

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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First union in Alberta region: the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (chartered 1886)

First strike to protest coal-mining conditions: Lethbridge, 1906

First national general strike in Canadian history: 1976

Number of Albertans who participated in the strike, October 14, 1976: 50,000

Number of miners killed in Alberta 1904-1910: 134

Number of miners killed in Alberta 1904-1963: 1,200

Number of miners killed in the Hillcrest mine disaster, June 19, 1914: 189

Total number of men in the mine: 220

First year a proficiency test required for coal miners: 1927

During the 1920s, number of coal inspectors in all Alberta: 7

Number of mines the Lethbridge inspector alone was responsible for: 112

Number of industrial establishments 1884-1885 in what was to become Alberta: 60

Number of men employed in these establishments: 212

Number of women: 3

Number of collective bargaining agreements monitored by Alberta Labour in 1998: 1,374

Number of employees represented by these agreements: 267,506

Percentage increase in full-time jobs 1991-1996: 7.9

Percentage increase in part-time jobs, same period: 18.6

Percentage of jobs that were part-time in 1981: 12.6

Percentage of jobs that were part-time in 1996: 20

Number of Albertans in 1996 with non-permanent, contract or short-term jobs: 115,000

In January 2000, number employed in Alberta in all industrial sectors: 1,544,800

Largest single sector of employment: retail trade, 182,200

Number of Albertans working in arts, culture, recreation and sports occupations: 29,400

Smallest employment sector: forestry and logging, 3,400

Number of spectators at Edmonton's first Fringe Festival, 1982: 7,500

Number at 1998's "A Clockwork Fringe": 450,000

Number of buskers at Edmonton's Fringe Festival: 100

Percentage of at-the-door ticket price that goes to Fringe artists: 100

Minimum percentage of tickets reserved for at-the-door sales: 25

First airmail in Canada: Calgary to Edmonton, July 9, 1918

First air crossing over Rocky Mountains: August 7, 1919

Percentage of vendors at farmers' markets earning under \$5,000 annually: 73

Percentage of vendors selling baked goods: 43.2

Percentage selling vegetables: 18.4

Number of farmers' markets in Alberta in 1974: 16

Number in 1998: 115

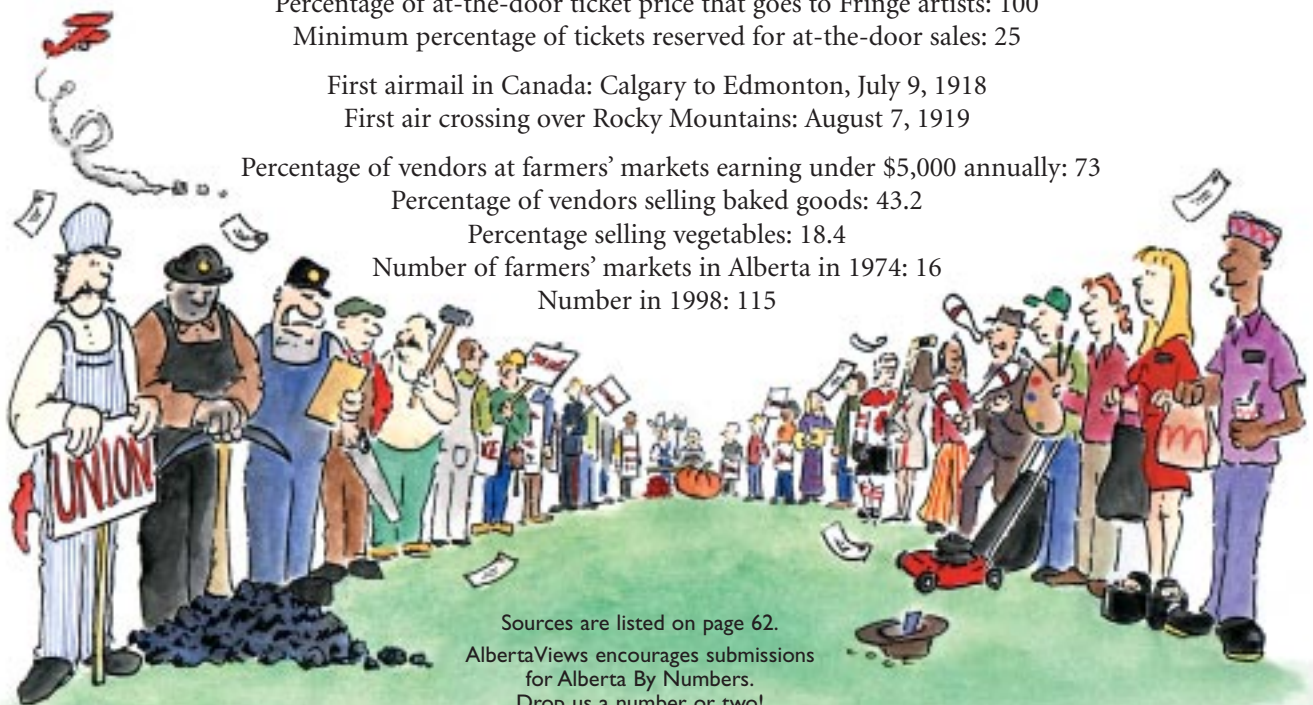


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