

Ponoka

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Welcome

Welcome to **Ponoka** and Area! We hope this special informative profile introduces you to our beautiful community in the heart of Central Alberta.

Please feel free to contact our representative from the “Key Contacts” section below or email us at town@ponoka.org for more information.



Area Overview

History

Ponoka, whose history goes back 100 years, is proud of its historic past which is an essential part of what is Ponoka – old fashion, down home hospitality. Ponoka began in the 1870s at the Battle River Crossing as a supply point on the wagon trail between Fort Edmonton and Calgary. After 1891, the railway brought a stream of settlers from eastern Canada, the American Midwest and Europe. As there homesteaders made their livelihood on the area's fine agricultural land, the settlement grew beside the railway into an important service center. Ponoka's agricultural roots, the presence of the Alberta Hospital Ponoka, and post-war prosperity have left a diverse legacy of architectural and historic places of interest.

Ponoka...a town for all seasons

Ponoka provides family fun year round. Whether your interests are swimming, curling, tennis, cycling or bowling to horseback riding, beach volleyball, bingo or movie going, Ponoka will meet your family recreation desires.

For shoppers, Ponoka has a wide variety of clothing, grocery, and business establishments, most of which are located in the historical downtown core.

Travelers will find the community full of restaurants, gas stations, and convenience stores, picnic areas and a friendly atmosphere making Ponoka an ideal stop.

Enjoy Ponoka's beauty and take a stroll through the Battle River Valley or one of Ponoka's many well kept parks. Pack a lunch and sit by the fountain in Centennial Park.

As one of the region's agricultural service centers, Ponoka is home to Canada's largest single-day livestock auction, the world famous Ponoka Stampede and a variety of special events scheduled year round.

Our Community, with its friendly old fashion hospitality is sure to entice any one looking to visit or relocate.



Fountain in Centennial Park

Climate

Ponoka enjoys a diverse climate. The area receives heavy snowfall in the winter months from November to March and colder climate temperatures ranging from +5°C to -25°C, excellent weather for snowmobiling, skiing, and skating.

In the summer months of June to August the climate is dry and hot and has temperatures ranging from +13°C to +29°C great for camping and heading to the lake.

Spring months of April to May is the wet time of year where we enjoy the greening of grass and the wide range of flowers and trees blooming.

Fall months of September to October boast beautiful red and yellow leaves on the trees and cool fall weather perfect for walking, biking and nature hiking.

For more information on the current weather in Ponoka logo onto:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cities/can/pages/CAAB0246.htm>

Community Services

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Administration
Finance
Public Library
Public Works and Electricity
Recreation and Parks

Provincial

Mental Health
Provincial Court
Public Lands Services
Transportation and Utilities

Federal

Canada Post
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Community Lifestyle

Recreation

The Ponoka Aquaplex is equipped with a diving tank, 25 meter pool, wading pool, whirlpool and sauna. Recently the pool has been redesigned and upgraded with the help of the community, businesses, municipal and provincial governments. The Aquaplex provides lessons for all ages, early bird swims, adult swim, family swim and many other swimming programs designed for the community.

The Ponoka Culture and Recreation Complex houses two ice surfaces, an outdoor rink, six curling sheets, two racquetball courts, a handicraft room, concession booth and licensed lounge. The Complex is also home to the Black Elk Hockey Camp and the Ponoka Farmers Market. The winter months are very busy hosting ice surf time to figure skating, minor hockey, curling, skating programs and family skate.

There are approximately 12 ball diamonds, five soccer pitches, a 400 meter track and field facility and several horseshoe pits in and around Ponoka. A 6 km paved trail is a great way for walkers, cyclists and in-line skaters to enjoy trees, open space and wildlife along the river valley.

The Ponoka area is also great for hunting and fishing in the nearby foothills and streams. Fishermen can also fish in the pond at Centennial Park.

The Ponoka Community Golf Course is billed as Ponoka's best kept secret. This challenging 18 hole course is set among the trees and rolling terrain. This is an excellent course for any golfer.

For a Scottish-links style course you only need to drive 10 minutes south of Ponoka to Wolf Creek Golf Resort. Wolf Creek is the home of the annual Henry Singer Alberta Open Tour. This 27 hole course will test your skills as it is rated as #18 of the Top 20 Courses in Canada.

Ponoka has several community organizations and service clubs, as well as many more recreation and sports programs available to residents. Please contact 403-783-4431 for more details and a complete listing.

Hospitality and Tourism

Ponoka has three museums popular with both residents and visitors – the Cowboy Museum (located on the Stampede grounds), the Glen Crandall Antique Collection (located on the Stampede grounds), and the Fort Ostell Museum (located in the Lion's Centennial Park).

Special Annual Events/Attractions

- Black Elk Hockey Camp – July (Annual)
- County Fair – August (Annual)
- Farmers' Market – Wednesdays, May – August (Annual)
- Downtown Garage Sale – July (Annual)
- Henry Singer Open Tour – July
- Show & Shine – July
- *Ponoka Stampede – July 1st Weekend - Largest 6 Day Rodeo (Annual)
- Ponoka Stampede Queen's Contest – June/July
- Wood River Music Festival – March

Community Centers include the Ponoka Kinsmen Community Center, Moose Hall and the Legion. For more information on bookings please call 403-783-4431. Ponoka has two caterers in town for your event or special occasion, Bob Hepp & Company and Bob Ronnie.

Ponoka has a wide variety of Restaurants which include the following:

- A & W

- Blue Ox
- Boston Pizza
- Crestomere Main Shop
- Crossroads Family Restaurant
- Dairy Queen
- Dinos Restaurant & Lounge
- Golden Wheel
- Hong Kong Café
- John's Place
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- McDonalds
- The Seasoning Pot
- Riverside Motor Inn Café
- Super Foods
- Subway
- Tim Hortons
- Wendy's Restaurant
- Domino's Pizza
- Media 5 Café
- Coffee Hut
- Capitol Donair & Subs
- Doro Pizza
- Perry's 2 for 1 Pizza & Pasta

If you are looking for a place to stay while in Ponoka you can choose from any of the accommodations below:

- Leland Hotel
- Oasis Motel
- Riverside Motor Inn
- Royal Hotel
- Ponoka Stampeder Inn
- Super 8
- Dino's Motor Inn
- Wood's Bed & Breakfast
- Country Charm Inn Bed & Breakfast
- Hillside Country House Bed & Breakfast



Capitol Theatre



The Ponoka Aquaplex

Economic Base

Ponoka has abundant oil and gas resources. A strong agricultural base with a mixed farming district where traditional crops and livestock thrive amid alternative ventures, such as emu, bison, ostrich and elk. Rich black soils consistently produce above-average grain crops and the grey wooded soils are excellent for barley, forage crops and grazing lands. Most of the 1,600 farms in the primary market area, representing some 299,000+ hectares of land, are involved in cattle production at a regional and international export level. Over recent years, hog production has grown dramatically. Dairy, sheep, poultry, horses and even bees are also part of the rural farming mix.



Vold Jones Vold Auction

Economic Facts

Ponoka and area is home to 423 businesses ranging from large corporations to small home based business.

Major Businesses

- Enercon Construction – Industrial Oil & Gas Business
- Calnash Trucking – Trucking Business
- Kinetic Projects – Industrial Oil & Gas Business
- Nova Chemicals Corporation – Oil & Gas Business
- Encana Resources – Oil & Gas Business
- Oakes Jones Welding – Construction Business
- Inland Concrete – Construction Business
- Almita Manufacturing – Construction Business
- Vold Jones Vold Auction – Agriculture Business
- VS Feed – Agriculture Business
- WestDeer Implements – Farm Implements Business

Financial Institutions

- Agriculture Development Corporation - Ph: 403-783-7072
- Alberta Opportunity Company - Ph: 403-783-7011
- Alberta Treasury Branch - Ph: 403-783-3301
- Bank of Montreal - Ph: 403-783-4401
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce - Ph: 403-783-5581
- Ponoka Community Savings - Ph: 403-783-4466
- Royal Bank – Ph: 403-783-4417



Chipman Avenue Downtown Ponoka

Education

Ponoka is part of the Wolf Creek Regional School Division #32 [Tel: 403-783-3473].

Daycare/Nursery

Ponoka has 1 daycare that is open to children from infancy to school age, as well as 3 day homes which provide specialized child care for working parents.

Public

Schools in Ponoka include

Crestomere School [1-9] - Ph: 403-783-2141,

Diamond Willow Middle School [6-8] - Ph: 403-783-3386,

Mecca Glen ECS School - Ph: 403-783-6666,

Mecca Glen School [1-9] - Ph: 403-783-2463,

Ponoka Central ECS School - Ph: 403-783-4740,

Ponoka Composite High School [9-12] - Ph: 403-783-4411,

Ponoka Elementary School [1-5] - Ph: 403-783-3583,

Ponoka Outreach School - Ph: 403-783-3285,

Primary & Elementary School - Ph: 403-783-3583.

Ponoka/Rimbey Adult Learning Center - Ph: 403-783-5464,

The school system has a tremendous record. Students consistently achieve above average grades compared to provincial averages, and proportionately more attend university. An exceptional vocational training program is a model for other school divisions.

Separate

St. Thomas Aquinas R.C.S.D. - Ph: 403-783-5541

Private

Adventist School - Ph: 403-783-2640

Ponoka Christian School - Ph: 403-783-6563



St. Augustine Catholic School

Emergency Services

Fire Protection - 911

Ponoka is served by a volunteer fire department [Non-Emergency Tel: 403-783-0112]. **Police Services - 911**

Ponoka is served by a 22-member local detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police [RCMP] Emergency Tel: 403-783-4471 [Non-Emergency Tel: 403-783-4472].

Ponoka is a safe community. Perhaps the greatest asset contributing to the town's low crime rate is a general attitude of respect for others and a willingness to help those in need.

Ambulance Services - 911

The local ambulance service has 3 ambulances and provides Advanced Life Support [Non-Emergency Tel: 403-783-3363].

Health Care

The Ponoka Hospital & Care Centre is an acute care and long-term care facility providing services to the entire region. The hospital is fully equipped for general medicine, obstetrics, surgery, pediatrics and emergency use. It is supported by an in-house laboratory and radiology facilities.

Ponoka also has three medical clinics, a medical laboratory, two physiotherapy clinics, dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, a psychologist, a denturist, the Wetoka Health Unit, and a 64 room seniors lodge, and the 72 Bed Northcott Care Facility.

Alberta Hospital Ponoka is a nationally renowned psychiatric and brain damage treatment centre and educational facility. Programs include adult psychiatry, substance abuse, rehabilitation, as well as treatment and brain injury.



Alberta Hospital

Key Contacts for Business Development

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Location

Ponoka is ideally located and open for business along the Province's primary economic corridor. Nestled in the Battle River Valley, Ponoka is 104 km South of Edmonton and 51 km North of Red Deer. Highway 2A runs directly through Ponoka and Highway 53, only 5 minutes west, connects Ponoka to Highway 2. Highway 2 is the direct route of travel between Calgary and Edmonton. Just 40 minutes away from the Edmonton International Airport, via Highway 2, Ponoka offers outstanding access to suppliers and markets, and to the rest of the world. Ponoka is located in an area that allows for industrial opportunity, commercial, agricultural, retail and technological ventures.



Ponoka nestled in the Battle River Valley

Post Secondary Education

Edmonton-based post-secondary institutions such as The University of Alberta, Grant MacEwan Community College, and Northern Alberta Institute of Technology [NAIT] are also available. Also, Red Deer College, located in Red Deer, and the Canadian University College, located in Lacombe, are within commuting distance of Ponoka.



Canadian University College

Taxation

Town of Ponoka Mill Rate

Residential 2006

Alberta School Foundation Fund/St.Thomas
 Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional
 Division No.22 4.1714

Rimoka Foundation .06
 Municipal Purposes 6.9940
 Total 11.22

Non-Residential Properties 2005

Alberta School Foundation Fund/St.Thomas
 Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional
 Division No.22 5.9216 Rimoka Foundation .0620

Municipal Purposes 7.49
 Total 13.4776

Ponoka has one of the lowest tax rates in the province, making it a very competitive place to do business and live.

	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
2005		
Municipal Tax Rate	13.4617	15.7628
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.7372	6.7396

Transportation

Air Service

The Ponoka Airport features a lighted 3,116 foot runway and is the only airport between Edmonton and Calgary to hold a CANPASS for custom clearances.

The Edmonton International Airport is located 40 minutes north of Ponoka via Highway 2.

Highways

Located approximately 4 km west of Ponoka is Highway 2. Highway 2 is the major route linking Calgary and Edmonton, and is the main route leading the United States to Alaska.

As well Highway 53 runs East-West through Ponoka and Highway 2A travels North-South through Ponoka.

Bus Services

Greyhound Busing Service has regularly scheduled inter-community service.

Couriers and Taxis

Ponoka has a variety of courier companies. They are Loomis Courier, Purolator Courier, Steadfast Courier, Greyhound Courier Express and Canada Post. Local taxi services are provided by Eagle Taxi.



The Ponoka Airport

Utilities

Electrical Power & Natural Gas

Consumer Information Center 1-877-427-4088

Water/Sewer & Garbage Services

Town of Ponoka

403-783-4431

Telephone

Telus 1-403-310-2255

Water Supply

As of May 2006, the Town of Ponoka's water source is the Red Deer River, purchased from the City of Red Deer, via the North Red Deer River Water Services Commission. The Regional Waterline Initiative will secure a safe and viable source of potable water to meet the needs of Ponoka for years to come.

Waste Management

The sewage treatment is provided by lagoons.

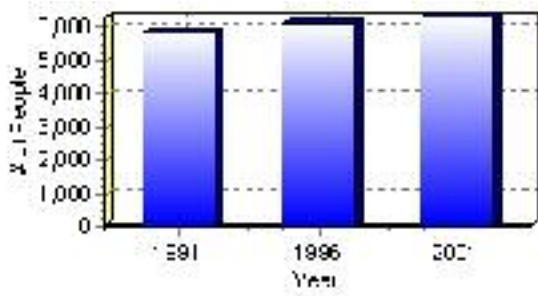
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	6,330
Population 2003*	6,330
Population 2002*	6,330
Population 2001**	6,330
Population 2000*	6,149
Population 1996**	6,149
Population 1991**	5,861
Population % change 1991-1996	4.68%
Population % change 1996-2001	2.86%

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

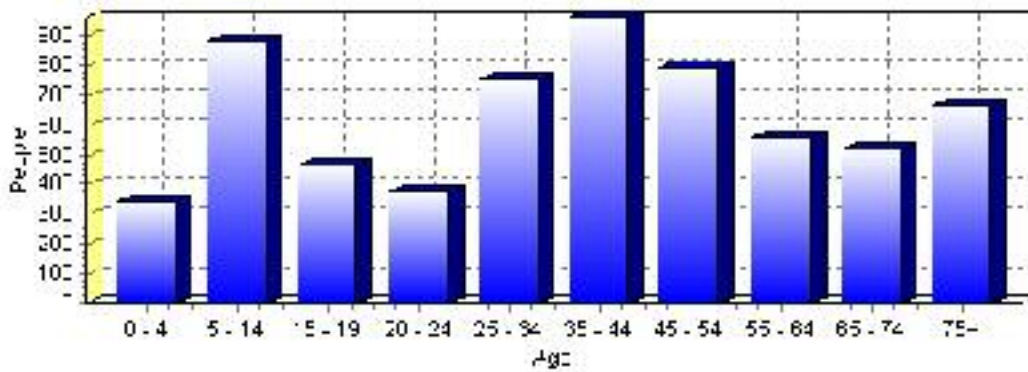
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	210	185	395	170	175	345
Age 5 - 14	470	510	980	435	445	880
Age 15 - 19	215	215	430	230	235	465
Age 20 - 24	155	160	315	175	200	375
Age 25 - 34	390	445	835	360	395	755
Age 35 - 44	470	490	960	475	485	960
Age 45 - 54	300	310	610	375	420	795
Age 55 - 64	235	275	510	275	285	560
Age 65 - 74	240	335	575	215	305	520
Age 75 and older	210	330	540	245	420	665
Total All Persons	2,885	3,260	6,145	2,965	3,360	6,325

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

Ponoka Population by Age Group (2001)

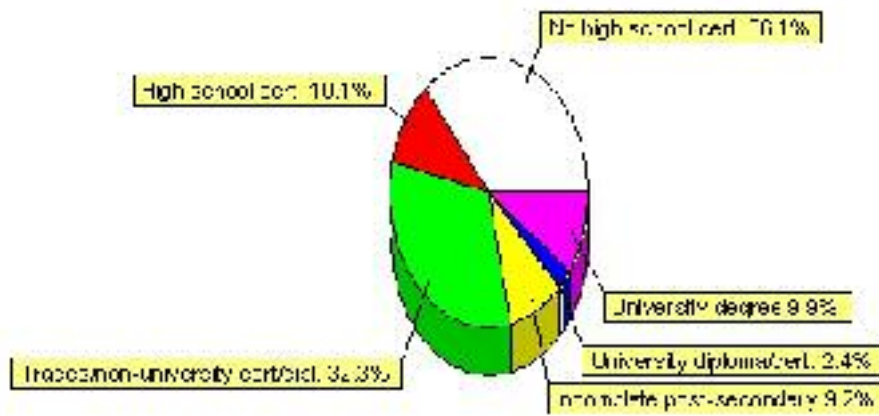


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	1,610	36.10%
People with high school certificates	450	10.09%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	1,440	32.29%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	410	9.19%
People with university diploma/certificate	105	2.35%
People with university degree	440	9.87%
Total Population 20 years and older	4,460	100.00%

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

Ponoka Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	115	6.32%	80	4.02%
Commerce, management and business administration	290	15.93%	260	13.07%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	240	13.19%	230	11.56%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	425	23.35%	475	23.87%
Engineering and applied sciences	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Fine and applied arts	85	4.67%	95	4.77%
Health professionals, science and technologies	500	27.47%	555	27.89%
Humanities and related fields	55	3.02%	85	4.27%
Mathematics and physical sciences	20	1.10%	30	1.51%
Social sciences and related fields	75	4.12%	160	8.04%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	1,820	100.00%	1,990	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	940	51.65%	980	49.25%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	880	48.35%	1,010	50.75%

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	3,070	3,210
Not in the labour force, both sexes	1,555	1,700
Total population 15 and over	4,625	4,915
Employed, both sexes	2,930	3,010
Unemployed, both sexes	140	200
Participation rate, both sexes	66.00%	65.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	4.00%	6.00%

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	110	3.61%	55	1.72%
Mining	160	5.25%	165	5.17%
Manufacturing	75	2.46%	100	3.13%
Construction	150	4.92%	240	7.52%
Transportation. & Utilities	215	7.05%	170	5.33%
Retail and Wholesale	555	18.20%	370	11.60%
Finance	120	3.93%	115	3.61%
Business & Community Services	1,475	48.36%	1,860	58.31%
Public Administration	95	3.11%	105	3.29%
Total All Industries	3,050	100.00%	3,190	100.00%

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

Ponoka Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	170	5.58%	255	7.99%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	480	15.76%	415	13.01%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	70	2.30%	80	2.51%
Health occupations	410	13.46%	520	16.30%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	180	5.91%	255	7.99%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	30	0.99%	75	2.35%

Sales and service occupations	915	30.05%	790	24.76%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	480	15.76%	570	17.87%
Occupations unique to primary industry	175	5.75%	185	5.80%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	115	3.78%	50	1.57%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	25	0.82%	25	0.78%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	3,045	100.00%	3,190	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	1,505	49.43%	1,570	49.22%
Males - All Occupations	1,540	50.57%	1,615	50.63%

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

Income

Family Income (Number of Families)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	140	10.11%	180	12.72%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	415	29.96%	430	30.39%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	385	27.80%	415	29.33%
\$60,000 and over	445	32.13%	495	34.98%
Total number of families	1,385	100.00%	1,520	107.42%
Average family income	\$55,818		\$58,263	
Median family income	\$48,345		\$50,354	

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	685	28.31%	600	23.03%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	725	29.96%	635	24.38%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	490	20.25%	530	20.35%
\$60,000 and over	180	7.44%	840	32.25%
Total number of households	2,420	100.00%	2,605	100.00%
Average household income	\$43,706		\$49,673	
Median household income	\$34,439		\$41,696	

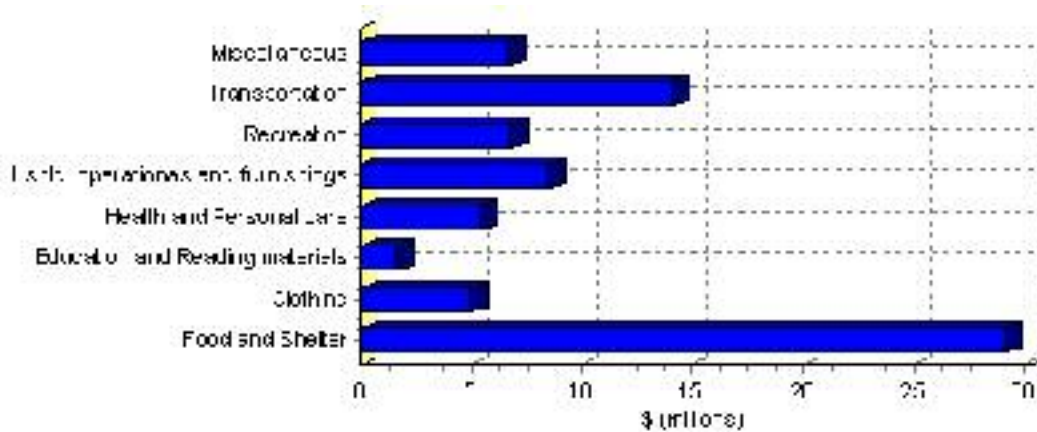
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Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$0	0.00%	\$29,186,709	37.70%
Clothing	\$0	0.00%	\$5,025,074	6.49%
Education and Reading materials	\$0	0.00%	\$1,666,529	2.15%
Health and Personal care	\$0	0.00%	\$5,406,211	6.98%
Hshld. operations and furnishings	\$0	0.00%	\$8,549,624	11.04%
Recreation	\$0	0.00%	\$6,754,855	8.73%
Transportation	\$0	0.00%	\$14,103,036	18.22%
Miscellaneous	\$0	0.00%	\$6,720,983	8.68%
Total Current Consumption	\$0	0.00%	\$77,413,021	100.00%
Total # of Households	0		2,419	
Average Consumption per Household	\$0		\$32,002	

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

Ponoka Family Expenditures (1996)

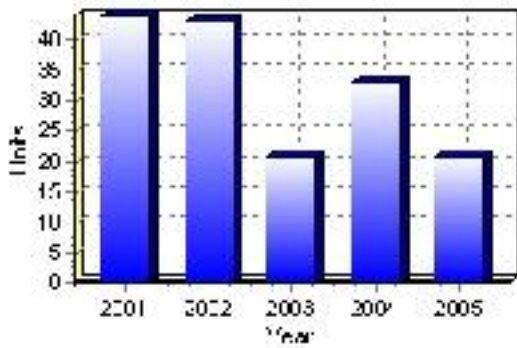


Building Permits

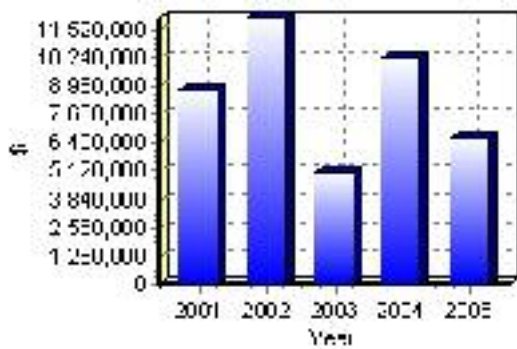
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$2,174,000	\$1,633,000	\$992,000	\$3,156,000	\$2,948,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$60,000	\$1,475,000	\$0	\$1,493,000	\$200,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$392,000	\$3,215,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$6,127,000	\$5,709,000	\$4,044,000	\$5,565,000	\$3,480,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$8,753,000	\$12,032,000	\$5,036,000	\$10,214,000	\$6,628,000
Total Housing Starts	44	43	21	33	21

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	270	11.16%	360	13.82%
Detached Duplexes	75	3.10%	75	2.88%
Movable Dwellings	75	3.10%	95	3.65%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	5	0.19%
Row and semi-detached house	155	6.40%	160	6.14%
Single-detached house	1,840	76.03%	1,915	73.51%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	2,420	100.00%	2,605	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	1,730	71.49%	1,950	74.86%
Private Dwellings, rented	690	28.51%	655	25.14%

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

Private Dwellings by Period of Construction	# of Dwellings	% of total
Period of construction, before 1946	350	13.46%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	465	17.88%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	465	17.88%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	625	24.04%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	365	14.04%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	330	12.69%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	2,600	100.00%

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

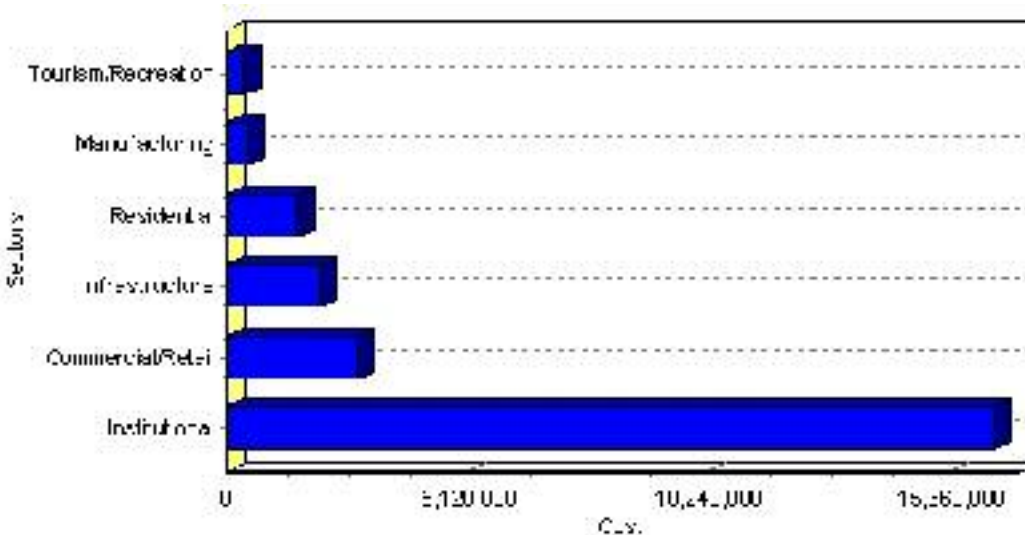
Projects

Summary of Projects in Ponoka as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Institutional	5	\$16,250,000
Commercial/Retail	4	\$2,770,000
Infrastructure	3	\$1,938,000
Residential	1	\$1,468,000
Manufacturing	2	\$420,000
Tourism/Recreation	2	\$340,000
Total	17	\$23,186,000

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	6	\$8,040,000
Completed	1	\$400,000
Proposed	3	\$11,568,000
Under Construction	7	\$3,178,000
Total	17	\$23,186,000

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Largest Projects in Ponoka as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	Modernization	Ponoka	\$8,000,000	-	Proposed
Vantage West	SENIORS SUPPORTIVE LIVING ACCOMMODATION	Ponoka	\$3,000,000	2007-2007	Announced
Continuum Health Care Holdings	'Sunrise Village' Affordable Supportive Living Units	Ponoka	\$2,400,000	2007-2007	Announced
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	Addition / Modernization	Ponoka	\$2,100,000	-	Proposed
Community Savings Credit Union	NEW BANK BUILDING	Ponoka	\$2,000,000	2007-2007	Announced
Rimoka Housing Foundation	New Supportive Living Units - Golden Leisure Lodge	Ponoka	\$1,468,000	-	Proposed
Town of Ponoka / A.I.C Construction Ltd. Of Calgary	Lucas Heights 57 Street Water & Sewer Replacement	Ponoka	\$788,000	2006-2006	Under Construction
Town of Ponoka	FULL SERVICING - INDUSTRIAL LAND	Ponoka	\$750,000	2006-2006	Under Construction
Ponoka Christian School	Gymnasium & Facility Area	Ponoka	\$750,000	2006-2006	Under Construction
Works Alberta / Alberta Highway Services	NEW SHOP & SALT / SAND STORAGE SHED	Ponoka	\$400,000	2006-2006	Under Construction

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