

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS



I

- Number of senior citizens, those 65 and over, in Alberta: 330,800
- Percentage increase in number of Albertans over the age of 65 between 1971 and 2002: 164
- Percentage increase in total population of Alberta over the same time period: 87
- Average age of Albertans in 1971: 29.5; in 2002: 35.6
- Percentage of Albertans who are seniors in 2005: 9.8; by 2016: 14.5; by 2026: 20
- Percentage of Alberta seniors reporting some employment income in 2001: 22
 - Average amount received: \$20,674
- Percentage of Alberta seniors reporting low social support in 1996: 1.4
 - In 2000: 4.6
- Number of females aged 100 and over who applied for the Alberta Seniors Benefit in 2003: 234; number of males: 32



II

- Average monthly health care expenses reported by Alberta seniors in 2001: \$1,110; non-seniors: \$710
- Percentage of prairie province seniors 65 and over who receive formal care: 25.9; informal care: 43.1
- Percentage of prairie province seniors aged 65-74 giving care to other seniors: 14.1; 75 and over: 6.0
- Number of Albertans living in long-term care facilities: 14,400
- Percentage of Alberta seniors living in long-term care centres: 4
- Fraction of nursing home residents who received a “major or minor tranquilizer” drug between 2001 and 2003: 1/2
- Approximate ratio of urban nursing home residents who received tranquilizers to those in rural nursing homes who received the drugs: 2:1
- Percentage decrease in Canadian RN graduates entering the profession between 1990 and 2000: 25
- Percentage decrease in Albertan RN graduates entering the profession between 1990 and 2000: 40



III

- Year the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan was established: 1969
- Annual income level at which a family with children in Alberta is eligible for a partial subsidy of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan premium: \$27,210
- Market basket measure poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children living in Calgary in 2000: \$24,180
- Average income of the families in the bottom 10 per cent of earners in Alberta in 2000: \$11,845; top 10 per cent of earners: \$198,157
- Alberta's child poverty rate in 1996: 20.3
- Percentage of Canadians in the lowest income range who rated their health as “excellent” or “very good”: 47; percentage in the highest income range to do so: 73
- Life expectancy in Alberta in years in 1996: 78.6; disability-free life expectancy: 68.0
- Years longer a Canadian man in the highest quarter of income distribution can expect to live than a man in the lowest quarter: 6.3
- Life expectancy of all Canadian men compared to Status Indians in 1991: 74:67
- Percentage of Canadians living below the poverty line: 11.7; Swedes: 6.7; Germans: 5.9
- Number of provinces and territories that have banned smoking in the workplace, including restaurants and bars: 10
- Number of municipalities in Alberta: 353; number that have enacted a 100 per cent smoke-free public place bylaw: 11
- Percentage of people in Alberta who smoked in 1994/95 who had quit by 2000/01: 15.9
- Rank of this percentage among the 10 provinces: 10
- Percentage of employed Edmontonians who smoke: 25; of unemployed Edmontonians who do: 42