

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Percentage of Alberta's total population living in cities in 1951: 48
In 1999: 79

Canada's fastest growing city in 2000: Calgary (+3 per cent)
Edmonton's growth percentage between 1966 and 1996: 115
Calgary's: 149

Alberta's geographically largest municipality, 1999: Calgary, 717 km²
Smallest: Banff, 4.86 km²

Percentage of Calgary homeless shelter users who were employed in 1998: 45
Projected percentage increase in demand for housing in Alberta from 1998 to 2028: 61

Cost of the bright-orange 100-foot steel towers that marked the Alberta/Saskatchewan border
where it runs along Lloydminster's 50th Avenue: \$500,000
Amount for which Lloydminster is suing engineers for failure to design towers strong enough to withstand
wind stress: \$2-million

Percentage of total revenues that came from property taxes in Alberta cities, 1999:
Highest: Fort Saskatchewan: 59, Lowest: Medicine Hat: 29, Cities average: 41

Highest total city expenditure per capita in Alberta: Grande Prairie, \$1,110
Lowest: Airdrie, \$751, Cities average: \$965

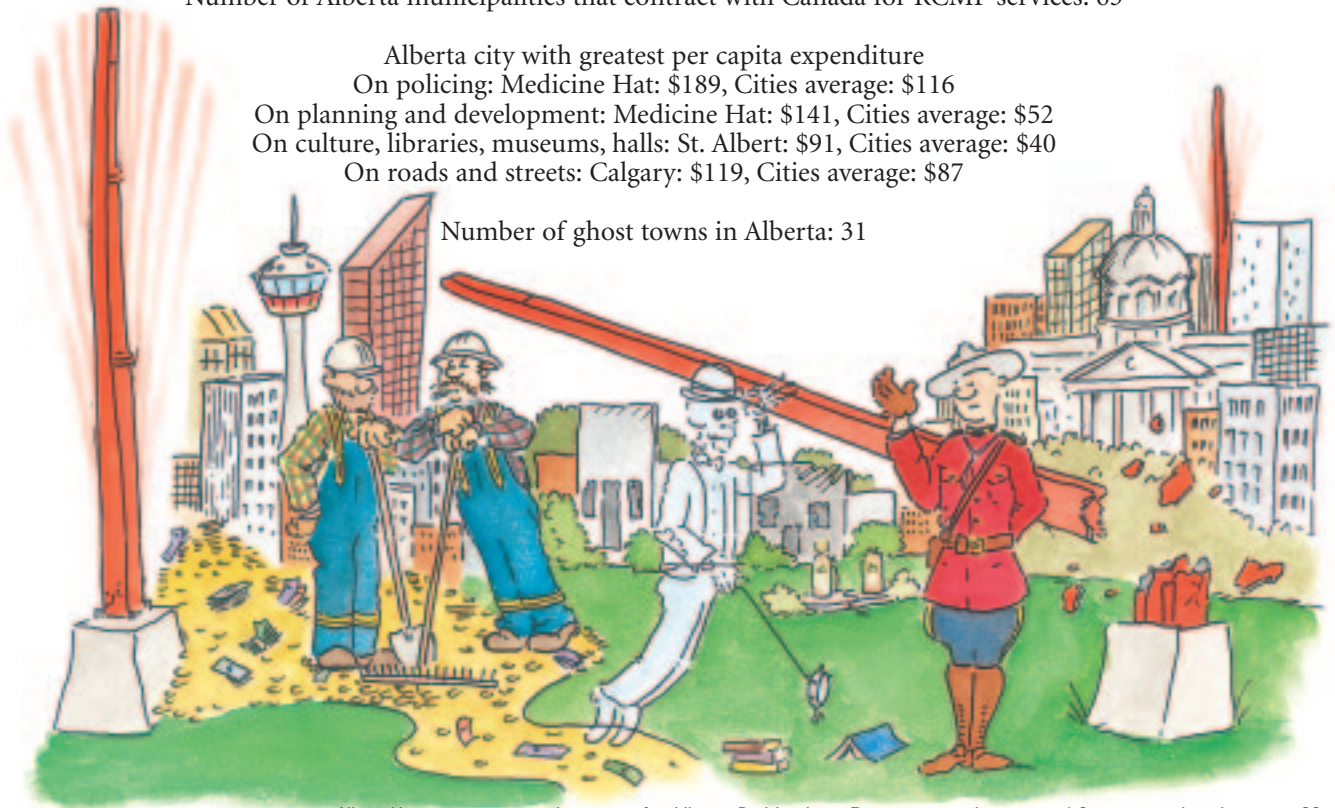
Mill rates on single-family residences in Alberta cities, 1999: Highest: Leduc: 10.3
Lowest: Calgary: 4.5, Cities average: 8.4

Ratio of non-residential mill rate to residential mill rate, 1999: Highest: Calgary, 2.90
Lowest: Swan Hills, 0.92, Cities average: 1.75
(In other words, Calgary taxes business property almost three times more heavily than residential property,
while Swan Hills taxes business property slightly less than residential.)

Number of Alberta municipalities that contract with Canada for RCMP services: 63

Alberta city with greatest per capita expenditure
On policing: Medicine Hat: \$189, Cities average: \$116
On planning and development: Medicine Hat: \$141, Cities average: \$52
On culture, libraries, museums, halls: St. Albert: \$91, Cities average: \$40
On roads and streets: Calgary: \$119, Cities average: \$87

Number of ghost towns in Alberta: 31



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