

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Percentage of Alberta's population that is aboriginal: 6
Population of registered (status) Indians in Alberta's 45 bands, 1998:
living on reserve: 50,708
living off reserve: 27,013

Approximate population of peoples native to the western plains of what would become Canada, prior to European contact: 50,000–100,000

Average income of Canadian populations, 1996:
of all non-aboriginals: \$33,640
of all aboriginals: \$18,729

Labour force participation rates, per cent:
of all non-aboriginals: 79.7
of aboriginals living off reserve: 72.9
of aboriginals living on reserve: 55.7

Median age, 1998: of all Canadians: 35.9
of registered Indians: 24.6

Life expectancy in years for registered Indians, in 1975: men, 59; women, 66
in 1998: men, 69; women, 77

Percentage of degree holders who are employed:
non-aboriginals: 82; aboriginals: 84

Number of Native Friendship Centres in Alberta's cities and towns: 19
Number of urban natives they serve: 125,000

Number of artifacts in Provincial Museum of Alberta's Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture: 3,500+
Age of oldest artifacts, in years: 9,000
Span of history covered by exhibition, in years: 11,000
In generations: 500

Approximate number of jingles on an adult dancer's jingle dress: 400–700

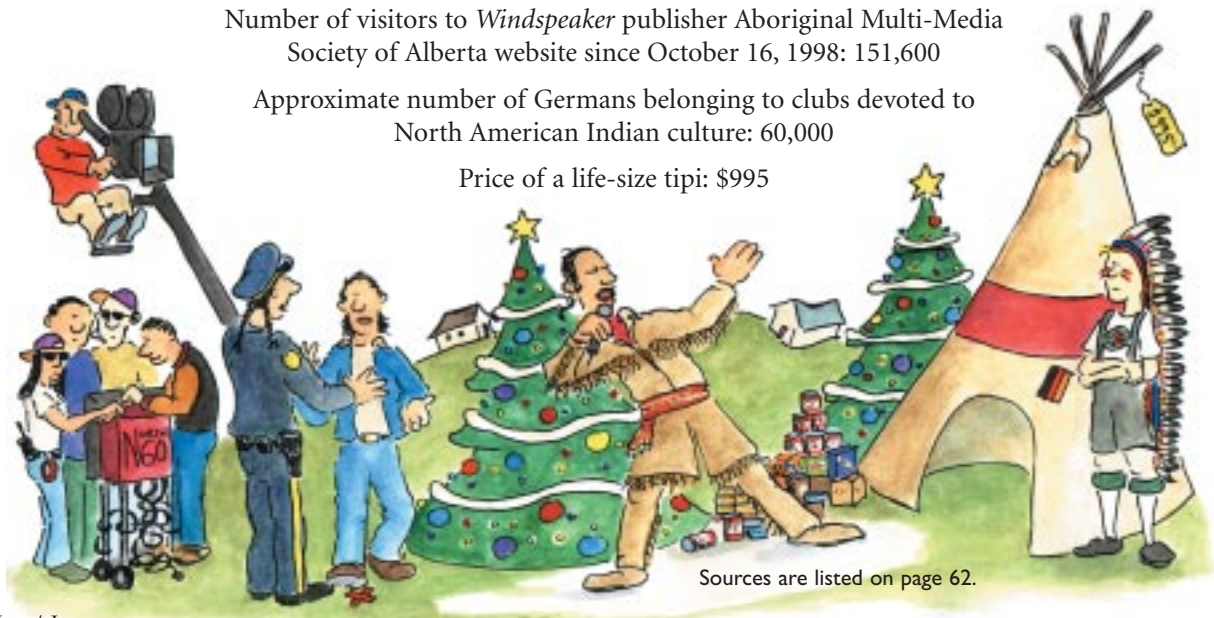
Average English Canadian weekly audience watching North of 60: 1,000,000
Number of countries in which show is seen: 60
Number of languages in which show is dubbed: 10

Number of years Tom Jackson has taken his Huron Carol on the road: 13
Amount of money raised this year: \$500,000

Number of visitors to *Windspeaker* publisher Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta website since October 16, 1998: 151,600

Approximate number of Germans belonging to clubs devoted to North American Indian culture: 60,000

Price of a life-size tipi: \$995



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