

Carstairs

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Welcome

- The Town of Carstairs takes pride in our **small town** and we look forward to offering you our best; whether you are visiting or making your home here.
- Carstairs' creed is "Working Together for a Better Living", and its friendly hospitality and rural sensibility bear this out. Town and rural folk alike, unite to foster a community that prides itself in "old-time" family values. Because of its proximity to the City of Calgary, many city folk heeding the urge to leave the hustle and bustle of city life behind, settle in Carstairs to raise their families.
- We invite you to visit our homepage at www.town.carstairs.ab.ca for more information on our community.



Area Overview

The Town of Carstairs is located in south-central Alberta, just off the Calgary-Edmonton corridor, and features small town living at its best. Our sophisticated little town has become the choice of many commuters, a getaway beyond a noisy urban life; a safe and friendly place to raise a family. But don't fool yourself; Carstairs is hardly a sleepy community. Like most small Alberta towns, an active pool of volunteers is the backbone for a large variety of clubs, groups, and service organizations. We are home to a finely maintained and challenging 18-hole golf course, a brand new Memorial Complex, abundant parks and playgrounds. Just west of town is a new Silver Willow 9-hole golf course. Our history as an agricultural community is celebrated each year with the Ranch Rodeo in June, Beef & Barley Days and the annual rodeo in July, the High School Rodeo in September, 4-H Calf Show and Sale, Bull-A-Rama, Horticultural Show, and Pumpkin Festival. Every November the Community Hall is home to the annual Christmas Craft Fair.

Community Services

Municipal

Town of Carstairs

Box 370, 844 Centre Street

Carstairs, Alberta

T0M 0N0

Tel: 403-337-3341

Fax: 403-337-3343

Municipal Library

Bob Clark Municipal Library

Box 941

Carstairs, AB T0M 0N0

(403) 337-3943

Anne Strilchuk, Librarian

Monday - closed

Tuesday - 10:00-12:00/1:30-5:00

Wednesday - 1:30 - 5:00

Thursday - 1:30 - 5:00

Friday - 6:00-8:00

Saturday - 1:30-5:00

Town Museum

Roulston Museum

Box 1067

Carstairs, AB T0M 0N0

(403) 337-3710

Betty Ayers, Curator

Winter Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 1:00-4:00

Summer Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 1:00-4:00

FCSS (Family and Community Support Services)

Director: Robbin Bowman 337-2633 or contact the Town office

The town has an affiliation with programs for Home Help, Big Brother/Big sisters, Victims of Family Violence, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Municipal Handi-Bus and Elks Community Bus.

Provincial

N/A

Federal

Canada Post Office

(403) 337-3411



The Roulston Museum

Community Lifestyle

Recreation

Carstairs has a wide selection of recreation facilities to choose from. They include a 29-stall campground, 18-hole golf course, brand new Memorial Complex housing professional

size ice arena and walking track, 4-sheet curling rink, tennis courts, ball diamonds, jogging track, abundant parks and area playgrounds.

Community Organizations

There are a number of community organizations in Carstairs, such as Minor Hockey, Minor Ball, Soccer, Slowpitch, Figure Skating Club, Carstairs Curling Club, Carstairs Community Golf Club, Carstairs Gun Club, Bighorn Bowhunters, Karate Club, Chamber of Commerce, Half Century Association, Carstairs Community Players, Agricultural Society, Royal Canadian Legion/Ladies Auxiliary, Elks Lodge, Lions, I.O.D.E., Order of the Eastern Star, Cubs & Scouts, Guides/Brownies/Pathfinders and Carstairs Artists Guild.

Religious Facilities

St. Agnes Catholic Church
Carstairs Bancroft United Church
Carstairs Church of God
Word of Life Church

Special Annual Events/Attractions

4H Calf Club Sale -- May
Elks Garage Sale -- May
Carstairs Artists Guild Show and Sale -- May
Beef and Barley Days [parade, demolition derby, ball tournament, barbecue and dance]
-- 3rd weekend of every July
Ag Society Horticultural Show -- August
The Carstairs Great Pumpkin Festival -- Autumn
Carstairs Christmas Craft Sale -- November
The Spring Figure Skating Carnival - March

Some local attractions include Roulston Museum, curling bonspiels, drama plays performed by the Carstairs Community Players, the annual Christmas Craft Fair, Carstairs Artists Guild Show and Sales and Pasu Farm, featuring wool and sheepskin products. There are also tours of Custom Woolen Mills to view first-hand the making of hand-crafted comforters and bedding products as well as sheepskin and wool processing.

Accommodation

Golden West Motor Inn



Memorial Park.....a beautiful setting in the centre of the community containing a walking path and connections to tennis and basketball courts.

Economic Base

Carstairs is a growing town situated in central Alberta, along the Calgary-Edmonton corridor, nestled between the prairies to the east and the parklands to the west.

The economy of Carstairs and district is derived from a thriving oil & gas industry and agriculture. The town acts as a service centre for those involved in agriculture, resource development, and tourism.

Businesses in the Carstairs area include those involved in pipeline maintenance, gas plant, weed control, farm equipment, grain distribution, vinyl siding, wool and wool products, seed cleaning, and more.

All businesses operating within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Carstairs are required to possess a valid Town of Carstairs Business License. There are three different types of licenses: Resident, Non-Resident, and Temporary. Businesses that purchase a Business License automatically become members of the Chamber of Commerce. Fees for business licenses are based on a calendar year and expire December 31 each year.

The Carstairs and Community Chamber of Commerce is an organization of local business people and community minded individuals. The Chamber strives to promote the economic well-being of Carstairs and the surrounding community. Membership fees are included in your Town of Carstairs business license. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month in Council Chambers at Town Office.

The Town's planners, Parkland Community Planning Services (PCPS), is an intermunicipal services agency that provides a broad range of planning services to urban and rural municipalities, as well as landowners and other private sector clients. PCPS provides expertise in municipal planning policy, site assessment and planning for specific sites and broader landscapes, subdivision design and development concepts, land use bylaws, public participation and community visioning.

Prospective residents will be able to access housing in established neighbourhoods or in one of several new developments currently in the planning stages or under construction. Housing options include single family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, senior housing, mixed neighbourhoods, etc. Older residents also have the option of applying for housing in one of two senior manors or in the Chinook Winds Lodge. The average cost of a 1,200 square foot home in Carstairs is approximately \$150 - 165,000



Main street businesses....the Business Revitalization Committee of the Carstairs Chamber of Commerce has been working hard to help businesses renew and refurbish business-fronts. The results are fabulous!



Recently refurbished storefronts

Economic Facts

The Town of Carstairs is committed to providing quality, cost-effective government services for its citizens. The Town of Carstairs has an operating budget of \$5 M that includes infrastructure. Budget meetings are held each year in December.

Education

Carstairs is part of the Chinook's Edge Regional Division #5, headquartered in Innisfail [Tel: 403-227-4272].

Playschool - one

Public

Hugh Sutherland School provides education for Grades K to 12. Elementary, middle school, and senior high school special education is offered. Telephone: (403) 337-3326

Separate

N/A

Private

Olds Koinonia School, Olds AB

Emergency Services

Fire Protection

There is a Volunteer Fire Department serving the community [Tel: 403-337-3633]

Police Services

Royal Canadian Mounted Police [RCMP] Didsbury detachment is responsible for the policing [Tel: 403-335-3381]

The Town of Carstairs introduced a Bylaw Enforcement Officer early in 2005. Constable Rob Ridley enforces all bylaws in town as well as handling animal control complaints. A selection of the Town's most requested bylaws is available in the Town Services section of our website. If you are interested in a specific matter, please feel free to Contact Town Office with your inquiry. Copies of bylaws can also be viewed at Town Office, 844 Centre Street.

Ambulance Services

9-1-1 for all emergencies

Mountain View Ambulance service is available from Didsbury.

Health Care

The nearest hospital is located at Didsbury [16 km north]. It provides 24-hour medical, nursing, emergency, obstetrical and pediatric service as well as elective surgery. The 135 bed hospital employs 225 health care professionals.

Carstairs has a medical clinic, 1 doctor, 1 dentist, chiropractors and a senior citizen's lodge.

Key Contacts for Business Development

Municipal

[Town of Carstairs](#)

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Jeannette Austin

Planning and Development Officer

Robbin Bowman

FCSS Director

Provincial (Updated May 2006)

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Richard Marz

Member of the Legislative Assembly[MLA]

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills Constituency

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Fax: (403) 556-3120

oldsdidsbury.threehills@assembly.ab.ca

Legislature Office

#639 Legislature Annex

9718 - 107 Street

Edmonton, AB

T5K 1E4

Phone: (780) 415-0994

Fax: (780) 415-0951

Federal (Updated May 2006)

Myron Thompson

Member of Parliament[MP]

Wild Rose Constituency

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House of Commons

Ottawa, Ontario

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Telephone: (613) 996-5152


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E-Mail: Thompson.M@parl.gc.ca

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213 Main Street, Bay 3, P.O. Box 3816
 Airdrie, Alberta
 T4B 2B9
 Telephone: (403) 948-5103
 Fax: (403) 948-0879
 TTY: E-Mail: ThompM1@parl.gc.ca

Location

The Town of Carstairs is located in Mountain View County, on Highway 2A. It is 48 km north of Calgary and 241 km south of Edmonton.  [Alberta Map](#)



Town of Carstairs Location Map

Driving Distance from Carstairs	km	miles	Time Required
Calgary (city centre)	65	40	43 minutes
Calgary International Airport	55	34	36 minutes
Edmonton, Alberta	261	162	2 hours, 41 minutes
Vancouver, British Columbia	1031	641	11 hours, 56 minutes
Toronto, Ontario	3460	2150	35 hours, 46 minutes
United States Border (Coutts, Alberta crossing)	386	240	4 hours, 3 minutes

It is important to note that time required is calculated based on 'ideal' traffic and weather conditions.



An aerial view of Carstairs circa 2004 facing south. The foreground bottom left shows the Carstairs Community Golf Course adjacent to the 2A highway. This highway angles to the left in the upper quadrant of the photo.

Post Secondary Education

Olds College and the post-secondary educational institutions in Calgary such as the

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology [SAIT], the University of Calgary and Mount Royal College are within a 1 hour drive.

Taxation

	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
2005		
Municipal Tax Rate	9.7495	16.9801
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	5.6000	4.3515
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	0.1458	0.1458

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all property for 2005 in the Town of Carstairs as shown on the assessment roll is:

Assessment:

Residential & Farmland \$136,555,810
Non-residential 17,141,640
Special Residential 2,683,380
Senior Citizens Housing 1,821,620
Machinery and Equipment 30,750
Carstairs Community Golf Course 1,608,240
Totalling \$159,841,440

Mill Rates

(2001)

Residential - Public 153072

(2005)

Residential - Public 142718

Transportation

Air Service

The nearest airport is the Olds/Didsbury Airport, 26 km north of Carstairs. The airport has a 900 metre runway and all-weather facilities. The nearest commercial and air freight service is at Calgary International Airport.

Rail Service

Carstairs is served by a Canadian Pacific Railway main line. Spur trackage is available.

Highways

Connecting highways are Highway 2A and Secondary Highway 581 [connecting to Highway 2, which is the main north-south highway between Edmonton and Calgary].

Trucking Firms

Carstairs Transport
Far West Trucking Ltd.
Jensen Trucking
K. Wall Transport

Bus Services

Greyhound Bus Lines provides regularly scheduled inter-community service. 2A Gas station on 2A Highway and Centre St. is location for arrivals and departures.

Couriers and Taxis

Carstairs is serviced by several major Canadian courier companies.

Utilities

Electrical Power

Utilicorp
Tel: 1-800-667-2345

Natural Gas

ATCO Gas
2014 - 17 Avenue
Didsbury, Alberta
T0M 0W0
Tel: 403-335-3372

Telephone

Telus Communications Inc.
115 - 6th Avenue S.E.
Calgary, Alberta
T2P 0P8
Tel: 403-231-7111

Utilities: (water, sewer, garbage)

Town of Carstairs
Box 370
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water is metered. Invoiced every 2 months. Water has \$17 flat fee every 2 months, sewer 33% of water usage every 2 months, garbage \$22 every 2 months.

Cable:

Shaw

Calgary, AB
310-7429

Water Supply

The source of water is the Anthony Henday Water Treatment Plant, located in Innisfail. The plant supplies water to the communities of Innisfail, Olds, Didsbury and Carstairs.

Waste Management

Sewage treatment is provided by 4 short and 2 long detention lagoons.

All residential, commercial and industrial garbage is collected weekly by Mountain View Regional Waste Services Commission. The Commission also operates a waste transfer station west of Carstairs. Their head office is located in Olds/Didsbury. Telephone number: 335-2005. Call for rates and hours of operation.

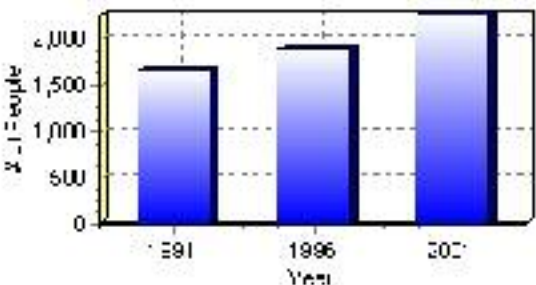
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	2,254
Population 2003*	2,254
Population 2002*	2,254
Population 2001**	2,255
Population 2000*	2,086
Population 1996**	1,887
Population 1991**	1,645
Population % change 1991-1996	12.82%
Population % change 1996-2001	16.28%

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

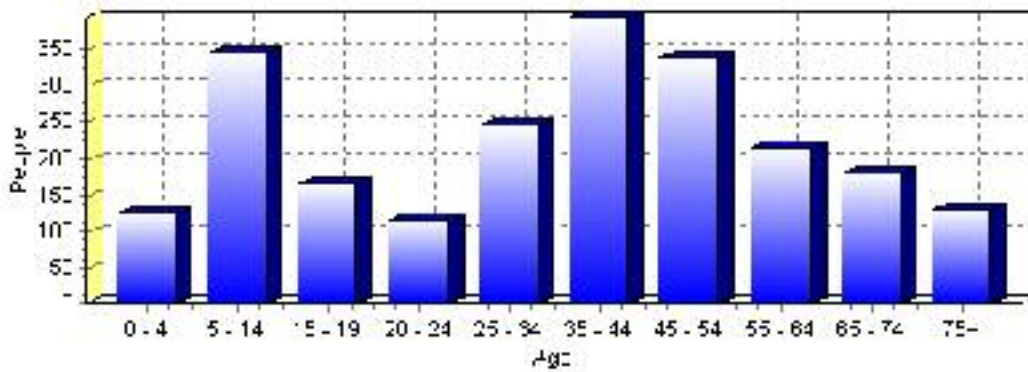
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	70	65	135	60	65	125
Age 5 - 14	160	160	320	180	165	345
Age 15 - 19	85	75	160	85	80	165
Age 20 - 24	45	40	85	65	50	115
Age 25 - 34	120	120	240	125	120	245
Age 35 - 44	170	175	345	185	210	395
Age 45 - 54	135	110	245	185	155	340
Age 55 - 64	70	70	140	110	105	215
Age 65 - 74	55	60	115	100	80	180
Age 75 and older	35	75	110	40	90	130
Total All Persons	935	950	1,885	1,130	1,125	2,255

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

Carstairs Population by Age Group (2001)

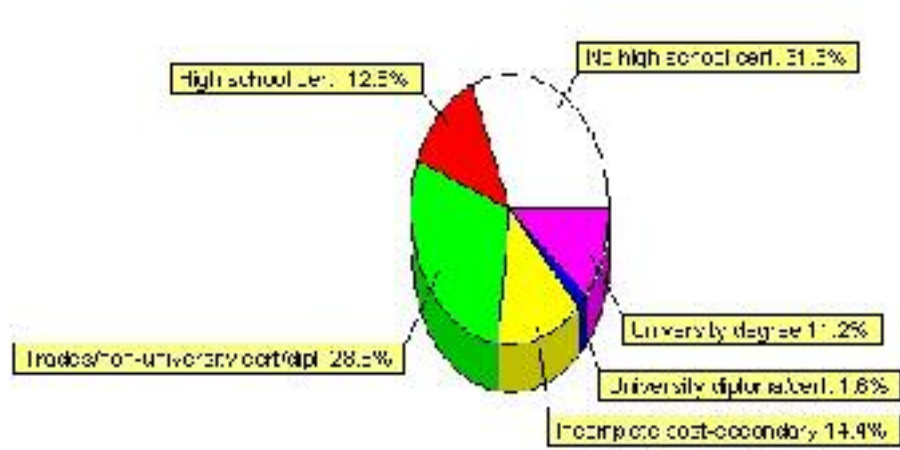


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	490	31.31%
People with high school certificates	200	12.78%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	450	28.75%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	225	14.38%
People with university diploma/certificate	25	1.60%
People with university degree	175	11.18%
Total Population 20 years and older	1,565	100.00%

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

Carstairs Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	45	8.41%	35	5.43%
Commerce, management and business administration	90	16.82%	100	15.50%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	75	14.02%	110	17.05%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	155	28.97%	235	36.43%
Engineering and applied sciences	10	1.87%	25	3.88%
Fine and applied arts	20	3.74%	25	3.88%
Health professionals, science and technologies	80	14.95%	60	9.30%
Humanities and related fields	25	4.67%	20	3.10%
Mathematics and physical sciences	10	1.87%	0	0.00%
Social sciences and related fields	20	3.74%	50	7.75%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	535	100.00%	645	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	260	48.60%	290	44.96%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	275	51.40%	355	55.04%

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

Labour Force

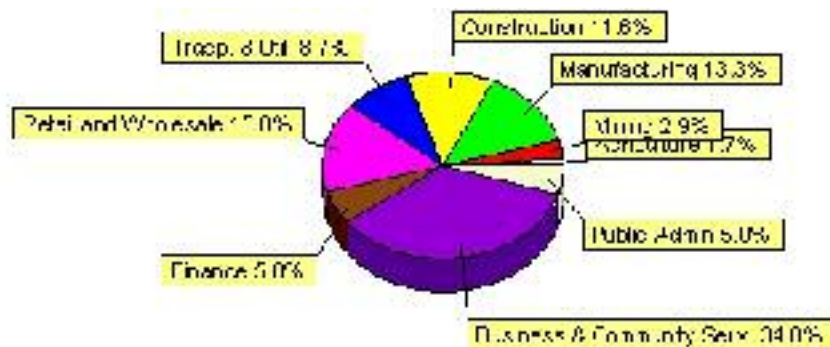
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	1,005	1,220
Not in the labour force, both sexes	385	515
Total population 15 and over	1,390	1,730
Employed, both sexes	935	1,150
Unemployed, both sexes	65	65
Participation rate, both sexes	72.00%	71.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	7.00%	5.00%

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	30	3.03%	20	1.66%
Mining	100	10.10%	35	2.90%
Manufacturing	80	8.08%	160	13.28%
Construction	75	7.58%	140	11.62%
Transportation. & Utilities	145	14.65%	105	8.71%
Retail and Wholesale	215	21.72%	190	15.77%
Finance	35	3.54%	70	5.81%
Business & Community Services	220	22.22%	410	34.02%
Public Administration	20	2.02%	60	4.98%
Total All Industries	990	100.00%	1,205	100.00%

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

Carstairs Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	85	8.54%	95	7.88%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	215	21.61%	215	17.84%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	40	4.02%	100	8.30%
Health occupations	55	5.53%	15	1.24%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	35	3.52%	90	7.47%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	0	0.00%	25	2.07%

Sales and service occupations	245	24.62%	280	23.24%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	185	18.59%	325	26.97%
Occupations unique to primary industry	85	8.54%	20	1.66%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	40	4.02%	45	3.73%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	10	1.01%	10	0.83%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	995	100.00%	1,205	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	430	43.22%	520	43.15%
Males - All Occupations	565	56.78%	685	56.85%

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

Income

Family Income (Number of Families)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	10	2.06%	55	10.19%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	95	19.59%	120	22.22%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	160	32.99%	215	39.81%
\$60,000 and over	220	45.36%	170	31.48%
Total number of families	485	100.00%	560	103.70%
Average family income	\$60,115		\$58,808	
Median family income	\$55,747		\$52,698	

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

Household Income (Number of Households)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	105	15.67%	135	16.17%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	155	23.13%	125	14.97%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	165	24.63%	235	28.14%
\$60,000 and over	55	8.21%	330	39.52%
Total number of households	670	100.00%	835	100.00%
Average household income	\$51,923		\$55,457	
Median household income	\$46,387		\$52,568	

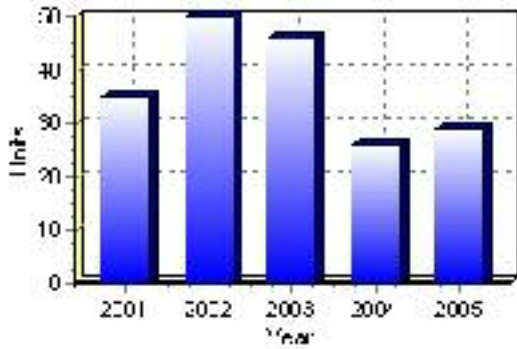
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Building Permits

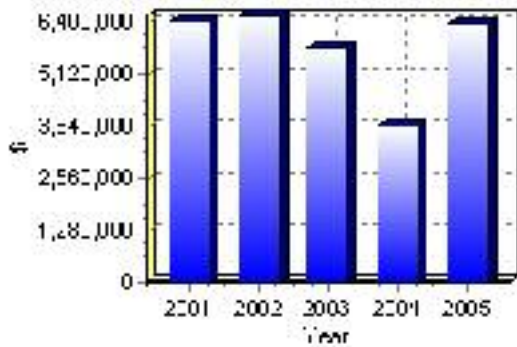
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$2,025,000	\$306,000	\$240,000	\$24,000	\$1,884,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$200,000	\$300,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$4,355,000	\$6,241,000	\$5,515,000	\$3,632,000	\$4,186,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$6,380,000	\$6,550,000	\$5,757,000	\$3,856,000	\$6,370,000
Total Housing Starts	35	50	46	26	29

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	25	3.73%	110	13.17%
Detached Duplexes	10	1.49%	0	0.00%
Movable Dwellings	50	7.46%	10	1.20%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Row and semi-detached house	30	4.48%	75	8.98%
Single-detached house	565	84.33%	640	76.65%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	670	100.00%	835	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	575	85.82%	700	83.83%
Private Dwellings, rented	90	13.43%	130	15.57%

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	95	11.52%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	60	7.27%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	70	8.48%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	200	24.24%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	155	18.79%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	245	29.70%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	825	100.00%

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

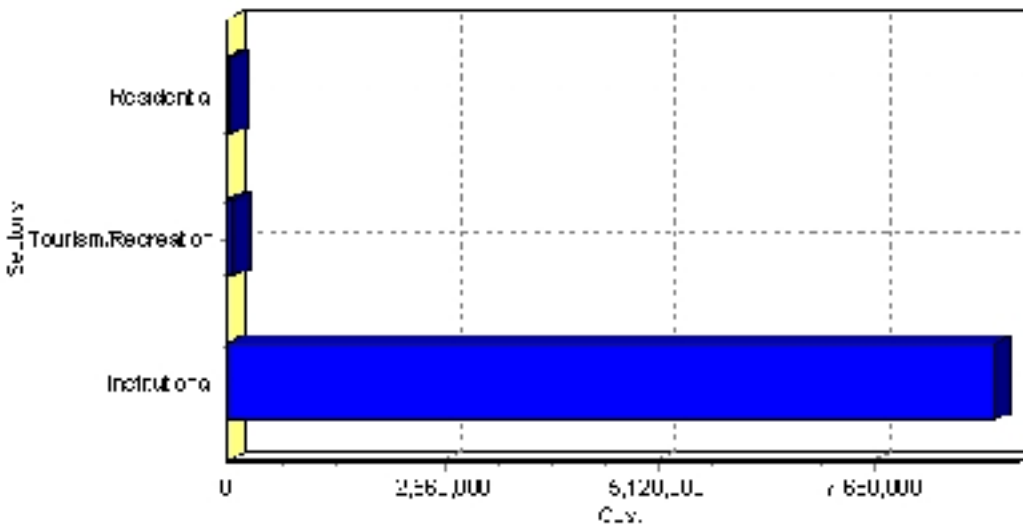
Projects

Summary of Projects in Carstairs as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Institutional	1	\$9,100,000
Tourism/Recreation	1	\$60,000
Residential	1	\$38,700
Total	3	\$9,198,700

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	1	\$38,700
Proposed	2	\$9,160,000
Total	3	\$9,198,700

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Largest Projects in Carstairs as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K to Grade 4)	Carstairs	\$9,100,000	-	Proposed
Town of Carstairs	NEW GAZEBO - MEMORIAL PARK	Carstairs	\$60,000	-	Proposed
Mountain View Seniors' Housing	Chinook Winds Lodge - Repair / Maint.	Carstairs	\$38,700	2006-2006	Announced

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