

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Elevation in metres of highest graveyard in Canada (Mountain Park, Alberta): 1,890
Year of Mountain Park's first burial: 1913
Mountain Park's population at its peak: 1,500
Date the town of Mountain Park closed: June 9, 1950
Populations of some Alberta Ghost Towns:
Cadomin: about 50; Wayne: 40; Rowley: 12; Coalspur: fewer than 10; Orion: 7; Frank: 0
Contenders for the namesake of the Hamlet of Dorothy: 3 (Circus Coulee, Percyville—after Percy McBeath, and Dorothy—after Dorothy Wilson, the first baby born in the district)
Number of ghost towns in Alberta: 71

Year the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra was founded: 1960
Canadian premiere of Calgarian Stanley Finn's Symphony no. 1: 1963
Subsequent performances of Stanley Finn's Symphony no. 1 in Canada and internationally: 6

Number of bird species identified during Calgary's Christmas 1997 bird count: 63
Average yearly Snowy Owl sightings in the 1970s: 10
Number of Snowy Owl sightings 1995-98: 1

Percentage of Alberta's GDP contributed by the oil and gas sector in 1985: 36
Percentage contribution in 1995: 18

Number of Albertans in paid labour force: 1,461,360
Percentage of Albertans employed in service industries: 73
Rank of government among largest employers in Calgary: 1
Number of Calgarians employed by government: 20,983
Persons in Edmonton reporting unpaid hours of housework: 429,600
Percentage of Calgary employers that are small businesses: 75
Number of volunteer inquiries logged by Volunteer Centre of Calgary in 1997: 19,570
Percentage of volunteers who are unemployed: 30

Litres per person daily water consumption in Calgary, 1996: 558
Litres per capita daily water use in Edmonton: 391
Percentage by which Edmontonians use less water than Calgarians: 31
Percentage decrease in Calgary water consumption since 1984: 29

Value of Canada's Millennium Arts Fund: \$9,238,200
Amount allocated to Alberta artists: \$266,400
Percentage of funds granted to Albertan artists: 2.9
Total number of applications received from Canadian artists: 1,974
Total number of projects funded: 179
Number of Albertan projects funded: 6
Canadian success rate for funding: 9.8%
Alberta's success rate: 4%

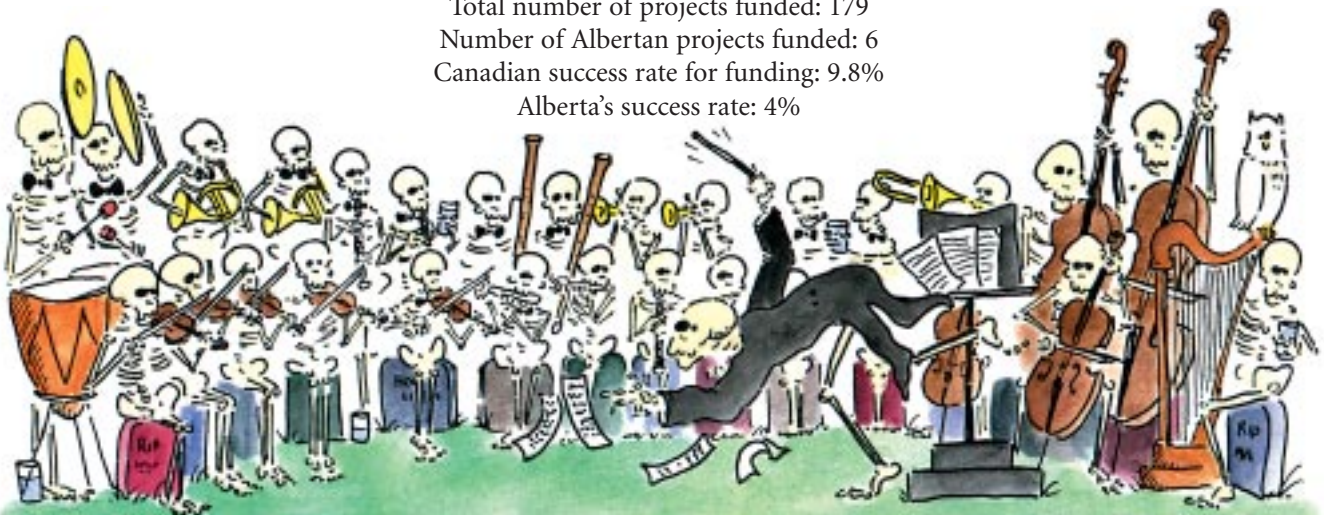


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