

# ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Present rank of Alberta among Canadian provinces as immigrant destination: 4<sup>th</sup>

Alberta's 2000 share of recent immigrants to Canada, per cent: 6.2

Alberta's population as a per cent of Canada's: 9.8

Percentage of visible minorities in total population of Alberta, 1996: 10

Canada's all-time record immigration in a single year: 400,000, in 1913

Percentage of Canadian-born Canadians who live in cities: 57  
of immigrants who live in cities: 85

Average number of live births per Canadian woman in 1959: 3.9; 1989: 1.7; 1996: 1.59.

Rate necessary for generational replacement: 2.1

Percentage of immigrants in Canada's total population, selected years: 1911: 22; 1996: 17  
in Alberta's total population: 1911: 57; 1996: 15

Head tax on Chinese immigrants, 1885: \$50; 1900: \$100; 1902: \$500.

Ratio of males to females by 1911: Chinese, 28:1; all other immigrants, 2:1

Ethnic groups in Alberta, 1971 (percentages of total population):

British: 47, German: 14, Ukrainian: 8, French: 6, Native Indian: 3.

Top ten source countries of Alberta's total immigration in 2000, per cent:

China: 11, India: 10, Philippines: 10, Pakistan: 6, Korea: 6, United States: 4, England: 4, Yugoslavia: 3, Ukraine: 2,  
Afghanistan: 2

Percentage of immigrants to Alberta in 2000 who went to Calgary: 60  
to Edmonton: 29, to Fort McMurray: 0.4

53 per cent were female, 47 per cent were male

55 per cent spoke English, 45 per cent did not

Age of Alberta's 2000 immigrants: 27 per cent were aged 0-19, 53 per cent were 20-39,  
18 per cent were 40-64, 3 per cent were over 65

Percentage of recent immigrants to Canada aged 25-44 who have a university degree: 34  
of Canadian-born who have one: 19

Alberta Ministry of Community Development's Alberta Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education  
Fund total expenditure, 1999/2000: \$1.2-million

Amount spent by Ministry of Economic Development "in leading Alberta's public/private sector promotion of the  
Alberta Advantage at Expo 2000 in Hanover, Germany": \$1.3-million

Weight of giant 27x12-foot perogy-on-a-fork at Glendon, Alberta: 6,000 lbs.

Weight of real perogies consumed by each Albertan annually,  
not counting home-made: 3.3 lbs.

Number of worker hours to create Vegreville's  
giant 31-foot Pysanka: 12,000

Number of pages of poetry published by Icelandic skald (bard) and  
Alberta immigrant farmer Stephan Stephansson (1853-1927): 2,000  
(more pages than any other Canadian poet)

Number of cricket teams in Edmonton: 10  
In Calgary: 9

