

# Canmore

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## Welcome

## CANMORE

### Alberta, Canada

**The Town of Canmore** is one of the most beautiful places in all of Canada to live work and play! Nestled in the stunning Rocky Mountains within minutes of a world heritage wilderness park, three provincial parks, five world-renowned ski resorts, six breathtaking golf courses, and an international airport, it has a myriad of opportunities to offer the adventurous entrepreneur.



We boast a young, energetic and well-educated population that values a vigorous, outdoor adventure lifestyle to recharge their entrepreneurial drive. This compelling combination has made Canmore one of the fastest-growing and most desirable communities in Canada.

Capitalizing on the opportunities presented by the 1988 Olympics, we have grown from a mining town with a once uncertain future, to an international tourist destination with a growing reputation.

Our community is keenly aware of the fine balance between economic growth and a healthy environment. It is for this reason that we seek the kind of business that can take advantage of our incredible location with minimal environmental impact.

Our future lies in the intellectual wealth coming to the community from all over the world as well as strong opportunities in the areas of health & wellness. Opportunities that can sustain our strong tourism background at the same time attract a new kind of investment that will provide a greater spectrum of employment opportunities and, most importantly, will preserve our key asset: the natural environment.

We invite you to explore the possibilities in our beautiful valley. Contact the **Canmore Economic Development Authority** for detailed information on doing business in Canmore.

Ron Casey  
Mayor

### CANMORE AT A GLANCE

Population	14,221
Distance from Calgary	*106 KMS (66 miles) west of Calgary on the TransCanada Highway *22 KMS (12 miles) east of the Banff townsite on the Trans Canada Highway
Health & Wellness	72 bed hospital ~ Doctors, Surgeons, Dentists, Chiropractor, Physiotherapist, Optometrist
Prime Ski Location	Nakiska, Fortress Mountain, Mystic Ridge & Norquay, Sunshine Village, Lake Louise, Canmore Nordic Centre, Panorama Ski Resort
LifeStyle	Young, energetic and well-educated population that values a vigorous, outdoor adventure lifestyle

Enter here for [Quick Facts about Canmore](#)



Mayor Ron Casey

## Area Overview

### POPULATION

Permanent Population: 11,458 ~ 5.7% Growth Non-Permanent Population: 2,763 ~ 22% Growth Total Population: 14,221 Total Number of Households (permanent): 4,491 Avg. # Persons per Household (permanent): 2.55 Total Number of Households (non-permanent): 1,710 Average Household Income: (\$)57,910 (\*2003 Canmore's most recent Census)

Canmore is continuing to grow, but at a slower rate than it did during the previous decade. Turnover rates for the area are high with 47% here 5 years or less, however, this is down from over 50% in 2001. The growth in non-permanent population has risen exponentially over the past 5 years, at 22% in 2003. Projections for Canmore generally range at a between 20,000 to 25,000, and if current rates continue, approximately 1/3 could be projected to be non-permanent.

### POPULATION BY AGE

AGE	1993	2003
0-9 years	17%	11%
10-19 years	12%	13%
20-24 years	5%	8%
25-44 years	44%	37%
45-64 years	15%	23%
65 years plus	7%	7%
unknown	0%	2%

Census results have also shown a slight aging trend to the population, in keeping with the growth in the non-permanent population, consisting mainly of active, semi-retired or retired individuals & couples looking for the mountain retreats and recreation amenities offered in the area. Average Canmore household income of \$57,910 in 2003 was higher than the surrounding community of Banff at \$45,651 and the whole of Alberta at \$52,524.

Canmore is a community very aware of its spectacular mountain surroundings and of the need to protect the environment so that it

can be enjoyed by its citizens and travellers for many years to come. The town has a positive attitude to development as long as it is done in a manner that matches the surrounding environment.

Some of the key advantages of living and doing business in Canmore include: excellent location; mountain lifestyle which provides a superior quality of life and sense of community; environmental protection and sensitivity; tremendous growth opportunities and ease of doing business.

## Climate



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Canmore's climate is known as a montane zone on the lower slopes of the Bow Valley and has unusually mild winter weather due to frequent warm chinook winds that drift into the valley about twenty times a year. Canmore is also fortunate to have a low annual precipitation of generally around 47 cms (19inches).

### Seasonal Average Temperatures

January	-9.3°C	15.26°F
April	3.5°C	38.3°F
July	14.6°C	58.28°F
October	4.4°C	39.92°F

Source: [Environment Canada](#)



Canmore from the top of Ha Ling Peak.

## Community Services

### Canmore Town Office

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Phone: (403) 678-1500  
Fax: (403) 678-1534  
E-Mail: [info@canmore.ca](mailto:info@canmore.ca)

### Canmore Economic Development Authority

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### **Town of Canmore Planning & Development**

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### **Canmore Business Registry**

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(403) 996-0127  
[ccampbell@canmore.ca](mailto:ccampbell@canmore.ca)

### **MUNICIPAL**

FCSS – Canmore Family and Community Support Services Canmore Family and Community Support Services (Canmore FCSS) provides a full range of support for social needs from seniors to youth, including Community Resource Centre, Seniors Worker, Family Liaison Worker, Family Support Worker, Youth Facilitator, Canmore Early Parenting Centre, the Volunteer Resource Centre, Canmore Food Bank.

#### Canmore Municipal Library

The Canmore Public Library is a gateway to a world of information and entertainment. There are books in many languages, books on tape and cd, bestsellers and large print books, music tapes and cds and videos to borrow. A wide selection of magazines and newspapers is available. Browse the Canmore Business Idea & Info Centre for the latest trends. For information or entertainment, or to e-mail family and friends far away, book a time on one of the free public Internet terminals. There are pamphlets, government documents, college calendars, atlases, maps and telephone directories, all there for the use of the community. There are story hours and special programs for children. Other services include readers advisory and reference service, drop-in tutorials for Internet instruction, inter-library loans and support for the Bow Valley Literacy Program

### **PROVINCIAL**

- Alberta Family Social Services
- Recreation & Parks
- Solicitor General (Driver Examination)
- Transportation
- Forestry Lands, and Wildlife
- Fish and Wildlife
- Travel Alberta Visitor Information Centre
- Canmore Provincial Building

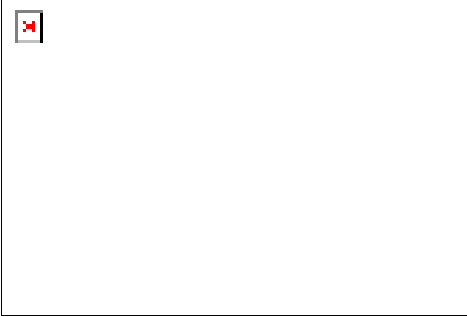
### **FEDERAL**

- Canada Post Office
- Environment Canada
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police

## **Community Lifestyle**

## A Mountain Lifestyle

In Canmore it is possible to achieve a balance between work and pleasure in a breath-taking natural environment. A positive lifestyle increases productivity and creativity through inspiration and motivation. This in turn makes for more satisfied workers, and decreases turn-over rates.



For most people, it's Canmore's endless recreation opportunities that make the difference. There's something for every member of the family, and it's easy to understand why Canmore attracts people from all over the world, as new residents or simply as visitors.

We have top-class sports facilities such as The Canmore Recreation Centre with a hockey rink, 25-metre salt water swimming pool, weight room and a gymnastics centre. Next door is the Canmore Golf and Curling Club, with four sheets of ice and an 18-hole

golf course. In the winter, over 70 km of trails are groomed for classic and skate-style cross-country skiing at the Canmore Nordic Centre. There is also a biathlon range, a lit trail for night skiing, and a training centre for the Canadian National Ski Team at the Nordic Centre. In summer, the ski trails are used for mountain biking, hiking and even "disk golf."

Also within town (or just outside our boundaries) are hiking paths, tennis courts, horseback-riding stables, playgrounds, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, a skateboard park, outdoor and indoor rock-climbing, several private health clubs, yoga studios, karate and tai chi studios, a running track, picnic areas, fishing spots, campgrounds and dog-sledding facilities.



### Culture

Theatre productions, music concerts, art galleries, historical displays, craft shows and unique cultural festivals are also part of Canmore's multifaceted community. ArtSPEAK, The Festival of the Eagles, the Canmore Heritage Day Folk Festival, various dinner theatre productions, the Winter Festival, Art in the Park, the Trappers' Ball and the Canmore Highland Games are just a few of Canmore's exciting cultural events.

And since the Olympic Winter Games Nordic events were held in Canmore in 1988, there has been a full calendar of international sporting events each year. These include the TransRockies Mountain Bike races, International and World Cup nordic ski events, the Rocky Mountain Marathon, the Alberta International Dog Sled Classic and more.

For a complete list of Canmore's Cultural Directory [enter here](#).

### Nearby

Within an hour's drive from Canmore are several world-famous downhill ski resorts (Banff Mount Norquay, Sunshine Village, Lake Louise, Fortress Mountain and Nakiska), the Banff Hot Springs, the Banff Centre for the Arts, several internationally acclaimed golf courses and dozens of back-country lodges and retreats.

### Community Organizations

Canmore has a huge range of community organizations and clubs supporting youth, sport, culture, seniors, hiking and more, that would meet almost any interest.

For a complete list of community organizations and clubs [enter here](#).

### Community Service Clubs

- Canmore Hospital Auxiliary
- Canmore Lioness Club
- Canmore Lions Club
- Canmore Rotary Club
- Three Sisters Royal Canadian Legion

As well as a broad range of social and health networks and support groups, most coordinated or facilitated by Canmore Family and

### **Religious Organizations & Services**

- Canadian Rockies Revival Centre 609-2024
- Canmore Christian Fellowship 678-2508
- Canmore Community Church 678-2399
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 762-3113
- Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall 678-4121
- Mountain Baptist Church 678-2861
- Mountain Sanctuary Seventh-Day Adventist Church (1st Ave. & Hospital Place)
- Ralph Connor United Church 678-5354
- Rocky Mountain Victory Church 678-8746
- Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish 678-5022
- Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 678-6700
- St. Michael's Anglican Church 678-5191
- Trinity Bible Church 678-5063

### **Special Events**

- Canada Day Celebrations July 1
- Heritage Day Folk Festival August long weekend
- Canmore Highland Games September long weekend
- Festival of the Eagles Spring / Fall
- Canmore Winter Festival February
- International Sled Dog Races February
- ArtSPEAK June
- Canmore Heritage Days Folk Festival - August long weekend
- International Bike Races Nordic Centre Summer
- Alberta Centennial Celebrations - Sept. 1, 2005
- Canmore Highland Games - September long weekend
- Mozart on the Mountain - September
- Centennial World Cup Cross-Country Ski - December 1
- International Nordic Ski Events Nordic Centre Winter

### **HOSPITALITY**

#### **Accommodation**

There are 40+ hotels and motels, and 56 Bed & Breakfast establishments in Canmore and area - just over 2000 rooms from full-service suite style and condo style units to kitchenette / drive to your door motel units. A full range of services are available including indoor gym and waterslide & swimming facilities, restaurants, and meeting/conference facilities from small to large. There are an additional 3 more hotels in the serious development stages with one of these in the construction stage. making an approximate 1000 more rooms under development or proposed for the area in the future.

#### **Restaurants**

Canmore has 55 + restaurants, many offering outside catering services, providing a wide variety of dining experiences.

#### **Conference/Meeting/Banquet/Dance Facilities**

Canmore can accommodate conferences/dances up to 500 - 600 people, including catering, break-out facilities, equipment and any other conference services required.



## Economic Base

Canmore was once virtually a one-industry town, with an economy that depended almost entirely on coal mining. When the last mine closed down in 1979, some people thought Canmore would become a ghost town. However, world-wide exposure from hosting the 1988 Nordic Olympic events has driven strong and steady economic growth for well over a decade.

The tourism industry continues to be the driving force behind our economy. The recent global calamities have had an impact on the valley however we look forward to a renewed increase based on a strengthening global economy and continued strong Canadian and Albertan economy.

Added to this forecast is the imminent resort development, preliminary plans focusing around development of a complete health and wellness destination. This opens up a whole new range of opportunities from subsidiary health & wellness services to research and education.

While tourism and construction will continue to be driving forces for the economy, efforts towards a more diversified economy are underway focusing on the potential growth and expertise coming from our new residents. The Canmore Business Registry data shows there are just under 1500 businesses operating in Canmore. Home-based businesses make up just over 1/3 of those businesses, about 400 from out-of-district, and the remainder are resident businesses to Canmore. Many businesses are tourism-related, however we are beginning to see them branch out into new markets driven by the expansion of our newest population growth – the semi-retired professionals, consultants, executives coming here for the unique mountain lifestyle while working globally.

While Main Street bustles with funky cafes, sports stores, craft shops, art galleries, bookstores and health-food stores, we are seeing a new breed of operator, looking to tap into this new market at the same time, relying on an increasing tourism market for their bread and butter.

Currently we are experiencing a construction boom, with over \$113 million in building permits in 2004, therefore construction is a key force in the economy at the moment. While the majority of these permits are related to our residential growth, we are experiencing an trend of increased commercial growth.

There is incredible business potential in the areas of tourism, environmental technologies, software development and other technology related businesses as well as retail, and business services. Energy and plans are being directed at increasing employment in the area of Health and Personal Services through efforts to increase opportunities in the area of Health & Wellness. These efforts fit strongly with increasing demands from an aging population and tourism demand for experiences and services related to health, wellness and personal development. Add an attitude that has become increasingly “business-friendly” in recent years and the formula is ready for growth.

## Economic Facts

According to the 2003 Census, the latest census taken in Canmore, the industries that employ the largest percentage of the Canmore population are:

1. Accommodation and Food – 19.00%
2. Personal Services – 16.09
3. Education, Health, Social Services – 13.44%
4. Construction – 11.92%
5. Retail-Wholesale Trade – 9.51%
6. Professional Services – 6.89%
7. Government – 6.89%
8. Transportation, Comm., Utilities – 4.20%
9. Financial, Insurance, Real Estate – 4.08%
10. Manufacturing – 2.88%
11. Mining and Oil – 2.34%
12. Agriculture & Forestry – 0.57%
13. Other – 0.54%
14. Unknown – 3.08%

The largest employer reflecting the tourism industry, continues to be the service sector, particularly in Accommodations, Food & Beverage and Personal Services. The Construction industry is also a major driver, related to the development still underway. The sharpest increase is seen in the Professional category, reflecting the changing population demographics. The unemployment rate as measured by the Canmore Census from 1995 to 2003 has fluctuated between 1.4% and 3.1%. In 2003, it was 2.3%, well below provincial averages annually.

## HOUSING

Median Selling Price (2003) ~ \$315,000  
 Average Selling Price (2003) ~ \$347,197  
 Monthly Rental Housing (2004)(2003) 1 Bedroom ~ \$750.00  
 2 Bedroom ~ \$985.00  
 3 Bedroom ~ \$1,250.00  
 Bachelor/Studio ~ \$575.00  
 Roomate/Shared ~ \$425.00

## COMMERCIAL LEASE RATE AVERAGES (PER SQ. FT)

Downtown , Main Street (Retail) ~ \$30 net  
 Downtown, 10th, and Main (Rear Access) ~ \$22 net  
 Downtown Offices ~ \$16 net - \$18 net  
 Bow Valley Trail (Retail) ~ \$22 net  
 Industrial Bays (Elk Run Area) ~ \$10 net

## CANMORE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

All growing or adding services to meet the needs of a growing community.

Alberta Treasury Branch ~ expanded branch office opened in 2004  
Bank of Montreal ~ renovated space and expanded hours to meet growing community needs  
Bow Valley Credit Union ~ continues to service a homegrown attitude  
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ~ major renovations in 2001  
Royal Bank ~ opened and growing since 1996





...A Canmore office ... outdoors

## Education

Canmore residents are a well-schooled group - among the most highly educated citizens in Canada. Fully 20% of our population have completed a bachelor's degree or higher at University. This is well above the national average of 12% and the provincial average of only 5%. Students at our schools, part of the Canadian Rockies School Division, have been recognized for outstanding achievements in nearly all fields of discipline. Stats Can

### Post-Secondary

Alberta Vocational College, Adult Education Programs, and The Banff Centre are available. The post-secondary education services in the City of Calgary are only 1 hour away.

- Bow Valley College, Adult Education Programs [Tel:403-678-3125]
- The Banff Centre [Tel: 403-762-6100]
- Bow Valley Learning Centre [Tel: 403-678-3125]

### Public School System

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

[www.crsd.ab.ca](http://www.crsd.ab.ca)

Phone (403) 762-5581

(offering instruction in english and french immersion)

- Elizabeth Rummel Elementary, Canmore (403) 678 6292
- Lawrence Grassi Middle School (403) 678 6006
- Canmore Collegiate High School (Gr. 9 - 12) (403) 678 6192

### Separate School System

- Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy (403) 609 3699
- Notre-Dame des Monts (403) 609-0002

### Other Schools

- Canmore Pre-School (403) 678-2538
- La Petite Ecole Preschool (403) 678-3325
- Mountain Gate Community School (403) 609-2105

### Daycare/Nursery

Canmore Community Daycare (403) 678 5762

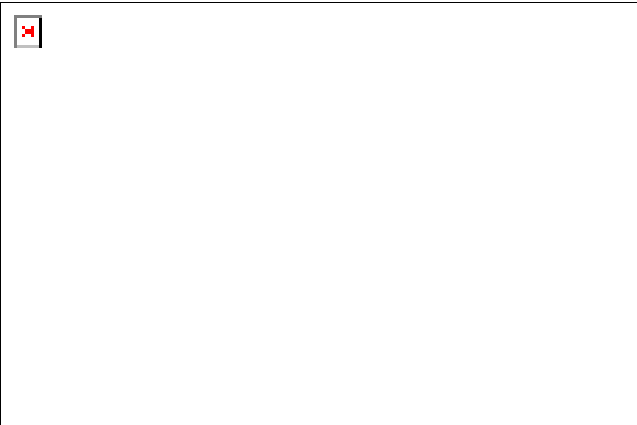
# Emergency Services

*Canmore has a crime rate lower than most towns of similar size (and almost any city), which makes it safe place to raise a family. On a per capita basis, the crime rate against persons and property in Canmore has remained relatively stable since 1995. (from 2003 Community Monitoring Report)*

## Police Services

Police Services are provided to the Town of Canmore by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Service is provided to the Town under the Community Policing concept. The municipal detachment consists of one Staff Sergeant, two Corporals, nine Constables and three support staff. Our mandate is to protect life and property, detect and investigate crime, enact crime prevention initiatives and enforce Federal, Provincial and Municipal Statutes. The detachment offers 24-hour service. The Town of Canmore provides municipal by-law enforcement.

## Fire Protection & Ambulance Services



Canmore Emergency Services is a combined Fire, Rescue, and Advanced Life Support service. Our Emergency Services Department consists of 11 full time staff; a Chief, Deputy Chief, Administrative Assistant, and eight Firefighter/EMS personnel. 30 fire volunteers support full time staff. On duty personnel have both medical and fire training and are able to respond to fire and/or medical emergencies. Many of our volunteers have EMT-A or EMR status to assist the full time personnel. They are also supported through the STARS trauma helicopter program.

## Health Care

Canmore's health care system combines the equipment, technology and qualified, professional staff of any large city with the personal, caring service of a small town.

The Canmore Hospital is modern and well-equipped, and features a comfortable extended care wing, specialized surgical procedures, over 35 physicians with privileges, and the Bow Valley Cancer Clinic. Next door, the world renowned Canmore Pain Clinic helps patients from across the country deal with chronic pain problems. Several sports injuries clinics, four family medical clinics, the Bow River Seniors Lodge and in-home health care services, plus several alternative health care facilities give complete and compassionate health care to residents of all ages.

- Calgary Region Health Authority (403) 678-7208
- Senior & Extended Abilities Care
- Bow River Senior Citizen Lodge
- Canmore Extendi-care - Canmore Hospital

Other health facilities in Canmore include

911 Acupuncturists, Ambulance service, Aromatherapy, Cardiologist, Chiropractors, Dental Clinics, Denturists, Dietitians, Health Unit, Herbologists, Midwifery, Optometrists, Obstetrics, Orthodontists, Pain Clinic, Pediatrician, Plastic Surgeon, Pharmacies Podiatrist, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Respite Care Respiratory Specialist, Sports clinics, Surgeons Therapists (massage, occupational, and physiotherapy)



## Key Contacts for Business Development

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Tourism Canmore  
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### **Federal (Updated May 2006)**

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Member of Parliament [MP]  
Wild Rose Constituency  
Government of Canada

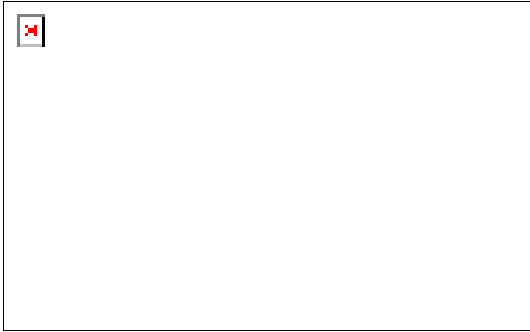
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Toll Free: 1-877-603-2329  
Fax: (403) 932-6824  
[www.bdcwest.com](http://www.bdcwest.com)

## **Location**

Canmore is nestled in the spectacular Bow Valley, between the shores of the Bow River and the TransCanada Highway. Towering over this mountain community are the magnificent buttresses of the Rundle Mountain Range, Mount Lady MacDonald, Ha Ling Peak and Three Sisters mountain peaks. We're flanked by two of Alberta's most well-protected and well-known wilderness areas: Banff National Park to the west and Kananaskis Country to the south and east. We're a prime tourist destination - and a beautiful place to live.



Canmore is just five minutes outside the Banff National Park gates, through which close to 5 million tourists pass every year. There are four entrances to Canmore off the four-lane TransCanada Highway just before the gates, so we're always easy to access. And with restaurants, hotels, gas stations, gift shops and other immediate tourist amenities, many visitors to Banff are now making Canmore a destination, sidetracked by Canmore's conveniences, and pleasantly surprised by its charm. The 1996 Banff-Bow Valley Report prompted the federal government to significantly curb further development in Banff, and cap its population. This has meant even more spill-over and growth opportunities in Canmore. And at less than a one hour drive on the well-maintained TransCanada highway from

Calgary, the economic centre of Alberta, Canmore is convenient, too. The Calgary International Airport puts Canmore residents within hours of anywhere in North America.



**Alberta Map**



**Canmore Map**



**Town of Canmore Map CANMORE'S PROXIMITY TO OTHER LOCATIONS**

<b>Driving Distance from Canmore</b>	<b>km</b>	<b>miles</b>	<b>Time Required</b>
Calgary (city centre)	104	65	1 hour, 8 minutes
Calgary International Airport	117	73	1 hour, 18 minutes
Edmonton, Alberta	417	259	4 hours, 14 minutes
Vancouver, British Columbia	870	541	10 hours, 19 minutes
Toronto, Ontario	3506	2179	36 hours, 15 minutes
United States Border (Coutts, Alberta crossing)	428	266	4 hours, 28 minutes

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

**\*\*Distance is measured from city centre to city centre\*\***



# Post Secondary Education

## BUILDING FUTURES

Beyond primary and secondary schooling, Canmore residents don't need to travel far to access a wide range of post secondary opportunities, such as universities, colleges and technical institutes.

Educational opportunities available within the Town of Canmore or near by Banff are:

- Alberta Vocational College ~ Adult Education Programs (Tel:403-678-3125)
- **The Banff Centre** (Tel: 403-762-6100)
- **Bow Valley Learning Centre** (Tel: 403-678-3125)



For additional information on Educational Opportunities in close proximity to Canmore visit the school's corresponding website:

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

## Taxation

	<b><u>Residential/Farmland</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Residential</u></b>
<b><u>2005</u></b>		
Municipal Tax Rate	3.1867	6.0973
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	2.7810	6.4147
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	2.7810	6.4147

Contact the municipal office at (403) 678-1500 for assessments on commercial and industrial properties.

## Transportation

### Highways

Canmore is located on Canada's main transportation artery, the Trans Canada Highway (Highway 1) between Banff and Calgary. A second, slower, more scenic connecting highway, running parallel to Highway 1, is the Highway 1A.

### Airports

The Calgary International Airport is located 1 ½ hours from Canmore. As the 3rd busiest airport in Canada with over 133000 flights annually, Calgary International is serviced by most major Canadian and international airlines.

For further information, contact:

The Calgary Airport Authority  
Calgary International Airport  
2000 Airport Road NE  
Calgary, AB T2E 6W5  
Tel: (403) 735-1200  
Fax: (403) 735-1281  
Website: [www.calgaryairport.com](http://www.calgaryairport.com)

The Springbank Airport ~ A satellite airport to the Calgary International Airport, supports general aviation activities and is used extensively by recreational aircraft. The airport is located eighty kilometers east, between Canmore and Calgary.

For information contact:

Springbank Airport  
Box 1, Site 16, R. R. #2  
Calgary, AB T2P 2G5  
Tel: (403) 286-1494  
Fax: (403) 288-4488

### Local Air Services

Alpine Helicopters ~ Located at the local heliport, Alpine Helicopters offers a range of services including commercial, film, mountain rescue, sightseeing tours and transportation.

Alpine Helicopters Ltd.  
91 Bow Valley Trail  
Canmore, AB  
T1W 1N8 Tel: (403) 678-4802  
Fax: (403) 678-2176

### Bus Services

Greyhound Bus Lines Regularly scheduled inter-community services between Canmore and Banff or Calgary, and destinations beyond.

Tel: 403-678-4465  
Fax: (403) 678-6587

Public Transportation: While public transportation is not available, Canmore offers a range of choices for charter bus, taxi and airporter shuttle services.

## Taxi Companies

- Apex Cabs (403) 609-0030
- Canmore Taxi (403) 678-6400
- VIP Taxi (403) 609-8897
- Two Brother's Taxi (403) 609 8505
- ACab (403) 609-8897

## Trucking Firms

~ There are extensive trucking options available in Canmore and the Bow Valley.

## Rail Services

Extensive nationwide rail system to accommodate the shipment of goods throughout Canada and internationally through connector stations in Calgary providing container services, steamship containers, piggy-back and car-load services. Passenger rail services are available through VIA Rail, operating out of Canadian National Rail, closest transfer station being Edmonton.

CPR - Canadian Pacific Railway

1-888-333-8111

<http://www.cpr.ca>

CNR - Canadian National Railway

1-888-888-5909

<http://www.cn.ca/cn/>

## Courier Service

- Canmore Courier  
Tel: 403-678-5008
- Greyhound Courier Express  
Tel: 403-678-4465
- ZeeLinx:  
403-609-8222

Like communities everywhere, we are also serviced by all major national courier services.

# Utilities

## Utilities

Deregulation of energy services in Alberta provides customers with a number of choices. For more information and a complete listing of competitive retailers and regulated service providers go to: [www.customerchoice.gov.ab.ca](http://www.customerchoice.gov.ab.ca) or phone 310-4455. Whether you choose regulated service or decide to purchase your energy through a competitive retailer – the delivery of your electricity or natural gas service to your home or business will remain a fully regulated service.

## Electrical Power

FortisAlberta (310-9473) distributes electricity to the Town of Canmore and the adjacent Municipal District of Bighorn. As a customer, you may choose between a regulated service provider or a competitive retailer for service. The regulated or default provider in Canmore is Epcor.

For information concerning Epcor's industrial and commercial rates, voltages, terms and conditions of service, load and energy management, or public safety, please contact: Epcor In Alberta: 310-4300 Or 1-800-667-2345 [CustServ@epcor.ca](mailto:CustServ@epcor.ca) [www.epcor.ca](http://www.epcor.ca)

## Natural Gas



Atco Gas is the distributor of natural gas in Canmore and surrounding areas. Like with electricity, you may choose between a regulated service provider or a competitive retailer for service. The regulated or default natural gas provider in Canmore is Direct Energy Regulated Services. F

or information on rates and service, please contact:

Direct Energy Regulated Services  
PO Box 2427  
Edmonton, AB T5J 2V6  
1-866-420-3174  
[www.directenergyregulatedservices.com](http://www.directenergyregulatedservices.com)

ATCO Gas Service  
Line Alterations, Installations  
1412 Railway Avenue  
Canmore, AB T1W 1R3  
Phone: (403) 678-9947  
ATCO Gas Emergency Response 1-800-511-3447 (24 hr)

### **Communications**

The Town of Canmore and adjacent areas are serviced by TELUS Communications Inc. To discuss your communications requirements, contact your local Telus dealer:

The Phone Store  
909 Railway Ave.  
<http://www.telus.com>  
Phone: (403) 678-2525 or  
For business requirements call: 310-3100  
Toll Free For residential requirements call: 310-2255

### **Water & Wastewater**

The sources of water are the Spray Lakes, Benchlands, Silvertip Reservoirs and aquifer. The monthly commercial base rate varies depending on the size of the water meter. There is also a volume usage rate: \$.42 (for water) plus \$.747 (for wastewater) = \$1.167/m<sup>3</sup>.

Canmore is a water-partner community with EPCOR. This innovative utility partnership with the Town of Canmore helps ensure the Town can provide long-term value to its citizens. The 10-year utility management agreement with EPCOR is one of the first in Canada with a complete spectrum of services including water and wastewater treatment, water distribution, wastewater collection, storm drainage, biosolids composting, meter reading, billing and account management.

For information on rates and service, please contact:

Epcor Water Services  
102 Bow Valley Trail  
Canmore, AB T1W 3B7  
(403) 609-6400

### **Waste Management Services**

The Town of Canmore Waste Management Department is responsible for all aspects of solid waste services including: residential garbage collection, transfer and disposal; dry waste landfill site operations; closure and post closure of completed sections of the landfill; recyclable materials collection, processing and marketing; toxic waste round-ups; yard waste and sewage sludge composting programs; and promotion and education of general waste management issues.

Due to significant wildlife issues in the area, all waste storage must be either indoors or in the approved animal secure bins situated around town. Contact the Waste Management Department for approval process. Commercial waste removal and recycling is handled through private contracts between individual businesses and waste removers directly.

For more information contact:

Town of Canmore Solid Waste Services  
100 Glacier Drive  
Canmore, AB T1W 1K8  
Solid Waste Services Phone: (403) 678-1580  
[www.canmore.ca](http://www.canmore.ca)

For information on the provision of utilities and services for the development and expansion of sewer, water, roads, and sidewalks, contact:

Town of Canmore Environmental Services  
100 Glacier Drive  
Canmore, AB T1W 1K8  
Fax: (403) 678-1586

### **Town of Canmore Recycling Depots**

The Town of Canmore has two conveniently located recycling depots: The Main Recycling Depot and the Garden Market IGA Recycling Depot. The main depot is located at 115 Boulder Crescent in the Elk Run Industrial Park. In addition to providing an expanded recycling program it also houses the Waste Transfer Station and the Oil Recycling Facility. It is open to the public 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

[Enter here](#) for more information on Town of Canmore's recycle program.

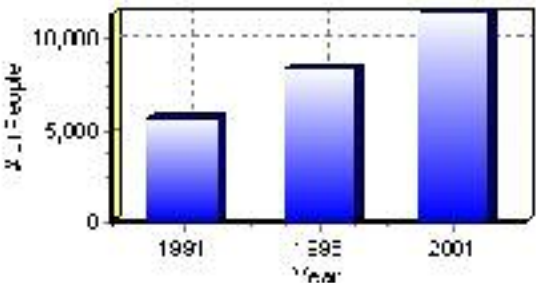
# Population

## Total Population

Population 2004*	11,458
Population 2003*	11,458
Population 2002*	10,843
Population 2001**	10,790
Population 2000*	10,517
Population 1996**	8,354
Population 1991**	5,681
Population % change 1991-1996	32.00%
Population % change 1996-2001	22.95%

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

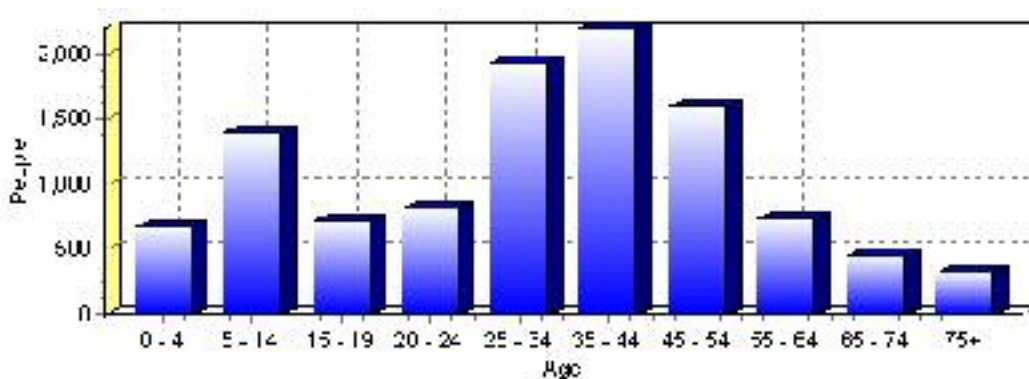
## Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	360	300	660	350	320	670
Age 5 - 14	620	640	1,260	730	660	1,390
Age 15 - 19	245	200	445	360	360	720
Age 20 - 24	230	260	490	390	420	810
Age 25 - 34	795	895	1,690	960	980	1,940
Age 35 - 44	965	885	1,850	1,115	1,080	2,195
Age 45 - 54	455	395	850	840	750	1,590
Age 55 - 64	225	260	485	365	365	730
Age 65 - 74	180	190	370	225	240	465
Age 75 and older	95	130	225	120	195	315
Total All Persons	4,180	4,175	8,355	5,445	5,350	10,795

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

### Canmore Population by Age Group (2001)

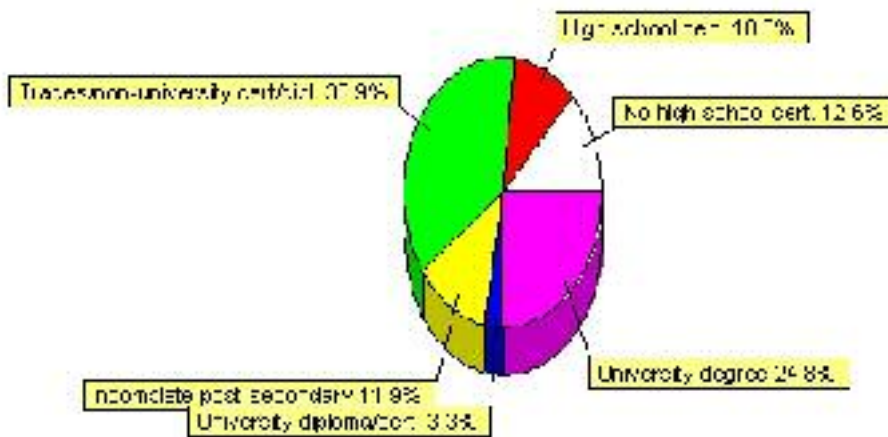


# Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	1,000	12.58%
People with high school certificates	820	10.31%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	2,935	36.92%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	950	11.95%
People with university diploma/certificate	265	3.33%
People with university degree	1,970	24.78%
Total Population 20 years and older	7,950	100.00%

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

## Canmore Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	225	6.38%	395	7.59%
Commerce, management and business administration	605	17.16%	925	17.77%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	565	16.03%	835	16.04%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	790	22.41%	895	17.20%
Engineering and applied sciences	75	2.13%	230	4.42%
Fine and applied arts	255	7.23%	275	5.28%
Health professionals, science and technologies	375	10.64%	595	11.43%
Humanities and related fields	245	6.95%	320	6.15%
Mathematics and physical sciences	95	2.70%	205	3.94%
Social sciences and related fields	300	8.51%	490	9.41%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	15	0.29%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	3,525	100.00%	5,205	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	1,775	50.35%	2,565	49.28%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	1,750	49.65%	2,640	50.72%

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

## Labour Force

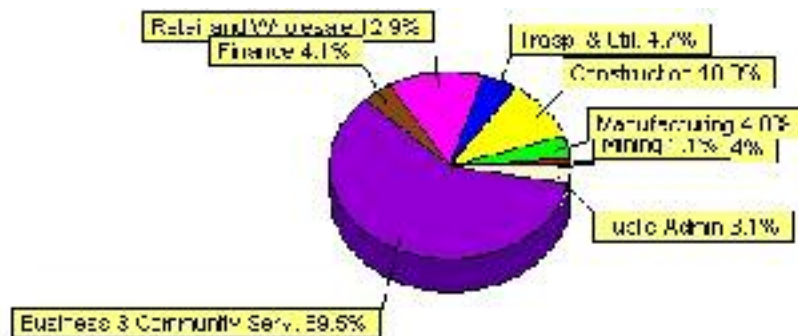
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	5,255	7,130
Not in the labour force, both sexes	1,140	1,545
Total population 15 and over	6,395	8,680
Employed, both sexes	5,075	6,825
Unemployed, both sexes	180	310
Participation rate, both sexes	82.00%	82.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	3.00%	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	50	0.96%	25	0.35%
Mining	45	0.86%	75	1.05%
Manufacturing	235	4.49%	285	4.01%
Construction	460	8.80%	730	10.26%
Transportation. & Utilities	265	5.07%	335	4.71%
Retail and Wholesale	745	14.24%	915	12.86%
Finance	180	3.44%	295	4.15%
Business & Community Services	2,540	48.57%	4,235	59.52%
Public Administration	365	6.98%	220	3.09%
Total All Industries	5,230	100.00%	7,115	100.00%

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

### Canmore Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	700	13.38%	1,200	16.87%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	760	14.53%	970	13.63%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	190	3.63%	315	4.43%
Health occupations	255	4.88%	420	5.90%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	325	6.21%	430	6.04%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	255	4.88%	350	4.92%

Sales and service occupations	1,790	34.23%	2,095	29.44%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	810	15.49%	1,055	14.83%
Occupations unique to primary industry	95	1.82%	145	2.04%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	60	1.15%	140	1.97%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	20	0.38%	15	0.21%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	5,230	100.00%	7,115	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	2,465	47.13%	3,390	47.65%
Males - All Occupations	2,765	52.87%	3,730	52.42%

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	70	3.46%	180	7.61%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	355	17.53%	410	17.34%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	790	39.01%	720	30.44%
\$60,000 and over	810	40.00%	1,135	47.99%
Total number of families	2,025	100.00%	2,445	103.38%
Average family income	\$59,770		\$71,926	
Median family income	\$54,573		\$64,890	

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	305	10.22%	420	10.46%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	660	22.11%	675	16.81%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	985	33.00%	1,050	26.15%
\$60,000 and over	350	11.73%	1,875	46.70%
Total number of households	2,985	100.00%	4,015	100.00%
Average household income	\$54,217		\$67,374	
Median household income	\$50,174		\$57,910	

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

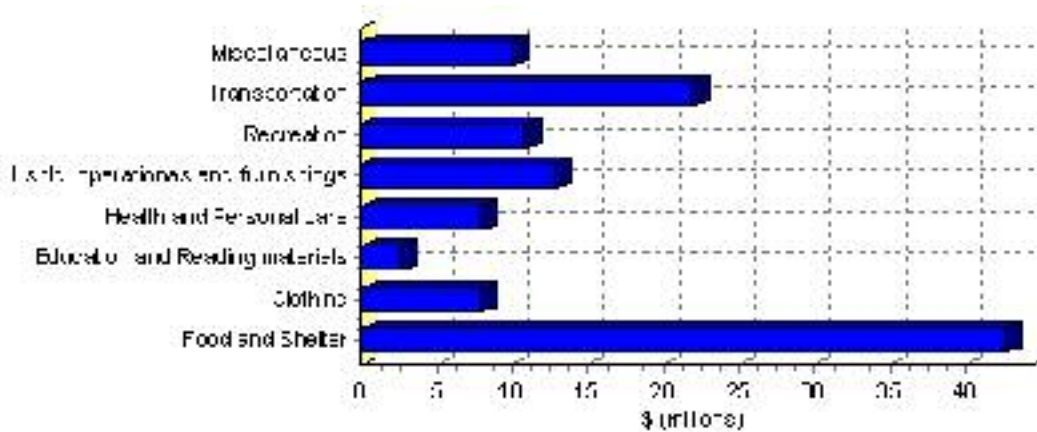


# Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$25,004,070	36.40%	\$42,653,364	36.42%
Clothing	\$4,887,885	7.12%	\$7,941,996	6.78%
Education and Reading materials	\$1,604,125	2.34%	\$2,629,723	2.25%
Health and Personal care	\$4,198,545	6.11%	\$7,977,443	6.81%
Hshld. operations and furnishings	\$7,615,165	11.09%	\$12,893,897	11.01%
Recreation	\$6,046,140	8.80%	\$10,924,807	9.33%
Transportation	\$13,994,935	20.37%	\$22,035,101	18.82%
Miscellaneous	\$5,324,520	7.75%	\$10,057,376	8.59%
Total Current Consumption	\$68,687,655	100.00%	\$117,113,707	100.00%
Total # of Households	2,040		2,984	
Average Consumption per Household	\$33,670		\$39,247	

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

## Canmore Family Expenditures (1996)

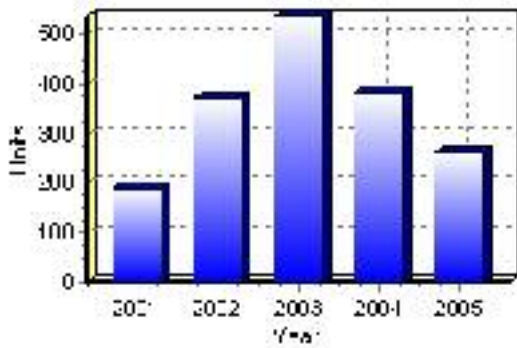


# Building Permits

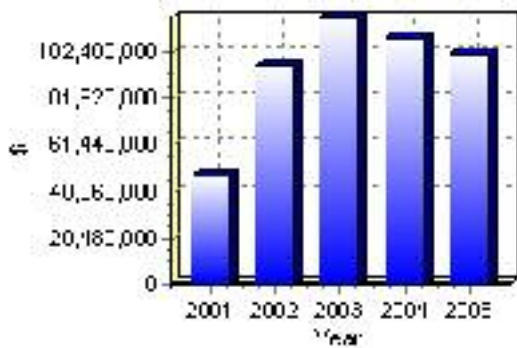
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$14,194,000	\$31,545,000	\$24,269,000	\$19,985,000	\$25,396,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$156,000	\$454,000	\$130,000	\$228,000	\$650,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$545,000	\$300,000	\$1,718,000	\$0	\$88,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$32,382,000	\$63,812,000	\$91,063,000	\$88,092,000	\$75,161,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$47,277,000	\$96,111,000	\$117,180,000	\$108,305,000	\$101,295,000
Total Housing Starts	191	370	536	381	262

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	365	12.25%	540	13.45%
Detached Duplexes	75	2.52%	190	4.73%
Movable Dwellings	220	7.38%	220	5.48%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	5	0.12%
Row and semi-detached house	490	16.44%	925	23.04%
Single-detached house	1,830	61.41%	2,130	53.05%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	2,980	100.00%	4,015	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	2,185	73.32%	2,775	69.12%
Private Dwellings, rented	800	26.85%	1,240	30.88%

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

<b>Private Dwellings by Period of Construction</b>	<b># of Dwellings</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Period of construction, before 1946	115	2.87%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	95	2.37%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	155	3.87%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	550	13.72%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	920	22.94%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	2,175	54.24%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	4,010	100.00%

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

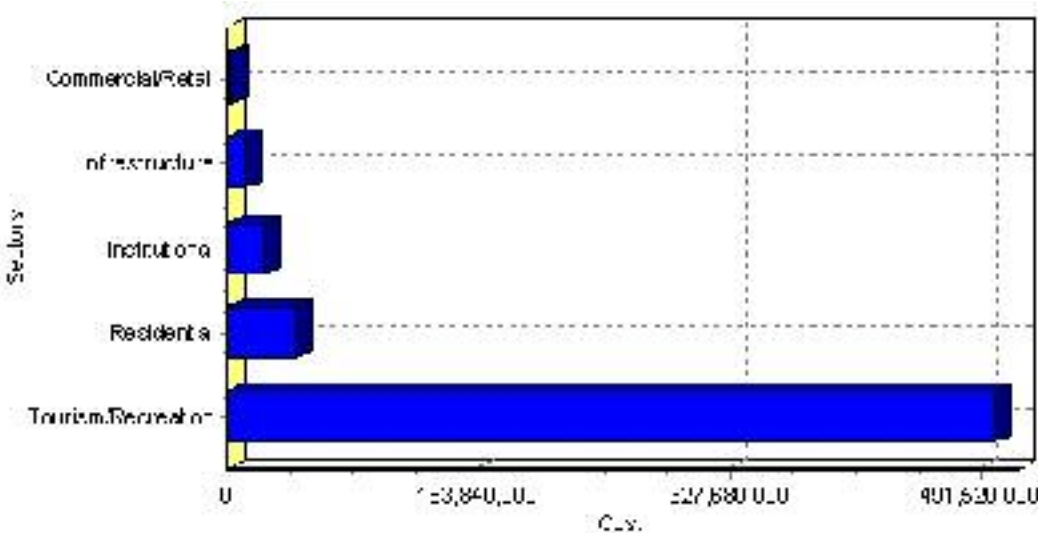
# Projects

## Summary of Projects in Canmore as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Tourism/Recreation	7	\$500,300,000
Residential	1	\$45,000,000
Institutional	2	\$23,300,000
Infrastructure	1	\$12,000,000
Commercial/Retail	1	\$3,000,000
Total	12	\$583,600,000

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



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	2	\$23,300,000
Proposed	6	\$341,500,000
Under Construction	4	\$218,800,000
Total	12	\$583,600,000

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## Largest Projects in Canmore as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Stone Creek Properties	Silver Tip Hotel / Resort Village	Canmore	\$270,000,000	-	Proposed
Destination Resorts Inc.	Three Sisters Resort	Canmore	\$150,000,000	2002-2010	Under Construction
Assured Developments	Housing Development	Canmore	\$45,000,000	-	Proposed
Assured Developments	'Blackstone Mountain Lodge' Condominium Hotel	Canmore	\$40,000,000	2005-2006	Under Construction
Silver Creek Lodge Inc.	'Silver Creek Lodge' Apartment Condominiums	Canmore	\$24,000,000	2005-2007	Under Construction
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	Replacement School	Canmore	\$12,400,000	2006-2007	Announced
Town of Canmore	Downtown Enhancement Projects 2006 - 2010	Canmore	\$12,000,000	-	Proposed
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	Joint English and French School (K to Grade 12)	Canmore	\$10,900,000	2006-2007	Announced
Town of Canmore	Cultural Centre	Canmore	\$6,500,000	-	Proposed
Superior Lodging Corporation	Super 8 Hotel	Canmore	\$5,000,000	-	Proposed

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