

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS



Number of times Premier Klein said "debt" in his Jan. 8 television speech: 12
 Number of times he said "thanks": 1

Number of cardiovascular surgeons in Alberta in 1995: 18
 Number of plastic surgeons: 33
 Number of weeks waiting for cardiovascular surgery in 1996: 13.6
 Number of weeks for plastic surgery: 9.3

Percentage of Alberta GDP spent on healthcare in 1992: 9.2
 Percentage in 1995: 7.5
 Decrease in the average life expectancy of Calgary males since 1994 (in years): 1.3

Rank of Canada among G-7 countries, based on percentage of national GDP spent on health care in 1996: 4
 Rank of the United States: 1

Forecast percentage of public sector spending on healthcare for 1997: 68.7
 Forecast percentage of private sector spending: 31.3

Amount of time it takes to lose a \$2 bet on a horse race: 20 minutes
 At a blackjack table: 2 minutes
 At a Video Lottery Terminal: 2 seconds
 Rank of culture, education, and provincial debt reduction as areas to spend lottery funds, according to government survey: 1, 4, 7



Percentage of Albertans who regularly work overtime: 21
 Percentage of Canadians who regularly work overtime: 17
 Average number of overtime hours per week nationally: 10
 Percentage of workers who are not paid for overtime: 53
 Maximum number of jobs that might have been created with those hours: 169,000
 Drop in the number of Canadian workers belonging to unions since 1990: 294,000
 Percentage of unionized workers nationally: 32
 Percentage of Alberta workers belonging to unions: 22
 Percentage of trade union membership in Alberta represented by public service workers: 42
 Percentage of public sector workers in Alberta who are unionized: 65
 Percentage of private sector workers who are unionized: 11
 Average hourly wage for unionized worker in the first nine months of 1997: \$18.84
 Average hourly wage for non-union members during the same period: \$15.18
 Percentage of Alberta business owners expecting higher profits in 1998: 64
 Percentage of Canadian business owners expecting higher profits in 1998: 55
 Expected number of jobs created by small and medium-sized business in Alberta in 1998: 31,000

Percentage of Alberta's electricity generated by fossil fuels: 96
 ??? tonnes of carbon dioxide entering Alberta skies every year as a consequence.

