

# Foothills No. 31, M.D. of

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## Welcome

### WELCOME TO THE M.D. OF FOOTHILLS No. 31



Council and staff at the M.D. of Foothills would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to one of the most naturally beautiful and diverse areas of Alberta. The M.D. of Foothills is predominantly an agricultural community with a wide range of varied housing types – from farmsteads to acreages and Hamlets to condominiums. It is truly the best of both worlds – proximity to the City of Calgary, without compromising the peaceful, rural atmosphere.

The M.D. of Foothills and the communities within, provide many services, recreational programs and a wide range of opportunities for all ages. The majestic Rocky Mountains and rolling foothills provide not only a picturesque view to the west but also a wide range of leisure and sporting activities as close as your own backyard. We invite you to seriously consider the M.D. of Foothills No. 31 as the choice for your new home. Consider the relaxed pace of country living, a friendly, secure environment, and the great feeling of “being right at home”. A Hearty Western Welcome!!!!

#### QUICK FACTS

- Population 17,682 ~ 2003 census
  - Location Rural Municipality bordering the south end of the City of Calgary
  - Highways Two Provincial primary highways -- Highway No. 2 and Highway No. 22 -- run north/south through the municipality
  - LifeStyle Predominately agricultural, offering beautiful acreage lifestyles and diverse economic opportunities
- Close proximity to Airports and U.S. Border

For more informataion call MD Foothills #31  
Harry Cambrin ~ CAO  
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A typical scene in the M.D. of Foothills



## Area Overview

[The Municipal District of Foothills No. 31](#) is a rural municipality located adjacent to and immediately south of the City of Calgary. The M.D. covers an area of approximately 1,400 square miles (3,552 square kilometres) in the foothills of sunny southern Alberta. It surrounds the Towns of Okotoks, High River, Turner Valley, and Black Diamond, the Village of Longview, and the Eden Valley Indian Reserve. The M.D. will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2004.

The results of the 2003 Census indicated that 17,682 people live in the M.D. of Foothills.

The M.D. of Foothills provides a number of services -- directly or jointly with other municipalities -- to the residents of the rural area and the Hamlets of Aldersyde, Blackie, Cayley, De Winton, Hartell, Millarville, Naptha, Priddis and Priddis Greens. These services include general administration, road construction and maintenance, fire protection, ambulance service, garbage disposal, planning and development administration, agricultural services, recreation and parks, family and community support services, and bylaw enforcement. Water services are provided in the hamlets of Aldersyde, Blackie and Cayley, and waste water services are provided in the hamlets of Blackie and Cayley.

M.D. of Foothills staff are responsible for the administration of the Foothills Regional Commission, which operates the Foothills Regional Waste Management Facility and the Frank Lake Effluent Pumping System.

The M.D. maintains approximately 1,350 miles of road. Two Provincially maintained primary highways -- Highway No. 2 and Highway No. 22 -- run north/south through the municipality, giving easy access to Canadian and US markets. Its proximity to the Rocky Mountains and the City of Calgary makes the M.D. of Foothills an ideal location for small or large businesses. The M.D. of Foothills No. 31 is one of the fastest growing districts in Alberta.



## Climate

The mountains cause the climate in Southern Alberta to be rather dry, though the foothills receive the most rainfall.

- Summers are pleasantly mild, with an average daily July temperature range from 10° to 23° C (49° to 74° F).
- Winters are long and cold, with an average daily January temperature range from -16° to -4° C (4° to 26° F), but are relieved by frequent warm winds called chinooks. Warm, dry "chinook" winds are produced when air funnels through the Rockies. Some warmer air enters Alberta from the south, or from the west, making temperatures in southern Alberta as much as 10° to 15° C higher than in the north.



## Community Services

The M.D. of Foothills offers a **Family and Community Support Program (FCSS)** in partnership with the Province of Alberta. The FCSS assists organizations with funding for social programs offered throughout the M.D., such as Literacy for Life, School Liaison Workers, youth programs and many more. It also offers a subsidized transportation service to those senior citizens and disabled citizens requiring assistance to attend medically-related appointments. In addition, the FCSS provides to M.D. residents, community groups, and potential business owners, staff assistance with community projects, site selections, grant applications and much, much more. The staff is dedicated to providing a high quality service to all M.D. residents. Several **Community Halls** are located throughout the M.D., ideal for many types of events, as well as quaint country churches for that perfect private wedding. **Campgrounds** are plentiful and all are in convenient, beautiful locations near rivers, mountains and the urban amenities.



## Community Lifestyle

### RECREATION

Enjoy the country living experience without losing the convenience and amenities of the small town and city. The M.D. of Foothills borders the south end of the City of Calgary and has several smaller towns located within its boundaries, which only accents the high quality of life offered in this region. Additionally, the west boundary of the M.D. abuts the foothills and Rocky Mountains, making this area a perfect place to live, work and play.



## Economic Base

The major economic base of the area is agriculture and the gas & oil industry. Like all municipalities in this province, the M.D. of Foothills benefits from "THE "ALBERTA ADVANTAGE".

## **ALBERTA, THE BEST PLACE TO WORK, LIVE AND DO BUSINESS**

The province of Alberta is a leader in the Canadian economy. Alberta has had the fastest growing economy in Canada over the past two decades, with real GDP growth averaging 3.7 percent per year. Highlighting Alberta's success in the past year is:

- Over \$73.2 billion in international exports of goods and services (2004)
- Manufacturing shipments of \$52.6 billion (2004)
- Creation of 40,000 new jobs in 2004 and 433,900 between 1994 and 2004
- Over \$103 billion in major capital projects are proposed, announced, under construction or recently completed (2004)

Source: [Alberta Economic Development](#)

### **Alberta's Positive Business Climate**

- The lowest overall taxes in Canada
- No provincial sales tax
- No general capital or payroll taxes prevalent in other provinces and U.S. states
- A highly entrepreneurial and competitive business community
- A fiscally responsible government that has eliminated its provincial debt, demonstrating to investors the business-like attitude of the government
- A highly skilled, educated and motivated workforce that is the most productive in Canada.



Source: [Alberta Economic Development](#)

The Province of Alberta has a strong, vibrant economy. Alberta has the fastest growing economy in Canada. The province consistently has the highest investment per capita among provinces and the lowest unemployment rate in Canada.

The Alberta Advantage - no sales tax and personal income tax is low. The Municipality does not charge a business tax for small or large business. We do however, levy a Business Licence Fee on an annual basis.

The low Canadian dollar (compared to the U.S. dollar) is appealing to "out of country" investors and business owners.

## **AVAILABILITY OF LABOR IN THE M.D. OF FOOTHILLS**

Labour markets may be drawn on from the Municipal District of Foothills, Town of Okotoks, High River, Turner Valley, Black Diamond and the City of Calgary. Commuting distance from each of the urban centre would be a maximum of 30 minutes.

Labour market information on the current work force can be obtained through Highwood Business Development Corporation, located in High River. The HBDC can also direct employers to hiring programs suitable for new and existing businesses in the M.D. and region

## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

- 55+ opportunity

38% of the population is over 45 years and growing.

## **ADDITIONAL STRENGTHS**

- Natural Resources (oil, gas, gravel and agricultural lands)
- Power and Utility Corridor
- Designated Direct Control District (Business Parks, Cargill, Magcan)
- Community Spirit and vibrant demographics
- Educated Workforce

- Access to major markets
- Choice of rural or urban (small and large) communities



## Economic Facts

### AGRICULTURE

Opportunities to compliment and support existing Agricultural base, such as Genetics, bio-technology developments, nutraceuticals and pharmaceuticals. Superior quality soil and conditions contribute to the success of specialty farming (tree farms, berries) and Nurseries.

- [Calgary Technologies Inc.](#)
- [Edmonton Economic Development Corporation](#)
- [Food Processing Development Centre](#)
- [TRLabs](#)
- [WurcNet](#)

### Tourism Reports developed by Alberta Economic Development

- [Alberta Finance Statistics](#) also contains much information which may be useful.

### INTEREST AND SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY

We strongly support and encourage local business development and diversification within our region and all of Alberta.

New and expanding business stimulates the local economy in many aspects and provides additional employment opportunities and options. We are extremely supportive of a proposal that would compliment or enhance the local market for the existing agricultural community. We are prepared to assist in any way possible, providing a proposal does not infringe on the safety or quality of life for our residents and existing business.



## Education

### Public Schools

#### ***Foothills School Division #38***

Website: [www.fsd38.ab.ca](http://www.fsd38.ab.ca)

P.O. Box 5700, High River, AB T1V 1M7

120 - 5th Avenue West, High River, AB T1V 1M7

(403) 652-3001 or (403) 938-6436

**School Locations:** Cayley, High River, Blackie, Okotoks,  
Black Diamond, Turner Valley, Longview,  
Millarville, Red Deer Lake

### Separate (Catholic) Schools

#### ***Christ the Redeemer Catholic Separate School Division #3***

Website: [www.redeemer.ab.ca](http://www.redeemer.ab.ca)

P.O. Bag 3, Okotoks, AB T1S 2A2

46 Elma Street, Okotoks, AB T1S 2A2

(403) 938-2659

**School Locations:** High River, Okotoks

### Private Schools

#### ***Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School***

Website: [www.sts.ab.ca](http://www.sts.ab.ca)

"A co-educational country day-school, for grades 1 to 12, that incorporates the International Baccalaureate program."

RR 2, Okotoks, AB T1S 1A2

(403) 938-4431

**School Location:** NE 11-21-1-W5; approximately 6 miles northwest of Okotoks at the corner of 306 Ave & 24 St W in the M.D. of Foothills.

#### ***Edison Private School***

Web site: [www.edison.ca](http://www.edison.ca)



"A non-denominational private school for Junior Kindergarten to grade 12."

Box site 11 RR 2, Okotoks T1S 1A2

(403) 938-7670

**School Location:** SE 5-21-29-W4; approximately ½ mile North of Okotoks on Hwy 2A, in the M.D. of Foothills.



## Emergency Services

**The M.D. of Foothills No. 31 is serviced by 9-1-1** for emergency response for fire, police, and ambulance vehicles. Volunteer fire departments are centred in Black Diamond, Blackie, Caley, High River, Longview, Okotoks, Priddis, and Turner Valley. Calgary Fire Department responds to calls from a portion of the municipality. RCMP detachments are located in High River, Okotoks, and Turner Valley.

## Health Care

Residents in the Municipal District of Foothills may obtain health care from a variety of sources, as part of the [Calgary Regional Health Authority](#).

- High River Hospital 403-652-2200
- High River Public Health 403-652-5450
- High River Community Care 403-652-0173
- Black Diamond Hospital 403-933-2222
- Black Diamond Public Health & Community Care 403-933-8505

- Okotoks Health & Wellness Centre 403-995-2600
- Okotoks Public Health, Community Care, & Urgent Care 403-938-4911

## Key Contacts for Business Development

**Municipal** Municipal District of Foothills No. 31  
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High River, AB T1V 1M7  
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## Location

The M.D. of Foothills No. 31 borders the southern boundary of the City of Calgary and is located in Southern Alberta. The City of Edmonton is approximately four hours to the north and the City of Lethbridge is one and a half hours to the south. The U.S.A. border is approximately two hours South from the M.D. of Foothills No. 31, on the North/South Trade Corridor and the Calgary International Airport is one hour to the North from the 2A Corridor in the M.D. of Foothills.

The Municipal District #31 was incorporated in January, 1954.

**Latitude:** North 50o 55' N, South 50o 19' N  
**Longitude:** East 113o 30'E, West 114o 31'E



**Time Zone:** Mountain Standard Time

**Incorporated Communities within the municipal district:**

- Town of Okotoks 11,664 population
- Town of High River 9,522 population (2004)
- Town of Turner Valley 1,608 population
- Town of Black Diamond 1,866 population
- Village of Longview 300 population
- Eden Valley Reserve 509 population (Source: 2001 Stats Canada Census)

**Hamlets within the M.D. of Foothills #31**

- Aldersyde
- Blackie
- Cayley
- DeWinton
- Heritage Pointe (residential development on a World Class Golf Course)
- Millarville
- Naphtha
- Priddis
- Priddis Greens (residential development on a World Class Golf Course)



## Post Secondary Education

## BUILDING FUTURES

Continuing Education courses are offered in High River, Okotoks, and Black Diamond/Turner Valley. Proximity to Calgary's Rapid Transit System enables many post-secondary students to live at home and commute to school. For information on [Educational Opportunities](#) in close proximity to the region visit the school's corresponding website:



<b>Educational Facility</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Web site</b>
<a href="#">University of Calgary</a>	Calgary, AB	403-220-5110	<a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca">www.ucalgary.ca</a>
<a href="#">University of Lethbridge</a>	Lethbridge, AB	403-320-5700	<a href="http://www.uleth.ca">www.uleth.ca</a>
<a href="#">S.A.I.T.</a>	Calgary, AB	403-284-7248	<a href="http://www.sait.ab.ca">www.sait.ab.ca</a>
<a href="#">Mount Royal College</a>	Calgary, AB	403-240-6111	<a href="http://www.mtroyal.ab.ca">www.mtroyal.ab.ca</a>
<a href="#">AB College of Art &amp; Design</a>	Calgary, AB	403-284-7600	<a href="http://www.acad.ab.ca">www.acad.ab.ca</a>
<a href="#">Devry Canada</a>	Calgary, AB	403-235-3450	<a href="http://www.devry.ca">www.devry.ca</a>
<a href="#">Olds Agricultural College</a>	Olds, AB	1-800-661-6537	<a href="http://www.oldscollege.ab.ca/">www.oldscollege.ab.ca/</a>
<a href="#">Red Deer College</a>	Red Deer, AB	403- 342-3300	<a href="http://www.rdc.ab.ca/">www.rdc.ab.ca/</a>

## Taxation

### Tax & Mill Rate Information

Total mill rates for residential and farm properties are the same in 2004 as they were in 2003. The mill rate for machinery and equipment has increased due to a requirement in the Municipal Government Act. This requirement stipulates that the machinery and equipment mill rate must be equal to the municipal portion of the non-residential mill rate. The total mill rate for non-residential parcels has decreased slightly.

### 2004 Total Mill Rates

- Residential - 8.0095
- Farm - 11.5229
- Industrial and Commercial - 13.4850
- Machinery and Equipment - 6.7792

The M.D. of Foothills offers early payment/monthly payment incentive plans whereby a ratepayer may save 3% to 6% on the property tax bill.

	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
<b>2004</b>		
Municipal Tax Rate	3.8185	6.6629
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.0747	6.7058
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	4.0747	6.7058
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.1163	.1163

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Foothills Administration Building

## Transportation

Proximity to Calgary provides High Tech and Distribution capabilities to facilitate local industry, as well as providing an abundance of air, rail and infrastructure networks. Highway #2 runs directly north/south through the M.D. and has been designated Alberta's North-South Trade corridor, which is part of the National Highway System and represents the backbone of the roadway network that provides direct access to the United States. [Calgary International Airport.](#)

- Approximately 100 km north of High River on the North end of Calgary,
- For a listing of non-stop passenger destinations visit [Passenger Non-stop Destinations](#)
- Provides a single hub location that specializes in a wide range of services including receiving, transferring, storing, and distributing air, rail and highway cargo both domestically and internationally
- The airport offers 360 degree market penetration for International cargo & passenger carriers. 50 million people can be reached within a days travel.
- Calgary is the 'ONLY' Canadian airport strategically located on the cross roads of the Trans Canada (East-West) and the CanaMex Highways (North-South) [Cargo Information](#)

**The Okotoks Airport** is just minutes east of Okotoks and the **Foothills Regional Airport** is 4 km South of High River. This region

has an excellent access to markets in Western Canada and the Western United States. **Primary Highways:**

- Highway #2 (North American Trade Corridor)
- Hwy 23, 2a, 7, 22, 22X and 66
- Secondary Highways: 291 kilometers
- Oiled Surface and Gravel Roads: 1,883 kilometers



## Utilities

### **Foothills Regional Services Commission (Landfill)**

P.O. Box 5605  
309 Macleod Trail  
High River, Alberta  
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Phone: 938-5224  
Fax: 938-5282  
Email: [solidwaste@platinum.ca](mailto:solidwaste@platinum.ca)

SE 32-19-29-W4M  
Located on Highway #783 (16th St. E.)  
5.5 km south of Highway #7  
5 km north of Highway #543

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
(Please arrive with enough time to empty your vehicle and be out of gate by 4:45 p.m.)  
Closed Sunday and all Statutory Holidays.  
Excessive rain may make access by 2 wheel drives difficult, please phone if unsure.

The Foothills Regional Waste Management Facility (landfill) is now active with recycling and would like to remind everyone to source

separate all your loads (tonnage fees apply).

The following recycling and source sorting of materials is required:

- 1.) metal
- 2.) appliances (freon removal charge may apply)
- 3.) batteries,
- 4.) tires,
- 5.) used oil
- 6.) used oil filters,
- 7.) antifreeze,
- 8.) propane bottles
- 9.) wood ( must be CLEAN of ALL large metal, nails do not have to be removed)
- 10.) green waste (leaves, grass, small branches) for composting
- 11.) cardboard
- 12.) household hazardous waste & paint
- 13.) Pesticide containers only @ no charge (must be triple rinsed!)
- 14.) Computers (parts, accessories) and TV's

#### **WHAT'S NEW**

The Foothills Regional Waste Management Facility is now accepting household hazardous waste (paints, cleaning solvents, chemicals etc.) We cannot accept commercial, industrial or radioactive waste, explosives or ammunition.



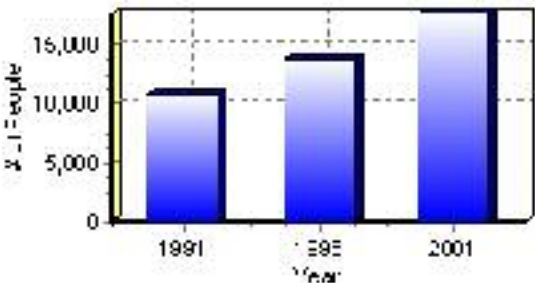
# Population

## Total Population

Population 2004*	17,682
Population 2003*	17,682
Population 2002*	16,764
Population 2001**	16,765
Population 2000*	16,122
Population 1996**	13,714
Population 1991**	10,912
Population % change 1991-1996	20.43%
Population % change 1996-2001	18.19%

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

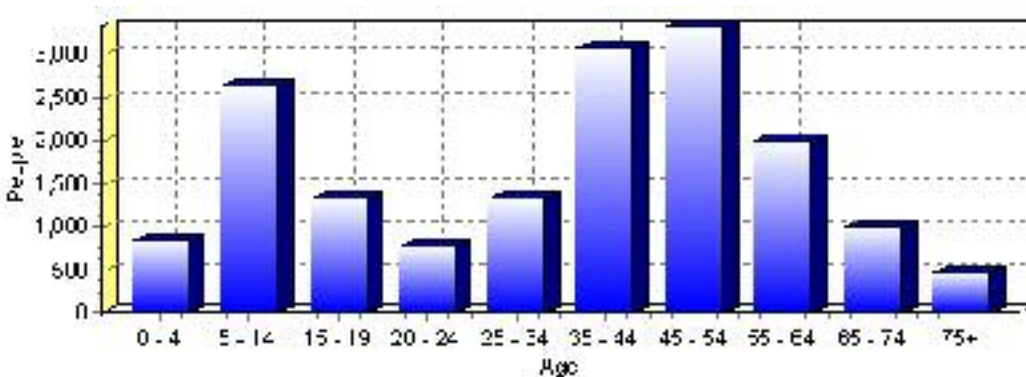
## Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	415	355	770	435	395	830
Age 5 - 14	1,185	1,080	2,265	1,360	1,270	2,630
Age 15 - 19	525	450	975	705	620	1,325
Age 20 - 24	350	330	680	415	350	765
Age 25 - 34	685	785	1,470	610	715	1,325
Age 35 - 44	1,335	1,390	2,725	1,465	1,620	3,085
Age 45 - 54	1,200	1,120	2,320	1,725	1,605	3,330
Age 55 - 64	760	645	1,405	1,065	940	2,005
Age 65 - 74	420	345	765	560	445	1,005
Age 75 and older	175	170	345	225	245	470
Total All Persons	7,040	6,670	13,710	8,560	8,205	16,765

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

### Foothills No. 31, M.D. of Population by Age Group (2001)

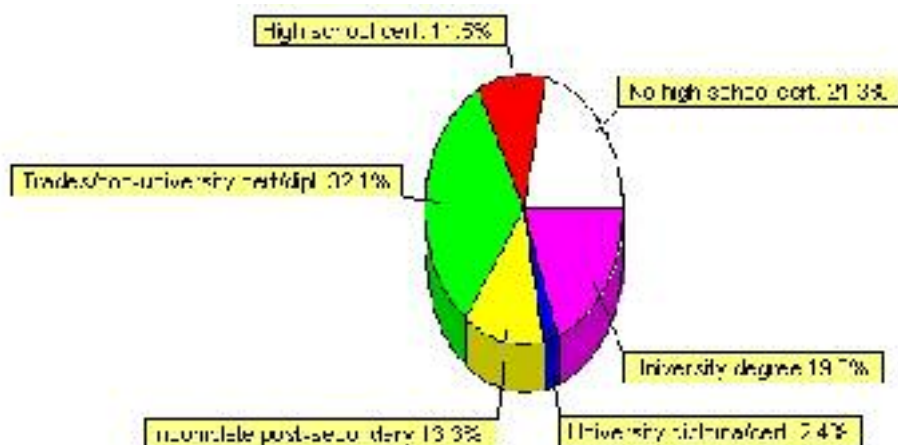


## Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	2,550	21.31%
People with high school certificates	1,375	11.49%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	3,845	32.14%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	1,595	13.33%
People with university diploma/certificate	290	2.42%
People with university degree	2,315	19.35%
Total Population 20 years and older	11,965	100.00%

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

### Foothills No. 31, M.D. of Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	480	9.42%	520	8.05%
Commerce, management and business administration	1,060	20.80%	1,410	21.83%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	470	9.22%	630	9.75%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	1,245	24.44%	1,490	23.07%
Engineering and applied sciences	310	6.08%	370	5.73%
Fine and applied arts	235	4.61%	320	4.95%
Health professionals, science and technologies	525	10.30%	785	12.15%
Humanities and related fields	200	3.93%	300	4.64%
Mathematics and physical sciences	175	3.43%	190	2.94%
Social sciences and related fields	375	7.36%	450	6.97%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	10	0.15%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	5,095	100.00%	6,460	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	2,410	47.30%	3,040	47.06%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	2,685	52.70%	3,420	52.94%

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

## Labour Force

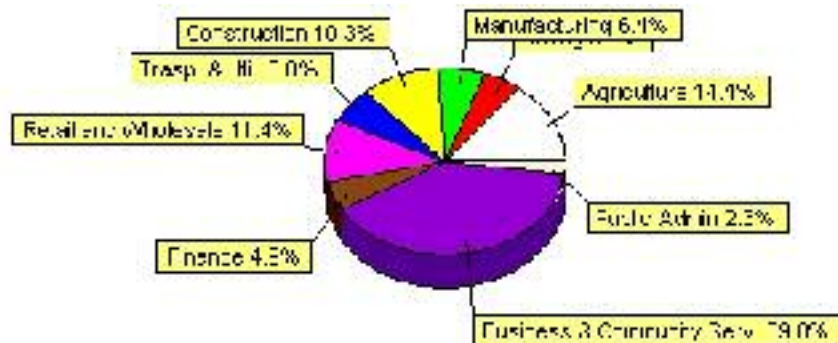
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	8,380	10,260
Not in the labour force, both sexes	2,250	3,030
Total population 15 and over	10,635	13,295
Employed, both sexes	8,100	9,925
Unemployed, both sexes	280	340
Participation rate, both sexes	78.00%	77.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	3.00%	3.00%

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	2,030	24.43%	1,480	14.45%
Mining	480	5.78%	525	5.12%
Manufacturing	450	5.42%	660	6.44%
Construction	675	8.12%	1,055	10.30%
Transportation. & Utilities	530	6.38%	610	5.95%
Retail and Wholesale	1,090	13.12%	1,165	11.37%
Finance	320	3.85%	505	4.93%
Business & Community Services	2,105	25.33%	3,995	38.99%
Public Administration	305	3.67%	240	2.34%
Total All Industries	8,310	100.00%	10,245	100.00%

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

### Foothills No. 31, M.D. of Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	980	11.79%	1,635	15.96%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	1,400	16.85%	1,755	17.13%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	450	5.42%	605	5.91%
Health occupations	375	4.51%	435	4.25%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	380	4.57%	430	4.20%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	220	2.65%	265	2.59%

Sales and service occupations	1,400	16.85%	1,505	14.69%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	1,055	12.70%	1,670	16.30%
Occupations unique to primary industry	1,860	22.38%	1,665	16.25%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	185	2.23%	280	2.73%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	65	0.78%	15	0.15%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	8,310	100.00%	10,245	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	3,710	44.65%	4,595	44.85%
Males - All Occupations	4,600	55.35%	5,650	55.15%

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	265	7.08%	310	7.18%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	680	18.16%	670	15.51%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	835	22.30%	885	20.49%
\$60,000 and over	1,965	52.47%	2,430	56.25%
Total number of families	3,745	100.00%	4,295	99.42%
Average family income	\$86,884		\$99,497	
Median family income	\$62,464		\$74,493	

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	590	12.84%	500	8.67%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	845	18.39%	865	14.99%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	970	21.11%	1,005	17.42%
\$60,000 and over	355	7.73%	3,395	58.84%
Total number of households	4,595	100.00%	5,770	100.00%
Average household income	\$79,736		\$94,571	
Median household income	\$56,992		\$71,801	

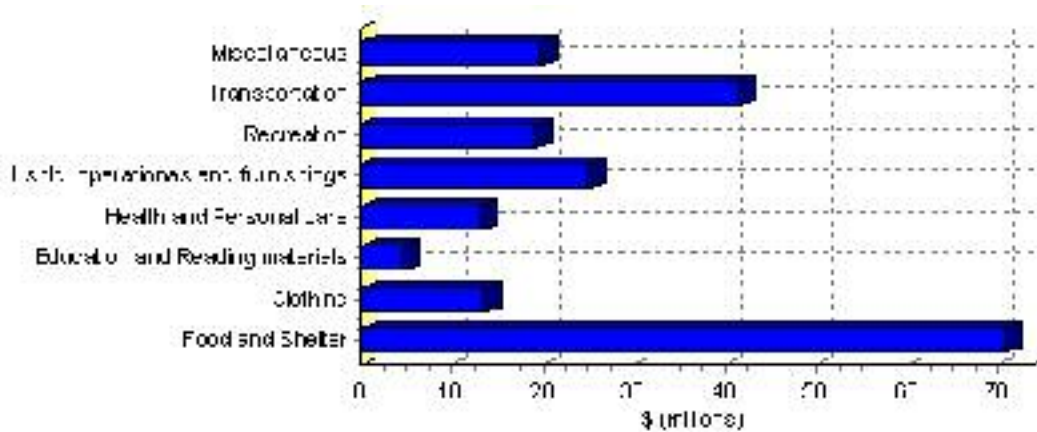
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# Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$46,176,005	36.23%	\$70,863,777	34.12%
Clothing	\$9,237,060	7.25%	\$13,700,080	6.60%
Education and Reading materials	\$3,130,465	2.46%	\$4,528,138	2.18%
Health and Personal care	\$7,742,220	6.07%	\$13,128,817	6.32%
Hshld. operations and furnishings	\$14,205,510	11.15%	\$24,991,088	12.03%
Recreation	\$11,604,290	9.10%	\$19,186,158	9.24%
Transportation	\$25,768,935	20.22%	\$41,511,104	19.99%
Miscellaneous	\$9,567,540	7.51%	\$19,753,048	9.51%
Total Current Consumption	\$127,453,070	100.00%	\$207,662,210	100.00%
Total # of Households	3,625		4,594	
Average Consumption per Household	\$35,159		\$45,203	

Source: Statistics Canada Family Expenditure Survey 1992 & 1996 (numbers may not add up due to rounding).

## Foothills No. 31, M.D. of Family Expenditures (1996)

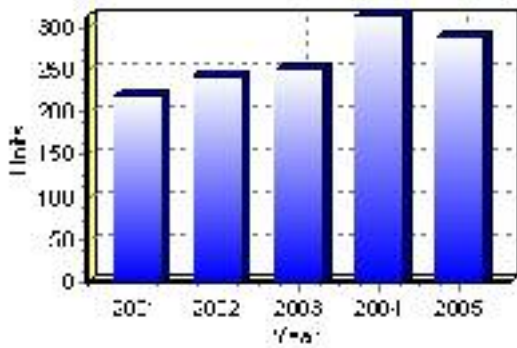


# Building Permits

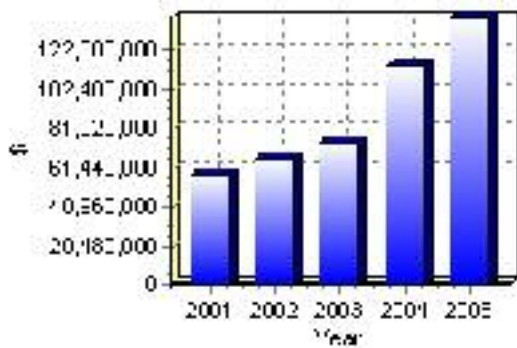
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$1,254,000	\$826,000	\$1,890,000	\$3,185,000	\$1,719,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$2,660,000	\$843,000	\$3,832,000	\$833,000	\$8,360,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$885,000	\$150,000	\$118,000	\$1,800,000	\$19,950,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$52,996,000	\$64,489,000	\$69,119,000	\$108,674,000	\$109,912,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$57,795,000	\$66,308,000	\$74,959,000	\$114,492,000	\$139,941,000
Total Housing Starts	220	243	250	313	288

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	10	0.22%	5	0.09%
Detached Duplexes	20	0.44%	5	0.09%
Movable Dwellings	135	2.94%	225	3.90%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Row and semi-detached house	100	2.18%	145	2.51%
Single-detached house	4,320	94.02%	5,375	93.15%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	4,595	100.00%	5,770	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	3,920	85.31%	4,960	85.96%
Private Dwellings, rented	675	14.69%	805	13.95%

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	515	8.94%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	465	8.07%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	420	7.29%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	1,370	23.78%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	915	15.89%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	2,075	36.02%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	5,760	100.00%

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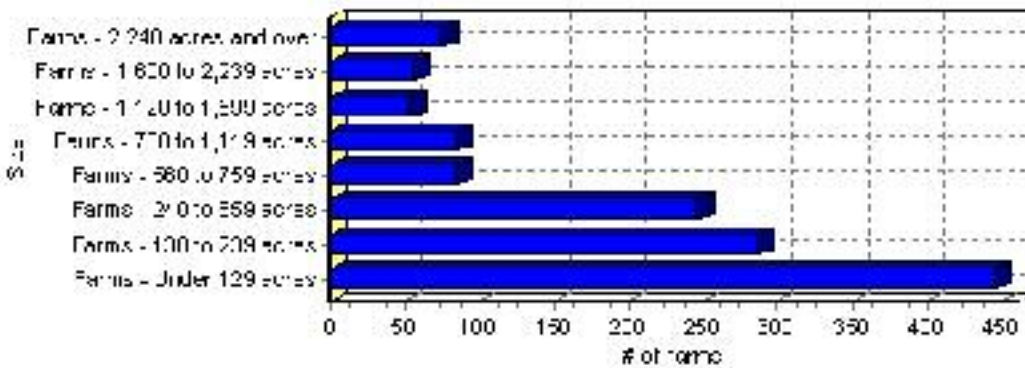
# Farming

Foothills No. 31, M.D. of Total Farm Area : 1,335 acres

Farms by Total Farm Area (2001)	# of Farms	% of total
Farms - Under 129 acres	446	33.43%
Farms - 130 to 239 acres	287	21.51%
Farms - 240 to 559 acres	247	18.52%
Farms - 560 to 759 acres	84	6.30%
Farms - 760 to 1,119 acres	85	6.37%
Farms - 1,120 to 1,599 acres	54	4.05%
Farms - 1,600 to 2,239 acres	56	4.20%
Farms - 2,240 acres and over	75	5.62%
Total number of farms reporting	1,334	100.00%

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

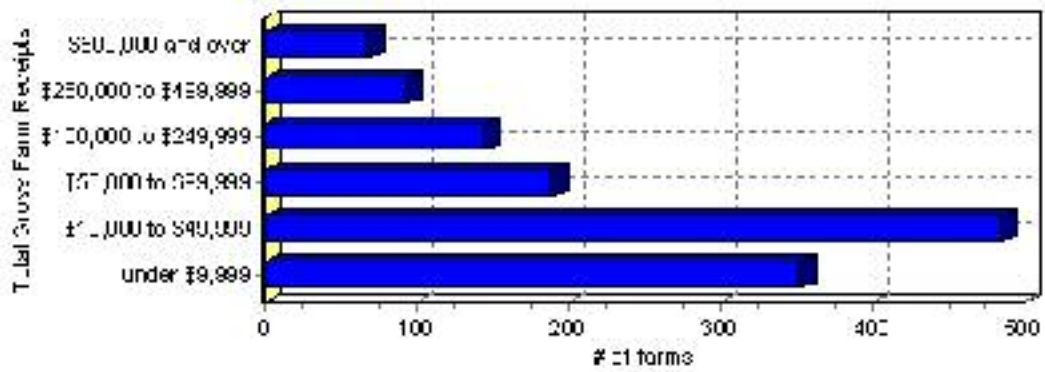
## # of Farms by Total Farm Area



Farms by Total Gross Farm Receipts - 2001	# of Farms	% of total
Farms gross farm receipts - under \$9,999	353	26.46%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$10,000 to \$49,999	485	36.36%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$50,000 to \$99,999	190	14.24%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$100,000 to \$249,999	145	10.87%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$250,000 to \$499,999	93	6.97%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$500,000 and over	68	5.10%
Total number of farms reporting	1,334	100.00%

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## Total Gross Farm Receipts

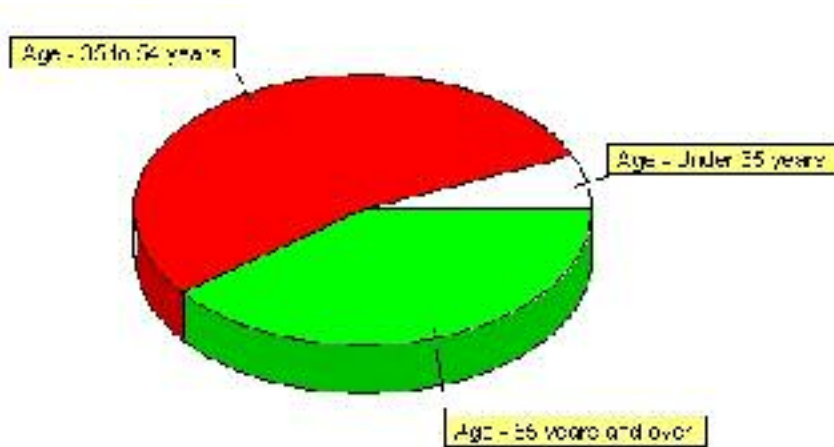


## Farming, Continued

Characteristics of Farm Operators	#	%
Age - Under 35 years	125	6.58%
Age - 35 to 54 years	1,025	53.95%
Age - 55 years and over	750	39.47%
Average age of operators	52	
Number of operators - Female	625	32.89%
Number of operators - Male	1,275	67.11%
Total number of operators reporting	1,900	100.00%

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

### Age of Farm Operators



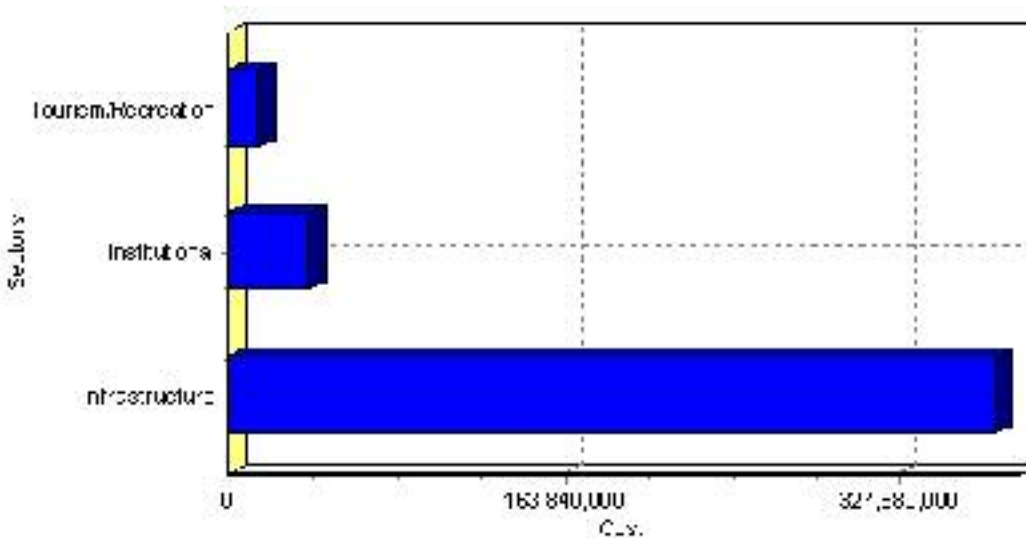
# Projects

## Summary of Projects in Foothills No. 31, M.D. of as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Infrastructure	6	\$374,500,000
Institutional	5	\$39,100,000
Tourism/Recreation	1	\$15,000,000
Total	12	\$428,600,000

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



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	4	\$345,600,000
Completed	3	\$24,200,000
Proposed	3	\$32,800,000
Under Construction	2	\$26,000,000
Total	12	\$428,600,000

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## Largest Projects in Foothills No. 31, M.D. of as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
City of Calgary	Pine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant	MD of Foothills	\$320,000,000	2006-2008	Announced
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation	Highway 2 / SH 547 Interchange	MD of Foothills (Aldersyde)	\$23,500,000	2006-2007	Under Construction
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	New School (K to Grade 9)	MD of Foothills	\$16,400,000	2006-2007	Announced
MD of Foothills	Recreation Facility	MD of Foothills (Aldersyde)	\$15,000,000	-	Proposed
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation	Highway 2 Pave	MD of Foothills (near De Winton)	\$12,300,000	2006-2006	Completed
MD of Foothills	SH 540 Paving and Improvements	MD of Foothills	\$9,500,000	-	Proposed
Foothills Foundation	Supportive Living Facility	MD of Foothills	\$8,300,000	-	Proposed
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	School (K to Grade 9)	MD of Foothills (Davisburg)	\$6,600,000	2005-2006	Completed
MD of Foothills	SH 773 Upgrades	MD of Foothills	\$5,600,000	2007-2007	Announced
St. James Catholic Church	New Church	MD of Foothills (N of Okotoks)	\$5,300,000	2005-2006	Completed

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