



The landscape of healthcare in rural Alberta

Population, Variation, and Retention

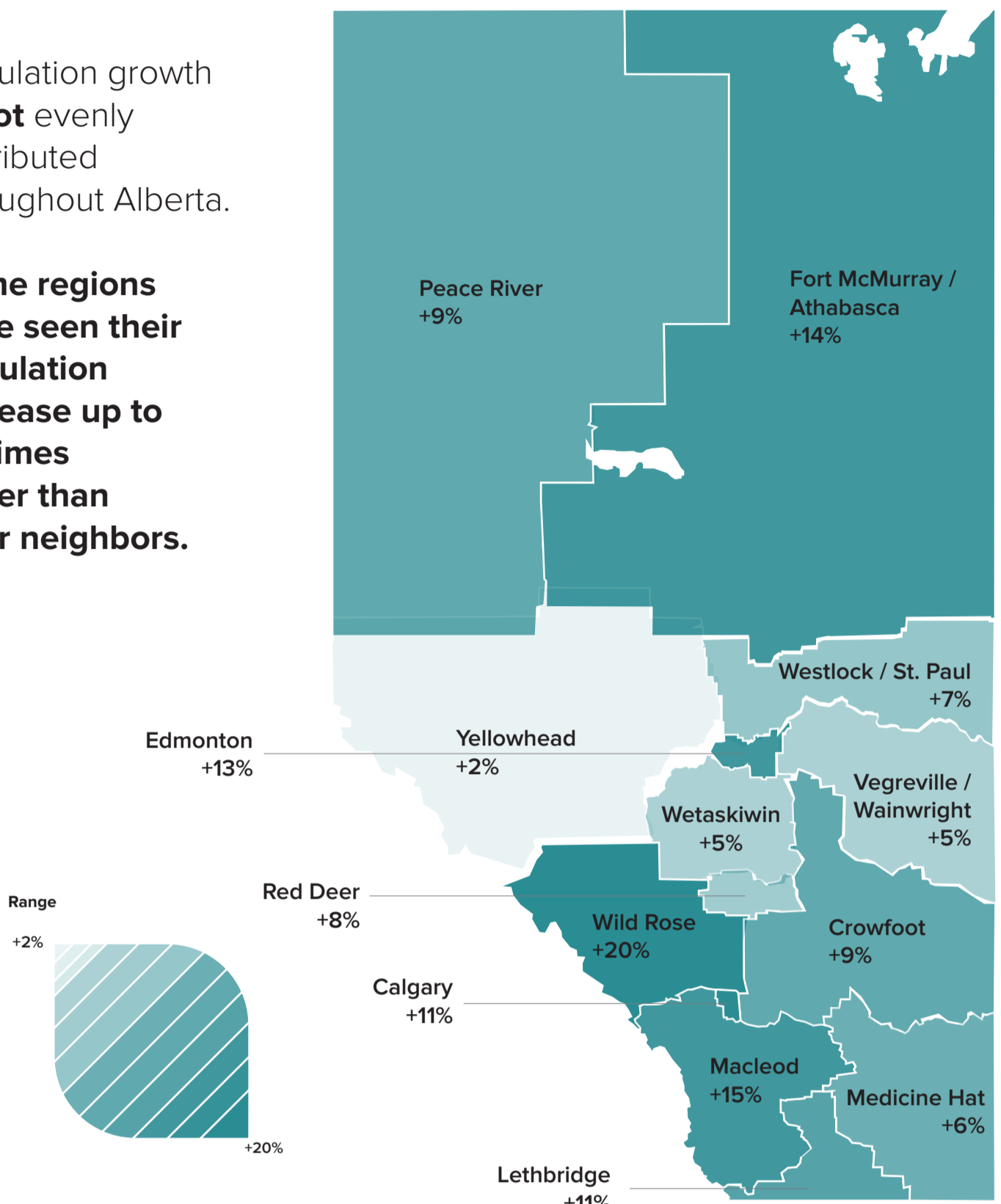
Alberta's population is one of the fastest growing in the country, driving the need for more physicians across the province.



Population growth **is not** evenly distributed throughout Alberta.

Some regions have seen their population increase up to 10 times faster than their neighbors.

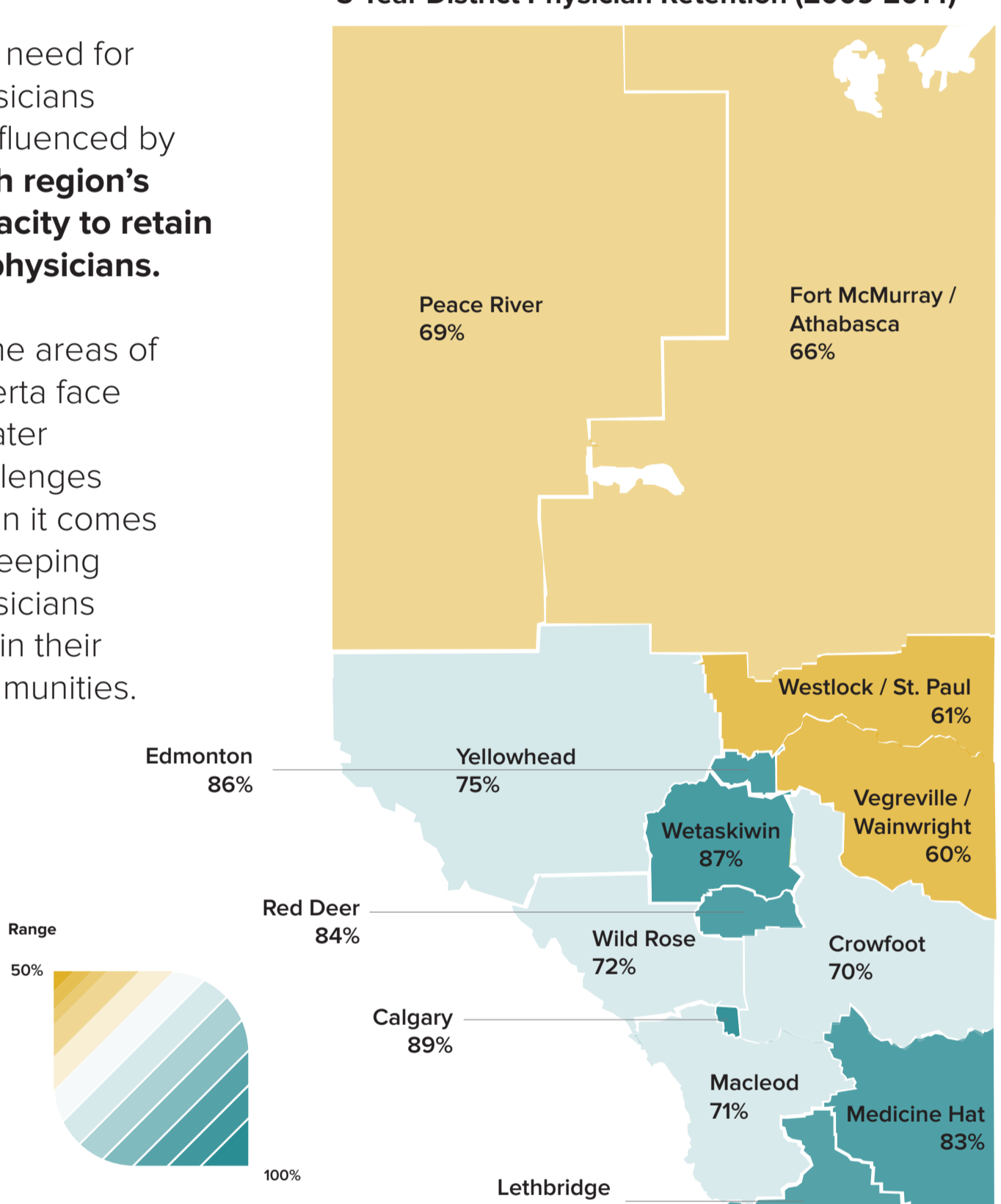
Population growth between census (2006-2011)



The need for physicians is influenced by **each region's capacity to retain its physicians.**

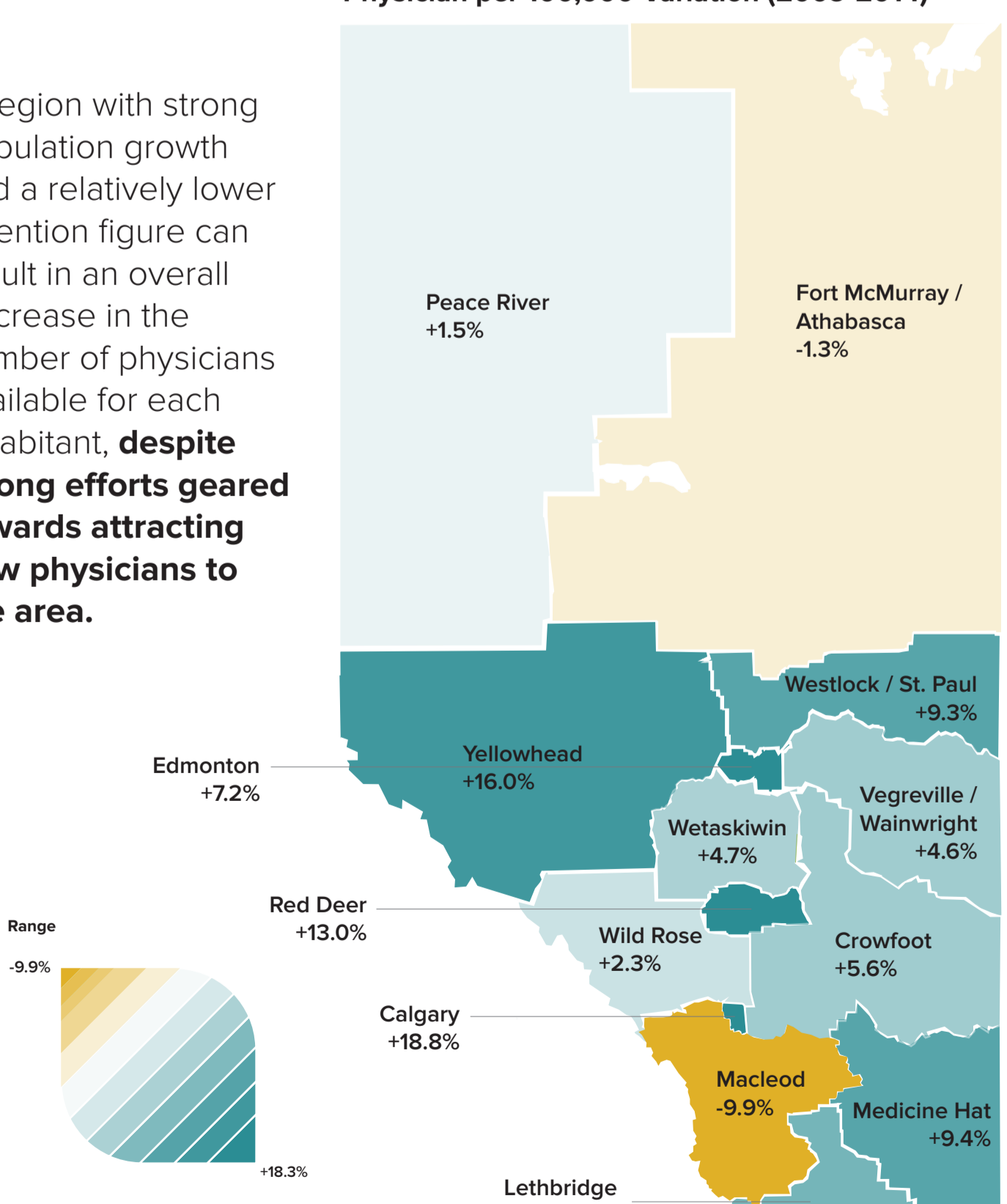
Some areas of Alberta face greater challenges when it comes to keeping physicians within their communities.

5 Year District Physician Retention (2009-2014)



A region with strong population growth and a relatively lower retention figure can result in an overall decrease in the number of physicians available for each inhabitant, **despite strong efforts geared towards attracting new physicians to the area.**

Physician per 100,000 Variation (2009-2014)



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