

Lacombe

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Welcome



Welcome to Lacombe

On behalf of Mayor Judy Gordon and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce, we would like to WELCOME you to Lacombe where we continue to "cherish the past and envision the future!"

Situated in the heart of the Alberta Parkland, this vibrant community offers an abundance of opportunities for golfing, fishing, sightseeing, photography, bird watching and shopping. Stop in for a visit and browse through our Historic Downtown where a revitalization project has protected the past and provides current businesses and stately homes with the perfect blend of history. Proud of our past, the Lacombe Historical Society offers a walking tour beginning at Roland Michener's birthplace - Michener House. This house serves as a museum now, housing an abundance of artifacts and treasures from a time gone by. The Lacombe Historical Society also operates the blacksmith shop, which is another stop on your tour through historic downtown. A short drive from Lacombe in any direction brings you to additional attractions. The Ellis Bird Farm and J. J. Collett Nature Reserve are a 'must do' for the nature enthusiasts. Several lakes and campgrounds to the west provide campers and sightseers with many options to fill their days.

So how about it! Highlight Lacombe on your map and drop in for a visit. We know you will encounter some of Alberta's finest hospitality here in Lacombe - the pulse of the parkland.

Judy Gordon - Mayor of Lacombe



Area Overview

Town of Lacombe

Mailing Address:

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Main Fax: (403) 782-5655

Location

On Highways 2, 2A, and 12. 25km North of Red Deer,
160km North of Calgary and 120km South of Edmonton.

Rural Municipality – Lacombe County Elevation – 853m (2,798 ft.) Longitude/Latitude - 113044' W/52o28' N

Nestled in one of Central Alberta's most fertile valleys between Calgary and Edmonton, Lacombe is a historic gem blending tradition with technology.

Lacombe's community charm combines with economic momentum gained by its central location just off of the Queen Elizabeth II Highway, 2A and 12 to create a community that is truly on the move.

Lacombe's lovingly restored Edwardian downtown boasts an excellent niche shopping and dining experiences combined in close proximity to Lacombe's historic Flat Iron Interpretive Centre, Michener House Museum, and working Blacksmith Shop.

Living in Lacombe is comfortable and convenient. All of the necessary services are here to service our growing community of almost 11,000 while Lacombe's central location makes it possible to experience more of Alberta if you ever desire a weekend retreat. Lacombe prides itself in being a community that takes care of people. We have excellent schools, a university, a hospital, as well as top-notch recreational facilities. We are ensuring the continued economic health of our region as well. Lacombe has affordable commercial and industrial lots.

Lacombe's proximity to the large petro-chemical plants at Joffre and Prentiss provide further opportunity for new petrochemical

related businesses.

Lacombe's geographical advantages are only exceeded by the quality of the people who call it home.

Climate

Temperature – Seasonal Averages

January: -15.5 C (4.1 F)

April: 3.1 C (37.6 F)

July: 16.1 C (60.9 F)

October: 4.7 C (40.5 F)

Annual Precipitation

Rain: 44.6 cm (17.6 in)

Snow: 1213 cm (48 in)

Frost Free Days 99

Hours of Sunshine per Year 2,125

Community Services

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Lacombe Memorial Centre Community Hall 782-6668

Inquiries & Bookings 782-1250

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Community Lifestyle

Recreation

Municipal Recreation Facilities (403) 782-1250

At various sites throughout the community there are 16 ball diamonds, 8 soccer pitches, tennis courts, twin arenas, indoor swimming pools, curling rink, multipurpose community centre, auditorium, and meeting rooms.

Lacombe Sports and Leisure Complex

- Barnett Arenas 1 & 2
- Kinsmen Aquatic Centre (indoor pool with main tank, reach pool and large hot tub)q Lacombe Curling Rink
- Shooting Range
- Fitness Centre Michener Park Recreation Park
- 7 Ball Diamonds
- 3 Soccer Pitches
- Horseshoe Pits
- 57 Campground Sites (37 serviced)
- Day use area

- Group camping area
- Athletic track
- Playground
- Concession
- Kinsmen Ball Park
- 3 softball/slow pitch diamonds
- 1 baseball diamond
- 1 soccer pitch
- Lacombe Memorial Centre
- Multipurpose Hall
- Banquet Capacity 375
- Concert Capacity 500
- Other Services
 - Chiropractors – 4
 - Dentists - 4
 - Denturists - 2
 - Optometrists - 2
 - Physiotherapists - 1
 - Accountants - 7
 - Lawyers - 8
 - Churches - 16

Attractions

There are many places to check out while you are in Lacombe and surrounding area. Check out the following:

- Blacksmith Shop
- Museum
- Doug's Exotic Zoo
- Ellis Bird Farm
- Farmers' Market
- Golf Courses
- Gull Lake
- Kinsmen Pro Rodeo
- Michener House
- Museum
- Walking Tour of Historic Downtown
- **Blacksmith Shop Museum**
 - Built in 1902, this beautifully preserved historic structure stands as it did in pioneer times. It is one of only two Blacksmith Shops in Alberta still standing on their original site. Today the anvil rings again as working Blacksmiths create their wares using turn-of-the-century hand forging techniques. The Blacksmith Shop Museum is unique, not only that in it stands on its original site, but also because it is so immaculately restored with original implements, tools and equipment. Visiting today, you can recapture the excitement of watching a Blacksmith hammer on an anvil to mold hot metal. Our shop is a fully functioning one that takes a visitor back in time to feel the heat of the anvil and see the metal take shapes that are both ornamental and functional. Phone 782-3933 or 782-7333 to book a tour,

demonstration or for more information or

■ **Walking Tour of Historic Downtown**

- Take a walk and learn about Lacombe! The Maski-Pitoon Historical Society offers seasonal walking tours of historic downtown Lacombe during the summer. The walking tour, which takes 30 - 45 minutes, starts at Michener House Museum, and trails throughout the downtown area, including the flat-iron building, the Day Block, which is home to one of Lacombe's oldest buildings, dating back to 1903 (the Dragonview Restaurant), and the Puffer-Chung Block. The tour ends at the historical society's Blacksmith Shop Museum. The tour provides people with the opportunity to learn many stories behind the old-fashioned facades and gives people a better understanding of the historic main street area. They can appreciate the beauty of the architecture on their own, but without a tour, they can't appreciate the historic nature of those buildings and why they still exist. The tour brochure cost is \$1.00 per person. Tours are offered by appointment. To book a tour, call 782-3933. Self guided tours are also available. Participants can pick up pamphlets which give basic information about each building being featured on the tour at the Michener House Museum.

■ **Ellis Bird Farm**(Ellis Bird Farm Web Page)

- It truly is a treasure of the Lacombe area. The Ellis Bird Farm, located across from the Union Carbide plant (on Prentiss Road east of Lacombe off Highway 12), is a great place to visit whether you are an avid bird watcher or just someone who likes to appreciate nature in its purest form. Visitors enjoy the beautiful gardens, the Visitors Center and dine in the Ellis Tea Room which serves homemade soups, sandwiches, cinnamon buns and much more. There's plenty to see and do and anyone wanting to take it all in should plan on a two hour to half day visit. The bird farm originated in 1955 when Charles Ellis set out a nest box on his farm southeast of Lacombe. After witnessing a female Tree Swallow be killed by aggressive house sparrows in his next box, he decided to try to do his best to eliminate House Sparrows and protect native species. With the help of his sister Winnifred, he developed a feeding system that quickly attracted a variety of birds including Mountain Bluebirds, Purple Martins and Flickers. This past year the Bluebird number were way up and there's also species such as Northern Orioles and Chickadees people can expect to see. The Visitor Center and gift shop features historical and current photographs as well as native bird exhibits. Visitors are encouraged to take a stroll on the interlocking boardwalk trail system around the farm and view the wetland habitat from a gazebo perched at the end of the pond. Since emphasis was placed on attracting tourists, the bird farm has become very popular. Visitors to the bird farm, not only get a chance to see a wide variety of wildlife, but get an education as well. Those interested in starting their own backyard nature are can learn a lot. "It's a good introduction to backyard habitat or water gardens," says Pearman. Open from June 1 to September 3, their hours of operation are 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Those wishing to visit the tea house are asked to make reservations and can do so by calling (403) 885-4477.

■ **Doug's Exotic Zoo**

- "Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my!" It sounds like a song from the Wizard of Oz. At Doug's Exotic Zoo, there is no reason to say "oh my." It's a safe way to meet up with animals you wouldn't ordinarily find in Alberta. For the past ten years, Doug Bos has been adding to his collection of animals. The zoo has grown to include lions, tigers and other big cats from Africa, Asia and North America, including spotted and black jaguars. The monkeys and zebras certainly aren't from around here. Neither are the African hoofed animals of various types. There are over sixty different species for you to learn about and see first-hand. There is a picnic area where you can enjoy lunch, amusement rides for the kids, a full concession, a gift shop and even a mini-golf course. Pony and camel rides are always a treat. Doug's Exotic Zoo is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week during the summer season (May 1 - Sept 1) and it's only 15 minutes east of Lacombe on highway 12. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and \$3.50 for children. Children two years old and under get in free. During non-peak season the operating hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. with an admission charge of \$3.00 for adults. If you need more information about what Doug's Exotic Zoo has to offer, call (403) 784-3400 or visit their website at www.dougszoo.com.

■ **Golf Courses**

- Those visiting Central Alberta often make sure their trip takes them through this area so they can play a round on the variety of courses that have something for every level of golfer.
- **Lacombe Golf and Country Club**
 - The Lacombe Golf and Country Club is located on the west side of Lacombe as you come in to town on Highway 12. It's widely considered one of the best in Alberta and is a challenge for golfers of all capabilities. With its fast, undulating greens, it is very scenic with plenty of mature trees and ponds found throughout the course. For additional information, call (403) 782-3951 or visit their website at www.golflacombe.com.
- **Wolf Creek Golf Resort**
 - The Wolf is one of this area's most well known courses because it is the home of the Henry Singer Alberta Open, an annual Canadian Tour stop. With its numerous bunkers, long rough and narrow fairways, no hole is a given and Mother Nature likes to have her say as the wind always becomes a factor. Good course management is a must and players must think out each hole. The Wolf is unique because of its prairie links design which is much like the old Scottish courses. It has four sets of tees to satisfy any level of ability. For additional information, call (403) 783-6050 or visit their website at www.wolfcreekgolf.com.
- **The Nursery Golf and Country Club**
 - Just like the 41,000 trees it's nestled in, the Nursery Golf and Country Club seems to get bigger and more beautiful every year. The Nursery, located just north of Lacombe, is one of the area's newest courses. The course is a pleasure to play with large ponds, wildlife and many different types of flowers to be found throughout. With long and imaginative holes which make you use every club in your bag, the Nursery provides challenge no matter what level of golfer you are. For additional information, call (403) 782-5400.
- **Haunted Lakes Golf Club**
 - It has been called the best hidden secret in Alberta. The Haunted Lake Golf Club, located northeast of Alix, is a beautiful nine-hole course with tree-lined fairways and excellent greens. It's another course that everyone can enjoy but it does present some challenges. Haunted Lakes is a great place to visit for the weekend with the nearby campground which has five power sites. For additional information, contact (403) 747-2330.
- **Kinsmen Pro Rodeo**
 - A trip to Lacombe area this year wouldn't be complete without taking in some wild and wooly rodeo action. To see some of the biggest names in all of rodeo, make sure you head to the Lacombe Kinsmen Pro Rodeo held indoors at the Lacombe Sports and Leisure Complex on September 22, 23 and 24. It's the final stop on the Canadian pro circuit before the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton so many of the contestants are still fighting hard to earn a spot. The evening performances go at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and the finals are at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. There's a wide variety of family entertainment and the dance in Saturday night is one of the highlights for all who attend.
- **Michener House Museum**
 - This 100-year-old neat white home, nestled in downtown Lacombe, was the birthplace of one of Canada's greatest statesmen, Roland Michener. Michener, who served as Canada's Governor General and Speaker of the House, was born in the house April 17, 1900. The bed he was born in is still on display in the home. The house which sits at 5036 - 51 Street, also has the distinction of being the oldest Methodist manse in Alberta, which means it is designated as a provincial historic resource. The house was owned by the Methodist Church until 1922. Michener's parents lived in Lacombe for four years, where his father served as the Methodist minister. The museum is furnished with household items from 1900 and earlier. Walking through the home, visitors will notice personal items of the Michener family and from the life and career of Roland Michener, who was a lawyer and served as Canada's Governor General from 1967 - 74. The special collection is highlighted by a series of political cartoons drawn for that time period and the house's original bedroom suite. The museum also has a collection of pastel chalk sketches done by Michener's mother, Mary. Michener House Museum is a popular place for visitors who remember Michener. The museum also offers a look at some donated

vintage quilts and at financial ledgers on loan from the Town of Lacombe. The museum also houses the Lacombe Archives. People can come in and research the past history of Lacombe and areas. The museum also has a collection of pictures past buildings, which can be reproduced if people want. Admission to the Michener House Museum is by donation. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, from May to September. For further information or call (403) 782-3933.

■ **Farmers' Market**

- The Lacombe Farmers' Market has been a summer fixture in town for almost twenty years and continues to grow. The market is held in the parking lot of the Lacombe Center Mall every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It opens up in May and runs until the second Friday in October. Some special Christmas markets are also set up in the mall. Homemade jams, bread, buns, perogies and sausages are favorites that will have you coming back for more. Add in fruit, vegetables, crafts, woodworking and fresh eggs and you can see why Lacombe's Farmers' Market is so popular. Shoppers from all over the region, and even the continent have frequented the market. Everyone that stops by is impressed with the hospitality they receive. The market is a great place to meet new people or catch up with old friends. It's also a great opportunity to see the products and people from different cultures that live in the area. If you are looking for a great deal on unique gifts, fresh veggies and everything in between, stop by the Lacombe Farmers' Market this summer.

■ **Gull Lake**

- Located just 16 km west of Lacombe on Highway 12, Gull Lake offers year round recreation. Camping, fishing, sailing and boating are available to residents of Lacombe and surrounding area as well as visitors to Central Alberta. Many stores and shops are located around the lake to provide visitors with any of the services they may need.

Economic Base

Retail

Grow with Confidence

A community that grows by at least 3% per year, Lacombe is the right place to put your business. Lacombe offers great potential for all types of retail businesses where the cost of operations are low and the rewards are great.

Harmony in Lacombe

The harmonious juxtaposition of new and old coupled with the access to the large consumer population of Red Deer just 18 km to the south, has given Lacombe a unique potential in retail marketing. Boutiques, craft shops, artistic outlets, ethnic-oriented cafes, mini-museums. The streetscape of downtown Lacombe offers a unique appeal to discriminating consumers, to tourists, and to the local residents.

Business Opportunities

The business opportunities for new store owners are very enticing. Cost of land and buildings is most reasonable. Lease space can be arranged in the \$6.00 to \$14.00 range - a far cry from the \$12.00 - \$40.00 per square foot the large cities are demanding. Please see our current list of opportunities wanted for Lacombe.

Economic Development Board

Under the auspices of town council, the EDB has set itself some definite goals. Created to secure existing business and to promote new commercial and industrial ventures, the board has drawn up ambitious objectives. Land and buildings inventories have been set up, industrial parks are in place, new residential developments are being added every year. Enjoy the success that comes with confident growth.

Alberta Main Street Program

Lacombe was selected by Heritage Canada and Alberta Culture for this project. It was a program geared to downtown revitalization

within a "heritage" framework. Lacombe's historical character was ideally suited for the program and after six years saw the refurbishing of 35 buildings, new street lights, trees and downtown landscaping.

Chamber of Commerce

Lacombe can truly say it has an active Chamber. The business community has a legacy of lasting projects sponsored by the Chamber.

Industrial

Our Light and Heavy Industrial properties are priced to sell, based on a strict cost recovery of lands held by the Town of Lacombe. The price of Lacombe's serviced industrial property is \$70,000.00 per acre, scheduled to increase by 5% effective July 1, 2006. Compared to other communities on the Highway #2 corridor, where prices range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 per acre, Lacombe's prices are very competitive.

View the Current Inventory and Price List

It's an exciting time to be doing business in Lacombe. With the announcement of the construction of Canadian Premium Meats - Bison, Elk and Beef processing facility and South River Foods commitment to build a Canada's first plant to use Australian beef processing techniques - over \$30 million in construction is expected between 2006 and 2007. Meanwhile, Lacombe's close proximity to oil, gas and petrochemical facilities makes it a great place to base your petroleum focused operations.

We are serious about welcoming your industrial development to our community - please email Paul Salvatore - Economic Development Officer, or phone (403) 782.1263 to arrange an opportunity to discuss how you can join the industrial expansion in our growing community.

Economic Development Plan

Web: <http://www.town.lacombe.ab.ca/11/Policies/62/2004plandfinal080904.htm>

Town of Lacombe Strategic Plan

Web: http://www.town.lacombe.ab.ca/11/Policies/11/11_911_02.htm

Economic Facts

Population and Dwelling Counts	Lacombe, Town	Alberta
	Total	Total
Population in 2001	9,384	2,974,807
Population in 1996	8,330	2,696,826
1996 to 2001 population change (%)	12.7	10.3
Total private dwellings	3,557	1,171,841
Population density per square kilometre	520.0	4.6
Land area (square km)	18.05	639,987.1

Labour Force Indicators	Total	Lacombe, Town		Alberta		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Participation rate	69.8	78.1	62.1	73.1	79.6	66.6
Employment rate	65.8	73.8	58.2	69.3	75.5	63.1
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.4	6.5	5.2	5.1	5.0

Industry	Lacombe, Town			Alberta		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total - Experienced labour force	4945	2640	2305	1681985	913385	768595
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	415	330	85	184105	134380	49725
Manufacturing and construction industries	855	710	140	264940	213855	51055
Wholesale and retail trade	845	440	400	258740	133770	124970
Finance and real estate	210	65	145	84335	34640	49695
Health and education	1130	330	810	259050	58095	200955
Business services	605	350	255	316265	190780	125490
Other services	895	420	475	314545	147825	166715

Occupation	Lacombe Town			Alberta		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total - Experienced labour force	4945	2645	2305	1681980	913380	
Management occupations	505	330	180	175930	115010	60920
Business, finance and administration occupations	800	175	625	290535	69760	220775
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	225	180	45	118015	93855	24160
Health occupations	390	120	270	81785	15940	65840
Social science, education, government service and religion	415	145	270	117525	39220	78300
Art, culture, recreation and sport	70	30	40	37605	16070	21540
Sales and service occupations	1125	415	715	394590	161185	233400
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	870	815	60	283105	263265	19840
Occupations unique to primary industry	330	245	80	116625	89170	27455
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	215	185	35	66265	49905	16360

Economic Opportunities

Buy an existing business, or build new. Lacombe has many opportunities to take advantage of. Call 403.782.1263 for information about business in Lacombe. The Town of Lacombe presently has the following commercial real estate listings) provided by the Canadian Real Estate Association):

Lacombe's Economic Development Board identifies the following as high demand new businesses based on recent Lacombe and

area consumer market research:

Antique Store - Antique's have always been in demand, in fact, several times a year we rent our community hall to antique dealers looking to show off their wares. Establish an antique store here and your business will attract not only local residents but people living throughout Central Alberta. The entrepreneur with the savvy and know how will grow well into the future with Lacombe.

Bookstore/News Stand/Artist Supplies - While Lacombe does have a used book store, a store selling new and specialty books has potential. Our Library boasts of an increased clientele reflecting an interest in reading. Add a News Stand or Artists Supplies and your business will flourish! Lacombe is the centre of a major school system, including the Canadian University College. These facilities combined with night classes and adult education programs, foster a significant interest in the arts. Currently an art supplies business is non-existent in Lacombe. What an opportunity!

Children's Wear (New) - Lacombe, with a population exceeding 8,000, currently has two junior department stores and is begging for a quality store exclusive to children's wear. A first rate entrepreneur with exceptional marketing skills and access to unique product lines would do well establishing in Lacombe.

Intimate Dining - We have wonderful restaurants here, but one with an intimate atmosphere where a couple can go out for a romantic evening and share a special meal would be ideal.

Music Store - The drug stores sell them, you might find some in our mall, but a business in Lacombe that sells CDs and tapes exclusively would be a hit. Why run to Red Deer? Settle in Lacombe and make this business venture a profitable one!

Toy Store - Kids will always love toys, will always want to look, and will always want their parents to buy. What more can be said?

Wine/Beer Making Supplies - Lacombe is ideal for this type of business. A perfect location would be in the Heart of Lacombe where Edwardian buildings create such a unique atmosphere for such a unique product.

Speaking of locations, aside from our very quaint downtown area, we have space available for rent in our downtown plaza. Reasonable rates, significantly lower than those offered in Red Deer, are available for office space ranging in size from 494 to 1300 square feet. Contact Cliff Carson at (403) 782-3578 or Garth Wagner (403) 782-3087 or 782-3050 for further information on the rental space available at our downtown plaza.

Our Economic Development Officer is always pleased to answer any enquiries you may have and to provide you with as much detail as you require to establish yourself as a Lacombe entrepreneur. Give him a call at (403) 782-1263.

Rental Possibilities

Office space for rent (approximately 1250 sq. ft). IDEAL location for satellite location for Engineering company, Insurance agency, Realtor, Law office, Accounting office. Includes four offices, reception area, and small conference room. Call 782-3402 for more information. A possible re-creation of the 1912 train station in Lacombe will offer 4200 square feet on the main floor. This space would be ideal for a restaurant, offices or retail sales. Contact Peter Bouwsema at sales@pjdesign.com for further information.

Education

Public Schools:

- J.S. McCormick School
- Nelson School
- Lacombe Upper Elementary School
- Lacombe Junior High School

- Lacombe Composite High School
- Terrace Ridge School

Private Schools:

- Lacombe Christian School
- Central AB Christian High School
- College Heights Christian School
- Parkview Adventist Academy

Emergency Services

Emergency: 911

Police: Municipal – Lacombe Police Service

Fire: Lacombe Fire Department (Volunteer)

Ambulance: Lacombe Municipal Ambulance Service – Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) Service

Health Care

Hospital:

- David Thompson Regional Health Authority
- Lacombe Community Health Care Center (70 acute and long Care beds)

Medical Clinics:

- Family Medical Associates -7 doctors
- Main Street Medical -5 doctors

Key Contacts for Business Development

Municipal Contacts

Council: Mayor and six Councilors elected to a three-year term.

Mayor: Judy Gordon

Councilors:

Blaine Calkins

Steve Christie

Jim Dixon

Ed Koberstein

Debbie Olsen

Dawn Parent

Chief Administration Officer: Robert Jenkins

Assistant Chief Administrative: Ken Kendall

Economic Development Officer: Paul Salvatore

Local Chambers and Business Associations

Provincial Contacts

Mr. Raymond Prins (PC)
MLA for Lacombe-Ponoka

Constituency Office
4960B Hwy 2A
Lacombe
T4L 1J9
Phone: (403) 782-7725
Toll Free: 1-800-565-6432
Fax: (403) 782-3307
lacombe.ponoka@assembly.ab.ca

Legislature Office
#503 Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton
T5K 2B6
Phone: (780) 422-3353
Fax: (780) 422-0351

Federal Contacts

Member of Parliament
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
CALKINS, Blaine (Conservative)

Parliamentary Address
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6
Telephone: (613) 995-8886
Fax: (613) 996-9860
E-Mail: Calkins.B@parl.gc.ca

Constituency Address
6-4612 - 50th Street
Ponoka, Alberta
T4J 1S7
Telephone: (403) 783-5530
Fax: (403) 783-5532
TTY:
E-Mail: calkib1@parl.gc.ca

Taxation

MUNICIPAL TAXATION

The property tax is based on the market value of the land plus buildings, times the mill rate established by Town Council. Assessments, and the resulting tax, reflect a twelve month period (January 1 - December 31). Tax notices are mailed in May and must be paid prior to June 30 to avoid late payment penalties. 2002 mill rates: residential 13.876, non-residential 15.91.

For more information, please contact:

Town of Lacombe
 5432 - 56 Avenue
 Lacombe, Alberta
 T4L 1A1
 Phone: (403) 782-6666
 Fax: (403) 782-5655
 E-mail: mail@town.lacombe.ab.ca
 Web Site: <http://www.town.lacombe.ab.ca>

PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL CORPORATE TAX

All corporate residents in Canada are subject to income tax levied upon income earned within the taxation year from all sources, worldwide. The owners of proprietorships and partnerships are required to record earnings as self-employed income in their personal income tax return. Corporations are required to file a return separate from the owner's personal tax return. Corporations located in Alberta must submit separate income tax returns to the Federal government and to the Alberta government. Foreign companies with individual or branches operating in Canada are liable for Canadian income tax on profits derived from their Canadian business operations.

For further information on Alberta Corporate Tax, contact:

Alberta Treasury
 Tax and Revenue Administration
 Sir Frederick W. Haultain Building
 9811 - 109 Street
 Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2L5
 Phone: (780) 427-3044
 Fax: (780) 422-3770
 Web Site: www.finance.gov.ab.ca

The Income Tax Division of Revenue Canada provides free booklets to help small businesses with their taxation responsibilities. They include: Starting a New Business; Books and Records; Filing Requirements; Taxpayer Services; Taxpayer Rights and Obligations; as well as supplementary guides for business income tax and Revenue Canada services. Revenue Canada also provides free seminars on varied tax topics at different times throughout the year.

For further information on federal taxes, remittances, deadlines, etc., contact:

Revenue Canada, Business Window
 Main Floor, 9700 Jasper Avenue
 Edmonton, Alberta
 T5J 4C8
 Phone: (780) 495-3200 or 1-800-959-5525
 Web Site: www.cra-arc.gc.ca

	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
<u>2005</u>		
Municipal Tax Rate	9.1670	10.5050
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.2360	6.4080
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.0860	.0860

Transportation

HIGHWAYS

For information on major or secondary routes and connections throughout Alberta, contact:

Regional Transportation Office
Alberta Transportation & Utilities
4th Floor, Provincial Building
4920 - 51 Street
Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6K8
Phone: (403) 340-5166
Fax: (403) 340-4876
E-mail: weditor@tugov.ab.ca
Web Site: <http://www.tu.gov.ab.ca>

RAILWAYS - FREIGHT SERVICES

A complete package of freight services to anywhere in the world is provided in Red Deer by CP Rail and CN Rail. For further information, please contact:

CP Rail Systems
Carload Rate: 1-888-406-5347
Carload Freight: (403) 346-2189
Yard Office: (403) 346-2182
Roadmaster: (403) 347-6102
CN Rail Carload Rate: 1-888-668-4626
Carload Freight: 1-800-601-7630
Roadmaster: (403) 346-4015

AIRPORT

The Town of Lacombe owns the airport. The Lacombe Airport is located north-east of town on highway 2A. Facilities include: terminal, club house, non-directional beacon (NBD), medium intensity lights, Avgas 100LL, ARCAL -122.8 Unicom and asphalt runways.

Runway - #16/34 north-south – 3,000 feet Elevation 2,783 feet A.S.L.

The Calgary International Airport is located 165 km. south of Lacombe via Highway #2.

The Edmonton International Airport is located 100 km north of Lacombe via Highway #2.

Utilities

- Electric Power: Epcor
- Natural Gas: Direct Energy
- Telephone: Telus
- Cable TV: Shaw Cable
- Recycling facilities located on Wolf Creek Drive
- Municipal Utilities Services Water
- Groundwater Supply: 11 wells 2 Pump Stations: reservoir capacity 1.5 million gallons.
- System Capacity: 10,000 population
- Rates: \$14.03/month basic charges plus \$.4746 per cu meter (\$1.34/100 cu ft)
- Sewer Aerated Lagoon System Storage Capacity: 141,000,000 gallons
- System Capacity: 11,000 population

- Rates: 76% of water charges Garbage Residential and commercial container pickup.
- Disposal through regional solid waste authority.
- Rates: \$24.88 for two months, for collection, recycling, and disposal services. Non-residential based on volume and frequency.

More details: www.town.lacombe.ab.ca

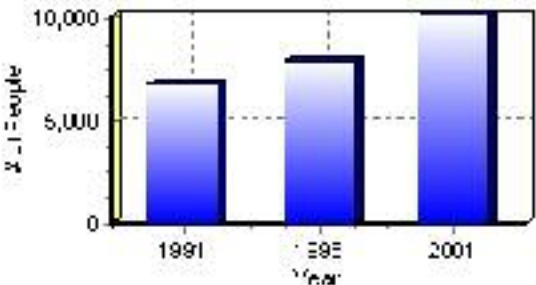
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	10,235
Population 2003*	9,946
Population 2002*	9,384
Population 2001**	9,385
Population 2000*	9,128
Population 1996**	8,018
Population 1991**	6,934
Population % change 1991-1996	13.52%
Population % change 1996-2001	14.56%

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

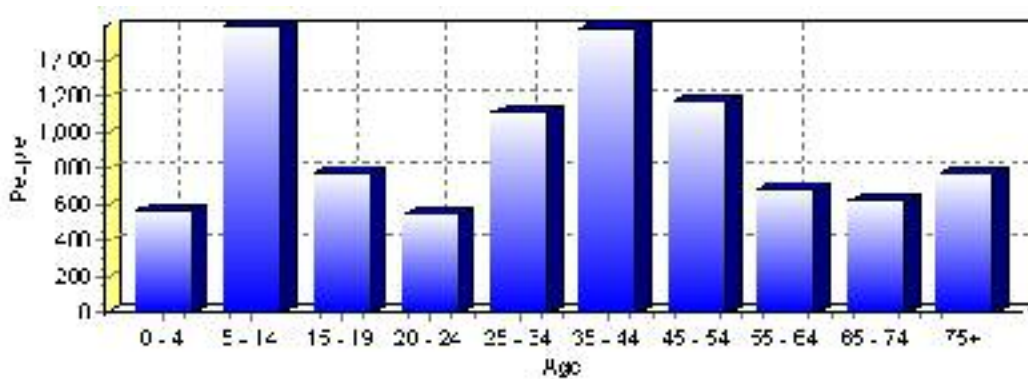
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	290	290	580	280	290	570
Age 5 - 14	710	645	1,355	835	750	1,585
Age 15 - 19	295	325	620	390	385	775
Age 20 - 24	195	245	440	265	280	545
Age 25 - 34	525	610	1,135	550	560	1,110
Age 35 - 44	635	645	1,280	760	810	1,570
Age 45 - 54	425	410	835	595	565	1,160
Age 55 - 64	270	275	545	335	355	690
Age 65 - 74	255	355	610	270	355	625
Age 75 and older	235	400	635	280	480	760
Total All Persons	3,830	4,190	8,020	4,560	4,825	9,385

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

Lacombe Population by Age Group (2001)

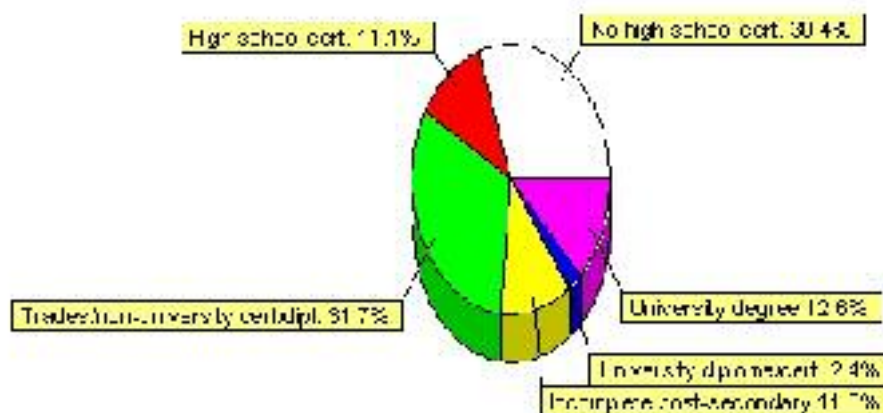


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	1,940	30.43%
People with high school certificates	705	11.06%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	2,020	31.69%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	755	11.84%
People with university diploma/certificate	150	2.35%
People with university degree	805	12.63%
Total Population 20 years and older	6,375	100.00%

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

Lacombe Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	145	6.00%	185	6.23%
Commerce, management and business administration	545	22.57%	515	17.34%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	360	14.91%	410	13.80%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	535	22.15%	785	26.43%
Engineering and applied sciences	30	1.24%	50	1.68%
Fine and applied arts	180	7.45%	150	5.05%
Health professionals, science and technologies	340	14.08%	500	16.84%
Humanities and related fields	120	4.97%	175	5.89%
Mathematics and physical sciences	35	1.45%	45	1.52%
Social sciences and related fields	135	5.59%	155	5.22%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	10	0.34%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	2,415	100.00%	2,970	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	1,190	49.28%	1,505	50.67%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	1,225	50.72%	1,465	49.33%

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

Labour Force

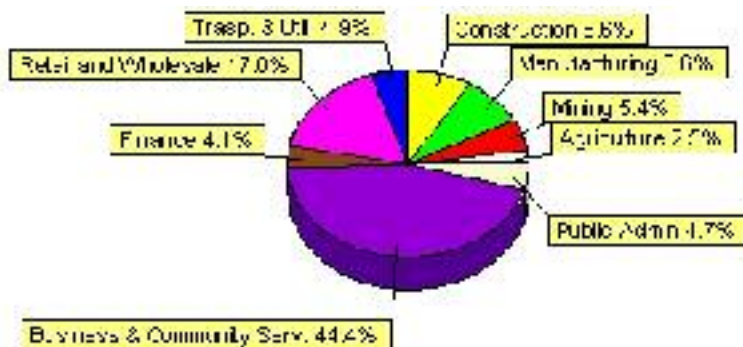
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	3,920	4,990
Not in the labour force, both sexes	2,010	2,155
Total population 15 and over	5,930	7,150
Employed, both sexes	3,695	4,700
Unemployed, both sexes	225	295
Participation rate, both sexes	66.00%	70.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	5.00%	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	70	1.80%	125	2.53%
Mining	250	6.44%	265	5.36%
Manufacturing	270	6.96%	425	8.59%
Construction	265	6.83%	425	8.59%
Transportation. & Utilities	215	5.54%	240	4.85%
Retail and Wholesale	820	21.13%	840	16.99%
Finance	215	5.54%	205	4.15%
Business & Community Services	1,465	37.76%	2,195	44.39%
Public Administration	160	4.12%	230	4.65%
Total All Industries	3,880	100.00%	4,945	100.00%

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

Lacombe Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	420	10.81%	505	10.21%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	625	16.09%	800	16.18%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	105	2.70%	230	4.65%
Health occupations	205	5.28%	390	7.89%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	380	9.78%	415	8.39%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	70	1.80%	70	1.42%

Sales and service occupations	1,080	27.80%	1,125	22.75%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	620	15.96%	870	17.59%
Occupations unique to primary industry	205	5.28%	330	6.67%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	175	4.50%	220	4.45%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	35	0.90%	45	0.91%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	3,885	100.00%	4,945	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	1,855	47.75%	2,305	46.61%
Males - All Occupations	2,030	52.25%	2,640	53.39%

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	110	5.68%	145	6.95%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	595	30.75%	585	28.06%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	550	28.42%	585	28.06%
\$60,000 and over	680	35.14%	865	41.49%
Total number of families	1,935	100.00%	2,180	104.56%
Average family income	\$57,194		\$65,128	
Median family income	\$48,472		\$59,012	

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	535	18.58%	540	15.61%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	895	31.08%	825	23.84%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	685	23.78%	670	19.36%
\$60,000 and over	230	7.99%	1,420	41.04%
Total number of households	2,880	100.00%	3,460	100.00%
Average household income	\$47,863		\$57,564	
Median household income	\$40,218		\$50,247	

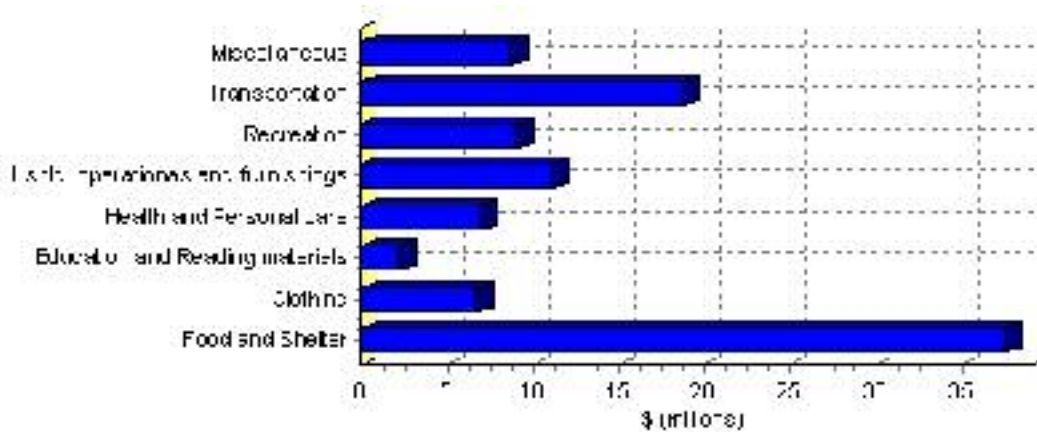
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Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$27,751,975	36.91%	\$37,579,841	37.10%
Clothing	\$5,244,055	6.98%	\$6,730,940	6.65%
Education and Reading materials	\$1,662,955	2.21%	\$2,268,673	2.24%
Health and Personal care	\$4,665,790	6.21%	\$6,991,880	6.90%
Hshld. operations and furnishings	\$8,297,105	11.04%	\$11,183,615	11.04%
Recreation	\$6,308,750	8.39%	\$9,061,104	8.95%
Transportation	\$15,357,035	20.43%	\$18,754,402	18.52%
Miscellaneous	\$5,870,570	7.81%	\$8,715,118	8.60%
Total Current Consumption	\$75,179,275	100.00%	\$101,285,573	100.00%
Total # of Households	2,425		2,877	
Average Consumption per Household	\$31,002		\$35,205	

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

Lacombe Family Expenditures (1996)

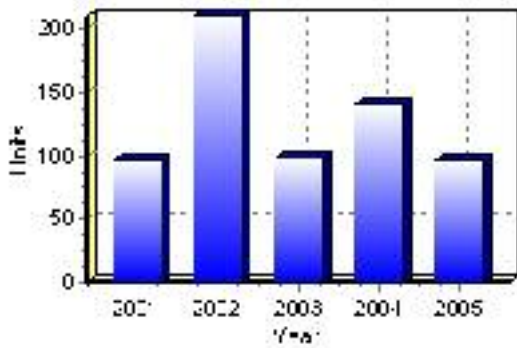


Building Permits

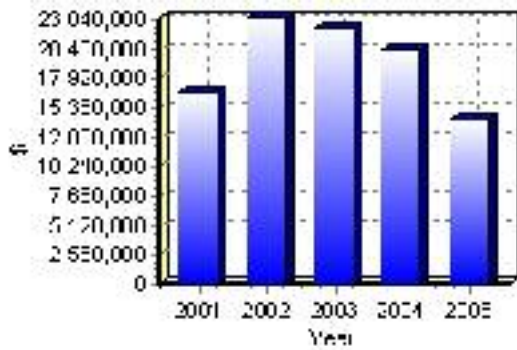
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$4,975,000	\$3,968,000	\$4,763,000	\$1,677,000	\$958,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$661,000	\$1,512,000	\$1,728,000	\$1,538,000	\$234,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$1,890,000	\$351,000	\$5,152,000	\$55,000	\$358,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$9,171,000	\$17,372,000	\$10,695,000	\$17,070,000	\$12,789,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$16,697,000	\$23,203,000	\$22,338,000	\$20,340,000	\$14,339,000
Total Housing Starts	97	210	98	140	96

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	370	12.85%	530	15.34%
Detached Duplexes	35	1.22%	35	1.01%
Movable Dwellings	200	6.94%	165	4.78%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	40	1.16%
Row and semi-detached house	365	12.67%	365	10.56%
Single-detached house	1,905	66.15%	2,315	67.00%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	2,880	100.00%	3,455	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	2,165	75.17%	2,485	71.92%
Private Dwellings, rented	710	24.65%	970	28.08%

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	245	7.08%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	375	10.84%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	380	10.98%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	980	28.32%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	585	16.91%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	895	25.87%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	3,460	100.00%

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

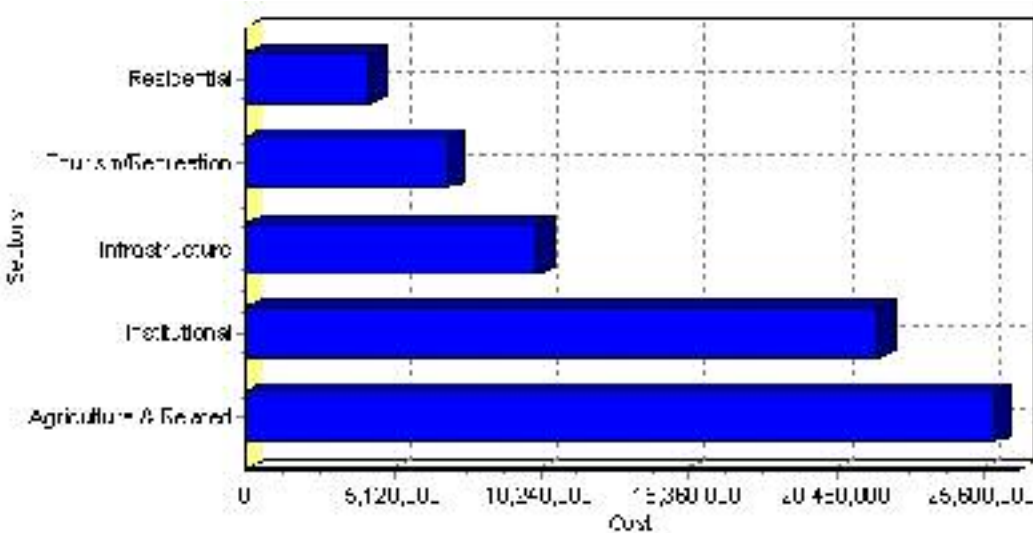
Projects

Summary of Projects in Lacombe as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Agriculture & Related	2	\$26,000,000
Institutional	2	\$22,000,000
Infrastructure	3	\$10,150,000
Tourism/Recreation	1	\$7,000,000
Residential	1	\$4,300,000
Total	9	\$69,450,000

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	5	\$32,950,000
Proposed	2	\$22,000,000
Under Construction	2	\$14,500,000
Total	9	\$69,450,000

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Largest Projects in Lacombe as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	Modernization	Lacombe	\$18,500,000	2006-2009	Announced
South River Food Corp.	Meat Processing Plant	Lacombe	\$18,500,000	-	Proposed
Canadian Premium Meats Inc.	Meat Processing Plant	Lacombe	\$7,500,000	2006-2007	Under Construction
Town of Lacombe	Wolf Creek Industrial Park Expansion Phase 3, Construction of 34 St., Beardsley	Lacombe	\$7,400,000	2006-2006	Announced
Town of Lacombe	Lacombe Memorial Centre Expansion (Lacombe Regional Centennial Centre or LRCC)	Lacombe	\$7,000,000	2006-2007	Under Construction
Lacombe Foundation / Lacombe Community Housing Initiative	Affordable Housing Project	Lacombe	\$4,300,000	2006-2007	Announced
David Thompson Health Region	Nursing Home Renovations and New Dementia Patients' Cottage	Lacombe	\$3,500,000	-	Proposed
Town of Lacombe	Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades	Lacombe	\$2,500,000	2006-2007	Announced
Town of Lacombe	Traffic Lights - Hwy 2A & Woodland Dr.	Lacombe	\$250,000	2006-2007	Announced

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