

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Incarceration rate of adults in Alberta, per 10,000 population: 11

Of youth: 22

Percentage of charged young offenders in Alberta found guilty in 1984-85: 10.3

In 1989-90: 18.9

Percentage increase in youth convictions from 1984-85 to 1989-90: 83

Percentage of Albertans who receive their crime news from newspapers: 81

Who think the media is very accurate in coverage of crime-related stories: 70

Year Juvenile Delinquents Act, a separate justice system for young people, enacted: 1908

Year current Young Offenders Act replaced the former Act: 1984

Average number of Alberta young offenders held in custody per day in 1996-97: 550

Total number of young offenders admitted to provincial custody programs in the same period: 4,480

Percentage of these offenders who were female: 22

Average length of sentence for a typical young offender (male, 15-16 years old, incarcerated for property offences): 110 days

National break-and-enter rate in 1996, per 100,000 population: 1,322

Alberta's break-and-enter rate: 1,123

Percentage by which Alberta rate lower than national rate: 15.05

Artists and arts organizations' contribution to Alberta's economy, 1992: \$47.3-million

Number of Albertans benefiting from these programs through cultural events, performances, exhibitions and memberships: 2.1 million

Year world's only log opera house built in Canmore: 1896

Year opera house donated to Calgary's Heritage Park: 1966

Years the Canmore Opera House was home to Alberta Theatre Projects: 13 (1972-1985)

Investment required to create one heavy industry job: \$200,000

Investment required to create one job in the arts: \$20,000

Number of jobs created by \$1-million in arts funding: 300-400

Total number of shows Alberta arts organizations presented in 1999: 19,596

Number of days art exhibitions were open to the public: 15,456

Combined attendance at Alberta arts events in 1999: 11.4 million

As a percentage of Alberta's population: 400

Most frost-free days: Edmonton, 140

Fewest frost-free days: Coleman, 0

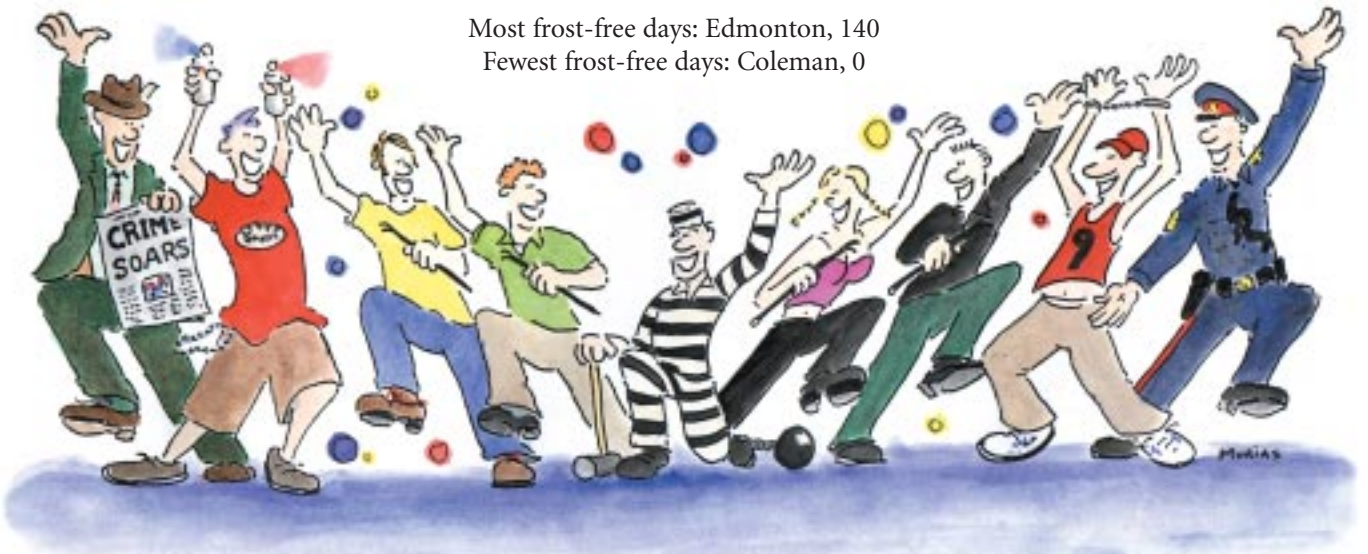


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