

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Number of Canadian women holding seats in the House of Commons in 1984: 27
Number of Albertan women holding seats in the House of Commons in 1984: 1

Number of whooping cranes in Canada: 149
Number of women in the Federal Cabinet: 5
As a percentage of total representation: 17.8
Albertan women MLA's: 23
As a percentage of total representation: 27.7

Percentage of Canadian women in the 25 highest paying occupations in 1995: 22
In 1990: 17

Number of homeless people in Calgary in 1996: 3,800
Percentage of Calgary homeless turned away from shelters: 40
Percentage of homeless motivated to find employment: 59

1996 Statistics Canada Low Income Cut-off (LICO) for a rural family of four: \$22,279
For family of four in large urban centre: \$32,238
Number of Albertans living under the poverty line in 1996: 436,000
Percentage of Albertan population classified as living in poverty in 1996: 15.8
Percentage of people in P.E.I. living in poverty in 1996: 12.6

Percentage of Albertan children living in poverty in 1980: 11.2
In 1996: 20.3

Number of Albertan children living in poverty in 1996: 148,000
Percentage decrease in poverty rate in Alberta for male seniors between 1980 and 1996: 71
For female seniors: 54

Number of Edmontonians living under the poverty line in 1996: 155,000
Number of children Edmonton Mustard Seed Church feeds daily: 1,050
Percentage drop in Edmonton welfare caseload between March 1993 and October 1996: 45
Percentage change in Alberta welfare benefits from 1986 to 1996 for a single person: -42.5
Number of people served by the Edmonton Food Bank in January of 1996: 20,546
Percentage increase from 1993: 122

Amount of monthly welfare assistance available for single person in 1996: \$394
Average monthly income for a household using the Food Bank: \$705
Cost of an Alberta nutritious Food Basket for family of 3 in 1996: \$337

Number of artifacts and specimens in University of Alberta's museums and collections: 17 million
Number of pieces of new music produced by Edmonton Composers' Concert Society in past 10 years: 800

Number of professional theatre companies in Edmonton: 13

Number of dogs in Calgary: 83,475
Number of cats in Calgary: 84,537
Increased number of cats and dogs in Calgary since 1995: 24,331



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