

# ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Number of registered Alberta midwives: 20  
Percentage of midwives who have left the province or stopped practising since 1998: 50  
Number of midwives granted hospital privileges by Calgary Regional Health Authority: 8  
Cost of prenatal, birth and postnatal midwifery care: \$2,500  
Amount covered by Alberta Health Care: 0

Percentage of Albertan children who are never read to by an adult: 7.4  
Average number of hours Albertans watch television weekly: 20.3  
Percentage of children read to daily: 48.4

Number of members in Edmonton's Stroll of Poets Society: 207  
Poets excluded from annual Stroll: 0 ("no bards barred")  
Cowboy poetry junkies at annual Alberta Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Pincher Creek: 6,000

Percentage of husbands granted sole custody of children in Alberta: 6.6  
Percentage of wives granted sole custody: 55.1  
Rate at which joint custody granted in Alberta: 38.3%  
Joint custody in Canada: 21.4%

Percentage of Alberta women who earn 50 per cent or more of family income: 19  
Percentage of female single parent families earning under \$20,000 in 1995: 42  
Percentage of male single parent families earning under \$20,000: 22  
Average family income in Alberta in 1997: \$57,515  
Amount of decrease since 1990: \$1,088

Chance that a full- or part-time business operates out of an Alberta residence: 1 in 7  
Percentage of population living in a three-generation family household in Canada: 4.4  
In the Prairie provinces: 2.2

Year tires were last burned as fuel in Alberta: 1995  
Number of tires discarded annually by Albertans: 2,000,000  
Number of tires processed by Tire Recycling Management Association in 1995-96: 2,600,000  
Cost, per tire, to lawfully dispose of used tires: \$4

Cost of communicating Bill 11 to Albertans: \$1.7-million  
Alberta Liberal Party estimate of true cost: \$2-million+

Percentage of births in 1996 to unmarried women in Alberta: 24  
In Ontario: 17  
In Quebec: 50

Percentage of Alberta's population  
who were urban dwellers in 1901: 16  
In 1996: 80

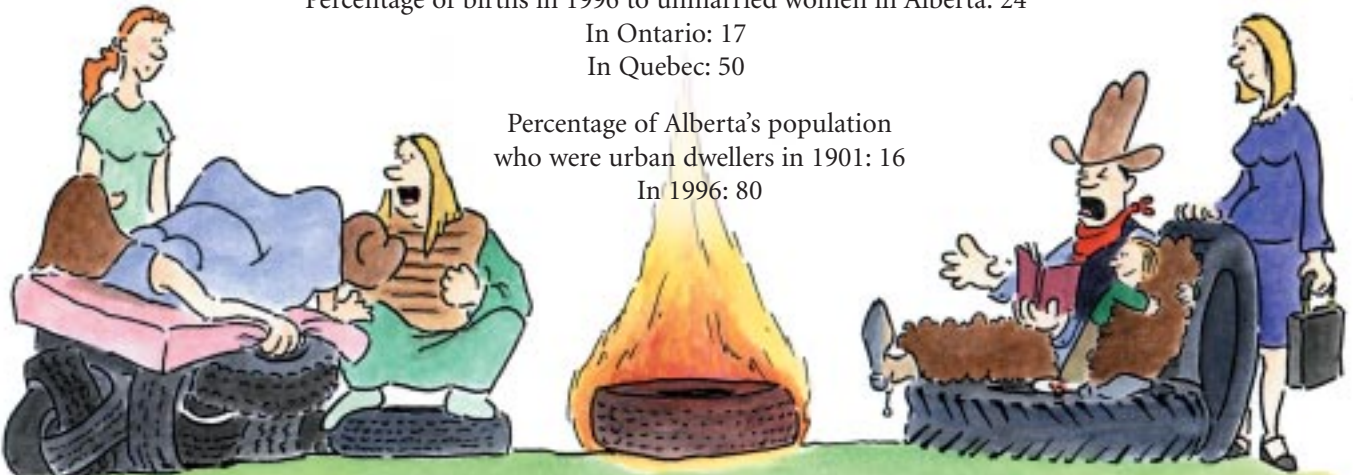


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