

Bighorn No. 8, M.D. of

<http://www.mdbighorn.ca>

Welcome

Nestled in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies, west of Calgary and east of Canmore and Banff, the MD of Bighorn is a fabulous place to visit, as well as a wonderful place to live. We invite you to look around and discover the beauty of this area!



South Bighorn

Area Overview

Rich in diversity, the MD of Bighorn is located on the eastern slopes of the Alberta Rocky Mountains. The MD's eastern boundary is approximately 31 kilometres west of Calgary. The MD of Bighorn is bordered to the east by the MD of Rocky View and Mountain View County, to the south by Kananaskis Improvement District, to the west by the Town of Canmore and Banff National Park and to the north by Clearwater County. The MD is a large rural municipality covering approximately 2,664 square kilometers (1029 square miles).

The MD encompasses residential, recreational, agricultural and natural lands within its boundaries. Natural resource extraction and processing industries, hydropower generation and urban development areas are characteristic of the southwestern mountain areas. Agricultural activities, forestry, oil and gas developments and recreational ranches are characteristic of the foothills portion of the municipality. For general planning purposes, the municipality is divided into two parts, the Bow Corridor and the Ranchland areas.

Bow Corridor

The Hamlets of Harvie Heights, Dead Man's Flats, Lac des Arcs and Exshaw, as well as the settlement of Kananaskis, are located in the Bow Valley. The area is dominated by the Bow River and contains major east-west transportation utility corridors. These include the Trans-Canada Highway and CP Rail mainline, as well as natural gas and power lines. Significant high quality limestone, shale and sandstone formations are quarried and processed into cement and lime products. Magnesite is also processed in the Bow Corridor. These products are important regionally and nationally. Additionally, there are significant hydropower generation facilities, operated by TransAlta.

The Bow Corridor watershed is a key location for fish spawning, bird migration, wildlife habitat and movement corridors for many species found in the front ranges of the Rocky Mountains. The area serves as a link between Kananaskis Country and Banff National Park.

The area is not only attractive as the gateway to major recreational and tourist destinations, but is rich in resources demanded throughout Canada and other parts of the world.

Ranchlands

The Ranchlands consist principally of open ranching and grazing land, and heavily forested terrain. It also contains significant

natural gas reserves, and associated gathering and processing facilities as well as a few guest ranches. Benchlands is the only Hamlet in the Ranchlands area.

The quality of life of our residents is tied to a healthy, rural, natural environment and a robust economy.

Quick Facts

- Population - 1298 (2001 Federal Census)
- Location - east municipal boundary is approximately 31 kilometres west of the city of Calgary and is bordered by Banff National Park on the west
- Lifestyle - High quality rural lifestyle directly related to our beautiful environment
- Economy - Natural resource extraction and processing, hydro electric energy generation, forestry, agriculture and low impact tourism
- Easy access to local, regional, national and international markets



Ghost Reservoir

Climate

Temperature (Kananaskis)

- January
Daily Maximum Temperature -1.8 °C
Daily Minimum Temperature -13.2 °C
- July
Maximum Temperature 21.5 °C
Minimum Temperature 6.6 °C

Annual Precipitation 637.8 mm

Wind

Speed Monthly Average 9.47km/h

Most Frequent Direction SW

Days with measureable bright sunshine 325.3

Source: Environment Canada



Community Services

Development Permits and Building Permits are obtained through the municipal office.

Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8

No. 2 Heart Mountain Drive
P.O. Box 310
Exshaw, Alberta
T0L 2C0

Phone: (403) 673-3611
Calgary Direct: (403) 233-7678
Fax: (403) 678-3895
Email: bighorn@mdbighorn.ca

The MD of Bighorn has a Community Services Board that acts as an advocate of community needs. Focusing on recreation, parks, open spaces, culture, libraries, and Family Community and Support Services, it encourages and supports community driven projects and activities that enhance the quality of life of MD residents.

Communities

Exshaw

- Community Hall
The Exshaw Community Association owns and operates a three level hall that is physically attached to the Exshaw Legion. The Hall houses the following activities:
 - a) Main Floor - used for bingos, parties, dances, private rentals
 - b) Second Floor - meetings
 - c) Basement - Community Fitness Centre
- Recreation Grounds
The Exshaw Recreation Grounds Association owns and operates a recreation area in the southeastern portion of the Hamlet. These facilities are available for private bookings and include:
 - a) Baseball Diamond
 - b) Playground
 - c) Group Campground
 - d) Volleyball Court
 - e) Horseshoe Pits
- Playgrounds
In addition to the playground at the Recreation Grounds, there are playgrounds situated in three other areas; Hamlet Centre; Windridge; and Exshaw School.
- Library

The library is located in the basement of the Bighorn municipal office. It is part of the Marigold Library System.

- Trails
Located within the hamlet are a number of formal and informal trails. These trails are not marked or maintained.
- Community Organizations The following non-profit community organizations operate in the Hamlet of Exshaw.
Exshaw Community Association
Exshaw Recreation Grounds Association
Heart Mountain Go-Getters
Bighorn Library Services
Exshaw Riding Association
Royal Canadian Legion

Harvie Heights

- Community Hall
Owned and operated by the Harvie Heights Community Association, the hall is a one level cabin. The hall is used for social activities and rented out for small functions.
- Recreation Area
There is an outdoor skating rink, tennis court and a playground.
- Harvie Heights Community Association
- Harvie Heights Highway Commercial Business Association

Dead Man's Flats

- Playground
- Dead Man's Flats Community Association
- Pigeon Mountain Condominium Association
- Dead Man's Flats Business Development Association

Lac des Arcs

- Playground
- Lac des Arcs Community Association

Benchlands

- Library/Paperback Depository is part of the Marigold System and is located in the firehall.
- Play Area
- Firehall
- Benchlands Community Association

South Ranchlands

Residents in the area north of the Bow River utilize Beaupre Hall located in the MD of Rocky View. Residents in the West Jumpingpound area utilize the Jumpingpound Community Hall, also in the MD of Rocky View.

- Benchlands Community Association
- Beaupre Community Association
- West Jumpingpound Community Association

Ghost River Country Residential Subdivision

- Trails
A large recreation lease exists to the north of the community (jointly held by the MD of Bighorn and the Summer Village of Waiparous). A trail system exists on this parcel of land and is maintained by a local trails association.

- [Ghost Waiparous Trails Association](#)

North Ranchlands

Residents living in the northern portion of the MD utilize facilities located in the Hamlet of Water Valley, which lies in Mountain View County.

[Water Valley Community Association](#)



Trans Canada Trail near Dead Man's Flats

Community Lifestyle

MD of Bighorn residents live in a fabulous part of the country. We have easy access to the energetic City of Calgary and our wild and rural landscape is magnificent. Another Bighorn advantage is having great neighbors: Kananaskis Country and Banff National Park. Recreational opportunities abound in the MD of Bighorn: from dogsledding, skiing and skating in the winter, to hiking, horseback riding, cycling, climbing, golfing and camping in the summer.

Camping

- Ghost Reservoir
- South Ghost
- Waiparous Creek
- Ghost Airstrip
- North Ghost
- Waiparous Valley Viewpoint
- Fallen Tmber South
- Burnt Timber
- Lac des Arcs
- Three Sisters
- Bow River
- Green Acres Motel and RV Park

[Camping In Alberta](#)

[Alberta Parks](#)

[Bow Valley Campgrounds and Map](#)

[Explorealberta.com](#)

[Travel Alberta Camping](#)

[Alberta Fire Bans](#)

Golfing

Bighorn is home to one golf course, [Brewster's Kananaskis Ranch Golf Resort](#), and located next door to world class golf courses in Banff, Canmore and Kananaskis.

Skiing/Snowboarding

The MD of Bighorn is not far from:

- Nakiska
- Fortress
- Ski Banff at Norquay
- Sunshine Village
- Lake Louise
- Canmore Nordic Centre (Cross-country skiing only)

Real Estate

Realtors in the Bow Valley and Cochrane list a wide variety of properties in the MD of Bighorn.

mls.ca/map

Community Events

- Exshaw
 - Sports day held on the 3rd Saturday of June. A bike parade followed by a pancake breakfast and then games all day at the recreation grounds. Contact the Legion for more information.
 - Annual Legion and Exshaw Community Association Pig Roast held on the 3rd weekend of September, located at the recreation grounds. Includes dinner, door prizes, horse shoe tournament and camping.
 - Annual Christmas Craft Sale
 - Legion's Children's Christmas Party
 - Legion's annual plant sale
 - Exshaw Community Association Monthly Meeting, 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 7:30 pm at the community hall.
- South Ranchlands
 - Benchlands Community Association Stampede/Pancake Breakfast
 - Beaupre Community Association, Christmas Craft Fair, Family Picnic/BBQ
- Lac des Arcs
 - Summer BBQ and Christmas party
- North Ranchlands
 - Water Valley Stud Auction
 - Water Valley Rodeo
 - Celtic Festival
 - Water Valley Days



Brewster's Kananaskis Ranch Golf Resort

Economic Base

The residents of Bighorn believe that the historically solid industrial base of resource extraction and processing industries, power generation and other industrial development, should continue to be supported as responsible and economically important contributors. Key companies doing business in Bighorn include:

- Burnco Rock Products (gravel and concrete)
- Graymont Western Canada Inc. (lime and calcium carbonate production)
- Lafarge Canada (cement production)
- Baymag (magnesium oxide production)
- Petro Canada, Shell Canada, TransCanada Pipeline, Husky, Canadian 88 Energy Corp., Olympia and Esprit (oil and gas industry)
- TransAlta (hydropower generation)

The MD of Bighorn recognizes regional differences and seeks an appropriate balance amongst agriculture, industry, tourism, other development, and the natural environment. Bighorn strives to balance human development and the protection of the natural environment in a mutually beneficial manner.

Mission Statement and Goals



Natural Resource Extraction and Processing at Exshaw

Economic Facts

- [Municipal Affairs Government of Alberta; MD of Bighorn History; Contacts; Statistics; Finance; Finance Assessment; and Tax Rate](#)
- [Alberta Government Human Resources and Employment Labor Force Statistics](#)
- [Alberta Wage and Salary Survey](#)
- [Government of Canada Job Bank](#)

Education

There are many school choices for residents in the MD. Bow Valley residents can attend school in Exshaw, Canmore, or Banff while Ranchlands residents can attend school in Cochrane, Cremona or Sundre.

Bow Valley

Public Schools:

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

Phone (403) 609-6072 and 678-5545

[Canadian Rockies Public Schools](#)

- Exshaw School K-8, (403) 673-3656
- Elizabeth Rummel Elementary School, Eng. & Fr. Immersion K-4, Canmore, (403) 678-6292
- Lawrence Grassi Middle School, Eng. & Fr. Immersion 5-8, Canmore, (403) 678-6006
- Canmore Collegiate High School 9-12, (403) 678-6192
- Banff Elementary School K-6, (403) 762-4465
- Banff Community High School 7-12, (403)762-4411

Separate School System

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools

www.redeemer.ab.ca

- Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy, Canmore, (403) 609-3699

Other Schools:

- Notre-Dame des Monts, Canmore, (403) 609-0002
- Canmore Pre-school, Canmore, (403)678-2538
- La Petite Ecole Preschool, Canmore, (403) 678-3325
- Mountain Gate Community School, Canmore, (403) 609-2105

Cochrane

Public Schools:

Rocky View School Division #41, headquartered in Calgary

Phone (403) 291-6313

www.rockyview.ab.ca

- Elizabeth Barrett Elementary School, Fr. Immersion K-4

- Manachaban School, Fr. Immersion 5-8
- Cochrane High School, Fr. Immersion 9-12
- Glenbow Elementary School K-4
- Mitford Middle School 5-8
- Bow Valley High School 9-12

Separate Schools:

Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District #1, in Calgary (403) 298-1383

- Holy Spirit Separate School K-6
- St. Timothy Separate School 7-11
- Notre-Dame Des Vallees Catholic Francophone School

Preschool/Play Schools:

- Cochrane Creative Playschool
- Tiny Town Montessori Preschool
- Footsteps Preschool Inc.
- Christopher Robin's Nursery School
- Bear Preschool

Other:

- Cochrane Home Educators
- Cochrane Learning Center - Alternative High School Program

North Ranchlands

Public Schools:

Chinook's Edge School Division

www.chinooksedge.ab.ca

Cremona

- Cremona School K-12, (403) 637-3856

Sundre

- River Valley School 1-8, (403)638-3939
- Sundre Community Learning Centre 9-12, (403) 638-3135
- Sundre High School 9-12, (403) 638-4545

For more information visit [Alberta Government Education](#)

Emergency Services

There are three fire districts in the MD of Bighorn each with its own firehall: Benchlands (also referred to as the "Ghost" fire district), Exshaw, and Jamieson Road. Each district is completely manned by volunteers. The Emergency Services provided by the MD consist of safety codes inspections on commercial operations, fire prevention/suppression equipment and forces. Ambulance services are provided, by agreement, by the towns of Canmore, Cochrane, and the Mountain View Regional Emergency Services Commission. Policing is provided by the RCMP through rural detachments in other centres.

Remember: If it is an emergency, immediately call 911. To report a crime contact your local RCMP Detachment or the police force of your jurisdiction in your area.

RCMP

Canmore
Box 370
101 Elk Run Blvd.
Canmore, AB T1W 1L1
Phone (403) 678-5516

Cochrane
359 1st Street E
Cochrane, AB T4C 1Y7
Phone (403) 932-2211

Sundre
Box 900
215-6 Ave NE
Sundre, AB T0M 1X0
Phone (403) 638-3675

www.rcmp-grc.ca
[Alberta Fire Bans](#)



Fire Truck Exshaw District

Health Care

The MD of Bighorn is in the Calgary Health Region
calgaryhealthregion

- Canmore General Hospital
1100 Hospital Place
Canmore, AB T1W 1N2
Phone: (403) 678-5536
- Canmore Public Health
Suite 104, 800 Railway Avenue
Canmore, AB T1W 1P1
Phone: (403) 678-5656

Cochrane

- Cochrane Health Unit
213 First Street West
Cochrane, AB T4C 1A6
Phone: (403) 932-8700

Calgary hospitals:

- Peter Lougheed Centre of Calgary General
- Foothills Medical Centre
- Rockyview General Hospital
- Alberta Children's Hospital
- South Calgary Health Centre

Physician directory
cpsa.ab.ca

Dentist directory
abda.ab.ca

Key Contacts for Business Development

Municipal

MD office business hours 8:30am - 4:30pm
No. 2 Heart Mountain Drive
Exshaw

Mailing Address
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Exshaw, AB
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Phone:

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- 403-233-7678 Calgary Direct
- 403-673-3895 Fax

Email bighorn@mdbighorn.ca

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Planning & Development: Greg Birch, Assistant Municipal Manager

Reeve: Dene Cooper
Phone: (403) 673-3968

Provincial

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Banff-Cochrane Constituency
#127 Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2B6

Phone: 780-415-0993

Fax: 780-415-9450

Constituency Office:

PO Box 790

Fourth Floor

229 Bear Street

Banff, Alberta

T1L 1A8

Phone: 403-760-8281

Phone: 1-888-760-8286

Fax: 403-760-5009

banff.cochrane@assembly.ab.ca

Federal

Myron Thompson

Member of Parliament [MP]

Wild Rose Constituency

House of Commons

Ottawa, Ontario

K1A 0A6

Phone: 613-996-5152

Fax: 613-947-4601

E mail: Thompson.M@parl.gc.ca>

Constituency Office:

Box 3816

Bay 3, 213 Main Street

Airdrie, Alberta

T4B 2B9

Phone: 403-948-5103 or 1-800-667-0410

Fax: 403-948-0879

E mail: ThompM1@parl.gc.ca

Location

Longitude and Latitude at Exshaw (Municipal Office)

Longitude - 115 degrees 12'W

Latitude - 51 degrees 4'N

Elevation - varies

Time Zone - Mountain Standard Time (MST)

Highways

The Trans-Canada Highway in the southern portion of the MD, provides quick access to Calgary. The rest of the MD is accessed through a network of Primary and Secondary Highways.

Distances From Exshaw

Cochrane 60 km

Banff 44 km

Canmore 18 km

Calgary 89 km

Edmonton 368 km

Vancouver 888 km

Montreal 4020 km



McDougall Church

Post Secondary Education

Depending on where you are in the MD, you can be close to excellent education facilities in Calgary.

- **Bow Valley College**
Phone: (403) 297-4040 or (403) 678-3125
www.bowvalley.ab.ca
- **University of Calgary**
Phone: (403) 220-5110
www.ucalgary.ca
- **Southern Alberta Institute of Technology**
Phone: (403) 284-7248
www.sait.ab.ca
- **Mount Royal**
Phone: (403) 240-6111
www.mountroyal.ab.ca
- **Alberta College of Art and Design**
Phone: (403) 284-7600
www.acad.ab.ca
- **Devry Canada**
Phone: (403) 235-3450
www.devry.ca
- **Athabasca University**
Phone: (403) 263-6465
www.athabascau.ca

Taxation

Residential/Farmland Non-Residential

2004

Municipal Tax Rate	5.0673	5.0832
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.0285	5.8840
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	4.0285	5.8840
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.1028	.1028

Transportation

Railway

The CP Rail mainline runs through the MD of Bighorn, in particular, through Exshaw. Industries in proximity to Exshaw rely on CPR and the trucking industry to transport their products.

www.cpr.ca

www.cn.ca

Roads

The Trans-Canada Highway and Highway 1A run through the southern portion of the MD. A network of other roads are used to access the rest of the MD.

[AMA Road Report - Popular Routes](#)

Airports

Calgary International Airport

Located on the north east side of the city, Calgary International Airport is one hour away from Exshaw.

Calgary International Airport

2000 Airport Road NE

Calgary, AB T2E 6W5

Phone: (403) 735-1200

Fax: (403) 735-1281

www.calgaryairport.com

Springbank Airport

Just east of the MD of Bighorn, in the MD of Rocky View, is Springbank Airport. It is a reliever airport for the Calgary International Airport. It provides a wide range of commercial and private aircraft services.

[Springbank Airport](#)

[Springbank Airport Business and Pilots Association](#)

Courier Service

Canmore Courier

Phone (403) 678-5008

www.canmorecourier

www.fedex.com

www.purolator

www.dhl.com

www.canadapost.ca/business

www.ups.com

Utilities

For more information about energy choices visit

Who Provides Electricity and Natural Gas?

Electricity

Energy Provider

Epcor

Phone 310-4300

www.epcor.ca

Energy Distributor

FortisAlberta

Phone 310-9473

www.fortisalberta.com

Natural Gas

Energy Provider

Direct Energy Regulated Services

1-866-420-3174

www.directenergyregulatedservices

Energy Distributor

Atco Gas

310-5678

www.atcogas.ca

Energy Provider and Distributor

Cochrane Lake Gas Co-op

Phone (403) 932-2707

Communication

Telus Communications Inc.

Head Office: Calgary, Alberta

Main Telephone: (403) 530-4200

Residential Service: (403) 310-2255

Business Service: (403) 310-3100

www.telus.com

Shaw Communications

Head Office: Calgary, Alberta

Phone: (403) 750-4500

For Service: (403) 716-6000

www.shaw.ca

Water Utilities

All residents in the MD of Bighorn currently obtain their water from private wells. A municipal water system is currently (2005/2006) under construction for the Highway Commercial District of Harvie Heights.

Wastewater Utilities

The Hamlets of Exshaw and Dead Man's Flats and the Highway Commercial District of Harvie Heights, have municipal sewage treatment systems. All other residents have private sewage treatment systems

Solid Waste Management

In the Bow Valley Hamlets, residents have recycling facilities and are able to dispose of garbage in animal proof garbage bins. In the Ranchlands, there are garbage disposal and recycling facilities at the Jamieson Road waste transfer station and at the Ghost waste transfer station. The Ghost waste transfer station is accessible only on Saturdays as it is a secured facility. The MD operates the

waste/recycling system, delivering the materials to Calgary landfills and recycling depots, as appropriate.

Canada Post

- Exshaw residents have mail boxes at the Exshaw post office
- Harvie Heights, Dead Man's Flats and Lac des Arcs residents receive their mail in boxes in community kiosks.
- Benchlands residents receive their mail in boxes at the Cochrane post office
- Rural residents have mail delivered to post boxes in the nearest town such as Cochrane, Cremona and Didsbury

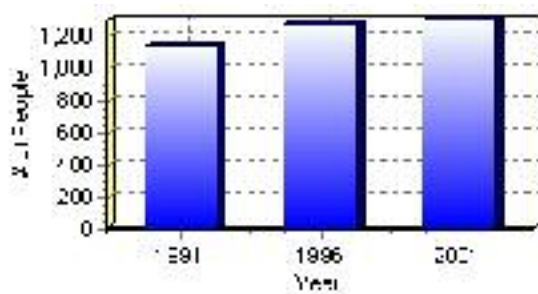
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	1,298
Population 2003*	1,298
Population 2002*	1,298
Population 2001**	1,305
Population 2000*	1,269
Population 1996**	1,269
Population 1991**	1,134
Population % change 1991-1996	10.64%
Population % change 1996-2001	2.23%

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

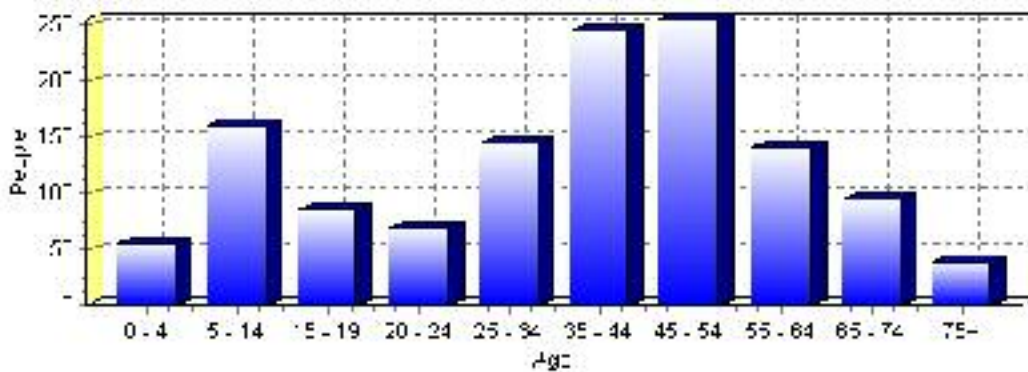
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	45	25	70	30	25	55
Age 5 - 14	85	100	185	85	75	160
Age 15 - 19	35	40	75	40	45	85
Age 20 - 24	35	25	60	35	35	70
Age 25 - 34	90	90	180	65	80	145
Age 35 - 44	150	140	290	130	115	245
Age 45 - 54	95	80	175	140	115	255
Age 55 - 64	55	55	110	70	70	140
Age 65 - 74	55	45	100	50	45	95
Age 75 and older	25	15	40	20	20	40
Total All Persons	660	610	1,270	675	625	1,300

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

Bighorn No. 8, M.D. of Population by Age Group (2001)

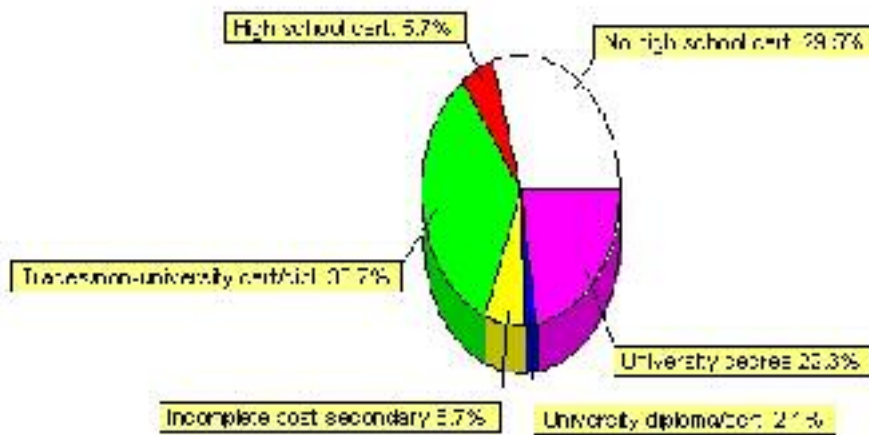


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	285	29.53%
People with high school certificates	55	5.70%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	325	33.68%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	65	6.74%
People with university diploma/certificate	20	2.07%
People with university degree	215	22.28%
Total Population 20 years and older	965	100.00%

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

Bighorn No. 8, M.D. of Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	50	11.90%	40	7.14%
Commerce, management and business administration	50	11.90%	125	22.32%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	50	11.90%	50	8.93%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	105	25.00%	105	18.75%
Engineering and applied sciences	25	5.95%	25	4.46%
Fine and applied arts	20	4.76%	25	4.46%
Health professionals, science and technologies	25	5.95%	30	5.36%
Humanities and related fields	30	7.14%	55	9.82%
Mathematics and physical sciences	25	5.95%	15	2.68%
Social sciences and related fields	35	8.33%	70	12.50%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	420	100.00%	560	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	170	40.48%	295	52.68%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	250	59.52%	265	47.32%

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

Labour Force

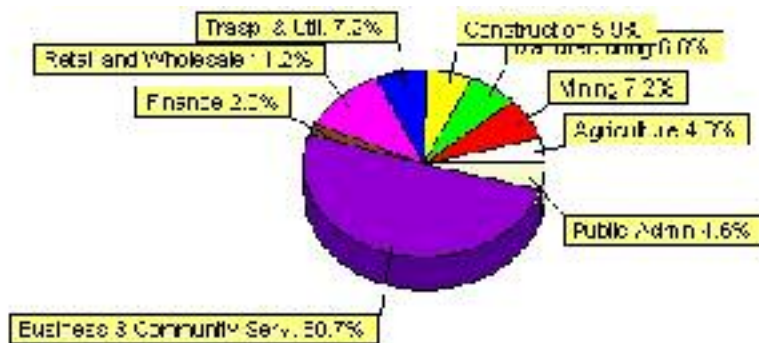
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	700	770
Not in the labour force, both sexes	270	310
Total population 15 and over	970	1,080
Employed, both sexes	660	715
Unemployed, both sexes	45	50
Participation rate, both sexes	72.00%	71.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	6.00%	7.00%

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	100	14.49%	35	4.61%
Mining	25	3.62%	55	7.24%
Manufacturing	115	16.67%	50	6.58%
Construction	75	10.87%	45	5.92%
Transportation. & Utilities	35	5.07%	55	7.24%
Retail and Wholesale	75	10.87%	85	11.18%
Finance	20	2.90%	15	1.97%
Business & Community Services	220	31.88%	385	50.66%
Public Administration	40	5.80%	35	4.61%
Total All Industries	690	100.00%	760	100.00%

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

Bighorn No. 8, M.D. of Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	55	7.97%	80	10.53%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	125	18.12%	90	11.84%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	15	2.17%	35	4.61%
Health occupations	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	40	5.80%	45	5.92%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	15	2.17%	25	3.29%

Sales and service occupations	170	24.64%	275	36.18%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	135	19.57%	145	19.08%
Occupations unique to primary industry	95	13.77%	35	4.61%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	30	4.35%	20	2.63%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	10	1.45%	10	1.32%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	690	100.00%	760	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	305	44.20%	345	45.39%
Males - All Occupations	385	55.80%	420	55.26%

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	30	9.52%	45	13.24%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	55	17.46%	85	25.00%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	90	28.57%	85	25.00%
\$60,000 and over	140	44.44%	135	39.71%
Total number of families	315	100.00%	350	102.94%
Average family income	\$63,563		\$66,420	
Median family income	\$57,263		\$57,416	

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	80	16.33%	70	13.21%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	95	19.39%	125	23.58%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	135	27.55%	120	22.64%
\$60,000 and over	55	11.22%	215	40.57%
Total number of households	490	100.00%	530	100.00%
Average household income	\$55,781		\$60,296	
Median household income	\$51,625		\$49,558	

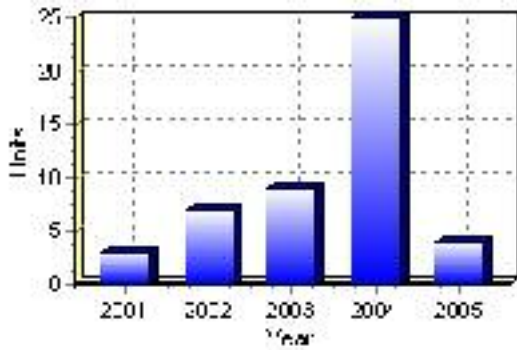
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Building Permits

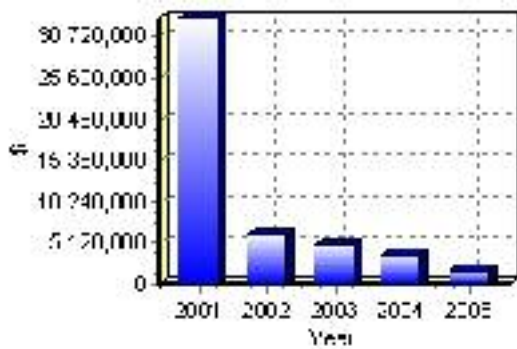
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$212,000	\$63,000	\$93,000	\$52,000	\$8,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$31,576,000	\$4,375,000	\$2,360,000	\$374,000	\$255,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$210,000	\$600,000	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$640,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$1,023,000	\$1,201,000	\$2,564,000	\$3,198,000	\$785,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$33,021,000	\$6,239,000	\$5,077,000	\$3,634,000	\$1,688,000
Total Housing Starts	3	7	9	25	4

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	25	5.10%	30	5.71%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Movable Dwellings	35	7.14%	10	1.90%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	5	0.95%
Row and semi-detached house	0	0.00%	10	1.90%
Single-detached house	420	85.71%	470	89.52%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	490	100.00%	525	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	370	75.51%	405	77.14%
Private Dwellings, rented	115	23.47%	115	21.90%

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	30	5.71%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	80	15.24%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	75	14.29%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	115	21.90%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	70	13.33%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	155	29.52%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	525	100.00%

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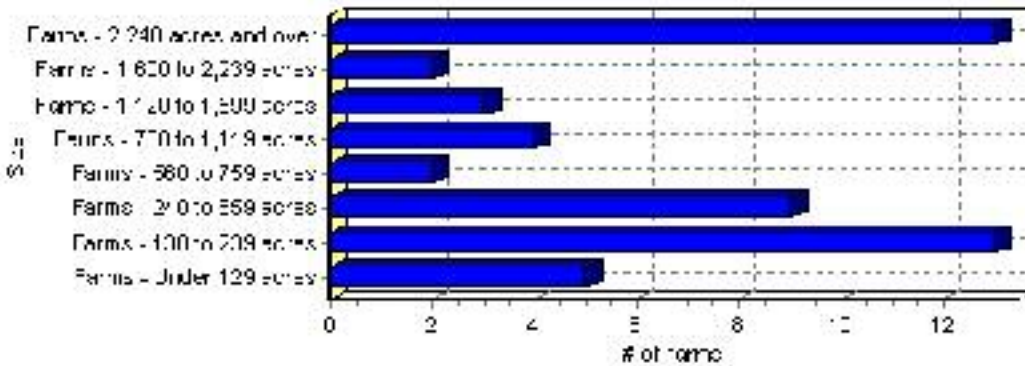
Farming

Bighorn No. 8, M.D. of Total Farm Area : 50 acres

Farms by Total Farm Area (2001)	# of Farms	% of total
Farms - Under 129 acres	5	9.80%
Farms - 130 to 239 acres	13	25.49%
Farms - 240 to 559 acres	9	17.65%
Farms - 560 to 759 acres	2	3.92%
Farms - 760 to 1,119 acres	4	7.84%
Farms - 1,120 to 1,599 acres	3	5.88%
Farms - 1,600 to 2,239 acres	2	3.92%
Farms - 2,240 acres and over	13	25.49%
Total number of farms reporting	51	100.00%

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

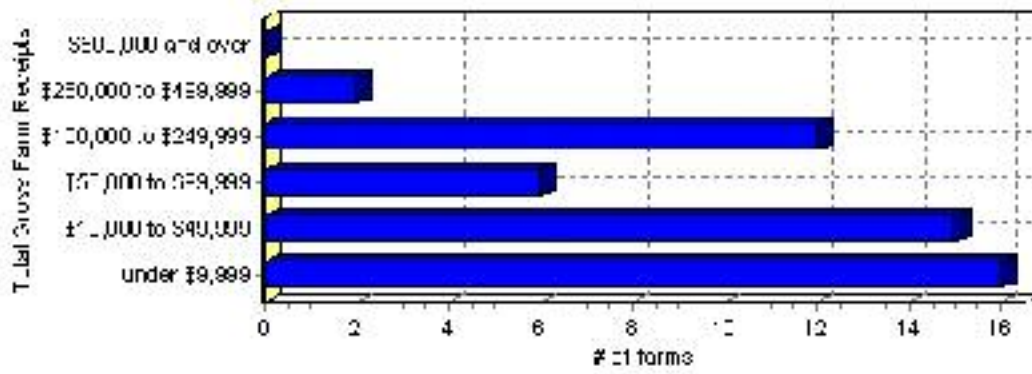
of Farms by Total Farm Area



Farms by Total Gross Farm Receipts - 2001	# of Farms	% of total
Farms gross farm receipts - under \$9,999	16	31.37%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$10,000 to \$49,999	15	29.41%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$50,000 to \$99,999	6	11.76%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$100,000 to \$249,999	12	23.53%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$250,000 to \$499,999	2	3.92%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$500,000 and over	0	0.00%
Total number of farms reporting	51	100.00%

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

Total Gross Farm Receipts



Farming, Continued

Characteristics of Farm Operators	#	%
Age - Under 35 years	0	0.00%
Age - 35 to 54 years	35	50.00%
Age - 55 years and over	30	42.86%
Average age of operators	54	
Number of operators - Female	20	28.57%
Number of operators - Male	50	71.43%
Total number of operators reporting	70	100.00%

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Age of Farm Operators



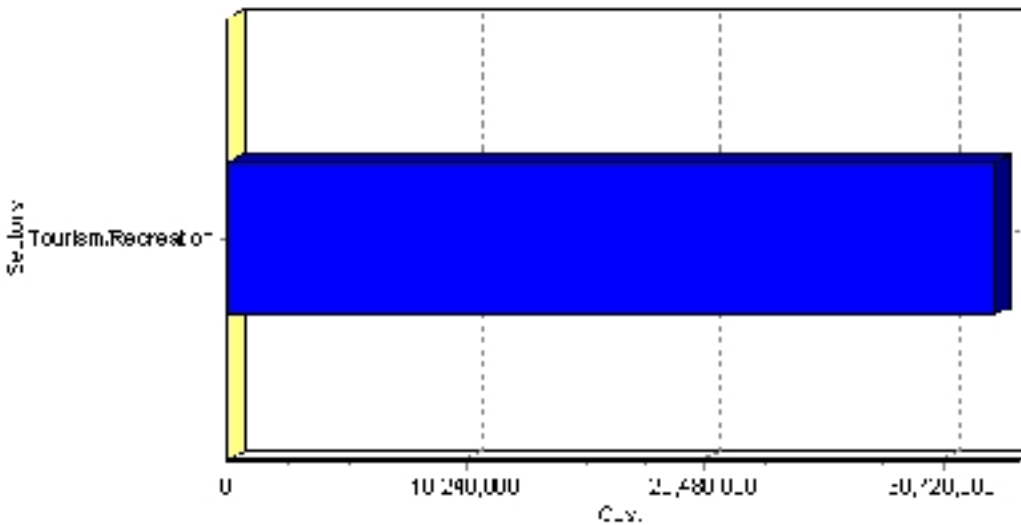
Projects

Summary of Projects in Bighorn No. 8, M.D. of as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Tourism/Recreation	1	\$33,000,000
Total	1	\$33,000,000

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	1	\$33,000,000
Total	1	\$33,000,000

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Largest Projects in Bighorn No. 8, M.D. of as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Stoney Nakoda First Nation / Mini Thni Casino Corp.	Nakoda Entertainment Resort (Casino and Hotel Development)	MD of Bighorn (Morley)	\$33,000,000	2006-2007	Announced

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