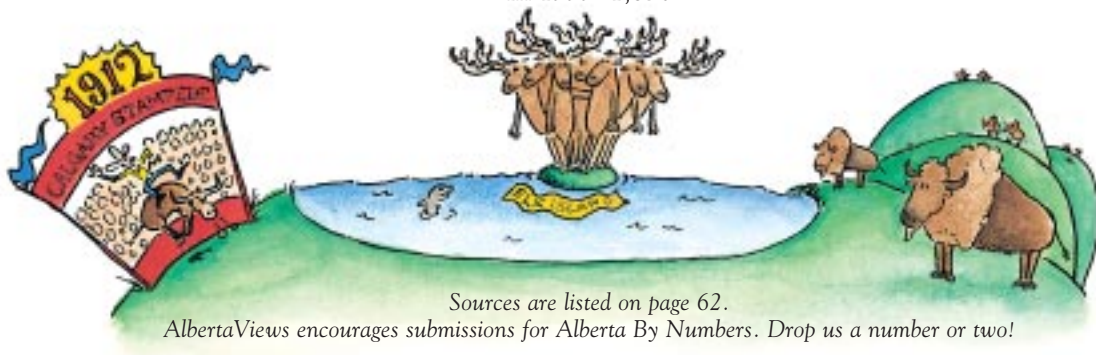


ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

Compiled by Tara Hyland-Russell

- Year of the first Calgary Stampede: 1912
Population of Calgary in 1912: 40,000
Number of passengers coming to the first Stampede via Canadian Pacific's special excursion rate: 40,000
Number of contestants at the first Stampede: 150
Year the first Stampede Queen (Patsy Rodgers) was crowned: 1946
Number of novels published by Nellie McClung: 16
Number of years Nellie McClung held office as an MLA: 5
Alberta's 1996 homicide rate per 100,000 population: 1.9
Percentage below the national rate: 10
Percentage decrease in Alberta's homicide rate between 1995 and 1996: 12.8
National rate of impaired driving charges in 1996 per 100,000 population: 335
Rate in Alberta per 100,000 population in the same year: 486
Percentage higher than the national rate: 45
Expenditures for policing in Alberta, 1988-89: \$358 million
In 1994-95: \$459 million
Percentage increase: 28.2
Expenditures for legal aid in Alberta, 1988-89: \$17 million
In 1992-93: \$30 million
In 1994-95: \$25 million
Year the first recorded game of soccer was played in Southern Alberta (Lethbridge): 1880
Year of Lloydminster's first ever community sportsday: 1903
Year the Lloydminster club became soccer champions of Alberta: 1907
Year the first golf course was built in Lloydminster: 1927
Total value of Alberta's international exports, 1997: \$33,330,112
Value of Albertan exports to the United States in 1997: \$27,011,036
American exports as a percentage of total international exports: 81
Percentage increase over 1996 US exports: 6.8
National increase in US exports in the same period: 9.7
Albertan exports to China, 1996: \$680,386
In 1997: \$415,658
Percentage decrease: 38.9
Number of Large Roadside Attractions (Pysynka, Perogy, Squirt the Skunk) in Alberta: 30
Height of the Vegreville Pysynka, Ukrainian Easter Egg: 9.45m
Weight of the aluminum skin of the egg: 909 kg
Number of star patterns on the pysynka: 524
Number of visible facets: 3,512
Population of Glendon, Alberta, home of world's largest perogy: 418
Number of restaurants that serve perogies in Glendon, Alberta: 3
Number of restaurants in Glendon: 3
Number of Alberta farms raising bison, 1996: 334
Total number of bison: 22,782
Elk population at Elk Island National Park, 1906: 20
In 1999: 1,850



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