

# Turner Valley

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## Welcome

Welcome to **Turner Valley**. Located just 30 minutes southwest of Calgary, our community offers the best of all worlds. It is situated along the Foothills of the Rocky Mountains, providing endless recreation options. Turner Valley is a safe, affordable and well-serviced community of 1,700, growing steadily, without compromising the important small town quality we all cherish.

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## Area Overview

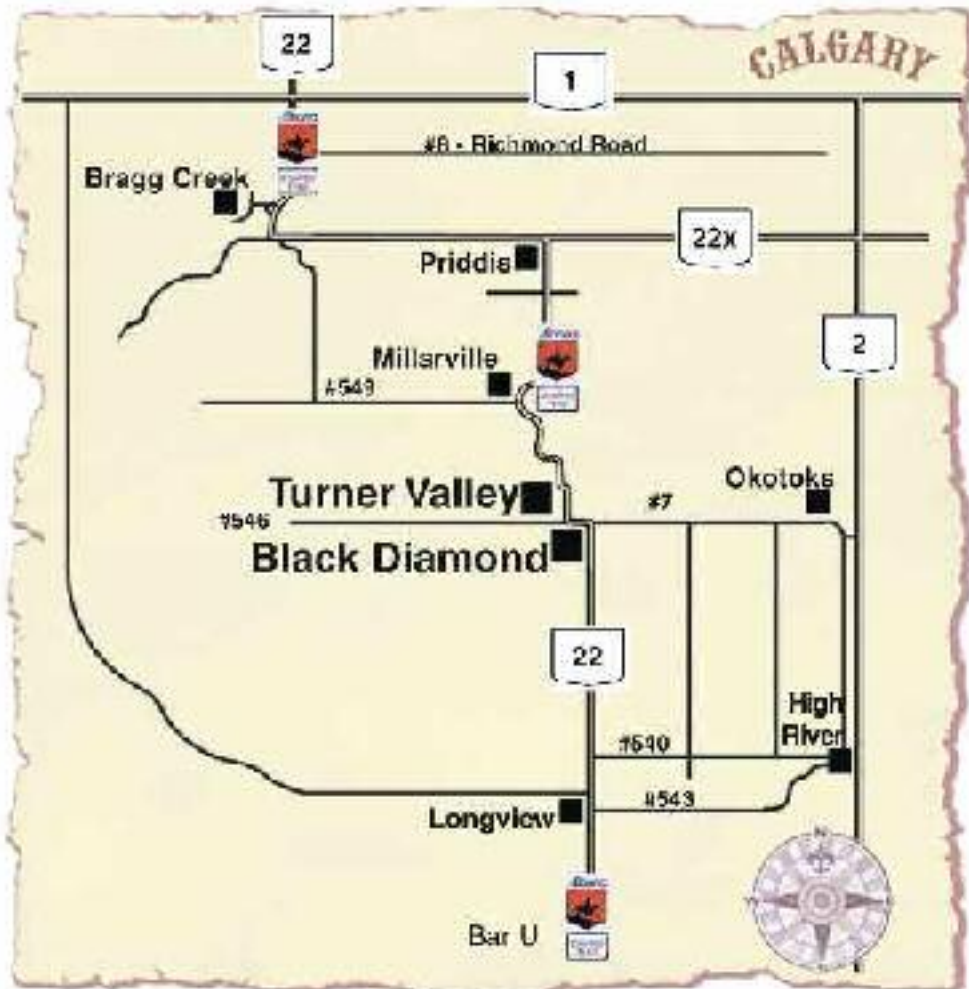
Turner Valley is a picturesque community nestled in the foothills of the majestic Canadian Rocky Mountains, only 30 minutes southwest of Calgary. It was established as the birthplace of Alberta's oil and gas industry, the site of the 1914 Dingman#1 well that began Calgary's first oil boom. So key was the role played by Turner Valley in the history of oil and gas industry that the federal government declared the Turner Valley Gas Plant a National and Provincial Historic Site.

Today, Turner Valley remains a vibrant community, offering small town charm, safety and opportunity. It is an easy commuting distance to Calgary, and yet far enough away to enjoy a more relaxed, less stressful environment. It has breathtaking scenery and wildlife abound to create unforgettable adventures.

Turner Valley has become the base for many artists, painters and musicians because of the natural beauty, tranquility and serenity of the area.



Known as the birthplace of Alberta's oil boom, Turner Valley offers a beautiful setting and warm welcome



Turner Valley is located 30 minutes southwest of Calgary

## Climate

A unique variety of weather due to the proximity of the community to the mountains.

## Community Services

### Municipal

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Municipal Library  
Public Works  
Family & Community Support Services  
Utilities/Property Taxes

**Provincial**

Provincial Court  
Ranger Station  
Medical Examiner-Coroner  
Transportation Maintenance Garage

**Federal**

Canada Post  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police



Family fun at the outdoor pool

## Community Lifestyle

**Recreation**

Located at the doorstep to Kananaskis Country, Turner Valley has easy access to numerous outdoor recreational pursuits, including hiking, fishing, cross-country skiing, skating, horseback riding, picnicking, wildlife photography, golfing, camping, cycling, swimming, kayaking and more.

A beautiful campground is located within the town. Others in the area include Sandy McNabb Campground 15 miles west, and Blue

Rock campground 25 miles west of Turner Valley.

### **Community Organizations**

- Foothills Lions Club
- Knights of Columbus
- Royal Canadian Legion
- Valley Neighbours Club [seniors club]
- Beavers/Cubs/Scouts
- Diamond/Valley District Boys & Girls Club
- Girl Guides
- Foothills Figure Skating Club
- High Country Minor Hockey Association
- Turner Valley Gymnastics
- Army Cadets
- Turner Valley Golf and Country Club
- High Country Old Fossils
- Beneath the Arch Concert Association
- Discovery Days Committee
- Genealogy Club
- Oilfields Historical Society
- Sheep Creek Arts Council

### **Religious Services**

- Lewis Memorial - United Church of Canada
- St. George's Anglican Church

### **Special Annual Events/Attractions**

Hell's Half Acre refers to a local historic area which, in the 1920's, was so studded with natural gas flares that the roar could be heard in Calgary more than 50 km away. Many people believed the sound rivalled that of hell itself. The Turner Valley Oilfield Society is proposing the development of an interpretation centre, which will provide tourists and residents alike with a unique educational insight into one of Alberta's most prolific historical developments.

#### Events and Attractions

Experience the unlimited recreational choices the region has to offer!

Diamond Valley Discovery Days and Parade - first weekend in June

Art in the Park - July

Diamond Valley Christmas Concert - December

Mountains, Music and Memories Fall Harvest Festival - a celebration of the season featuring talented musician, gifted artists and fabulous homemade treats.

Turner Valley Golf and Country Club - challenging fairways and a breathtaking view.

Turner Valley Gas Plant National and Provincial Historic Site - Tour the site of the famous Dingman Discovery Well where Alberta's oil and gas industry started.

Sheep River - Well known as a top fly fishing area.

The Friendship Trail - a 3 km paved trail linking the towns of Turner Valley and Black Diamond.

Kananaskis Country - Explore nature's paradise at our doorstep where a world of outdoor adventure awaits you.

Communities in Bloom - Turner Valley is proud to be a participant in the Communities in Bloom program promoting involvement and action by citizens of all ages, the municipal government, local organizations and businesses to beautify the community with flowers, plants and trees.

Bird watching - A huge variety of birds to admire in and around the community.

**Accommodations:**

Hotels/motels - Turner Valley Lodge

Bed and Breakfasts

Queen's Crossing

**Restaurants**

Downtown Turner Valley boasts a wide and varied selection of eateries, catering to every taste. Enjoy the ambiance of our unique environments.



The Friendship Trail links the communities of Turner Valley and Black Diamond.

## Economic Base

Turner Valley is located in one of southern Alberta's prime ranching and farming areas. The major economic base of the area is agriculture, oil and gas and tourism services. Controlled growth remains a priority for the community.



Mountains, music and memories is the theme used to describe Turner Valley's cultural environment. Concerts are held regularly along with music jams in the many local coffee houses and restaurants.

## Economic Facts

The community is well served by a variety of commercial, home-based and professional services. A vibrant assortment of unique specialty shops, restaurants and art studios, many in heritage buildings, form the majority of retail businesses within the downtown area.

### Financial Institutions

Royal Bank

Alberta Treasury Branch (located in Black Diamond - 3 km)

## Education

Turner Valley is part of the Foothills School Division #38, headquartered in High River [Tel: 403-652-3001].

### Daycare/Nursery

A number of outstanding day home and childcare facilities exist within the community. Contact FCSS for further information.

### Schools - KL - 12

#### Public

Turner Valley Elementary-Junior High School provides education for Grades K to 8.

Grades 9 - 12 available at Oilfields Junior/Senior High School in Black Diamond.

Education Plus provides junior and senior high level continuing education courses.

#### Separate

Separate schools are located in Okotoks. Contact Christ the Redeemer School division (403) 938-2659

#### Private

Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School [K-12] is located in Okotoks, Alberta.

Edison School is located in Okotoks, Alberta

#### Other:

Sheep River Alternative Jr. High School 403-938-6116

**Adult learning:**

Bow Valley College 403 652 8338

Foothills Continuing Education Council 403-652-3392

Okotoks Community Resources 403-938-8955

Mount Royal College 403-240-6116

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology 403-284-8110

University of Calgary 403-220-5110

## Emergency Services

**Fire Protection**

Professionally trained volunteer fire-fighters provide fire and rescue services to the area.

**Emergency - Ambulance Services**

Turner Valley is served by a 24-hour emergency response unit, professionally trained and equipped for rescue, basic and advanced life support. STARS air ambulance services are also available.

**Police Services**

Turner Valley is served by a local detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and has a protective services department dealing with bylaw enforcement.

## Health Care

Oilfields General Hospital, located in Black Diamond, has 15 active beds and 28 auxiliary beds. Other medical facilities in Black Diamond include the Foothills Health Unit, Foothills Family Medical Clinic, High Country Dental Clinic, and the Foothills Community Drug Mart. Facilities in Turner Valley include the Foothills Chiropractic Clinic and Valley Villa [seniors residence].

## Key Contacts for Business Development

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## Location

The Town of Turner Valley is located in the Municipal District of Foothills #31, approximately 60 km southwest of Calgary at the junction of Highway 7 and Highway 22. Travelling east from Turner Valley along routes 22 and 7 will take you to Okotoks [20 km] and Aldersyde [hook up to Highway 2].



Nestled into the perfect natural setting at the steps of the Rocky Mountains.

## Post Secondary Education

Turner Valley residents are within easy commuting distance to post-secondary institutions in Calgary such as The University of Calgary, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology [SAIT], and Mount Royal College.

## Taxation

Average residential property tax in 2003 - approx. \$2,200

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	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
<b>2005</b>		
Municipal Tax Rate	9.2400	9.2400
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.1956	6.6622
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	4.1956	6.6622
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.1230	.1230

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## Transportation

### Air Services

The closest scheduled passenger and freight services are available at the Calgary International Airport, located approximately 100 kilometres northeast of Turner Valley.

### Rail Services

The nearest rail service is at Okotoks, 20 km east.

### Highways

Connecting highways are Highway 22 to Calgary [north], and Highway 7 to Okotoks, Highway 2 [east] and Kananaskis Country [west].

### **Bus Services**

Greyhound Bus Lines provides regularly scheduled bus services in Okotoks. A Handi-Bus is available for seniors and persons with disabilities.

### **Couriers and Taxis**

Couriers provide regular delivery and pick-up between Turner Valley and all points e.g. Loomis and Purolator. Taxi services in Black Diamond.

## **Utilities**

### **Electrical Power**

Epcor  
Tel: 310-4300

### **Natural Gas**

Atco Gas - Direct Energy  
Tel: 310-5678

### **Telephone**

Telus  
Tel: 403-310-2255

Internet: High speed ADSL and cable available

### **Water Supply**

Turner Valley has a supply of water from wells from the Sheep River.

### **Waste Management**

regular residential waste pick up  
recycling  
composting site

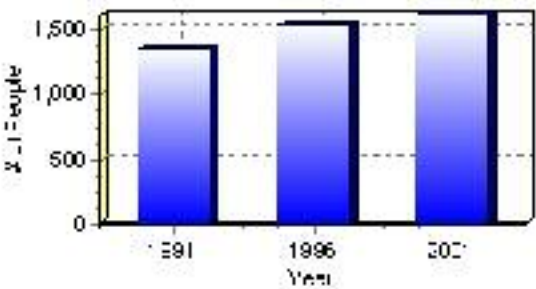
# Population

## Total Population

Population 2004*	1,608
Population 2003*	1,608
Population 2002*	1,608
Population 2001**	1,605
Population 2000*	1,575
Population 1996**	1,527
Population 1991**	1,352
Population % change 1991-1996	11.46%
Population % change 1996-2001	5.04%

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

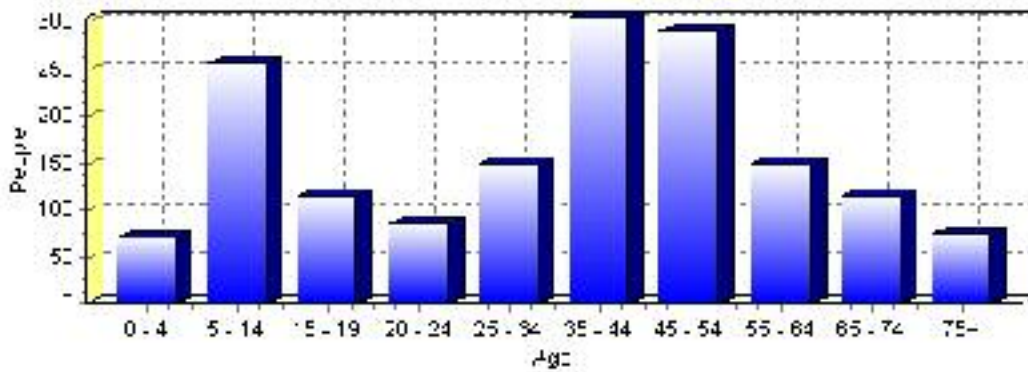
## Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	50	45	95	35	35	70
Age 5 - 14	145	115	260	140	115	255
Age 15 - 19	60	65	125	55	60	115
Age 20 - 24	25	30	55	45	40	85
Age 25 - 34	80	105	185	70	80	150
Age 35 - 44	155	150	305	150	155	305
Age 45 - 54	100	85	185	145	145	290
Age 55 - 64	65	60	125	80	70	150
Age 65 - 74	60	55	115	50	65	115
Age 75 and older	30	40	70	30	45	75
Total All Persons	760	765	1,525	795	810	1,605

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

### Turner Valley Population by Age Group (2001)

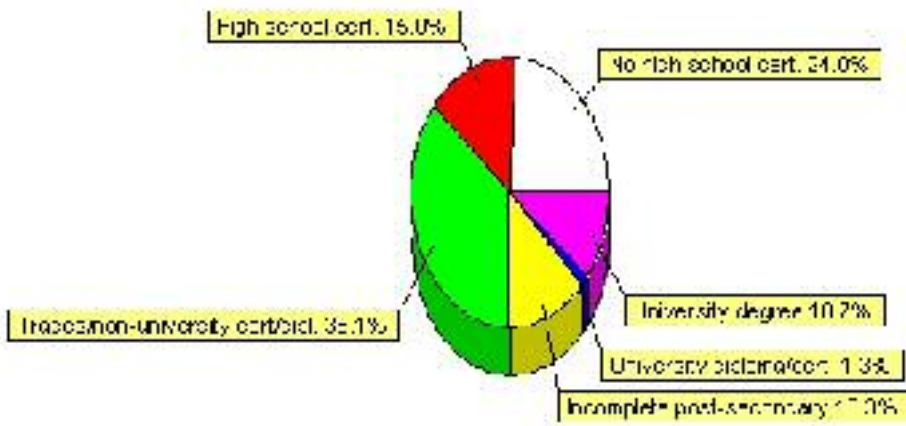


# Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	280	24.03%
People with high school certificates	175	15.02%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	420	36.05%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	155	13.30%
People with university diploma/certificate	15	1.29%
People with university degree	125	10.73%
Total Population 20 years and older	1,165	100.00%

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

## Turner Valley Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	40	11.43%	45	8.11%
Commerce, management and business administration	50	14.29%	90	16.22%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	20	5.71%	30	5.41%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	125	35.71%	145	26.13%
Engineering and applied sciences	0	0.00%	35	6.31%
Fine and applied arts	25	7.14%	50	9.01%
Health professionals, science and technologies	50	14.29%	55	9.91%
Humanities and related fields	20	5.71%	10	1.80%
Mathematics and physical sciences	0	0.00%	10	1.80%
Social sciences and related fields	10	2.86%	70	12.61%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	350	100.00%	555	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	165	47.14%	275	49.55%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	185	52.86%	280	50.45%

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

## Labour Force

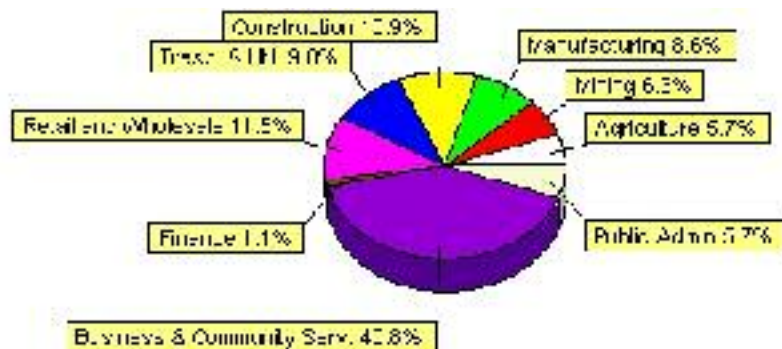
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	815	870
Not in the labour force, both sexes	345	415
Total population 15 and over	1,160	1,285
Employed, both sexes	755	855
Unemployed, both sexes	55	15
Participation rate, both sexes	70.00%	68.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	7.00%	2.00%

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	10	1.24%	50	5.75%
Mining	65	8.07%	55	6.32%
Manufacturing	70	8.70%	75	8.62%
Construction	90	11.18%	95	10.92%
Transportation. & Utilities	125	15.53%	85	9.77%
Retail and Wholesale	100	12.42%	100	11.49%
Finance	30	3.73%	10	1.15%
Business & Community Services	195	24.22%	355	40.80%
Public Administration	45	5.59%	50	5.75%
Total All Industries	805	100.00%	870	100.00%

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

### Turner Valley Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	70	8.70%	50	5.78%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	105	13.04%	155	17.92%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	30	3.73%	60	6.94%
Health occupations	30	3.73%	30	3.47%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	25	3.11%	40	4.62%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	25	3.11%	30	3.47%

Sales and service occupations	210	26.09%	195	22.54%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	220	27.33%	205	23.70%
Occupations unique to primary industry	20	2.48%	60	6.94%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	60	7.45%	45	5.20%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	10	1.24%	10	1.16%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	805	100.00%	865	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	370	45.96%	380	43.93%
Males - All Occupations	435	54.04%	485	56.07%

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

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## Income

<b>Family Income (Number of Families)</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>%</b>
less than \$19,999	15	4.05%	45	12.68%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	115	31.08%	115	32.39%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	95	25.68%	135	38.03%
\$60,000 and over	145	39.19%	120	33.80%
Total number of families	370	100.00%	415	116.90%
Average family income	\$52,268		\$55,982	
Median family income	\$50,072		\$50,850	

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

<b>Household Income (Number of Households)</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>%</b>
less than \$19,999	115	20.35%	100	15.87%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	170	30.09%	160	25.40%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	110	19.47%	155	24.60%
\$60,000 and over	60	10.62%	220	34.92%
Total number of households	565	100.00%	630	100.00%
Average household income	\$43,965		\$51,613	
Median household income	\$40,194		\$47,207	

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

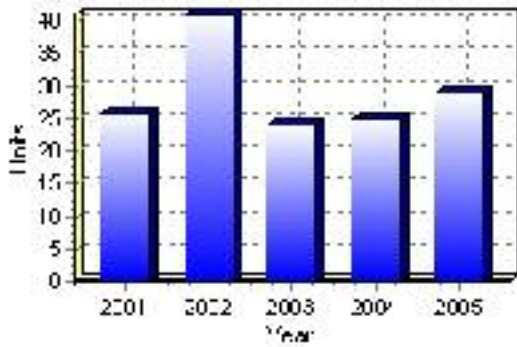


# Building Permits

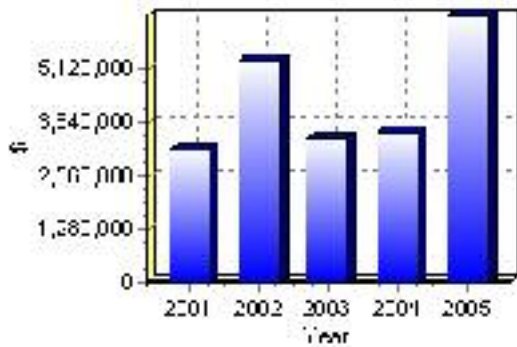
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$40,000	\$3,000	\$25,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$39,000	\$0
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$3,152,000	\$5,288,000	\$3,399,000	\$3,530,000	\$5,151,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$3,161,000	\$5,303,000	\$3,439,000	\$3,572,000	\$6,376,000
Total Housing Starts	26	41	24	25	29

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

## Total Housing Starts



## Value of Building Permits



## Dwellings

<b>Occupied Private Dwellings by Type</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>% of total</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Apartments	20	3.54%	15	2.38%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Movable Dwellings	10	1.77%	10	1.59%
Other single attached house	10	1.77%	0	0.00%
Row and semi-detached house	60	10.62%	75	11.90%
Single-detached house	475	84.07%	520	82.54%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	565	100.00%	630	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	470	83.19%	570	90.48%
Private Dwellings, rented	95	16.81%	60	9.52%

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

<b>Private Dwellings by Period of Construction</b>	<b># of Dwellings</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Period of construction, before 1946	115	18.25%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	80	12.70%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	50	7.94%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	100	15.87%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	125	19.84%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	160	25.40%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	630	100.00%

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

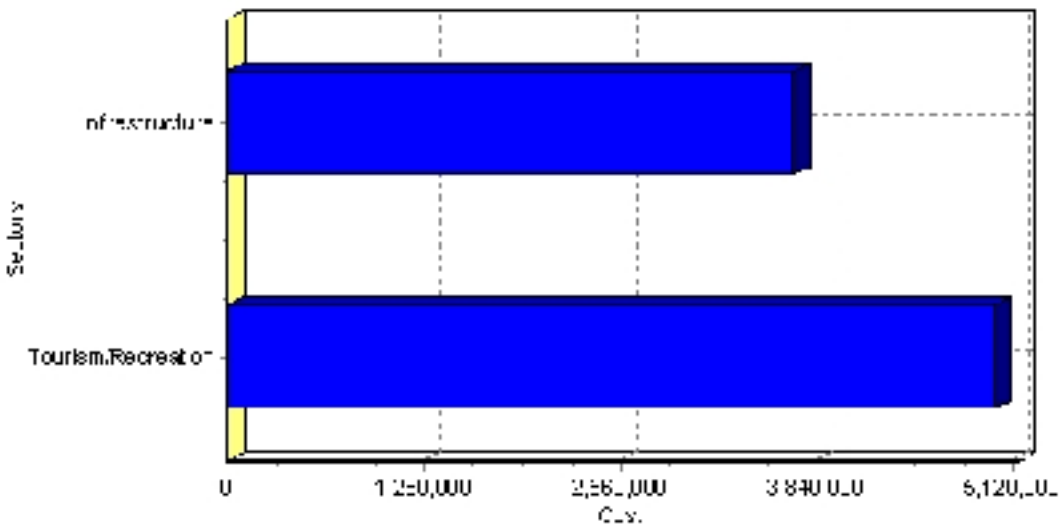
# Projects

## Summary of Projects in Turner Valley as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Tourism/Recreation	1	\$5,000,000
Infrastructure	1	\$3,700,000
Total	2	\$8,700,000

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## Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Under Construction	2	\$8,700,000
Total	2	\$8,700,000

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## Largest Projects in Turner Valley as of September 2006

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Construction Schedule</b>	<b>Status</b>
Alberta Community Development	Hydrocarbon Containment Wall at Turner Valley Gas Plant	Turner Valley	\$5,000,000	2006-2007	Under Construction
Town of Turner Valley	Raw Water Reservoir	Turner Valley	\$3,700,000	2006-2007	Under Construction

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