

Number of cities in Alberta: 15; towns: 110; villages: 104; summer villages: 52
Number of people living in Redwood Meadows,
an “unofficial” townsite near Bragg Creek that qualifies as none of the above: 1,141
Number of Albertans living in cities: 1,972,979
Percentage of Albertans that lived in cities, 1941: 34; percentage in 2001: 81
Population of Alberta’s largest settlement, Calgary: 904,987;
population of Alberta’s smallest settlement, Smith’s Landing First Nation: 0
Among Canadian cities, rank of Red Deer for interest in marital infidelity: 1
Rank of Calgary for most windshield repairs per capita in the world: 1
Rank of Mundare’s fibreglass kielbasa among world’s largest: 1
Among North American cities of 500,000 to one million people,
rank of Calgary for “bohemianness”: 4; rank of Edmonton: 8

Geographic area of Edmonton: 9,419 km²; of Calgary: 5,083 km²; of New York City: 785 km²
Population density in Alberta (people per square kilometre): 4.6; in Ontario: 12.6; in Hong Kong: 6,688
People living in Calgary’s inner city “footprint”: 12,000;
people living in Vancouver’s inner city “footprint” (the equivalent geographical area): 100,000
Hectares of land needed to support each Albertan (our “ecological footprint”): 10.7
Bangladeshis’ ecological footprint: 0.5 hectares per person
Canada’s rank for largest ecological footprint: 3 (behind the United States and Australia)

Percentage by which Edmonton’s population grew, 1996-2001: 8.7; percentage by which Calgary’s grew: 15.8
Of the \$816,012 raised in 2001 by Calgary mayoral candidate Dave Bronconnier, approximate percentage donated by construction companies, developers, real estate managers or other companies promoting suburban development: 40
Amount spent every year by the federal government to provide an incentive to new home ownership (via GST rebate): \$520-million; amount offered as an incentive for people to retrofit their existing homes: \$0
Amount of lumber wasted during the building of a new home: 1,016 kg

Percentage of North Americans who used to walk or bike to school: 71;
percentage of children who currently walk or bike to school: 18
Percentage of all trips by Edmontonians that are taken by car: 54; by public transit: 9; by bicycle: 0.4
Rank of Alberta for truck sales per capita in Canada: 1
Ratio at which trucks outsell cars in Alberta: 5:3
Miles per gallon (city) achieved by the Ford F-150, Alberta’s best selling vehicle: 12
MPG achieved by the Honda Insight, a hybrid vehicle: 61
Percentage of SUVs actually driven “off-road”: 5

Number of earth-sized planets required to sustain humanity
if everyone lived an Albertan standard of living: 5

