

Consort

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Welcome

Welcome to our community. We hope the information contained within this profile is useful. If additional information is required, please contact our representative from the "Key Contacts" section.

Area Overview

The Village of Consort is a farming and ranching community located at the crossroads of Highway 12 and Highway 41.

The Neutral Hills are located 17 miles north of Consort. Indian folklore has it that the hills were raised by the Great Spirit to keep two warring tribes from coming together. According to the legend, the Indian scouts were greatly amazed to see the row of hills suddenly appear. They followed the hills along to the Little Gap; there they held a great council, made peace and buried their hatchets. They pledged never again would they wage war on one another. Hence, "Neutral" Hills. The highest point in the hills is marked by a stone cairn, and fire and teepee rings can still be found on some hills.

Community Services

Municipal

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Administration
Public Works

Provincial

- Municipal Affairs
- Special Areas Board
- Recreation and Parks
- Transportation and Utilities

Federal

- Canada Post
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Community Lifestyle

Recreation

Consort has a wide range of recreational facilities. The Sportex Building contains a 3-sheet artificial ice curling rink and artificial ice hockey arena, a 4-lane bowling alley, a dance hall, meeting rooms and a concession booth serving all facilities. The building is always busy with organized programs in hockey, figure skating, bowling and curling. In the summer, ball diamonds and outdoor swimming facilities are available, with organized programs offered for all ages.

The Kelts Training Centre for horses is located just outside of Consort.

Gooseberry Lake Provincial Park, located north of Consort, has camping, and playground facilities in the beach area. Also in the park are a 9-hole golf course and trout fishing ponds.

Community Organizations

- Lion's Club
- Royal Canadian Legion and Legion Auxiliary
- Senior Citizens Club and Drop-In Centre
- 4-H Clubs
- Hospital Auxiliary
- Solo & Married Couples Club
- Oilmen's Association
- Agricultural Society
- Consort & District Chamber of Commerce

Religious Services

- Corpus Christi Roman Catholic
- Knox United Church
- St. John's Anglican Church
- Full Gospel Church
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Seventh Day Adventist
- Latter Day Saints

Special Annual Events/Attractions

There are many historical sites in the area. Cairns marking some of them include the Big Gap Rodeo, the Neutral Hills, Loyalist Townsite, Naco Townsite, and the NW Mounted Police Barracks site at Sounding Lake. The history of the area has been restored at the Consort Museum and at the Sortland Museum located north of Consort.

Under the auspices of the Hospital Auxiliary, the Consort Players Drama Club holds a yearly dinner theatre and play which is widely acclaimed. Eight performances are held over a two-week period.

- Ice Carnival -- February or March
- Gun and Hobby Show -- April
- 4-H Cattle Show and Sale -- June
- Gooseberry Lake Amateur Rodeo -- 3rd weekend in June
- Consort Sports Day -- July 1
- Bench Fair -- 2nd weekend in August
- Potluck Supper and Picnic at Roland School -- 2nd Sunday in August
- Junior, Ladies, Mixed and Men's Golf Tournament -- 3rd weekend in August
- Hospital Auxiliary/Consort Players -- Last 2 weeks of April

- Tara's Academy of Dance Revue -- First two weekends in May

Hospitality

Accommodation

- Consort Hotel and Motel
- Sunrise Motel
- Cozy Haven Bed & Breakfast

Restaurants

- Rite Spot Steak & Pizza
- Consort Hotel Restaurant
- Myda's Place
- Sunshine Cafe

Economic Base

The main economic base of the Consort area includes farming, ranching and petroleum recovery. Cattle, wheat, oats and barley are the main agricultural products.

Economic Facts

The local business community offers a wide variety of products and services to the local residents.

Major Businesses Products/Services

N/A N/A

Financial Institutions

- Royal Bank
- Alberta Treasury Branch
- Wainwright Credit Union

Education

Consort is part of the Prairie Land Regional Division No. 25, headquartered in Hanna [Tel: 403-854-2803].

Daycare/Nursery

N/A

Public

Consort School provides education for Grades K to 12. Elementary special education is available.

Separate

N/A

Private

N/A

Emergency Services

Fire Protection

Consort is served by a volunteer fire department. Dial 911 for Emergencies.

Police Services

Consort is served by a local detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police [RCMP] [Tel: 403-577-3000].

Ambulance Services

Ambulance service is provided by the East Central Ambulance Association, located at the local hospital. Dial 911 for Emergencies.

Health Care

Consort has a hospital with 5 acute care beds, 10 long-term care beds, and two doctors. Other health care is provided by the Consort & District Health Unit.

A well-equipped senior citizens lodge has room for 64 guests. The building is surrounded by nice grounds with a good view of the farmland and countryside. Nine senior citizens self-contained apartments are also available.

Key Contacts for Business Development

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Location

The Village of Consort is located in Special Area No. 4, in east-central Alberta. It is 224 km east of Red Deer, 289 km southeast of Edmonton and 374 km northeast of Calgary.

Post Secondary Education

An active Further Education Council provides a wide selection of adult and continuing education classes year-round.

Taxation

	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
2005		
Municipal Tax Rate	13.6950	15.9580
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.7760	7.1290
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.3130	.3130

Mill Rates [2003]

- Residential - Public 0.017877
- Residential - Separate N/A
- Non-Residential - Public 0.022116
- Non-Residential - Separate N/A

Transportation

Air Services

The local airstrip has a 3,000 foot paved and lighted runway. Many locally owned planes and hangars are at the field. Fuel and oil are not available. The nearest commercial and air freight services are at Edmonton.

Highways

Connecting highways include Highway 12, leading west to Coronation and east to the Saskatchewan border, and Highway 41, leading north to Czar and south to Oyen & Medicine Hat.

Trucking Firms

Hiway 9 Transport

Bus Services

Regularly scheduled inter-community service is available.

Couriers and Taxis

Loomis and Purolator Couriers

Utilities

Electric Service

ATCO Electric
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Natural Gas

ACTO Gas

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Telephone

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Water Supply

The source of water is four water wells.

Waste Management

Sewage treatment is provided by a lagoon consisting of 2 short and 1 long detention pond.

Industrial and commercial garbage is collected twice weekly, while residential garbage is collected weekly.

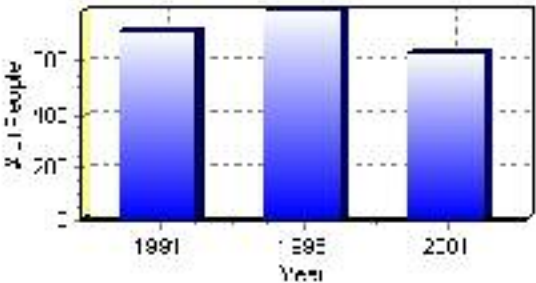
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	634
Population 2003*	634
Population 2002*	634
Population 2001**	630
Population 2000*	696
Population 1996**	794
Population 1991**	714
Population % change 1991-1996	10.08%
Population % change 1996-2001	-25.24%

* Source: Official Population List, Alberta Municipal Affairs
** Source: Statistics Canada 1991, 1996, & 2001 Census

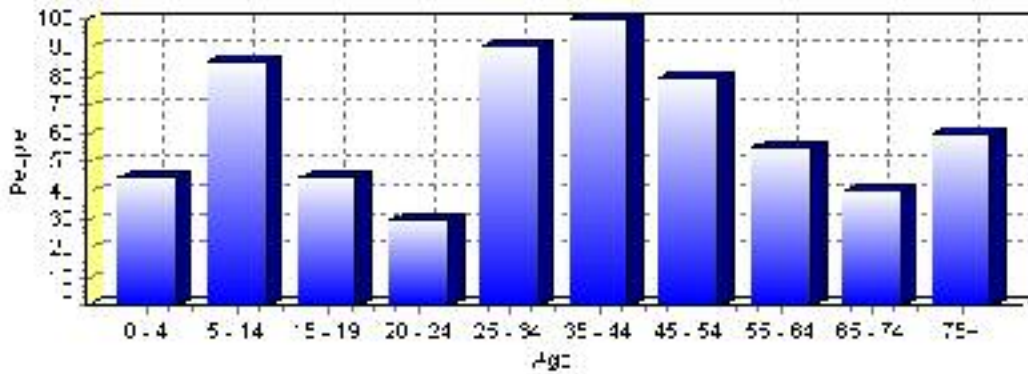
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	40	35	75	20	25	45
Age 5 - 14	50	65	115	35	50	85
Age 15 - 19	25	25	50	25	20	45
Age 20 - 24	30	20	50	15	15	30
Age 25 - 34	95	60	155	45	45	90
Age 35 - 44	65	50	115	55	45	100
Age 45 - 54	30	35	65	45	35	80
Age 55 - 64	30	20	50	25	30	55
Age 65 - 74	25	35	60	20	20	40
Age 75 and older	30	50	80	25	35	60
Total All Persons	405	395	800	315	320	635

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Consort Population by Age Group (2001)

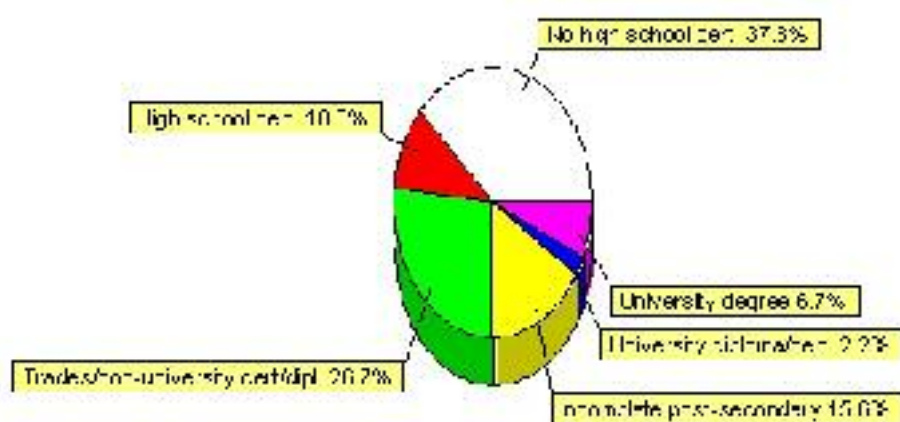


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	170	37.78%
People with high school certificates	45	10.00%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	120	26.67%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	70	15.56%
People with university diploma/certificate	10	2.22%
People with university degree	30	6.67%
Total Population 20 years and older	450	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Consort Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	10	6.45%	30	18.75%
Commerce, management and business administration	10	6.45%	30	18.75%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	30	19.35%	30	18.75%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	60	38.71%	55	34.38%
Engineering and applied sciences	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Fine and applied arts	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Health professionals, science and technologies	20	12.90%	15	9.38%
Humanities and related fields	10	6.45%	0	0.00%
Mathematics and physical sciences	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Social sciences and related fields	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	155	100.00%	160	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	80	51.61%	70	43.75%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	75	48.39%	90	56.25%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Labour Force

Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	340	360
Not in the labour force, both sexes	210	145
Total population 15 and over	550	505
Employed, both sexes	335	345
Unemployed, both sexes	10	20
Participation rate, both sexes	61.00%	71.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	2.00%	6.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Labour Force by Industry Division	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Agriculture	20	5.88%	20	5.48%
Mining	90	26.47%	40	10.96%
Manufacturing	10	2.94%	15	4.11%
Construction	10	2.94%	15	4.11%
Transportation. & Utilities	45	13.24%	20	5.48%
Retail and Wholesale	70	20.59%	130	35.62%
Finance	15	4.41%	20	5.48%
Business & Community Services	65	19.12%	100	27.40%
Public Administration	0	0.00%	20	5.48%
Total All Industries	340	100.00%	365	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Consort Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	10	2.94%	45	12.33%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	65	19.12%	50	13.70%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	15	4.41%	10	2.74%
Health occupations	10	2.94%	25	6.85%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	25	7.35%	0	0.00%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

Sales and service occupations	60	17.65%	125	34.25%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	75	22.06%	75	20.55%
Occupations unique to primary industry	40	11.76%	20	5.48%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	40	11.76%	15	4.11%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	340	100.00%	365	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	120	35.29%	160	43.84%
Males - All Occupations	220	64.71%	210	57.53%

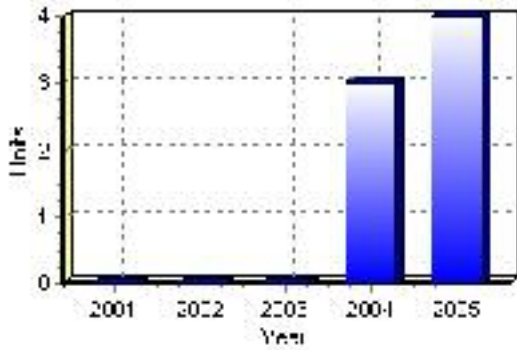
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Building Permits

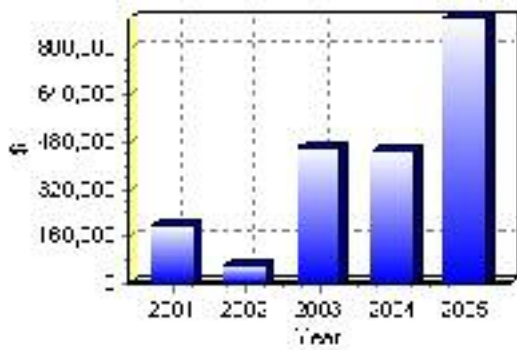
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$0	\$20,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$450,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$91,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$6,000	\$0	\$401,000	\$0	\$0
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$97,000	\$44,000	\$54,000	\$447,000	\$449,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$194,000	\$64,000	\$457,000	\$447,000	\$899,000
Total Housing Starts	0	0	0	3	4

Source: Statistics Canada 2000-2004 Building Permits (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Total Housing Starts



Value of Building Permits



Dwellings

Occupied Private Dwellings by Type	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Apartments	10	3.45%	0	0.00%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Movable Dwellings	10	3.45%	30	11.32%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Row and semi-detached house	25	8.62%	10	3.77%
Single-detached house	255	87.93%	220	83.02%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	290	100.00%	265	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	220	75.86%	240	90.57%
Private Dwellings, rented	75	25.86%	25	9.43%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Private Dwellings by Period of Construction	# of Dwellings	% of total
Period of construction, before 1946	45	16.98%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	45	16.98%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	30	11.32%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	30	11.32%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	75	28.30%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	40	15.09%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	265	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

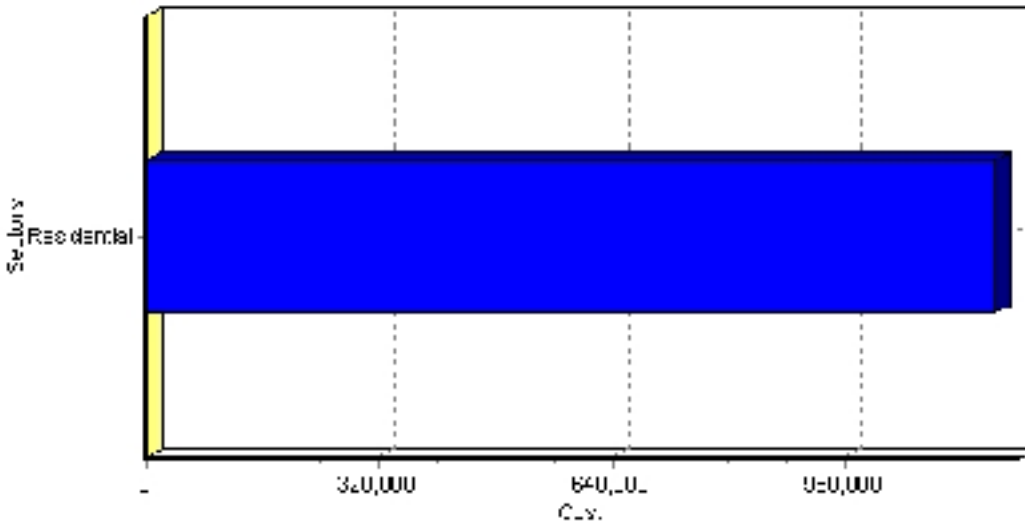
Projects

Summary of Projects in Consort as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Residential	1	\$1,166,600
Total	1	\$1,166,600

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	1	\$1,166,600
Total	1	\$1,166,600

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Largest Projects in Consort as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Town of Consort	Residential - 10 Supportive Living Units	Consort	\$1,166,600	2006-2006	Announced

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