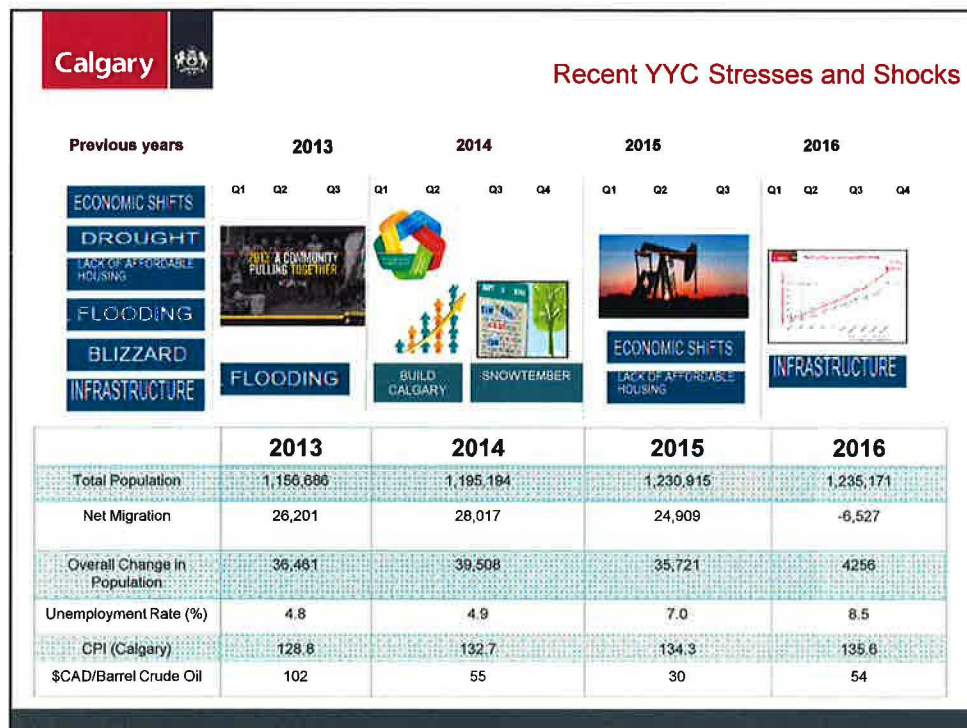
% Urban vs. Rural  
Population Alberta - 1901




% Urban vs. Rural Population  
Alberta - 2011




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### What is the 100 Resilient Cities network?



100 Resilient Cities was launched to enable 100 cities to better address the increasing shocks and stresses of the 21st century.








## Benefits of 100RC Membership

**Resources**

**Support**

**Implementation**

**Networking**

**Expertise**

**Ability to leverage**



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We're excited to kick off this journey together @cityofcalgary!

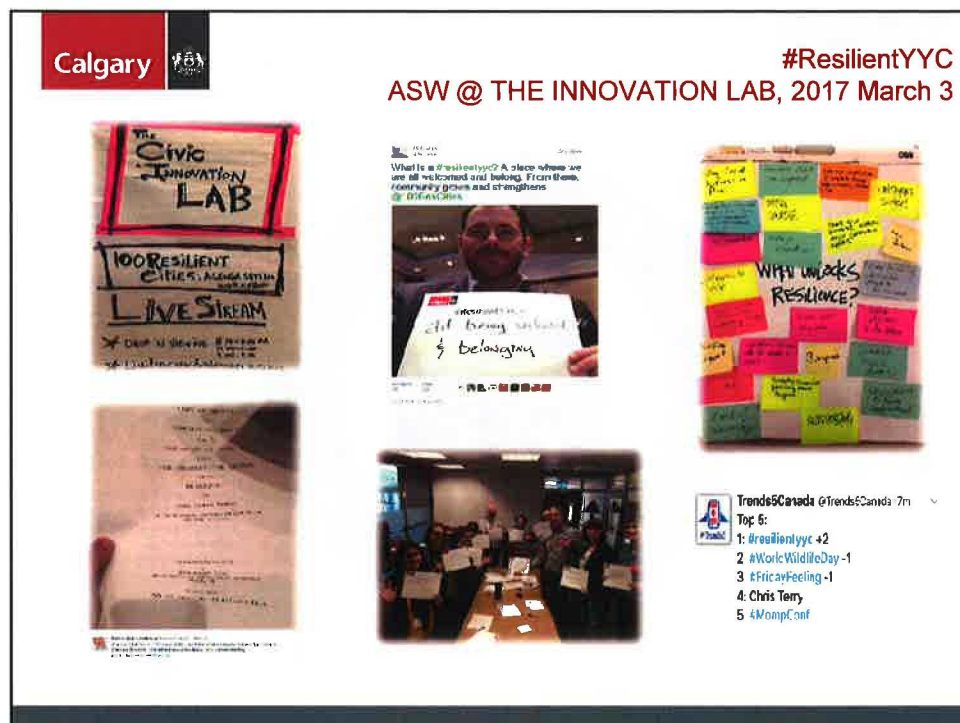
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**Calgary builds resilience with help from global network**


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The Calgary Agenda-Setting Workshop explored the meaning of resilience ...



**What is resilience?**

**Cohesive communities:** *"We need to think not as taxpayers but as citizens."*

**Empathy, support, and kindness:** *"Kindness and empathy are our greatest strengths."*

**Purposeful planning for the future:** *"Learning from our past, and the experiences and cycles of people within this community."*

*"Never mistake the desire for compassion, kindness, mercy, love, and humanity for weakness. It is strength." - Mayor Nenshi*

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px 10px; font-weight: bold;">Calgary</div> </div> <div style="text-align: right;">... its application to the Calgary context...</div> </div>		
Participants prioritized shocks and stresses ...	... discussed interdependencies between these shocks and stresses...	... and ideas of what Calgary could do about them
<p><b>Economic stress and uncertainty</b></p> <p>Chronic economic uncertainty given the lack of economic diversification vulnerability to commodity price fluctuations</p>	<p>Vicious cycle between declining infrastructure investment and reduced ability to invest in infrastructure</p>	<p>Strengthen communities' own capacity to deal with shocks and stresses themselves</p>
<p><b>Weather and climate change</b></p> <p>Severe storms and rainfall/river flooding are the most likely and with the highest impact for Calgary</p>	<p>Economic stagnation in certain districts (e.g., downtown Calgary), leading to a reduced incentive to invest in these communities</p>	<p>Improve broad education and awareness around resilience at all levels</p>
<p><b>Lack of social cohesion and inequity</b></p> <p>Marginalized populations and weakening social ties</p>	<p>Groups that are more vulnerable to public health shocks (like the fentanyl crisis) are becoming increasingly marginalized, further reducing their access to services</p>	<p>Build stronger formal governance policies and improved ability to execute on plans</p>
<p><i>"We often have great plans and feel like we are heading in a good direction, so we just need to ensure we are able to follow through on these plans"</i></p>		



