

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Number of bottles of champagne ordered for Alberta's millennium celebrations: 11,400
Sparkling wine predicted to be consumed by Albertans this New Years: 1,200,000 bottles

Percentage of Albertan farmers aware of potential Y2K problem: 81
Percentage of farmers who consider themselves fully Y2K compliant: 8

Number of would-be Klondikers who passed through Edmonton in 1897-98: 1,560
Number of those who actually made it to the Yukon: 725
Klondike Days Attendance in 1998: 734,394
Rank by attendance of "Klondike Days" among annual cultural festivals in Edmonton: 1

Alberta's lowest recorded temperature: Fort Vermilion, January 11, 1911: -61.1°C
Alberta's highest recorded temperature: Fort Macleod, July 18, 1941: 43.3°C
Lowest relative humidity ever recorded in Canada: Calgary, 6%

Size of skull of the 220 million-year-old ichthyosaur new to Tyrrell Museum: 5.5 metres
Its size as a percentage bigger than the largest known marine reptile: 30
Length of time expected for task of removing rock encasing skull: 3 years
Weight of block containing skull fossil: 3.5 tonnes

Number of wildfires in Alberta May-September 1999: 1,800
Cost to fight these wildfires: \$144-million
Percentage of wildfires occurring in northeastern part of Alberta: 86

Percentage of fatally injured drivers in Alberta who were under influence of alcohol: 66
In B.C.: 49

Percentage of Albertans who rate themselves as being in excellent health: 25
Percentage of people in Saskatchewan who rate themselves as being in excellent health: 17
Percentage of Albertans who consider themselves to be in poor health: 2
Active physicians in Alberta in 1998: 4,762
Increase in number of physicians in Alberta over previous year: 5.5%
National increase: 1.7%

Average life expectancy for males in Alberta: 76.0 years
For females: 81.3 years
Portion of Alberta's population over age 65 in 1977: 7.4%
In 1997: 9.9%
Portion of Canada's population over 65 in 1997: 12.3%
Percentage of Albertans who provide unpaid care for seniors: 16
Percentage of people in Alberta very satisfied with their jobs: 52
Percentage dissatisfied: 39

Number of licensed airports in Alberta: 83
Number of licensed heliports in Alberta: 28
Number of unlicensed airports: 800

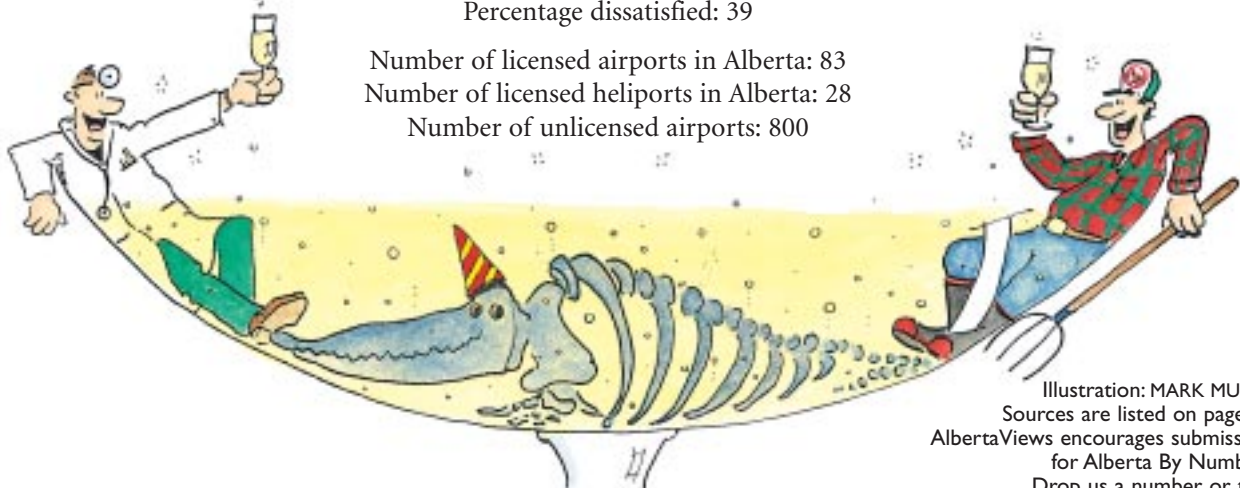


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