

NUMBERS

Number of K-12 schools in Alberta in 1967: 1,388; in 2001: 2,169

Number of school boards in Alberta in 1967: 229; in 2001: 64

Percentage of Alberta students that attend private schools: 4.3; that are home-schooled (the highest in the country): 1.3

Instructional hours per year, in kindergarten: 400; in elementary and junior high: 950; in senior high: 1,000

Percentage of instructional hours that must be devoted to arts instruction until Grade 7: 10; in Grade 8 and beyond: 0

Year in which Alberta Learning added feedlot beef and swine production to the high school curriculum: 1999

Amount the Alberta government spent on K-12 in 2000–01: \$3.65-billion

Alberta government's expenditure per student 2000–01: \$6,834

Alberta's rank among the 10 provinces in the above: 1

Ratio of students to teachers in Alberta: 18:1

Alberta's rank among the 10 provinces in the above: 10

Average number of hours per week Albertans work: 35; average number Alberta teachers work: 52.9

Percentage salary increase offered Alberta teachers by the government in 2002: 6;

percentage by which salaries were increased as a result of an arbitrated settlement: 14

Amount by which the government increased funding to school boards to accommodate the above pay increase: \$0

Amount over five years by which the Alberta Learning Commission recommends funding be increased: \$596.6-million

Average amount each Alberta teacher spends annually to subsidize school-related and instructional activities: \$528

Number of publicly funded post-secondary institutions in Alberta: 22

Year the government granted DeVry, a for-profit private institution, degree-granting status, the first in Canada: 2001

Average tuitions in Alberta: university: \$4,487; college: \$2,866; technical institute: \$2,971; DeVry: \$8,000

Percentage by which undergraduate tuition has increased since 1993: 103.1

Percentage increase in use of the U of A campus food bank over the past nine years: 126

Number of people employed as artists in Alberta: 10,700

Average yearly earnings of craftspersons: \$20,830; writers: \$22,896; fashion designers: \$24,922; gaffers: \$30,299;

photographers: \$37,478; managers in performing arts industries: \$56,059; petroleum engineers: \$81,765

Percentage of Canadians' charitable donations that go to health charities: 39; to religious organizations: 12;

to arts and cultural institutions: 2.8;

Amount the Alberta Performing Arts Stabilization Fund will award arts organizations 1995–2005: \$11-million

Amount the Alberta Foundation for the Arts awarded artists for 2002/03: \$19.3-million

Amount of interest owed by Mitsubishi's Alberta Pacific pulp mill forgiven by the Alberta government in 1998: \$155-million

Percentage of Calgarians who think the level of civic funding to promote and sustain the arts is "insufficient": 46

City of Calgary's budget for the arts in 2002: \$4-million

Annual budget for police vehicle replacement: \$24-million

City of Edmonton's direct grants to arts organizations, 2002: \$2-million

Annual budget for snow removal: \$20-million

