Athabasca

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Welcome

Message from the Mayor

Thank you for visiting our Town website. Just to let you know, Athabasca is one of the oldest communities in Alberta, getting its start during the era of the fur trade due to its natural location on the Athabasca River. Indeed, at one point, steam-powered paddle-wheeled boats were a common site on the Athabasca River, being constructed in the area what is now the Town Riverfront.

In the pre-1905 period, Athabasca was even considered a contender when our Provincial forefather's were choosing the Provincial capital. Currently, Athabasca's location and intersecting network of highways and roads do indeed make it a "Gateway to the Great New North". In addition to the oil, gas and forestry industry, Athabasca plays host to many tourists and travelers alike throughout the year.

Every year sees the welcome addition of many new residents in addition to new business and industry. We are proud of our Town, its residents and our position in the greater community as a whole.

We are interested in promoting our Town, and if I may personally be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call or let me know your concerns.

Regards,

Richard Verhaeghe Mayor

Area Overview

Point to the centre of a map of Alberta and you're pointing at Athabasca Country - "Land of the Whispering Hills" - a land with a rich past, an exciting present, and a promising future.

Come to Athabasca Country for unspoiled lakes and rivers, experience a part of Alberta's past, and find a community with a fine blend of activities, facilities, and friendliness. Athabasca is nestled among the hills along a bend in the Athabasca River, which flows northeast from its source high in the Rocky Mountains to Lake Athabasca.

Athabasca comes from the Cree Indian word "*Athapaskan*", the name the Cree gave to Indians living around Lake Athabasca. Athapaskan refers to the lake and might mean "*where there are reeds*" or "*meeting place of many waters*". First named Athabasca Landing by the Hudson's Bay Company, the town's name was shortened to Athabasca in 1913.

Community Services

Municipal Town of Athabasca 4705-49th Avenue Athabasca, Alberta T9S 1B7 Telephone: (780)675-2063 Fax: (780)675-4242 Provincial Alberta Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission Alberta Agriculture Development Corporation - Lending Division Family & Employment Support Services Community Corrections Alberta Sustainable Resources Forestry Family and Social Services Mental Health Clinic Provincial Court Public Lands Public Works Supply and Services Transportation and Utilities Federal Canada Post Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Community Lifestyle

Recreation

Take a look at what Athabasca Country offers - tennis courts, ball parks, walking trails, curling rink, artificial ice arena as well as outdoor skating rinks, groomed cross-country ski trails, a world-class 18-hole golf course with grass greens, an indoor swimming pool complete with sauna and whirlpool, and rodeo grounds.

One of the world's few unpolluted major rivers, the 1,231 kilometre-long [765 miles] Athabasca River provides a recreational wonderland for canoeing, sport fishing, and jet boating right in the heart of Athabasca Country.

The spectacular valleys of the Athabasca River, Tawatinaw Creek and Muskeg Creek Ravine dominate the scenery and give the region its distinctive geography. Campers, either with tent or recreational vehicle, have many sites from which to choose. The town's site at the meeting of the Tawatinaw Creek and Athabasca River provides washroom and shower facilities, sanitary disposal, and a kitchen shelter. More sites can be found at nearby County and Provincial parks.

Nearby, sparkling lakes with sandy beaches invite boating, water skiing, swimming, wind surfing, and sailing. The naturalist and outdoor enthusiast will find excellent fish and wildlife habitat.

Golfing is available at the Athabasca Golf and Country Club. Downhill and cross-country skiing are available at the Long Lake Ski Area and the Tawatinaw Ski Area .

A Tourist Information Centre [railroad caboose] is located next to the [historic train station] downtown. The TIC is open in the summer months.

Community Organizations

- Athabasca Lions Club
- Knights Of Columbus
- Order Of The Royal Purple
- Rotary Club Of Athabasca
- Royal Canadian Legion
- Royal Canadian Legion Women's AuxiliaryTawatinaw Masonic Lodge
- Athabasca Agricultural
- Society Athabasca & District
- Seniors Society
- Athabasca Fish & Game Association (Nrs)
- Water Fish &Wildlife Parks
- Athabasca Music Festival
- Athabasca Native Friendship Centre Society
- Athabasca Volunteer Fire
- Athabasca Women Aglow
- Catholic Women's League
- Ducks Unlimited
- Foster Parents Association
- Friends Of The Athabasca Environment Association
- Full Gospel Businessmens Fellowship
- International Hospital Volunteers Clubs & Associations

- Athabasca Air Cadets
- Athabasca District Guiding
- Athabasca Co-Ed Volleyball League
- Athabasca Canoe Club
- Athabasca Curling Club
- Athabasca Dance Society
- Athabasca District Minor Hockey Association
- Athabasca Figure Skating Club
- Athabasca Flips Gymnastics Club
- Athabasca 4-H Beef Club
- Athabasca Gun Club
- Athabasca Metis Nation Of Alberta
- Athabasca Hockey Parents Association
- Athabasca Minor Ball Association
- Athabasca Nordic Ski Club
- Athabasca Oldtimers Hockey
- Athabasca Players
- Athabasca Pottery Club
- Athabasca Red Army Hockey Club
- Athabasca River Runners Snowmobile Club
- Athabasca Slow Pitch Association
- Athabasca Soccer Association
- Scouts Canada 1st
- Athabasca Scouts
- Cubs & Beavers
- Athabasca Toastmasters
- Athabasca Teen Centre Society
- Athabasca Ukrainian Folk Dance Club
- Junior Forest Wardens' Camp Ladies' Fastball
- Northern Light Junior Forest Wardens

Religious Services

- Zion Lutheran Church
- Aspen Ridge Christian Fellowship
- Athabasca Missionary Church
- United Church of Canada
- Anglican Church of Canada
- Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
- Ukrainian Catholic Church
- Athabasca Ukrainian Orthodox Church
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
- Riverview Community Church

- Shiloh Tabernacle United Reformed Church
- St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

Special Annual Events/Attractions

The Performing Arts Centre, a multi-use theatre created in 1981 with the renovation of a wing of the Brick School, provides Athabascans with entertainment and cultural activities ranging from the Athabasca Live Arts Society season to special events.

An active community theatre and music program tells a lot about how much Athabascans love to get into the act themselves.

- Athabasca & District Music Festival -- March/April
- Annual Open House and Pottery Sale -- May
- Ladies Open Golf Tournament -- June
- Athabasca University Convocation -- June
- Chamber of Commerce Retail Promotion -- June
- Canada Day Celebrations -- July 1
- Men's Open Golf Tournament -- July
- Junior Open Golf Tournament -- August
- Athabasca Fair and Rodeo -- June
- Senior Open Golf and Tournament -- August
- Harvest Gold Old Time Fiddler Contest -- September
- Whispering Hills Country Music-Talent Show -- October
- Ducks Unlimited Supper & Auction -- November
- Chamber of Commerce Moonlight Madness -- November

Hospitality

Accommodations

- Northern Lights Bed & Breakfast
- Top of the Town Bed & Breakfast
- Athabasca Hillside Motel Ltd.
- Athabasca Inn -
- Best Western
- Athabasca Lodge
- Motel Super 8
- Union Hotel

Restaurants

- Happy Gardens Restaurant
- Athabasca Burger Bar
- Neighbours Pub
- Greenspot Restaurant
- Athabasca Inn Restaurant
- Golden Fountain
- Giorgios Mike's Pizza & Restaurant
- Riverhouse Cravings
- Davina's Elsa's Maple Tree Clubhouse

- Subway
- A & W
- Union Cafe

Economic Base

The economy of the Athabasca region is based on agriculture, natural gas, forestry and, more recently, tourism. The principle economic activity of the Athabasca area is agriculture, although its importance has decreased over the past few years.

The area is well suited to forage production. Barley is the main grain crop, but significant acreage of wheat, oats, and rapeseed are also grown. Beef cattle is the major livestock industry in the area, but there are also a number of specialized dairy, sheep, swine, and beef feed lot operations.

The development of gas fields in the area has had a profound impact on the economy in recent years. As the demand for natural gas stabilizes, it is expected this industry will increase in the Athabasca region, along with the potential for the development of tar sands activity north of Athabasca.

Timber has been and continues to be a major source of employment in the Athabasca area. Presently, the major areas are Smith, Calling Lake, and Wandering River, in the northern portion of the Athabasca trading area. In addition, there are many small lumber mills in the immediate area which are operated by farmers on a part-time basis.

The local retail/service sectors have also grown significantly in the past five years in response to developments within these other industry sectors.

Athabasca lies in the heart of some beautiful lake country, offering a wide range of recreational pursuits. The region also has a rich history. Several organizations have been active in making the area the leaders in north-central Alberta for tourism and related activities.

Economic Facts

Major Businesses Products/Services

Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc. Light industrial parks are located within Town limits and eastern outskirts.

Financial Institutions

- Bank of Nova Scotia
- ATB Finiancial
- Canadian Imperial
- Bank of Commerce
- Common Wealth
- Credit Union

Education

The Educational Systems is under the jurisdiction of the Aspen View Regional Division #19, headquartered in Athabasca Telephone: (780)675-7080

Daycare/Nursery

Athabasca University Day Care Services

Private day homes in Athabasca

Public schools located in Athabasca include:

- Whispering Hills Primary School [K-3]
- Landing Trail Intermediate School [4-7]
- Edwin Parr Composite High School [8-12]

Emergency Services

<u>Fire Protection</u> Athabasca is served by a volunteer fire department

Mailing Address:

4705 - 49 Avenue Athabasca, AB T9S 1B7 Telephone: (780)675-2063 Fax: (780)675-4242

Police Services

Police Protection R.C.M.P. (12 Person detachment) 4806 - 46th Ave Athabasca, Alberta T9S 1M7

Administration/Information

Telephone (780)675-5122 Complaints (24 Hours) Telephone (780)675-4252 Fax: (780)675-4355

A By-Law officer serves the Town of Athabasca for 30 hours per week. Emergency: 911

Health Care

The Athabasca Health Care Centre has 42 acute care beds, 23 long term auxiliary beds and 8 bassinettes. There are also 3 medical centres including: doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, dieticians, chiropractors, massage therapists, and optometrist along with public services provided by the Regional Health Unit [Aspen Health Services].

Senior services provided: a nursing home, a senior citizen lodge, and senior citizens housing complexes.

The Aspen Health Services [Athabasca office] is committed to the concept of *"Healthy Albertans in a Healthy Alberta"*. Serving over 30,000 residents living in 60,000 square kilometres, it offers services which promote healthy lifestyles and independent living. Services include: adult health services, Alberta Aids to Daily Living, communicable disease control, rehabilitation services, dental services, early intervention program, environmental health, health education/promotion, Well Baby and immunization clinics, hereditary disease program, home care & hospital liaison, nutrition programs, prenatal classes, preschool screening, school health services, sexuality education, and speech language services.

Services to disabled/handicapped persons is supplied through Blue Heron Enterprises. Contact: Arno Birkigt Telephone: (780)675-3891

Family and Community Support Services [FCSS] programs are offered through the entire region. Contact: Serena Koons Telephone: (780)675-2623

Key Contacts for Business Development

<u>Municipal</u>

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Officer Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce Ty Hart, *President* 4705-49th Avenue Athabasca, Alberta T9S 1B7 Telephone: (780)675-3046 Fax: (780)675-3872

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Contact: Audrey Alberecht-Lee Telephone: (780)427-6075 Fax: (780)422-9127

(updated May 10, 2004) Jan Couper, *Client Services Representative* Tel: 780-427-6291 E-Mail: jan.couper@gov.ab.ca

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(Athabasca) Fax: (780)675-2396 Telephone: (780)415-4800

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Ottawa Office: 513 Confederation Building House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 Telephone: (613)992-1154 Fax: (613)992-4603

Fort McMurray Office: 102-9912 Franklin Avenue Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K5 Telephone: (780)743-2201 Fax: (780)743-2287

Location

The Town of Athabasca is located in the County of Athabasca No. 12, in north-central Alberta. Three highways meet at Athabasca. Highway 2 parallels much of the historic Athabasca Landing Trail and leads 145 kilometres south to Edmonton. Secondary Highway 813 leads north to the Slave Lake Forest and the sandy white beaches and provincial park at Calling Lake. Highway 2 north and Highway 55 east - the Northern Woods and Water Route - link the Town to Saskatchewan and British Columbia, and lead to other nearby provincial parks and recreation areas.

Post Secondary Education

Athabasca University has an international reputation for distance education, and is a model for the future. With more than 150 staff, Athabasca University offers several undergraduate degree programs, and credit transfer arrangements can be made to and from other institutions.

The campus includes a library, archives, daycare centre, recreation area, and events such as films, seminars, workshops, and cultural activities.

Northern Lakes College Telephone: (780)675-9484

Other facilities include: a library and archives in the Historic Brick School Complex in Athabasca.

Taxation

| | Residential/Farmland | <u>Non-</u> Residential |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 2005 | | |
| Municipal Tax Rate | 11.064 | 16.945 |
| Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate | 4.499 | 6.924 |
| Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate | 0.124 | 0.124 |

Mill Rates [2005]

Residential-Public 15.687 Non-Residential-Public 23.993

Transportation

Air Services

The Athabasca Municipal Airport has all-weather facilities. Alberta Central Airways provides scheduled/charter service. The nearest commercial and air freight service is at Edmonton International Airport, located 157 km south of Athabasca. Telephone: (780)675-5225

Highways

Athabasca is served by three main highways: Highway 2 south to Edmonton and north to Slave Lake, Highway 55 east to Lac La Biche and Saskatchewan, and Secondary Highway 813 north to Calling Lake and onward to Wabasca/Desmarais.

Bus Services Greyhound Bus Lines provides regular scheduled daily inter-community service.

Couriers and Taxis

Loomis, Purolator, and UPS provide service to the Athabasca area.

There are two taxi companies located in Athabasca.

Utilities

Power Epcor Customer Service: 310-4300(local call) For Outages call: 310-9473(local call)

<u>Natural Gas</u> AltaGas

Telephone: 1-866-222-2067

Telephone Telus Communications Inc. P.O. Box 2422 , Stn Main Edmonton, AB T5J 2S7 Residential Customers: Telephone Toll-Free: 310-2255 Commercial Customers: Telephone Toll Free: 310-3100

Water Supply

The source of water is the Athabasca River [2 reservoirs].

Waste Management

Sewage treatment is provided by aerated lagoons.

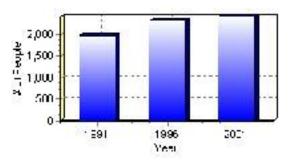
Garbage Method/Frequency of Collection: Weekly Industrial/Commercial - owner's responsibility

Residential - Weekly pick-up (Tuesdays or Fridays) Garbage For Pick-Up or Questions, call: Athabasca Recycle & Transfer Site at (780)675-1117 Recycle For Pick-Up or Questions, call Dr. Recycle at (780)689-8271

Population

| Total Population | |
|---|--------|
| Population 2004* | 2,415 |
| Population 2003* | 2,415 |
| Population 2002* | 2,415 |
| Population 2001** | 2,415 |
| Population 2000* | 2,313 |
| Population 1996** | 2,313 |
| Population 1991** | 1,965 |
| Population % change 1991-1996 | 15.05% |
| Population % change 1996-2001 | 4.22% |
| * Source: Official Population List, Alberta Municipal Affairs ** Source: Statistics Canada 1991, 1996, & 2001 Census | |

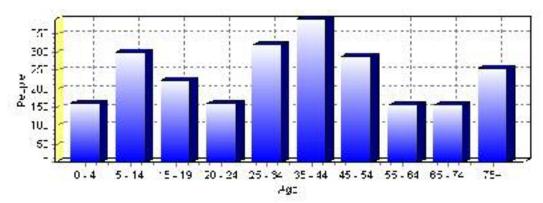
Total Population 1991-2001



| Population by Age and Gender | 1996 Male | 1996 Female | 1996 Total | 2001 Male | 2001 Female | 2001 Total |
|--|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Age 0 - 4 | 80 | 75 | 155 | 80 | 80 | 160 |
| Age 5 - 14 | 170 | 175 | 345 | 155 | 145 | 300 |
| Age 15 - 19 | 85 | 90 | 175 | 100 | 125 | 225 |
| Age 20 - 24 | 85 | 75 | 160 | 80 | 80 | 160 |
| Age 25 - 34 | 180 | 160 | 340 | 170 | 150 | 320 |
| Age 35 - 44 | 175 | 215 | 390 | 175 | 215 | 390 |
| Age 45 - 54 | 135 | 100 | 235 | 150 | 140 | 290 |
| Age 55 - 64 | 65 | 70 | 135 | 70 | 85 | 155 |
| Age 65 - 74 | 50 | 115 | 165 | 70 | 85 | 155 |
| Age 75 and older | 75 | 155 | 230 | 75 | 180 | 255 |
| Total All Persons | 1,085 | 1,225 | 2,310 | 1,120 | 1,295 | 2,415 |
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Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

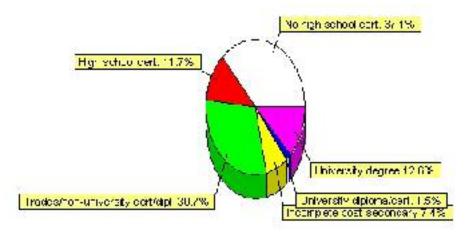




Education Statistics

| Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older | | % |
|--|-------|---------|
| People without high school certificates | 605 | 37.12% |
| People with high school certificates | 190 | 11.66% |
| People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma | 500 | 30.67% |
| People with post-secondary education (not completed) | 120 | 7.36% |
| People with university diploma/certificate | 25 | 1.53% |
| People with university degree | 205 | 12.58% |
| Total Population 20 years and older | 1,630 | 100.00% |
| Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | |

Athabasca Highest Level of Schooling 2001



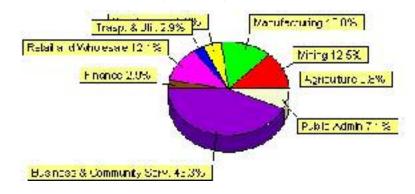
| Population with Post Secondary Qualifications | 1996 | % | 2001 | % | | |
|---|------|---------|------|---------|--|--|
| Agriculture and biological sciences | 35 | 4.93% | 15 | 2.07% | | |
| Commerce, management and business administration | 145 | 20.42% | 150 | 20.69% | | |
| Educational, recreational and counseling services | 115 | 16.20% | 70 | 9.66% | | |
| Engineering and applied science tech. and trades | 180 | 25.35% | 205 | 28.28% | | |
| Engineering and applied sciences | 10 | 1.41% | 20 | 2.76% | | |
| Fine and applied arts | 25 | 3.52% | 45 | 6.21% | | |
| Health professionals, science and technologies | 80 | 11.27% | 70 | 9.66% | | |
| Humanities and related fields | 40 | 5.63% | 35 | 4.83% | | |
| Mathematics and physical sciences | 0 | 0.00% | 10 | 1.38% | | |
| Social sciences and related fields | 80 | 11.27% | 95 | 13.10% | | |
| Other and/or no specialization | 0 | 0.00% | 10 | 1.38% | | |
| Total people with post secondary qualifications | 710 | 100.00% | 725 | 100.00% | | |
| Females with post-secondary qualifications | 360 | 50.70% | 345 | 47.59% | | |
| Males with post-secondary qualifications | 350 | 49.30% | 380 | 52.41% | | |
| 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 | 1,185 | 1,215 | | | |
| Not in the labour force, both sexes | 530 | 635 | | | |
| Total population 15 and over | 1,715 | 1,850 | | | |
| Employed, both sexes | 1,060 | 1,130 | | | |
| Unemployed, both sexes | 120 | 80 | | | |
| Participation rate, both sexes | 69.00% | 66.00% | | | |
| Unemployment rate, both sexes | 10.00% | 7.00% | | | |
| 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 | 35 | 2.99% | 10 | 0.83% |
| Mining | 80 | 6.84% | 150 | 12.50% |
| Manufacturing | 145 | 12.39% | 165 | 13.75% |
| Construction | 65 | 5.56% | 60 | 5.00% |
| Transportation. & Utilities | 65 | 5.56% | 35 | 2.92% |
| Retail and Wholesale | 140 | 11.97% | 145 | 12.08% |
| Finance | 65 | 5.56% | 35 | 2.92% |
| Business & Community Services | 505 | 43.16% | 520 | 43.33% |
| Public Administration | 30 | 2.56% | 85 | 7.08% |
| Total All Industries | 1,170 | 100.00% | 1,200 | 100.00% |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers ma | y not add up | due to rounding) | | |

Athabasca Labour Force By Industry - 2001



| Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups | 1996 | % | 2001 | % |
|---|------|--------|------|--------|
| Management occupations | 95 | 8.05% | 155 | 12.86% |
| Business, Finances and administrative occupations | 220 | 18.64% | 225 | 18.67% |
| Natural and applied sciences and related occupations | 30 | 2.54% | 70 | 5.81% |
| Health occupations | 65 | 5.51% | 55 | 4.56% |
| Occupations in social science; education; government and religion | 115 | 9.75% | 55 | 4.56% |
| Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport | 45 | 3.81% | 45 | 3.73% |

| Sales and service occupations | 300 | 25.42% | 285 | 23.65% |
|--|------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations | 155 | 13.14% | 200 | 16.60% |
| Occupations unique to primary industry | 70 | 5.93% | 50 | 4.15% |
| Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities | 65 | 5.51% | 70 | 5.81% |
| Occupations not elsewhere classified | 10 | 0.85% | 10 | 0.83% |
| Total - All Occupations (major groups) | 1,180 | 100.00% | 1,205 | 100.00% |
| Females - All Occupations | 570 | 48.31% | 550 | 45.64% |
| Males - All Occupations | 610 | 51.69% | 650 | 53.94% |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due | e to round | ling) | | |

Income

| Family Income (Number of Families) | 1996 | % | 2001 | % | |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| less than \$19,999 | 30 | 6.32% | 40 | 8.99% | |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 120 | 25.26% | 90 | 20.22% | |
| \$40,000 - \$59,999 | 75 | 15.79% | 140 | 31.46% | |
| \$60,000 and over | 250 | 52.63% | 250 | 56.18% | |
| Total number of families | 475 | 100.00% | 520 | 116.85% | |
| Average family income | \$61,681 | | \$70,629 | | |
| Median family income | \$60,453 | | \$68,163 | | |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | | | |

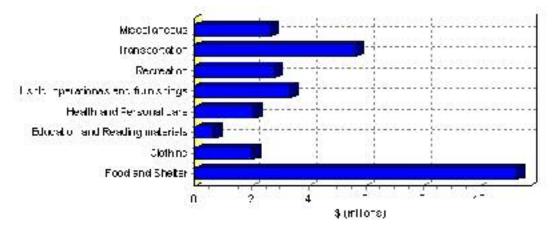
| Household Income (Number of Households) | 1996 | % | 2001 | % |
|---|--------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| less than \$19,999 | 240 | 27.27% | 210 | 21.88% |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 225 | 25.57% | 195 | 20.31% |
| \$40,000 - \$59,999 | 120 | 13.64% | 160 | 16.67% |
| \$60,000 and over | 95 | 10.80% | 405 | 42.19% |
| Total number of households | 880 | 100.00% | 960 | 100.00% |
| Average household income | \$46,498 | | \$57,484 | |
| Median household income | \$38,192 | | \$51,310 | |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not a | dd up due to | rounding) | | |

Family Expenditure

| Expenditure Category | 1992 | % of total | 1996 | % of total | | | |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Food and Shelter | \$8,171,135 | 37.49% | \$11,284,894 | 36.94% | | | |
| Clothing | \$1,487,675 | 6.83% | \$2,033,159 | 6.65% | | | |
| Education and Reading materials | \$465,705 | 2.14% | \$677,502 | 2.22% | | | |
| Health and Personal care | \$1,358,355 | 6.23% | \$2,077,528 | 6.80% | | | |
| Hshld. operationas and furnishings | \$2,404,560 | 11.03% | \$3,377,486 | 11.05% | | | |
| Recreation | \$1,788,835 | 8.21% | \$2,796,315 | 9.15% | | | |
| Transportation | \$4,419,615 | 20.28% | \$5,648,348 | 18.49% | | | |
| Miscellaneous | \$1,689,910 | 7.75% | \$2,656,878 | 8.70% | | | |
| Total Current Consumption | \$21,795,565 | 100.00% | \$30,552,110 | 100.00% | | | |
| Total # of Households | 755 | | 883 | | | | |
| Average Consumption per Household | \$28,868 | | \$34,600 | | | | |
| Source: Statistics Canada Family Expenditure Survey 1992 & 1996 (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | | | | | |

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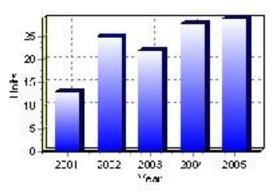
Athabasca Family Expenditures (1996)



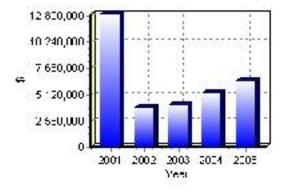
Building Permits

| Total Building Permit Values | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Building Permits Value, Commercial | \$8,488,000 | \$125,000 | \$1,044,000 | \$846,000 | \$1,145,000 |
| Building Permits Value, Industrial | \$1,113,000 | \$120,000 | \$270,000 | \$1,015,000 | \$490,000 |
| Building Permits Value, Institutional | \$1,594,000 | \$811,000 | \$0 | \$15,000 | \$58,000 |
| Building Permits Value, Residential | \$1,798,000 | \$2,857,000 | \$2,781,000 | \$3,433,000 | \$4,742,000 |
| Building Permits Value, Total | \$12,993,000 | \$3,913,000 | \$4,095,000 | \$5,309,000 | \$6,435,000 |
| Total Housing Starts | 13 | 25 | 22 | 28 | 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 | 140 | 15.91% | 85 | 8.85% |
| Detached Duplexes | 30 | 3.41% | 55 | 5.73% |
| Movable Dwellings | 10 | 1.14% | 30 | 3.13% |
| Other single attached house | 0 | 0.00% | 10 | 1.04% |
| Row and semi-detached house | 75 | 8.52% | 130 | 13.54% |
| Single-detached house | 630 | 71.59% | 650 | 67.71% |
| Total number of occupied private dwellings | 880 | 100.00% | 960 | 100.00% |
| Private dwellings, owned | 505 | 57.39% | 605 | 63.02% |
| Private Dwellings, rented | 380 | 43.18% | 360 | 37.50% |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add un due to rounding) | | | | |

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| Private Dwellings by Period of Construction | # of Dwellings | % of total | |
|--|----------------|------------|--|
| Period of construction, before 1946 | 50 | 5.26% | |
| Period of construction, 1946 - 1960 | 105 | 11.05% | |
| Period of construction, 1961 - 1970 | 175 | 18.42% | |
| Period of construction, 1971 - 1980 | 225 | 23.68% | |
| Period of construction, 1981 - 1990 | 175 | 18.42% | |
| Period of construction, 1991 - 2001 | 220 | 23.16% | |
| Total number of private dwellings constructed | 950 | 100.00% | |
| Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | |

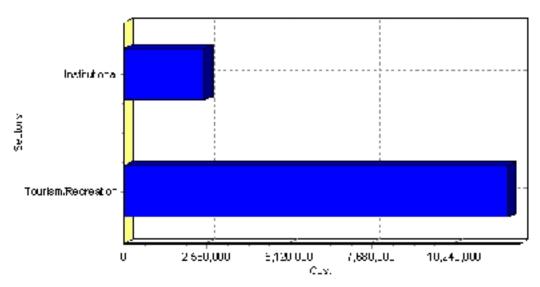
Projects

Summary of Projects in Athabasca as of September 2006

| Project Sector | Number of Projects | Project Cost |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Tourism/Recreation | 1 | \$11,900,000 |
| Institutional | 1 | \$2,500,000 |
| Total | 2 | \$14,400,000 |

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



| Project Status | Number of Projects | Project Cost |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Proposed | 2 | \$14,400,000 |
| Total | 2 | \$14,400,000 |

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Largest Projects in Athabasca as of September 2006

| Company Name | Project Description | Project Location | Project Cost | Construction Schedule | Status |
|--|--|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Town of Athabasca / County of Athbasca | Regional Multiplex | Athabasca | \$11,900,000 | - | Proposed |
| Greater North Foundation | Pleasant Valley Lodge Supportive Housing Project | Athabasca | \$2,500,000 | - | Proposed |

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