

Eckville

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Welcome

Eckville is a small community but one we are very proud of. Our gratitude goes out to the many folks who came to this land in the early years who with perseverance and determination made Eckville what it is today: a vibrant community with warm hospitality.

Today, this prosperous growing community is the centre for agriculture, oil and gas, and lumber enterprises, as well as a major centre for people to live in and enjoy the "small town atmosphere" with the "big town amenities".

Eckville offers the visitor and resident alike a full range of retail businesses, shopping, restaurants, public services, banks, excellent sporting facilities, a community centre, senior's friendship centre, senior's lodge, and golf courses, to name just a few.

Annual events include the 50's/60's Dance Jamboree, winter carnival, rodeo, curling bonspiels, all kinds of tournaments, including hockey, baseball and school sports.

Please feel welcomed here - YOU ARE!

Sincerely yours,

Helen Posti
Mayor of Eckville



Area Overview

The Town of Eckville was incorporated as a village in 1921 and became a town in 1966.

The rich farmland surrounding Eckville was homesteaded in the early 1900's by settlers from all corners of the world, particularly Finland and Estonia. In the mid-1960's, Eckville experienced rapid growth when oil and natural gas was discovered in the area. Today, both farming and energy industries provide the mainstay of the local economy, with a trading area of 7,000 residents.

Eckville is located in the heart of the Parkland surrounded by scenic rolling hills, winding rivers, rich mixed farmland and a thriving oil and gas field.

Within easy access of Eckville are major lakes, trout ponds, campgrounds, unique guest

ranches and two golf courses. Other attractions include a pottery and weaving studio as well as an excellent sky diving zone.



"Community of Choice"

Community Services

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Town Office

Municipal Library

Provincial

N/A

Federal

Canada Post Office

Community Lifestyle

Recreation

Local recreational facilities include the Eckville Arena [hockey, figure skating, public skating, rodeo], Eckville Curling Rink, Eckville Community Hall / Meeting Rooms, tennis courts, 2 baseball diamonds, 2 community playgrounds and 2 golf courses.

Resort areas include the Lions Campground and Peace Park.

Community Organizations

Local community groups include the 4-H Horse Club, 4-H Beef Club, Beavers/Cubs/Scouts [co-ed], David Thompson Snow Riders, Royal Canadian Legion, Seniors Friendship Centre, Lions Club, Catholic Women's League, St. Paul's Presbyterian

Ladies Aid, Neighborhood Place, Eckville Children's Playgroup, Weight Watchers, TOPS, Library

Religious Services

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Jahovah's Witness Kingdom Hall
Word of Life Church

Special Annual Events/Attractions

Winter Ice Carnival: February 11 and 12, 2006
Bull-Arena: May 13, 2006
Canada Day Celebrations: July 1st, 2006
Annual Rodeo & Parade: August 18 and 19, 2006
Annual Tree Lighting Festival
Dance Jamboree: August 25, 26, and 27, 2006

Hospitality

Accommodation

Eckville Hotel

Restaurants

Eckville Family Restaurant
Linda's Sunflower Cafe
In the Beginning Antiques and Collectables (Coffee Shop)

Economic Base

The economic base of the region is agriculture, forestry, petroleum, manufacturing, construction and retail centres.

Economic Facts

Major industrial facilities in Eckville include a machine & welding shop, lumber and gravel. Some manufactured goods include campers/camperettes/truck canopies, feed, honey and lumber.

Major Businesses Products/Services

Eckville Co-op Groceries, Hardware, Agro Centre
Conoco Phillips Oil and Gas
Ocelot Oil and Gas
Suncor Oil and Gas
Petro Canada Oil and Gas

Financial Institutions

Eckville District Savings & Credit Union
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
ATB Financial Agency

Education

Eckville is part of the Wolf Creek Regional School Division #32, headquartered in Ponoka

[Tel: 403-782-6601].

Eckville has 1 playschool.

Public Schools in Eckville include Eckville Elementary School [K-6] and Eckville Junior/Senior High School [7-12].

Separate

Not Available

Private

Not Available

Emergency Services

Fire Protection

Eckville is served by an active Volunteer Fire Department housed in the new Emergency Response Facilities Building opened in 2005.

Police Services

Eckville is served by the Sylvan Lake detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police [RCMP].

Ambulance Services

The Town of Eckville contracts to Lacombe Municipal Ambulance Service who provides ambulance service to Eckville and area.

Health Care

Eckville is part of the David Thompson Health Region. The Eckville Community Health Centre provides laboratory and x-ray facilities.

Health clinics in the area include the Eckville Medical Clinic and the Eckville Chiropractic Clinic.

Seniors housing includes the Eckville Manor House [lodge] and the Lions Golden Villas [self-contained units].

Key Contacts for Business Development

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Location

The Town of Eckville is located in the Lacombe County, on Secondary Highway 766 west of Red Deer. It is 48 km west of Red Deer, 189 km southwest of Edmonton and 193 km northwest of Calgary.

Post Secondary Education

Red Deer College, located in Red Deer, has programs including 1-year certificates, 2-year diplomas, university transfer, apprenticeship and training in technological areas, academic upgrading and continuing education. RDC also has an outstanding arts program which puts on many impressive and professional performances throughout the year. Degree granting status may be available in the near future.

Eckville residents have access to Edmonton and Calgary based post-secondary institutions as well as Red Deer College.

Taxation

	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
2005		
Municipal Tax Rate	11.1680	15.0050
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.5580	7.1680
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.0900	.0900

Mill Rates [2005]

Residential-Public 15.816
Residential-Separate N/A

Non-Residential-Public 22.263
Non-Residential-Separate N/A

Transportation

Air Service

The nearest airport is in Red Deer. The nearest commercial and air freight service is at Calgary and Edmonton.

Rail Service

Eckville is served by a Canadian National Railway branch line. There is no spur trackage available.

Highways

Connecting highways are Highway 11 to Rocky Mountain House [west] and Red Deer [east], and Secondary Highway 766.

Trucking Firms

Eckville has several freight and oilfield trucking service businesses.

Bus Services

Greyhound Bus Lines provides regularly scheduled inter-community service.

Couriers and Taxis

Eckville is serviced by several couriour businesses from surrounding areas. We also have a shuttle bus service operating within the area.

Utilities

Electrical Power

Epcor

Tel: 403-310-4300

Natural Gas

ATCO Gas

Tel: 403-310-5678

Telus

4831 - 51 Street

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WATER SUPPLY

The source of water is two wells. The reservoir capacity, measured in treated substance, is 2273 cubic metres. The residential water usage rate is \$11.00 per month. The commercial/industrial rate is \$13.00 per month [flat], or \$13.00 for the first 5,000 gallons and \$1.56 for each 1000 gallons consumed thereafter [metered].

WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

Sewage treatment is provided by 4 short and 2 long detention lagoons. The residential sewage treatment rate is \$13.50 per month. The commercial/industrial rate is \$14.40 per month [flat], or \$1.22 for every 1000 gallons of water used [minimum \$14.40] per month [metered].

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

The residential garbage collection rate is \$15.25 per month. The commercial/industrial rate is \$23.00 per month.

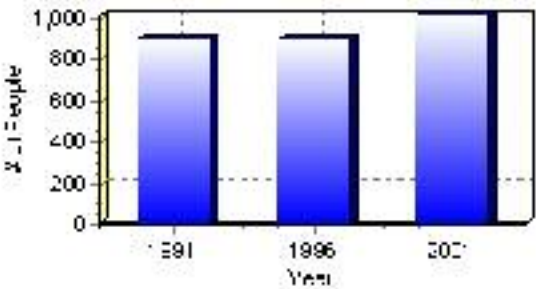
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	1,019
Population 2003*	1,019
Population 2002*	1,019
Population 2001**	1,015
Population 2000*	914
Population 1996**	901
Population 1991**	899
Population % change 1991-1996	0.22%
Population % change 1996-2001	11.58%

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

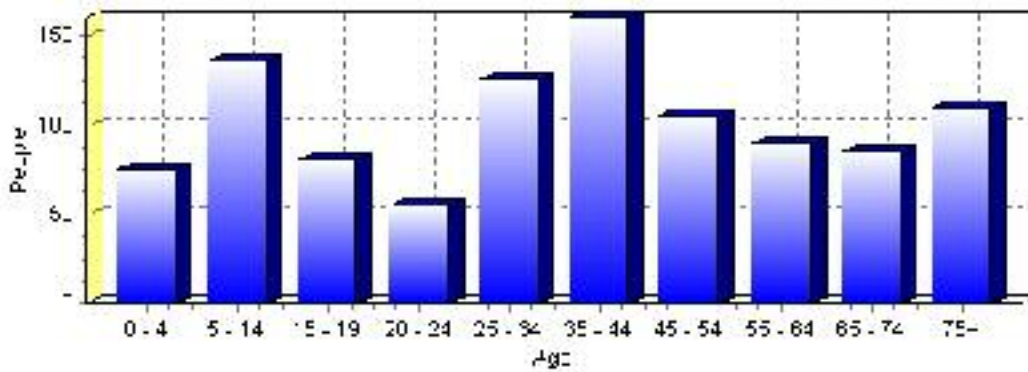
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	25	20	45	40	35	75
Age 5 - 14	60	65	125	80	55	135
Age 15 - 19	30	35	65	40	40	80
Age 20 - 24	30	30	60	30	25	55
Age 25 - 34	65	60	125	70	55	125
Age 35 - 44	80	60	140	80	80	160
Age 45 - 54	30	40	70	55	50	105
Age 55 - 64	45	35	80	40	50	90
Age 65 - 74	40	50	90	45	40	85
Age 75 and older	30	70	100	45	65	110
Total All Persons	435	470	905	515	500	1,015

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

Eckville Population by Age Group (2001)

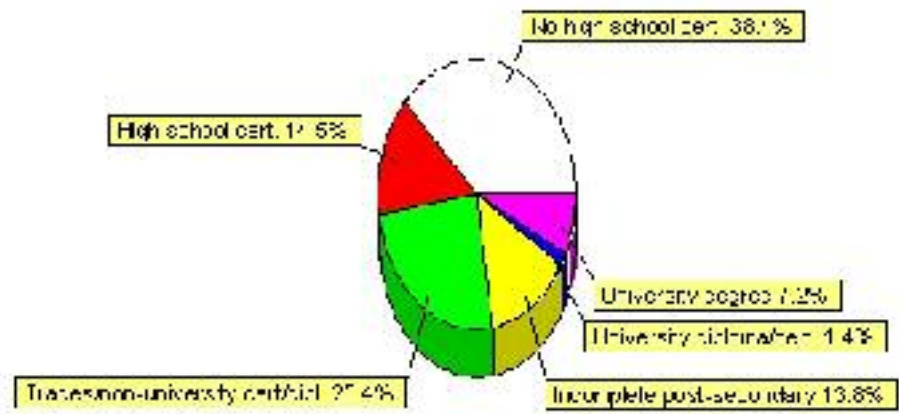


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	265	38.41%
People with high school certificates	100	14.49%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	175	25.36%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	95	13.77%
People with university diploma/certificate	10	1.45%
People with university degree	50	7.25%
Total Population 20 years and older	690	100.00%

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

Eckville Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	10	5.71%	0	0.00%
Commerce, management and business administration	45	25.71%	40	16.67%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	15	8.57%	50	20.83%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	55	31.43%	90	37.50%
Engineering and applied sciences	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Fine and applied arts	10	5.71%	10	4.17%
Health professionals, science and technologies	30	17.14%	30	12.50%
Humanities and related fields	20	11.43%	10	4.17%
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	175	100.00%	240	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	65	37.14%	120	50.00%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	110	62.86%	120	50.00%

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

Labour Force

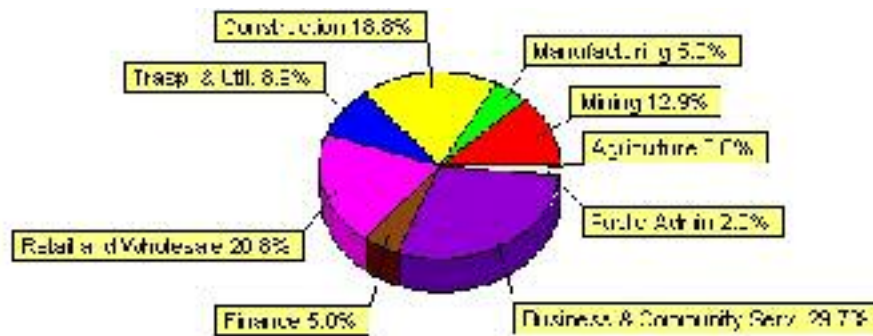
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	405	515
Not in the labour force, both sexes	285	255
Total population 15 and over	690	770
Employed, both sexes	380	495
Unemployed, both sexes	30	20
Participation rate, both sexes	58.00%	67.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	7.00%	4.00%

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	2.44%	0	0.00%
Mining	145	35.37%	65	12.87%
Manufacturing	0	0.00%	25	4.95%
Construction	20	4.88%	95	18.81%
Transportation. & Utilities	10	2.44%	45	8.91%
Retail and Wholesale	75	18.29%	105	20.79%
Finance	35	8.54%	25	4.95%
Business & Community Services	80	19.51%	150	29.70%
Public Administration	10	2.44%	10	1.98%
Total All Industries	410	100.00%	505	100.00%

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

Eckville Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	20	4.94%	85	16.83%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	95	23.46%	90	17.82%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	0	0.00%	25	4.95%
Health occupations	10	2.47%	10	1.98%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	10	2.47%	40	7.92%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	15	3.70%	0	0.00%

Sales and service occupations	80	19.75%	90	17.82%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	65	16.05%	115	22.77%
Occupations unique to primary industry	75	18.52%	15	2.97%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	35	8.64%	40	7.92%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	0	0.00%	10	1.98%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	405	100.00%	505	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	175	43.21%	225	44.55%
Males - All Occupations	230	56.79%	280	55.45%

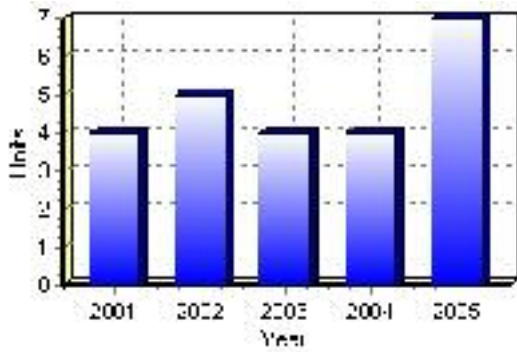
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Building Permits

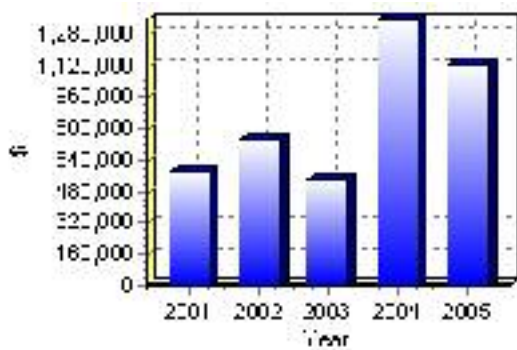
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$0	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$19,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$6,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$797,000	\$6,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$572,000	\$710,000	\$472,000	\$553,000	\$1,095,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$578,000	\$745,000	\$537,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,123,000
Total Housing Starts	4	5	4	4	7

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	35	9.86%	25	6.41%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Movable Dwellings	35	9.86%	50	12.82%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Row and semi-detached house	30	8.45%	30	7.69%
Single-detached house	250	70.42%	285	73.08%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	355	100.00%	390	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	260	73.24%	305	78.21%
Private Dwellings, rented	95	26.76%	90	23.08%

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	65	16.88%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	30	7.79%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	55	14.29%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	90	23.38%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	85	22.08%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	60	15.58%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	385	100.00%

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

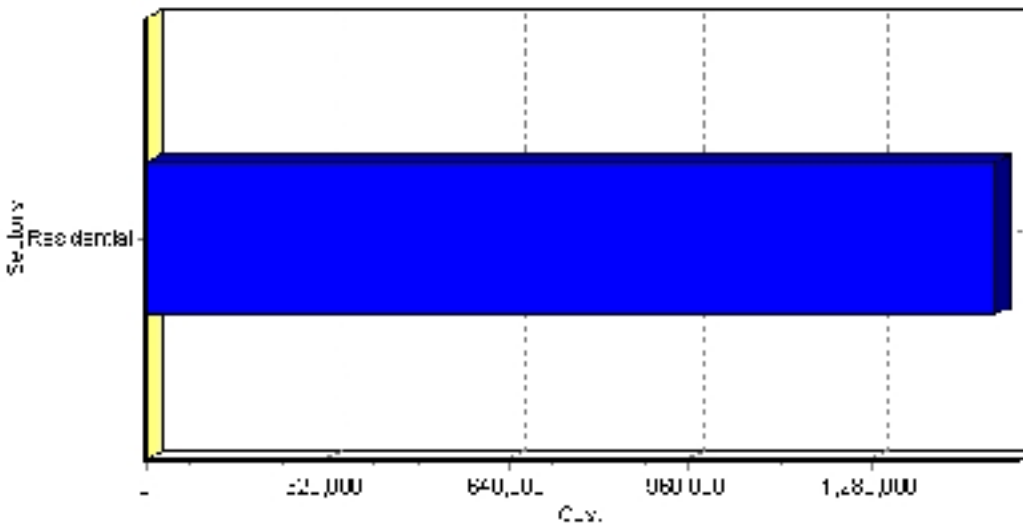
Projects

Summary of Projects in Eckville as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Residential	1	\$1,500,000
Total	1	\$1,500,000

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Under Construction	1	\$1,500,000
Total	1	\$1,500,000

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Largest Projects in Eckville as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Town of Eckville	Residential Development - McDonald Heights	Eckville	\$1,500,000	2006-2006	Under Construction

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