

Welcome

Mayor's Message

Energetic, innovative, hard working, skilled at building partnerships, accepting of people and cultures from around the world: if those qualities interest you, then take a closer look at Lethbridge. In this publication you will discover why we are so proud of our community and the people who have created it.

This profile will help you appreciate our financial stability – we have one of the lowest municipal debt loads in the country. Our cost of living and our business costs are competitive with cities elsewhere in North America. You will learn about our diversified economy grounded in agriculture, high-tech manufacturing, education, cultural programs, retail and professional services, health care and research. And finally, you will read of our rich cultural and recreational resources, our strong education systems and our two nationally-recognized post-secondary institutions.

Lethbridge residents enjoy a quality lifestyle within a family-oriented community. While taking advantage of opportunities normally found only in larger cities, our citizens enjoy the sense of community of a smaller city. People in Lethbridge still care about their neighbours and volunteerism is second nature. They feel safe in their homes and city streets, and they appreciate being able to reach any destination within fifteen minutes by car. Residents who enjoy the great outdoors are only a little more than an hour from the Rocky Mountains. The rich variety of cultural, entertainment, dining, personal growth and career opportunities available here is due, in large part, to the presence of the University of Lethbridge, the Lethbridge Community College and Agri-Food Canada's Lethbridge Research Centre.

I invite you to explore my community through the pages of the Business Investment Profile. Lethbridge is a community for living. It's a place to start a career, build a business, play a sport, or explore an interest in the arts. And it's a safe, secure, friendly community. Welcome!

Robert D. (Bob) Tarleck, M.A., M.Ed.
Mayor

Greetings from the CEO

Economic Development Lethbridge (EDL) knows that the people, businesses and features of this community are the reason new industries and visitors 'Choose Lethbridge'. As a relatively new independent, community-based organization, we are not only celebrating our initial success, we're gearing up for the future. In my role as CEO, I'm proud to work with a great team of people to represent this city and our citizens in ensuring broad-based awareness of the reasons why our community is the place to live, invest, do business and prosper.

Lethbridge is a vibrant, small city in the global marketplace and our economy is one of our many strengths. There are locally owned industry success stories as well as national and international interests that hire a wide range of skilled employees. We have a low unemployment rate, led by the entrepreneurial spirit of an active small business community. We also have two well-recognized post-secondary institutions, Lethbridge Community College and the University of Lethbridge, whose faculty and staff continually ensure we have well-trained, employable and enthusiastic people ready to enter the local workforce with a quality education.

Not only do our business leaders make good decisions, consumer confidence has risen nearly 20% over the last year. I believe this is because of the strengths of the current situation as well as the many opportunities that lie ahead, and I'm not the only one with this perspective! In a recent survey of Lethbridge residents, more than 67% stated they believe local business conditions are currently strong while nearly 73% believe that conditions will continue to be good six months from now. Our organization exists to ensure this confidence is grounded in a healthy economic foundation and to generate the results that build prosperity into the future for our entire community.

I hope you find within these pages and within our city, the information and relationships that demonstrate why Lethbridge is one of

the most attractive places in North America. Come discover all we have to offer and we're confident you'll Choose Lethbridge too!

Cheryl Dick, APR, MBA
Chief Executive Officer
Economic Development Lethbridge

Greetings from the Chair

These last few years have been both busy and rewarding for Economic Development Lethbridge (EDL). Our organization has a strong mandate with outstanding community support and, as a result, we have been able to attract some significant new businesses into the area.

Since inception in 2003, EDL has had numerous investment inquiries and several notable successes, resulting in overall increased economic activity and confidence in the region. Remington Developments opened the \$25 million Chinook Business Park, home to Sun Life Financial and the new Casino Lethbridge. The City of Lethbridge opened the \$22 million Sherring Business and Industrial Park featuring a large inventory of land zoned for heavy industrial use, something not easily found in other urban markets in western Canada. This ready availability and wide variety of property provides Lethbridge with a distinct edge in attracting new business into the region.

We have already welcomed several new employers into the city, including Home Depot and two new call centres by Western Watts and Convergys, together representing over 1,000 new jobs. Sun Life Financial recently opened their new major call centre, anticipating 500 employees in the next few years. We are very proud that Sun Life chose Lethbridge over 763 other potential locations, which is a real tribute to our work force and the many community partnerships that support growth. More recently, SunRise Poultry announced their expansion into Alberta with the development of a 400-job poultry hatchery and processing facility which began production in spring 2005 and bolsters our already strong agri-food sector.

The result of this growth is tangible. The real estate market has seen unprecedented sales, recording over \$59.5 million in new home starts in 2004 and equally strong MLS activity. The Lethbridge County Airport is undergoing upgrades to the main runway and passenger flights have grown to 13 departures per day, providing non-stop service to seven major markets in western Canada including Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. A 2003 BMO study also ranked Lethbridge 7th among smaller Canadian centers for growth in small business payroll.

Clearly, we are a community on the move and, combined with our low cost of living, great climate and relaxed lifestyle, we believe we have much to offer. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Economic Development Lethbridge, I invite you to Choose Lethbridge.

Paul Pharo, BSc (Eng), LLB
Chairman of the Board
Economic Development Lethbridge





Area Overview

Lethbridge is a vibrant, growing community of 77,000 people. Spanning a dramatic river valley and blessed with a mild climate and strong economy, Lethbridge has all the ingredients of a lifestyle heralded as one of the finest in Canada.

This is a beautifully clean city, rich with excellent facilities, fine restaurants, shopping, diverse culture and recreation choices. The Rocky Mountains, U.S. border and several world class attractions are just an hour away.

Being located at the crossroads of four major highways and scheduled flights connecting to Calgary International Airport makes Lethbridge easy to get to. Our low taxes and living costs makes it even easier to stay!

Climate

Lethbridge has a moderate continental climate with warm winters and mild summers. This moderation is heavily influenced by Chinook winds which occur on average 11 times throughout the year. The area also enjoys one of the highest amounts of sunshine in the country, approximately 2,400 hours per year. Proximity to the mountains usually protects Lethbridge from the influence of strong northwest and southwest winds which are associated with blizzard conditions. A comparatively high elevation of the city combined with Chinook conditions, results in a reduction of severity and duration of winter cold periods and alleviates the extreme summer heat.

Lethbridge enjoys the highest winter and annual mean temperatures on the prairies, yet is slightly cooler than many southern prairie locations during the summer. The relative dryness makes for comfortable living conditions. Contrary to popular belief, Lethbridge does not rank in the top five in Canada for wind speed, although the occasional peak gust can be gauged at 122 km/hr. The average windspeed is a consistent 20 km/hr.

Average Maximum Temperature = 12.1

Average Minimum Temperature = -1.0

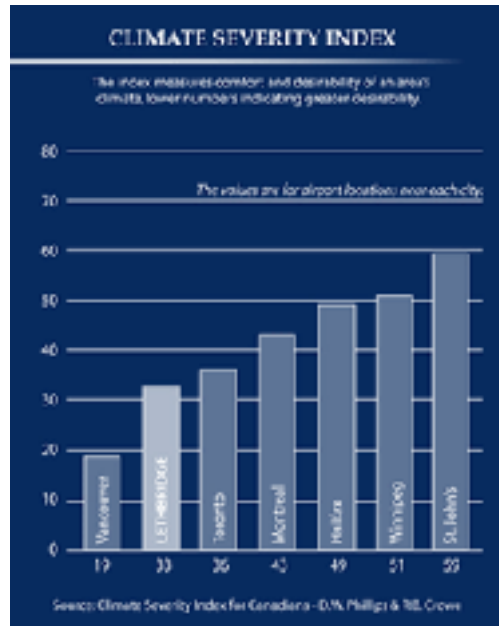
Average Yearly snowfall = 160 cm

Average Yearly Rainfall = 262 mm

FROST DATA – 90 Year Average:

Number Frost Free Days: 117

Last Killing Spring Frost: May 7
 First Killing Fall Frost: Sept 25
 Number of Crop Days: 140



LETHBRIDGE CLIMATE NORMALS*

	Sunshine Hours	Windspeed		Temperature	
		knots	Direction	High	Low
January	95.3	22	WSW	-2.6	-14.2
February	122.9	20	WSW	1.1	-10.8
March	166.0	19	WSW	5.2	-6.9
April	197.9	21	WSW	12.2	-1.0
May	243.3	20	E	18.0	4.4
June	283.9	19	W	22.6	9.0
July	345.1	16	W	25.9	10.9
August	299.2	15	W	25.3	10.3
September	213.5	17	WSW	15.5	5.3
October	175.1	21	WSW	14.3	0.6
November	98.4	21	WSW	4.6	-7.1
December	90.2	22	WSW	-0.9	-12.5

Source: Dory Bender - CPCN News Lethbridge
 *All figures expressed as averages.

Community Lifestyle

HOUSING

One of the city's most attractive features is the selection and outstanding value of housing choices, including impressive new designs in exclusive neighbourhoods, affordable starter homes and older stately properties. Prices for lots and finished homes are low compared to most cities. Both newer subdivisions and older mature neighbourhoods offer safe and comfortable surroundings close to all amenities and are ideal for families. There are also maintenance-free developments suitable for those preferring an adults-only environment. Public transit is provided to most residential areas by the City's Transit Department, LA Transit.

For more information on housing in Lethbridge please contact:

- Lethbridge Homebuilders Association Ph: 328-2288 Fax: 328-2450
- Lethbridge Real Estate Board Ph: 328-8838
- Multiple Listing Service www.mls.ca

RECREATION AND LEISURE

PARKS

Lethbridge offers a variety of high quality recreational facilities and amenities for all ages and interests. An extensive urban parks system of 1,740 hectares (4,300 acres) and more than 60 kilometres (38 miles) of trails provides beautiful areas for walking, jogging, cycling and picnicking. There are over 70 parks, playgrounds, sports fields and greenstrips dotted throughout the city.

SPORTS FACILITIES

The city has five indoor pools, including an Olympic-sized swimming and diving facility, two leisure centres and a free outdoor spray park. Six ice arenas (including the 5,000 seat ENMAX Centre), a curling club, an indoor soccer facility and the Ascent Climbing Centre are well-used, as are the many sports fields and ball diamonds. In the river valley is Softball Valley, a nine ball diamond complex and the Lethbridge Shooting Range (one of the largest ranges in Canada). Recent facilities include the Lloyd Nolan Yard Ball Park, Canola Harvest Field and a multi-purpose skateboard park at Dave Elton Park. There are private fitness clubs, as well as the YMCA, the YWCA, the University and the College, offering fun and fitness for the entire family. Within city limits there are five golf courses. Another eight courses can be reached within a half hour's drive. Spectators enjoy high-calibre junior hockey and baseball and inter-varsity sports, provided by the Lethbridge Community College Kodiaks, the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns, the Lethbridge Hurricanes of the Western Hockey League, and the Prairie Dawgs of the Prairie Baseball Academy.

Lethbridge is proud of its excellent facilities and over 80 community sporting groups. Whatever the participation level, from strictly fun to very competitive, there are opportunities for everyone.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Being located less than 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the Rocky Mountains provides unlimited opportunities for recreation. You can fly fish on the blue ribbon trout streams or hunt for big game and game birds. For hiking and sightseeing the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park has spectacular alpine scenery. Take in the Rockies' excellent snow conditions for downhill and crosscountry skiing at 12 ski resorts within a five-hour drive. The closest downhill ski facility is less than two hours from the city.

ARTS & CULTURE

Lethbridge residents enjoy a choice of cosmopolitan cultural activities including those offered at the Bowman Arts Centre and Southern Alberta Art Gallery for visual and creative arts and at the 500-seat Yates Memorial Theatre, a centre for the performing arts. There are local theatre groups, a symphony orchestra, art gallery and arts council. The Lethbridge Public Library also hosts art exhibits, public lectures, poetry readings, concerts and a variety of programs. The University of Lethbridge boasts a \$22 million Performing Arts Centre and is home to one of the country's finest Canadian and international art collections. Over 30 individual organizations promote and offer activities and services relating to historical or multicultural interests within the city. Included in this is the Southern Alberta Ethnic Association (Multicultural Heritage Centre), which promotes multiculturalism and ethnic heritage to the community and its members.

CITY LIFE

A full array of restaurants from fine dining to trendy eateries and fast food are found throughout the city. For nightlife, establishments offering pleasant, intimate surroundings, high-energy rock and roll, country and English-style neighbourhood pubs are all available. Three movie theatres offer a fine selection of films. The public library and university film groups provide special repertory showings. Lethbridge is truly southern Alberta's shopping mecca, featuring three shopping malls, several power centres and a vibrant downtown.

LETHBRIDGE ATTRACTIONS

BOWMAN ARTS CENTRE

The Bowman is home to the Allied Arts Council of Lethbridge, which houses many arts groups and guilds. Gallery exhibitions (two galleries), art rental and studio classes for all ages (visual and performing arts) are available. Admission is free, donations welcome. Rental rooms to accommodate up to forty people are also available.

ENMAX CENTRE

The ENMAX Centre is a multipurpose entertainment and events centre that provides our community with diverse experiences. The

ENMAX Centre features a full-size rink, large indoor climbing wall, running track, racquetball/squash courts, and an outdoor sports-field with capacity for 2,000 people. Exhibit space of 17,000 sq. ft. is available with completely portable rink boards, combined with portable seating area, concourses for a total of over 35,000 sq. ft. Banquet space for 1,500 people is available on the main floor.

FORT WHOOP-UP INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Fort Whoop-Up is an authentic replica of the original fort built by Montana traders on Canadian soil and was an important target of the North-West Mounted Police in 1874 . For your convention or business meeting, Fort Whoop-Up can provide: meeting room, exclusive site tours, entertainment, hay rides, chuck-wagon barbeques, trail wagon rides or a western breakfast package. Located in Indian Battle Park, Fort Whoop-Up is situated in a rural river valley close to all hotels in Lethbridge.

HELEN SCHULER COULEE CENTRE

Explore the Old Man river valley at Lethbridge's Nature Centre. The centre offers hands-on exhibits and nature interpretive programs. Self-guided trails invite you to discover the cottonwood forests and coulees of the surrounding 200-acre nature reserve. Located in the river valley, access can be gained from 3rd Avenue South and Scenic Drive.

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE ART GALLERY

The University of Lethbridge Art Gallery has one of Canada's most important art collections, the strength of which is its diversity. With more than 13,000 objects, the collection includes works by artists from Canada, America, and Europe as well as media ranging from drawing, printmaking and painting to photography, sculpture and installation. The majority of works span the 19th and 20th centuries, although earlier periods are represented and the collection continues to grow with 21st century additions. Exhibitions change regularly in the two exhibition spaces - Helen Christou Gallery (9th Level, LINC Building), which is open 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, and the Main Gallery (W600, Centre for the Arts), which is open weekdays or by special appointment. Admission is free.

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE FINE ARTS PRODUCTIONS

The University of Lethbridge Faculty of Fine Arts presents a varied and entertaining season of musical performances, theatre productions, new media presentations, opera and more between September and June each year. The University of Lethbridge Centre for the Arts has three major performance spaces – the 50-seat University Theatre; 200-seat Recital Hall; and David Spinks Theatre, a versatile black-box facility. Performing groups include: Jazz Ensemble, Opera Workshop, U of L Singers, Vox Musica Choir, Wind Orchestra and World Drumming Ensemble. Theatre offerings range from timeless classics to contemporary Canadian plays.

HENDERSON LAKE PARK

Located on Mayor Magrath Drive and South Parkside Drive this park features a 60-acre man-made lake with concessions, picnic areas and playgrounds. The park has a variety of trails for walkers, joggers and cyclists. A campground is located right next to the park.

HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE

The CP Rail High Level Bridge is the longest – highest of its type in the world. This means that the design, called the viaduct by CPR bridge engineers, reached its culmination in the Lethbridge Bridge. It is 314 feet in height and spans 1.6km across the coulees of Lethbridge, it was completed in 1909.

LETHBRIDGE AND DISTRICT EXHIBITION

With 100,000 sq. ft. of covered space, Exhibition Park hosts more than 00 events each year. Use our facilities for large functions like trade shows and livestock events to smaller events like weddings and banquets. As well, Pioneer Park is an excellent facility for an outdoor BBQ or picnic. Our competitive pricing includes event coordination assistance such as developing a scale map of your event set-up, coordinating food services and catering, clean-up of your event, and more. In addition, we have parking for more than 3,000 vehicles! Large or small, our staff expertise will ensure the success of your event!

GOLF COURSES

Golfers can choose from the championship Paradise Canyon Golf and Lethbridge Country Club, Henderson Lake Golf Course, the family oriented Bridge Valley Par 3, and Evergreen Par 3 & Driving Range, a year round golf practice facility and proshop (3 heated stalls for winter use). Another eight courses can be reached within a half-hour drive.

LETHBRIDGE BREWERY GARDEN AND TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Brewery Garden offers a panorama of greenery and seasonal displays to visitors entering Lethbridge on highway 3 from the west. The adjacent Tourist Information Centre, one of two in the city, provides visitor information and a spectacular view of both the Garden and the High Level Bridge.

ATB FINANCIAL ALBERTA INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

This two-day airshow is held each summer attracting more than 30,000 visitors who come to view the civilian and military aircraft in the sky and on the tarmac.

RIVER VALLEY PARKS

A system of parks has been developed along the beautiful Oldman River which meanders through the city in a deep, wooded valley. There are wilderness areas, nature reserves, picnic areas, equestrian facilities and extensive trails for biking and walking.

NIKKA YUKO JAPANESE GARDENS

Built in 1967 as a centennial project, this authentic Japanese garden is a symbol of the Japanese-Canadian friendship that exists in our community. The garden is a place of contemplation and peace, where five traditional garden styles are joined by a meandering path. Patterned after 16th century Japanese architecture, the Nikka Yuko Pavilion houses a number of art and cultural exhibits throughout the season. Waterfalls, foot bridges, lanterns and pagodas create an unparalleled vista of artistry in nature. Special weekend events highlight Japanese arts and culture. Tour groups welcome and bus parking is available. Open from May to October. A great location for wedding photos. Please check out our website for Moonlight Viewing and Special Event Schedules.

SIR ALEXANDER GALT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Excitement is in the air as the Galt prepares to reopen its expanded facility in 2006. Formerly the Sir Alexander Galt Museum and Archives – named after a Father of Confederation, Sir Alexander Galt, whose company helped to establish Lethbridge – the Galt will feature a stunning viewing gallery overlooking the Oldman River valley. This will be the premier event space in the city for weddings, conventions, corporate parties and outdoor barbeques. The new Galt, located in proximity to downtown Lethbridge, with access to the parks and walking paths of the river valley, will feature a Discovery Hall exploring the living history of southern Alberta through interactive exhibits; an Education Centre accessible to all learners; a fabulous Gift Shop with one-of-a-kind mementos; and expanded Archives and Collections facilities for full research access. For further details, visit www.galtmuseum.com or stop by the “Museum at the Mall” at Park Place Shopping Centre throughout 2005.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA ART GALLERY

The Southern Alberta Art Gallery, located in Galt Gardens, is a leading Canadian contemporary art gallery. Three spaces are available for rental: the main gallery (seating capacity 130-200), upper gallery (seating capacity 50-100) and the Turcotte Library (seating capacity 35). Rental services can include tables, chairs, linen, complimentary coffee, cash bar if required. Audio-visual equipment is also available. Space availability is subject to current exhibitions. Events which have taken place at the gallery include a welcoming reception for Governor General – Adrienne Clarkson, wedding ceremonies, string concerts, art auctions, film festivals, improv theatre, fashion shows and much more. Admission and tours are free; groups are welcome year-round!

YATES MEMORIAL CENTRE

Centrally located, this 500 seat theatre is home to the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra, New West Theatre productions and provides a showcase for a variety of local and regional performing arts groups. Art gallery space is available for local artist exhibitions.

CITY OF LETHBRIDGE – LEISURE SERVICES

Leisure Services offers swimming, skating and other recreation opportunities for the public and facilities are available for private rental. Stan Siwik and Nicholas Sheran Indoor Pools, as well as five indoor ice arenas, can be booked for events. Henderson Outdoor Pool is available during the summer months. The Elks and John Martin Picnic Shelters host group bookings and can be licensed for special functions. Seven other picnic shelters are available for non-licensed events. The Fritz Sick Memorial Centre Gym can also be booked for regular or special events on weekends and during the evenings.

REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS

ALBERTA BIRDS OF PREY CENTRE

10 minutes east of Lethbridge

Located just 10 km east of Lethbridge in the town of Coaldale, this beautifully landscaped 70-acre Centre is a living museum. It features hawks, falcons, eagles, owls and vultures from Alberta and around the world. Daily flying demonstrations take place from spring through fall when the weather permits.

WATERTON LAKES/GLACIER INTERNATIONAL PEACE PARK

1 1/2 hours southwest of Lethbridge

Originally named Kootenay Lakes Forest Park in 1895, it was established as Waterton Lakes National Park in 1932 and joined with Glacier National Park in Montana to become the world's first International Peace Park. Enjoy the splendour of the Rocky Mountains;

watch wildlife up close year round. Take a cruise on Waterton Lakes; hike the 200 km of first class trails; sit back and relax on the lake shore or cross country ski in the winter months. The park was also the second Canadian International Biosphere Reserve (1979) and designated as a World Heritage Site in 1995. It is a little park with a lot of distinction!

CROWSNEST PASS & PINCHER CREEK

1 1/2 hours west of Lethbridge

View the breath-taking, majestic mountains and explore the many lakes and recreation areas located in the Crowsnest Pass. Skiing, snowmobiling, hiking and other outdoor activities await you. Explore miners' actual working conditions with a tour of the Bellevue Mine. Visit the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre to see first hand the destruction caused on April 29, 1903, when 90 million tons of rock from Turtle Mountain cascaded down to cover the coal-mining town of Frank. The Oldman Dam and Recreation Area offers a multitude of facilities including campgrounds, picnic areas, hiking trails, beaches, and boat launches. Castle Mountain offers downhill skiing.

HEAD-SMASHED-IN BUFFALO JUMP INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Less than 1 hour west of Lethbridge

Named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1981, this is the largest and best preserved buffalo jump in North America. The Interpretive Centre houses artifacts and displays which interpret the history of the buffalo jump; a self-guided tour will take you through 5,000 years of history. A view point and guided walks by native interpreters are available. This is a unique example of the communal way of hunting used by the Natives of the Great Plains of North America.

REMINGTON CARRIAGE MUSEUM

Less than 1 hour south of Lethbridge

Chosen as "The Best Indoor Attraction in Canada" in a nation-wide competition sponsored by the Government of Canada, the Remington Carriage Museum houses the largest collection of horse-drawn vehicles in North America, with over 250 carriages, wagons and sleighs. The Carriage Association of America declares the Remington Museum to be "the most spacious and best equipped purpose-built carriage museum in the world".

FORT MACLEOD

1/2 hour west of Lethbridge

In 198 , the Fort Macleod downtown area was declared the Province's first historic district. The Fort Museum depicts the life in and around NWMP forts during the early settlement days of southern Alberta. During the months of July and August a Mounted Patrol Ride takes place daily. Take in a live theatre performance during the summer months at the historic Empress Theatre.

DEVIL'S COULEE DINOSAUR HERITAGE MUSEUM

45 minutes south of Lethbridge

Visit the interpretive centre in Warner and take a guided tour to Devil's Coulee and the egg site. Discovered in 1987, the site contains hadrosaur nests, eggs and embryos.

WRITING-ON-STONE PROVINCIAL PARK -

Áísínai'pi National Historic Site of Canada

1 1/2 hours southeast of Lethbridge

Near the Alberta-Montana border, Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park is a sacred landscape; a landscape of special spiritual significance to the Niitsítapi, or Blackfoot people. The park was established in 1957 to protect the living legacy of abundant First Nations carvings (petroglyphs) and paintings (pictographs) that cover its sheer sandstone cliffs. In the Niitsítapi language, this place is called "Áísínai'pi" which means, "it is pictured/written". n March.2 , 2005, Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, which contains the largest concentration of rock art images on the Great Plains, was designated Áísínai'pi National Historic Site of Canada. The park is also a unique environment of spectacular sandstone formations, riparian areas, and open grasslands along the meandering Milk River, an environment in which can be found rich animal and plant life.

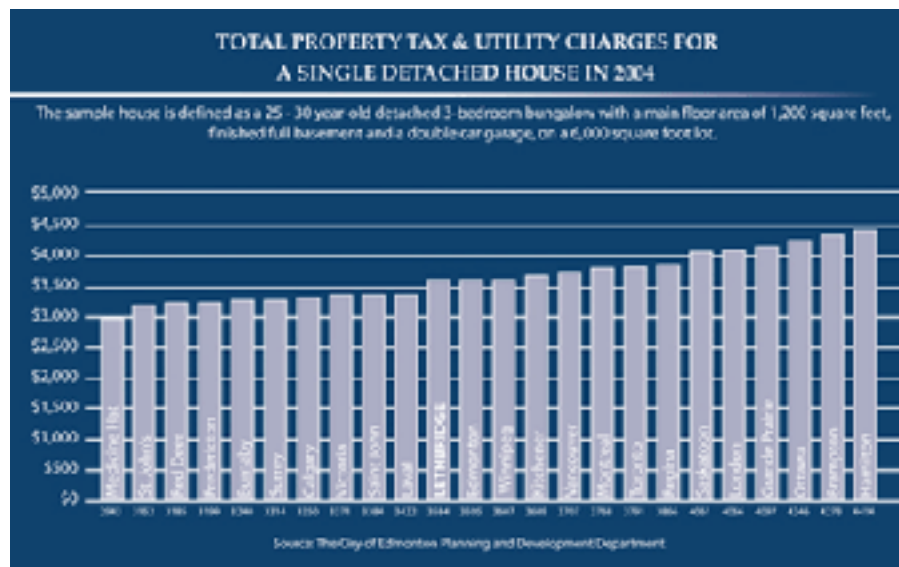


**RESIDENTIAL MLS SALES
AND AVERAGE PRICE**

Year	Average Price	Resales	% Change from Previous year
1996	\$102,200	1,354	7.0%
1995	\$111,100	1,331	1.0%
2000	\$114,600	1,359	-1.0%
2001	\$118,700	1,411	4.9%
2002	\$122,500	1,575	3.7%
2003	\$130,000	1,234	-21.7%
2004	\$147,400	1,336	12.1%

Source: Lehndorfsheim White Star





Economic Base

AGRI-FOOD

Agriculture is the main industry in southern Alberta and plays an important role in the city's retail, wholesale and service sectors. Irrigation and a warm sunny climate result in a highly diversified crop base, which in turn provides feed for the area's livestock industry and raw materials for food processing industries and export markets. The area accounts for 33% of Alberta's farm gate sales of agricultural products despite having only 18% of the province's producers and about 17% of Alberta's arable land. I

IRRIGATION

Irrigation is a developmental force in the region. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested to maintain a sustainable water delivery infrastructure that supplies water for irrigation. Irrigation supplies good quality water for many municipalities, industries, wildlife habitat, recreation and other agricultural uses. At the same time, irrigation producers have invested hundreds of millions of dollars to maintain these systems and to develop their own farm irrigation works. Irrigation is vital to this area, as it permits the growth of highvalue crops, secures consistent production, substantially enhances yields and quality, and provides raw product for value added processing. About 8% of the irrigated area is in forage production, 33% in cereals, 15% in speciality crops and % in oilseeds.

LIVESTOCK & DAIRY

Alberta is famous for its beef and pork products. Serving the area's livestock industry are some of the country's largest and most efficient feedlots, meatpacking and poultry processing operations. There are over 200 milk producers in the Lethbridge area, which account for about 17% of the provincial total. The Animal Food Safety Division in Lethbridge supports the livestock and agri food industry's access to global markets through industry-supported surveillance on animal health and food safety issues. The rich pasture area of southern Alberta produces some of Canada's best beef on highquality grazing land extending from Lethbridge west into the foothills area.

CROPS

Wheat is the major harvest of this region. Winter wheat, hard and soft spring wheat, and durum are processed locally and exported around the world. Other crops include barley, canola, flax, rye, and oats. In addition to the major grains, the region produces the majority of Alberta's speciality crops. These crops generally require irrigation and include potatoes, cabbage, carrots, corn,

confection sunflowers, dry beans and peas, canning peas, lentils, onions, forage seed and sugar beets. The acreage of specialty crops has been increasing due to their high value, improved plant breeding, machine development, processing and marketing options, low grain prices and restrictive quotas for grain delivery. Many of these vegetables and other specialty crops are processed in and around Lethbridge. Crop insurance and loans for beginning farmers are available through the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation

FOOD PROCESSING

Alberta is working toward a \$20 billion food and beverage business. Over 120 established processing businesses in southern Alberta produce food and/or feed for local consumption and export. The main customers include the U.S., Japan, Mexico, The Peoples Republic of China and Iran. In 2001, over \$1. billion in beef and veal products, \$8 million in field beans and \$6 million in other specialty crops were shipped out of Alberta. Industry development specialists in agri-processing and business development assist businesses to build business and marketing plans and to evaluate the feasibility of agri-food and agricultural diversification ventures. Specialists in the potato production, crop rotation, processing industry and investment development assist in the quickly growing potato industry in the south. Being central to one of the most productive agricultural areas in Canada gives Lethbridge a natural advantage for value-added processing operations. Implementation of the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement, and a location close to the border on Alberta's major north-south highway, gives Lethbridge based processors excellent access to the markets of the United States. Excellent infrastructure for processors as well as an educated and trainable workforce make Lethbridge even more attractive to firms in this industry. Some of the larger players include Canbra Foods (canola oil products), Maple Leaf Potato (potato processing), Maple Leaf Meats Inc. (pork processing), Lucerne Foods (frozen vegetables), Ellison Milling (flour milling), the Black Velvet Distilling Company (distilled spirits) and Hostess Frito-Lay (snack foods).

RESEARCH

The Lethbridge Research Centre, established in 1906 as a Dominion Experimental Station, is one of 19 research centres in the Research Branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. It is staffed by nearly 50 employees, including 80 PhD-level scientists. It is the lead centre for the national beef research program. The main research centre is located on the outskirts of Lethbridge. Construction was completed in 2003 on a \$30 million retrofit and expansion of the centre that features a high-tech, level three containment centre for biocontrol arthropods and insect pathogens. It also includes a food lab, insect rearing facility and a \$ million state-of-the-art greenhouse. Facilities are shared with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. The centre hosts an agricultural library and specialized infrastructure for agricultural research; numerous greenhouses and controlled environment chambers for plants and animals, a beef feed lot, feed mill, and a dairy barn. The Agriculture Centre also houses Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, including the main headquarters of the Irrigation Branch, and staff of the Industry Development Sector and the Sustainable Agriculture Sector. Also located in Lethbridge is the Agricultural Technology Centre, which tests agricultural implements.

LETHBRIDGE LABORATORY, CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY

Known locally as the Animal Diseases Research Institute, this laboratory is located on the banks of the Oldman River, 13 km west of Lethbridge. It has been on its present site since 1905, and is the original federal veterinary research laboratory in western Canada. This site is comprised of the main laboratory and biocontainment wing for large animals. The Lethbridge Laboratory leads a network of six labs in the West, which are part of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

MANUFACTURING

Competitive tax structure, good proximity to markets, and a highly dependable workforce has enabled a wide variety of manufacturing activity to thrive in Lethbridge. Kawneer Company (architectural aluminum extrusions), Charlton & Hill (sheet metal products), Lethbridge Iron Works (ferrous castings), Haul-All Equipment (waste disposal equipment), and Southland Trailer Corp. (various fabrication, truck boxes and trailers) are some of the major firms that represent the Metal Fabrication sector.

The field of advanced technology is represented by the aerospace giant Pratt & Whitney (aircraft engines). Lethbridge has always been an ideal location for agricultural equipment and implement manufacturing. Many firms make such products as bins, hoppers, cultivators and tillage tools, harvesters, bale and feed wagons, and sprayers. Lethbridge is the site of two manufactured housing plants, Triple M Housing Ltd., and SRI Homes who together employ about 400 workers.

Many smaller firms make commercial and residential furniture and wood products, trusses and wooden and aluminum windows and doors which help supply these firms as well as many other construction companies in the city.

A full range of skilled trades and professional services from metal fabricators and welding shops to warehousing, software design and engineering services are available to support Lethbridge and area manufacturers. Our Made in Lethbridge publication offers a

manufacturers directory and a description of the various manufacturing activities that take place in the city.

INDUSTRIAL LAND

The City of Lethbridge has vacant serviced land available in varying parcel sizes for general and heavy industrial uses. During 2005, the City of Lethbridge will develop Phase 1 of the Sherring Business and Industrial Park to provide 175 acres of serviced land for continued economic growth in Lethbridge. The development will include a major sports field complex, an integrated pathway network and a transitional landscape zone that will serve to buffer adjacent residential neighbourhoods and the existing industrial park. All industrial areas offer quick access via truck routes to highway interchanges, and rail service is provided by Canadian Pacific Railway with spurs to many sites.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction activity in Lethbridge grew by 5.3% between 2003 and 2004, with the majority of development taking place in the residential sector. It is anticipated that construction value will continue to climb in 2005 with several high-impact projects taking place. These include the development of the Chinook Business Park, Sherring Industrial and Business Park as well as construction of the Regional Health and Wellness Centre and the Sunrise Poultry Processing Facility. Another noteworthy economic indicator is the steady increase in the number of business licenses issued since 1997.

RETAIL

Lethbridge is truly southern Alberta's shopping hub, featuring several shopping and power centres and a vibrant downtown which serves a retail trading area of about 275,000 extending into the United States and British Columbia. The city offers many stores and services and 3 major shopping malls: Park Place, anchored by Sears, Winners, Staples and Chapters, Lethbridge Centre anchored by the Bay, and Centre Village Mall with Canadian Tire and Zellers as anchors. Mayor Magrath Drive is the central axis of a thriving business sector of hotels, motels, restaurants, auto dealerships, shopping centres and much more. At the south entrance to the city extensive commercial development has occurred on highway 16 and highway 5.

TOURISM AND CONVENTIONS

Lethbridge, the service centre for southwest Alberta offers the ideal setting for conferences, meetings and special events. There are 16 major hotel/motel facilities in Lethbridge providing 1,360 rooms for year round occupancy. This number escalates to over 2,200 rooms with dormitory and suite accommodations during the summer months when the Lethbridge Community College and the University of Lethbridge residences open up to convention guests.

Varying levels of accommodation, based on rental rates and on-site services, are available for the convention and event visitor. Four of the 16 facilities have complete convention service with the ability to facilitate as many as 1,200 people. Larger events can be held at the Lethbridge Exhibition Pavilion, the ENMAX Centre and the Lethbridge Soccer Centre. Lethbridge also has a great reputation for hosting all types of summer and winter sports events and tournaments due to the first-class facilities and well organized community groups within the city.

Lethbridge is a hub and service centre for people wanting to access the varied attractions of southwestern Alberta. With amenities such as hotels, restaurants, shopping and parks, Lethbridge is an ideal base from which to explore the region.

MAJOR LETHBRIDGE RETAILERS			
The Bay	London Drugs	Shoppers Drug Mart	
The Brick	Woods Work Hardware	Casey's	
Canadian Tire	Michaels	Sport Chek	
Chapters	Price 1	Super Sam	
Costco	Princess Auto	Tekon	
Future Shop	Home Canada Superstore	United Furniture Warehouse	
Home Depot	Seawen	Wal-Mart	
Home Hardware	Save-On-Foods	Winn-Dixie	
Lowe's	Seart	Zellers	
Number of Shopping Malls	3	Total Number of Stores in Malls	175
Number of PowerCentres	1	Total Major Retailers	27

Source: Economic Development Lethbridge

LETHBRIDGE MANUFACTURERS (50+ EMPLOYEES)		
Business Name	Activity	Employment
Peter-Lee Foods	Snack Foods	350
Maple Leaf Foods	Meat Packing	310
McCain Foods Canada	Potato Products	281
Canada Foods Ltd.	Canned Products	255
Triplex Milling Ltd.	Manufacture: Milling	228
Kennedy Co. Canada Ltd.	Perfume: Assembly	200
Wentworth Furniture	Furniture Manufacturing	180
Pratt & Whitney Canada (Aircraft Engines)	Aircraft Engines	150
Scudland Trailer Corp.	Trailer Equipment	150
SR Home	Manufacture: Milling	140
Maple Leaf Potatoes	Processed Potato Products	130
Charlton & Hill Ltd.	Sheet Metal Products	125
Sunrise Meats	Meat Processing	120
Lethbridge Iron Works Company Ltd.	Ironwork Castings	120
Paul-All Equipment Ltd. (Agriculture)	Water Systems: Irrigation	95
International Food Body Ltd.	Meat: Sausage	90
Reichelt Ltd. (Society of Sculptors in Alberta)	Furniture: Misc. Products	90
Caribou Meats International Ltd.	Meat Processing	70
Ellison Milling Company (Flour) (Wentworth Ltd.)	Flour	65
The Black & White Distilling Company	Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	65
Duncan Industries Inc.	Furniture: Frames	64
Westland Foods	Grain: Flour	60
Wentworth - Metal Inn	Ironwork: Castings	50

Source: Economic Development Lethbridge

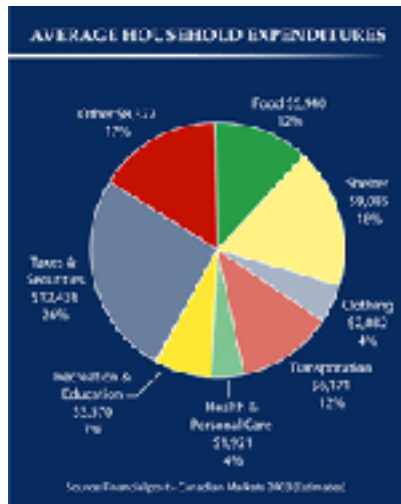
TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY INFORMATION	
	Number as of Jan '05
Hotel/Inn Rooms	1,346
Campsites	185
University of Lethbridge Residences	900
Lethbridge Community College Residences	966
Restaurants	145
Fast Food Outlets	67
Bars and Lounges	63
Movie Theatres (Screens)	21
Golf Courses	5

Source: City of Lethbridge 10/06

Economic Facts

Service and trade industries generate over one half of all the occupations in Lethbridge. Other occupations are diversified across the industries of manufacturing, public sector services, construction, transportation, finance/insurance/real estate, and primary industry. Lethbridge employers draw workers from a large commuting area consisting of rural areas and smaller towns and villages within a 100 km radius. The extended workforce population is estimated to be 86,000.

The rural background of many workers, especially in the manufacturing sector, has given rise to a highly productive and motivated workforce. Lethbridge Community College provides training to our manufacturing and support services, ensuring a good supply of skilled and semi-skilled labour for this industry. Manufacturers cite the trainability, flexibility and work ethic of the local workforce as one of the major advantages of this region.



BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMIT SUMMARY 1997-2004

Year	Housing Starts			Construction Value (Nominal Dollars)				Total
	Business License Totals	Tripl. Dwelling Units	Single Family One-Ford	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Indiv. Units	
1997	53,299	3482	3301	\$48,863,354	\$20,123,177	\$3,036,650	\$3,611,120	\$75,634,301
1998	53,453	5521	3350	\$53,754,325	\$27,678,807	\$1,902,100	\$7,884,265	\$84,119,507
1999	53,672	5560	3429	\$57,828,281	\$29,932,864	\$4,775,841	\$4,834,706	\$97,371,692
2000	53,705	5546	3429	\$68,413,523	\$11,603,285	\$4,716,181	\$8,214,543	\$92,947,532
2001	53,806	5819	3499	\$73,061,790	\$35,529,209	\$4,788,755	\$25,661,856	\$139,041,510
2002	53,941	5798	3579	\$75,734,230	\$22,748,638	\$38,001,421	\$8,677,041	\$135,161,330
2003	54,096	5478	3558	\$80,640,533	\$28,718,544	\$1,628,855	\$7,221,200	\$118,209,132
2004	54,177	5791	3551	\$84,349,830	\$25,108,991	\$1,129,869	\$5,129,900	\$115,618,590

Source: City of Lethbridge, Development Services

MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS 2004/2005*		
Project	Outcome	Value (In Millions)
Mascaron*	Canada Research Station	2.5
Park Place Mall	Gallery Cinemas	2.5
Holy Spirit Catholic School District	Elementary School	3.8
Downman Sector Expansion	Retail and Office Space	2.2
University of Lethbridge	Amenity Building	4.8
Home Depot	Retail Store	4.4
Sun Life Financial	Customer Service Centre	4.7
City of Lethbridge	Galt Museum Expansion	5.8
Be's Grill	Water Tower Conversion to Restaurant	5.5
Casino Lethbridge	Casino	6.0
VersaGold	Plant Expansion	8.0
Powder Hybrid Production*	Canada Treatment and Warehousing	8.0
Continuum Health Care Group*	114 Suite Retirement Residence	10.0
Real Canadian Superstore	Department Store	12.0
Mediana Developments	Condominium Phases 2-4	18.0
Sunrise Poultry	Poultry Processing Facility	20.0
Chiswick Business Park	Business Park Development	25.0
Shenker Industrial Park	Business Park Development	25.0
University of Lethbridge	Regional Health and Fitness Centre	31.0

Source: City of Lethbridge, Development Services.
*Projects have been publicly announced but construction has not commenced.

Education

Lethbridge is proud of its education system and facilities. The community is committed to quality education from ECS through to our fine college and university. Within the Lethbridge public and Catholic school systems there are 17 elementary schools, five junior high schools, three high schools and one integrated occupational school. Another Christian school operates from ECS through grade 12 and a Francophone public community school serves Lethbridge and area from preschool to grade 12. Lethbridge also has private schools that meet a variety of needs including children with learning disabilities.

LETHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lethbridge School District No. 51

High quality learning experiences for students are provided through a broad range of educational programs in eighteen schools and a number of outreach programs. After a carefully executed grade reconfiguration in 2003, our schools have a grade structure comprised of kindergarten to grade 5 students in elementary schools, grade 6 to 8 students in middle schools and grade 9 to 12 students in high schools. Lethbridge School District No. 51 takes pride in the breadth of its programs and the quality of its facilities designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of learners. All schools provide instruction in the core subjects (language arts, mathematics, social studies and science), physical education, and the fine arts. French language instruction is provided in grades four through twelve and a French Immersion program is offered for students from kindergarten through grade twelve. Blackfoot, Spanish, German and Japanese courses are also available. In addition, at the secondary level, students can experience a wide range of options or complementary courses designed to meet their unique needs and interests, including those related to career and technology studies. Information and communication technology instruction is integrated into all student programs. Other instructional programs include kindergarten, offered in all elementary schools, a district preschool program, special education for students with unique needs, native education, and early literacy. A Montessori program is established at the elementary level and will be piloted at the middle school level in the fall of 2005. International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs are offered to high school students wanting a challenge and advanced standing in university. The instructional program is enhanced by the provision of counselling services in all schools that include social/emotional, educational and career counselling. These services are enhanced by partnerships with the Lethbridge Regional Police Service, the Chinook Health Region, Southwest Alberta Child and Family Services, Alberta Human Resources and Employment, and other agencies. A strong extra-curricular program is also provided that includes a variety of athletic, fine arts and student leadership opportunities.

Greater Southern Francophone
Education Region No. 4

École La Vérendrye is a Francophone Public Community School serving Lethbridge and area. The School offers an education

program from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 with English instruction starting in Grade 3. École La Vérendyre is one of the 2 Francophone schools in Alberta.

Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division #4

The Holy Spirit Catholic School Division operates a total of 13 schools (E.C.S. to Grade 12) in five different communities (Coaldale, Lethbridge, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek and Taber). In addition to offering a solid program in the core subject areas, additional programs include: French Immersion, Native Education and Fine Arts. Special Education support and services are provided to students requiring a different program or an adaptation / modification of a regular school program. The Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is strongly committed to the ideals of a Catholic education, and provides opportunities for students to achieve academic excellence and to grow personally, socially and physically in a Christ-oriented environment. The vision of the Catholic Schools is best described as follows: "From the first moment that a student sets foot in a Catholic school, he or she ought to have the impression of entering a new environment, one illuminated by the light of faith, and having its own unique characteristics." We welcome all students interested in being part of this unique mandate.

LETHBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Lethbridge Public Library provides access to information and entertainment and is a public meeting place for education, literacy, social, recreational, cultural and business activities for people of all ages in southern Alberta. The Library offers extensive reading and research material including a strong business information service augmented with online access to a number of subscription databases. This online access is available not only in the library, but from home as well, with a current library card and a valid PIN number. To broaden the availability of information resources and services the Lethbridge Public Library is a member of the Chinook Arch Regional Library System, The Alberta Library (TAL) and The Southern Alberta Information Network. The Library provides free use of computers for word processing and internet/email access free of charge and boasts excellent theatre and community meeting room space.

Emergency Services

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/Ambulance

The City's Fire Department provides fire, ambulance (Paramedic/EMT) rescue, and fire prevention services to Lethbridge and the surrounding area. The department is a full-time integrated fire and ambulance service in which personnel serve dual roles as fire fighters and ambulance attendants. There are four fire stations; the three outlying stations have first response pumpers and Advanced Life Support paramedic ambulances. The central station has a first response pump and an Advanced Life Support paramedic rescue unit. The Fire Prevention Branch provides fire investigation and inspection services. The branch also conducts many public education programs, including: Learn not to Burn, Juvenile Fire Setters, Burn Awareness, and Smoke Alarm Replacement. The department is in charge of the operation and coordination of disaster services. In all aspects the department works closely with citizens, business and industry.

Police

The Lethbridge Regional Police Service (LRPS) provides progressive police services to the citizens of Coaldale and Lethbridge. Born of the amalgamation of the Lethbridge Police Service and the Coaldale Police Service under the umbrella of the first community driven regional policing model in Alberta. The LRPS officially came into existence in February 200 . With 131 sworn officers and 85 civilian employees and volunteers, police service is provided in the region 2 hours a day. The police service is committed to providing a safe community through education and crime prevention, community partnerships, excellence in service delivery and professionalism in the application of the law. The LRPS Headquarters houses the Public Safety Communications Centre (PSCC) where the 911 emergency call centre, police dispatch and fire dispatch, for Lethbridge and surrounding areas, reside. The PSCC provides emergency assistance to the citizens of the region 24 hours a day.

Health Care

HEALTH CARE

CHINOOK HEALTH REGION

The Chinook Health Region (CHR) delivers health services to residents in the southwestern corner of the province and employs more than 3,500 people in 1 communities throughout the Region. The CHR Board is responsible for carrying out Alberta Health and Wellness' mandate for providing acute hospital care, community/public health services and continuing care for the 150,000 residents of the Region. The corporate office for the Chinook Health Region is located in Lethbridge at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital. The CHR operates 10 active treatment and/or continuing care hospitals, 15 Community Health Sites and a Children's Care Centre. The CHR is funded through Alberta Health and Wellness, the provincial health ministry. The province adheres to the principles of the public health system as described in the Canada Health Act. In accordance with that Act, Albertans – like all Canadians – have access to a comprehensive, publicly funded healthcare system. The mandate of Alberta Health and Wellness is to encourage and support healthy living through both proactive (education) and reactive (treatment) means. For more information about our healthcare system visit www.health.gov.ab.ca

MEDICAL CENTRES & HEALTH CARE

Lethbridge offers exceptionally high-quality medical services. The Lethbridge Regional Hospital provides a 277-bed community and regional referral hospital. St. Michael's Health Centre operates a 210-bed residential care facility with specialized palliative care services. Edith Cavell provides 120 continuing care beds and Extendicare Lethbridge provides 120 beds, as well the Region partnered with the Good Samaritan Society and now has two Designated Assisted Living Facilities – Park Meadows Village and West Highlands. Lethbridge has approximately 165 resident physicians and surgeons, 0 dentists, 30 chiropractors, two orthodontists and around 15 optometrists. A full range of public health, mental health and rehabilitation services are also provided. A variety of non-governmental health organizations (e.g. Canadian Cancer Society) have local and/or regional offices in Lethbridge.

LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Opened in 1988, at a cost of \$91 million, the Lethbridge Regional Hospital was the largest single construction project in the city's history. It provides 232 acute care beds and 5 geriatrics beds, and serves both as a general hospital for Lethbridge and area, and as a referral centre for the Chinook Health Region. The hospital provides a comprehensive range of health services in a modern, spacious and technically-sophisticated facility. The facility houses a full diagnostic and treatment centre. There is a complete range of in-patient services in medicine, surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics, psychiatry, acute geriatrics and rehabilitative medicine. A wide range of out-patient services is offered, including a 24-hour physician-staffed emergency service with a specialized trauma team, and comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services. Day surgery, psychiatric day programs, respiratory, and a multi-disciplinary rehabilitation program are offered on an out-patient or day basis. There is a major intensive-care unit, CAT scan, MRI, angiography, laproscopic surgery, high level neonatal intensive care unit, a number of clinics (eye, sleep apnea, asthma) and a comprehensive range of education, medical and non-medical support services.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

A full range of community and public health services is provided by the Chinook Health Region. Please visit www.chr.ab.ca for more information.

- The Community Care Program
- Community Rehabilitation Program
- Children's C.A.R.E. Centre
- Wellness Services
- Health Protection Program
- Population Health Programs
- Sexual Health Centre.
- Building Healthy Lifestyles and Chronic Disease Management & Prevention Network

HUMAN SERVICES

Lethbridge prides itself on its reputation as a "caring community," a community in which individuals can feel a sense of belonging. Accordingly, a number of volunteer organizations provide a wide range of services. Here are a few examples:

- Boys' and Girls' Club of Lethbridge
- Community LINKS of Southern Alberta

- Green Acres Foundation
- Helen Schuler Coulee Centre
- Lethbridge Food Bank
- Lethbridge Family Services

For a more complete listing please visit [www.volunteerlethbridge.com/ Agencies3.php](http://www.volunteerlethbridge.com/Agencies3.php)

HOMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The CHR believes in enhancing wellness and independence for our senior population. Living options ranging from home care supports to long-term care provide a diverse level of service dependent on the care needs of individuals. Within the City of Lethbridge, there are six Senior Citizen Lodges, enhanced lodge space, Designated-Assisted Living Facilities like Park Meadows Village and West Highlands along with Continuing Care facilities such as Extendicare and Edith Cavell. Each facility provides a different level of support based on the assessed needs of the client.

ST. MICHAEL'S HEALTH CENTRE

St. Michael's Health Centre offers a multifaceted range of residential, personal and health services to persons with continuing care needs and terminal illness within the Chinook Health Region. St. Michael's Health Centre, located in Lethbridge, Alberta, opened its doors on May 1, 2000. The organization meets the needs of 200 continuing care residents, and 10 palliative care patients, in a home-like environment. Residents have private suites that are arranged in homes of 8 to 12 occupants. Each home is self-contained with its own living room, dining room and kitchen. Homes are connected to neighbourhoods that include a great room, parlor, hobby room and therapy suite. Residents also have access to a series of enclosed garden courts, a library/reading room, hair salon, and a coffee shop.

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Location

The City of Lethbridge is located in the County of Lethbridge #26. It is 209 km [130 miles] south of Calgary, 1,184 km [735 miles] east of Vancouver, 1,226 km [762 miles] west of Winnipeg and 1,581 km [982 miles] north of Denver.

Lethbridge has good access to all Canadian cities through its excellent rail, road and air transportation modes.

ACCESSIBILITY

Proximity

- 1 hour from major Port of Entry at Coutts/Sweetgrass
- Local trading area of approximately 275,000
- Closer to U.S. markets than Calgary (2hrs), and Edmonton (5hrs)

Highway Infrastructure

- City bypass access to two major highways
- At the junction of 3 major highways (3, ,5)
- 2011 completion of the Alberta portion of the CANAMEX corridor

Time Zone

- Located in the Mountain Standard Time Zone
- Extended service day to Eastern customers

Safety

- Moderate terrain provides ease of transportation

- Twinned highway to border with direct access to Interstate 15
- Widening of highway 5 (South) entrance of the city completed in 2005



Post Secondary Education

LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, (LCC)

In its role as Canada's first public funded community college, Lethbridge Community College (LCC) has a 6-year tradition of meeting the educational and training needs of southern Albertans. The college also continues to enhance existing relationships with other educational institutions and businesses, while developing new, mutually beneficial partnerships. In today's fast-paced world of work, LCC provides opportunities for companies and industry to ensure their employees have the up-to-date skills and training they need in a competitive business environment.

PROGRAMS

More than 7,500 students access LCC each year in over 70 career programs geared towards: Agriculture, Engineering and Industrial Training; Applied Management; College and University Preparatory; Criminal Justice; Environmental Science; General Studies; Health and Human Services; and Media and Computing. One-year certificates, two-year diplomas, post-certificate or post-diploma degrees, applied degrees, apprenticeship training and fast-track training provide more options for learners at various stages of their educational career. The college also offers transfer agreements with many institutions in Canada and beyond. Each LCC program has an advisory committee made up of business and industry representatives.

Several programs offered by LCC are unique. The college offers the only applied degree program in Corrections in Canada, the only Therapeutic Recreation program specializing in Gerontology in Canada, and the only applied degree program in Conservation Enforcement in Alberta. In addition, specialized Criminal Justice programming is available to First Nations students. The quality of LCC's trades and technologies programs is reflected in the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board's recognition of four LCC instructors as the best in southern Alberta for 2000 through 2004. To accommodate the needs of the working student and those who are unable to attend the campus, LCC offers hundreds of individual courses and several complete programs through Distributed Learning. LCC is also involved with the provincial eCampus Alberta project, a consortium of 15 colleges and technical institutes that have formed a partnership to offer greater access to online learning opportunities.

SERVICES

Assisting students in being able to attend college is the goal of LCC's Making Dreams Real scholarship initiative; a program created to generate \$2 million in three years to help make the dream of a post secondary education more achievable for more learners. As enrollments grow, LCC's facilities have grown to accommodate the new learners. In 2001, LCC opened a new Technologies Wing Third Floor. A new \$10.5 million instructional building opened in October 2002. With the construction of new residences in 2001, the campus has some of the most well-kept, modern student suites in Canada. LCC has accommodations for 440 students.

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE, (U of L)

The University of Lethbridge attracts more than 7,500 students from Canada and 60 countries worldwide to experience first-class education in a personalized setting. The U of L offers more than 150 degree/program options through five faculties and schools: Fine Arts, Arts & Science, Management, Education and Health Sciences. The School of Graduate Studies offers Masters Degrees in Education, Management, Health Sciences and Arts and Science. The University offers a number of pre-professional programs in areas such as engineering, medicine and law. As well, the U of L has agreements with Lethbridge Community College and numerous Canadian and international educational institutions for post-diploma credit transfers. A Bachelor of Social Work degree is offered on the campus by the University of Calgary. New programs include Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees, plus degrees in Geographic Information Sciences, Multi media Fine Arts, Environmental Sciences, Canada's only Addictions Counselling degree, and a unique Agricultural Biotechnology/Agricultural Studies program endorsed by the Alberta Institute of Agrologists. Class sizes are small relative to most other universities and extensive co-op placements and other career-related services ensure students have access to employment opportunities wherever possible. The U of L administers more than \$1 million in scholarships and bursary funds.

THE CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

The University, located on a 57-acre parcel on the banks of the Oldman River, opened in 1971. On-campus housing is available and provides ready access to the institution's many facilities, which include an Olympic sized pool, state-of-the-art computer labs and study centres (open 2 hours), numerous theatres, two art galleries and flexible fine arts display space, dance studios, a visual arts study centre as well as music practice rooms and art studios. Fine Arts, Sports and Recreation Services programming offers a wide variety of community-focused activities. A new library opened in the fall of 2001. Other recent campus construction has included 96 new residence spaces and the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience, which houses Canada's leading Neuroscience research group. The University has started construction on its Regional Health and Wellness Centre, a 140,000 sq. ft. building project which will house a triple gym, fitness centre, running track, large climbing wall and training space for various campus and community sports organizations. New facility completion is expected in 2006, with renovations to the existing building completed by 2007.



LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT DATA		
	Full Lead equivalent	Non-credit Registrations
1998-99	3,731	12,875
1999-00	3,953	14,581
2000-01	4,122	12,396
2001-02	4,255	5,450
2002-03	4,398	N/A
2003-04	4,131	N/A

Source: Lethbridge Community College



UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE ENROLLMENT DATA			
	Full Time	Part Time	Summer (FTSPT)
1997	4,611	750	3,514
1998	4,725	707	3,507
1999	5,187	822	3,984
2000	5,544	856	3,507
2001	5,945	1028	3,815
2002	6,175	954	4,037
2003	6,512	890	4,079
2004	6,047	905	4,268

Source: University of Lethbridge

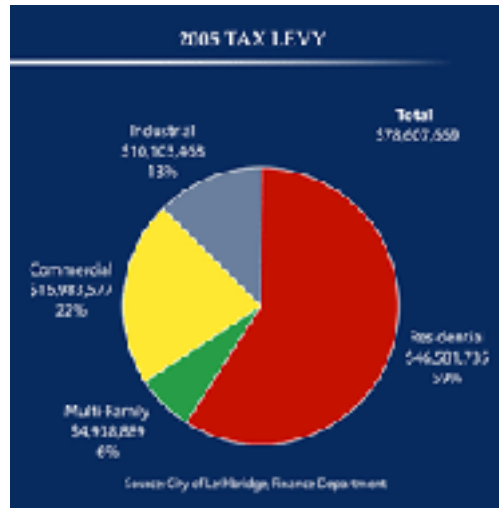
Taxation

The City's financial strategy includes the "pay-as-you-go" plan for financing all but the largest of capital projects. This program serves to keep tax increases to a minimum for both residents and businesses. Lethbridge continues to enjoy a comparatively low debt per capita relative to other Alberta cities. In fact, Lethbridge's tax-supported debt of \$11 per capita is at its lowest level on record. Commercial / Industrial Development property taxes are based on a mill rate of 25.301 in 2005 and results in a tax of \$25.30 per \$1,000 assessed value. The Alberta Government has mandated that property tax assessments for 1998 and future taxation years within the Province:

- a) are reflective of the market value of the property as of July 1 of the previous year, and
- b) that the assessments must be kept current by being updated on an annual basis.

Lethbridge Total Assessed Value (2005) \$5,916,959,650

The City of Lethbridge does not have a business tax and continues the practice of not taxing machinery and equipment used in manufacturing or processing. Alberta continues to have the lowest provincial income taxes in Canada and no provincial sales tax. The Alberta Government is committed to strengthening Alberta's tax advantage.



2005 TAX RATE (MILLS)

Type	City General	Total Including School Tax
Residential	8.143	12.500
Multi-Family	15.287	20.704
Commercial/Industrial	18.875	25.301

Source: City of Lethbridge

Transportation

AIR SERVICE

The Lethbridge County Airport is conveniently located on highway 5 two kilometres south of the City of Lethbridge and approximately 10 minutes from the city centre. There are 13 commercial scheduled flights per day provided by Air Canada Jazz, Integra Air and Regional 1. Destination airports are the Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver International Airports. Other destinations include Abbotsford, Kelowna, Victoria and Kamloops. Itinerant aircraft customs clearance is available from Canada Customs via CANPASS. Charter aircraft services, aircraft rentals and flight training are also available.

ROAD SYSTEMS

Lethbridge is served by excellent provincial highways. To the north, Calgary and Edmonton are two and five-hour drives respectively via highway 2. Only one hour to the south lies Alberta's major port of entry to the United States. This 2-hour border crossing at Coutts links Lethbridge and Alberta's Export highway with U.S. Interstate #15. highway 3 is a major east-west traffic route linking Lethbridge with Vancouver to the west, and eastern centres through Medicine Hat where it joins the Trans Canada highway. Lethbridge has over a dozen trucking firms offering local, provincial, national, and international freight services. Lethbridge's roadway network is one of the best maintained roadway systems in Alberta. The network includes a major freeway section through the centre of the city, providing excellent access to all parts of the community.

RAIL SERVICE

The city is located on a mainline of the Canadian Pacific Railway with trackage in all four directions. Products are easily shipped

east to Toronto, south to the U.S., west to Vancouver, and north to Calgary. Full freight-handling facilities are located in Lethbridge and a large, modern marshalling yard facility is just west of the city. Spur trackage is also available to serve the industrial area, as is a rail loading facility available to all businesses.

CUSTOMS SERVICE

Canada Customs provides service to Lethbridge via the Coutts Customs Office. Customs service for the clearance of aircraft is provided at the Lethbridge County Airport for CANPASS participants only. Recent upgrades to the Coutts/Sweetgrass Port of Entry include more cooperation between Canada and U.S. customs as well as more service lanes, both of which help to reduce wait times. As of 2004, the Free and Secure Trade initiative (FAST) is in operation, giving transportation companies enrolled in the program faster clearance through border crossings through the reduction of border exams and information requirements. These enhancements have facilitated the distribution of goods between the United States and Canada. A total of four sufferance warehouses are located throughout the city.

WAREHOUSING & DISTRIBUTION

Warehouses for freight are readily available throughout the city. These include standard and refrigerated facilities. Terminal facilities are also on hand, many of which offer third party logistics capabilities.

TRANSIT SERVICE

LA Transit offers service to most residential areas seven days a week. Also offered by LA Transit is school bussing for the public and separate systems plus a variety of charter services.

Destination	Minimum Charge	500 lb. load \$ per 100 lbs.	Truckload Rates*	Distance (Kilometers**)	Driving Hours
Calgary, AB	\$33.50	\$11.70	\$450	205	2.0
Edmonton, AB	\$40.00	\$10.84	\$750	514	5.0
Vancouver, BC	\$67.61	\$28.00	\$1,500	1,184	14.0
Los Angeles, CA	\$242.00	\$71.12	\$1,700	4,025	39.0
Chicago, IL	\$175.00	\$60.16	\$2,200	3,586	31.0
Houston, TX	\$123.19	\$64.02	\$2,600	2,488	41.0

*Minimum Canadian freightage **Mileage rates apply to U.S. destinations
 **MILE = 1.609344 KILOMETERS **1 KM = 0.621371 MILES

Utilities

WATER RATES IN 2005

The City of Lethbridge supplies water services. For information call the City’s Water & Wastewater Office (403) 320-3076. The City of Lethbridge operates a modern computer controlled wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 150,000 m3/day. Drinking water is of high quality with a turbidity of less than 0.1 NTU.

Fixed Charges:

- The monthly commercial water service connection charge ranges from \$17.79 for a 3/4” commercial connection to \$1575 for a 12” connection.
- A monthly fire protection service connection charge applies to buildings with separate firefighting facilities and varies from \$23 for a 2” connection to \$167 for a 10” connection.

Variable Charge:

- Domestic consumption is charged at a rate of \$.447 per cubic metre. See the following water rates table for commercial charges.

WASTEWATER RATES IN 2005

The City of Lethbridge supplies wastewater services. For information, call the City's Water & Wastewater Office, (403) 320-3076. The secondary sewage treatment facility incorporates biological nutrient removal into an activated sludge treatment method. Average daily flow received at the treatment plant is 32,000 cubic metres per day. The plant is capable of handling 80,000 cubic metres of flow per day. The facility is a modern plant, which makes Lethbridge capable of handling large effluent loads from food processing plants.

Domestic / Commercial Rate:

- Fixed charge of \$6.59 per month (3/4"meter).
- Variable charge based on average consumption in winter months.
- Sewage discharge is then calculated using a charge of \$0.757 per cubic metre.
- Industrial rate based on sewage characteristics.

BILLING SERVICES FOR LETHBRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

ENMAX Energy, 1-877-571-7111 (billing inquiries), is the official retailer of electric energy for the City of Lethbridge as well as providing billing services for all Lethbridge Municipal Utilities (water, sewer, garbage, recycling).

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Complete end-to-end telecommunication service is available in Lethbridge. Fibre optic cable is available throughout the city and can be provided to any location in Lethbridge. All providers have redundant capabilities built into their fibre optic networks and can provide worry-free uninterrupted telecommunication service.

ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS

The electric and natural gas energy industries in Alberta operate in a competitive environment. The delivery services for energy are regulated and Albertans have the option to purchase energy through a designated service provider at regulated rates or through competitive contract offers. The City of Lethbridge participates in the deregulated Alberta electric industry as an electric wire owner and wire services provider, within the municipal boundaries of the City of Lethbridge. Information on the electric distribution system is available at the City of Lethbridge website, www.lethbridge.ca. ATCO Gas provides natural gas distribution services through its pipelines system. Information on the distribution system is available at www.atcogas.ca. To find out more information on electric and natural gas de-regulation, visit the Customer Choice Web site, www.customerchoice.gov.ab.ca or call Alberta Government Services at 1-877-427-4088.

Monthly Consumption (Cubic Metre)	Rates per Cubic Metre (Cumulative)
0 to 75	\$0.854
76 to 750	\$0.959
751 to 2500	\$0.504
2501 to 25,000	\$0.456
25,001 to 50,000	\$0.347
50,001 to 100,000	\$0.241
100,001 and over	\$0.215

Source: City of Lethbridge

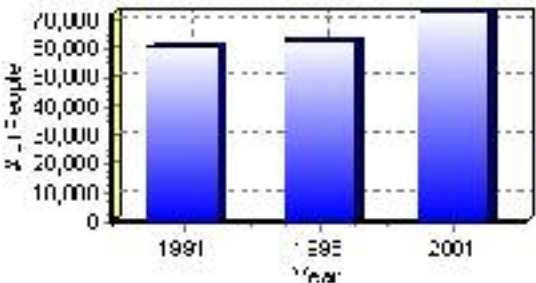
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	72,717
Population 2003*	72,717
Population 2002*	72,717
Population 2001**	67,375
Population 2000*	68,712
Population 1996**	63,053
Population 1991**	60,974
Population % change 1991-1996	3.30%
Population % change 1996-2001	13.29%

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

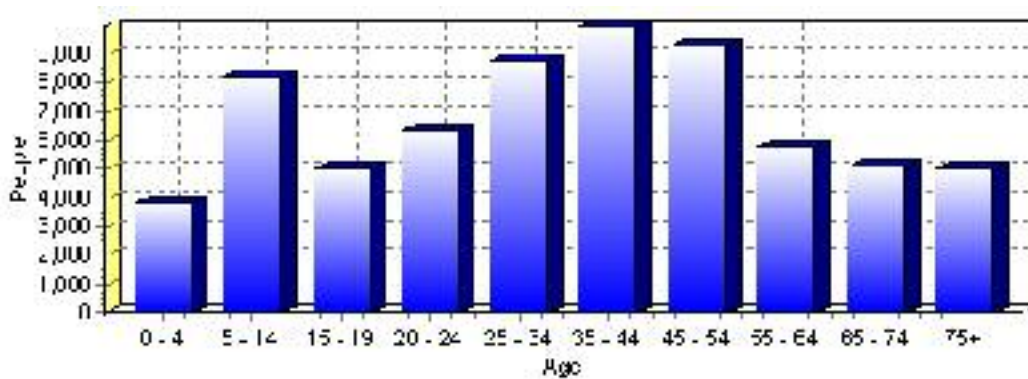
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	2,090	1,940	4,030	1,910	1,930	3,840
Age 5 - 14	4,320	4,055	8,375	4,325	3,910	8,235
Age 15 - 19	2,275	2,325	4,600	2,485	2,535	5,020
Age 20 - 24	2,635	2,785	5,420	3,050	3,270	6,320
Age 25 - 34	4,600	4,595	9,195	4,440	4,335	8,775
Age 35 - 44	4,810	5,145	9,955	4,880	5,100	9,980
Age 45 - 54	3,530	3,685	7,215	4,500	4,755	9,255
Age 55 - 64	2,410	2,620	5,030	2,745	3,030	5,775
Age 65 - 74	2,090	2,755	4,845	2,350	2,770	5,120
Age 75 and older	1,665	2,715	4,380	1,870	3,180	5,050
Total All Persons	30,425	32,630	63,055	32,545	34,825	67,370

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

Lethbridge Population by Age Group (2001)

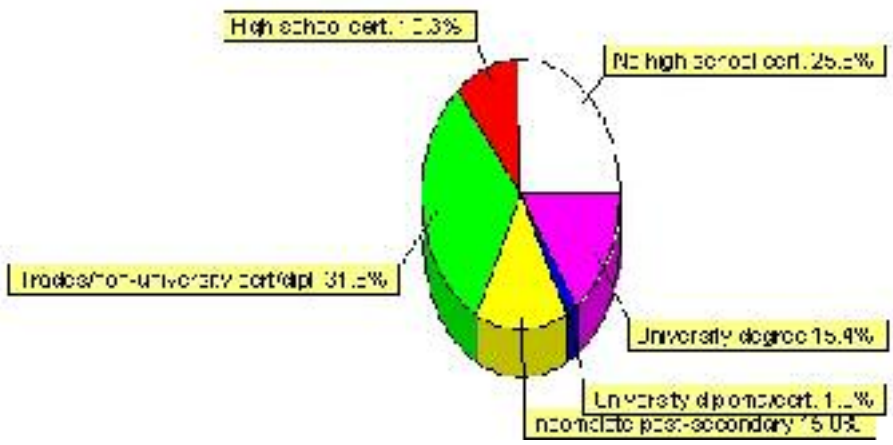


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	12,700	25.82%
People with high school certificates	5,065	10.30%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	15,520	31.56%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	7,380	15.01%
People with university diploma/certificate	935	1.90%
People with university degree	7,580	15.41%
Total Population 20 years and older	49,180	100.00%

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

Lethbridge Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	1,520	7.31%	1,745	7.22%
Commerce, management and business administration	4,520	21.74%	5,200	21.52%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	2,755	13.25%	3,115	12.89%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	4,405	21.19%	5,160	21.36%
Engineering and applied sciences	325	1.56%	360	1.49%
Fine and applied arts	1,230	5.92%	1,490	6.17%
Health professionals, science and technologies	2,670	12.84%	3,335	13.80%
Humanities and related fields	1,130	5.44%	1,125	4.66%
Mathematics and physical sciences	305	1.47%	480	1.99%
Social sciences and related fields	1,875	9.02%	2,085	8.63%
Other and/or no specialization	55	0.26%	70	0.29%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	20,790	100.00%	24,160	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	10,470	50.36%	12,190	50.46%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	10,320	49.64%	11,970	49.54%

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

Labour Force

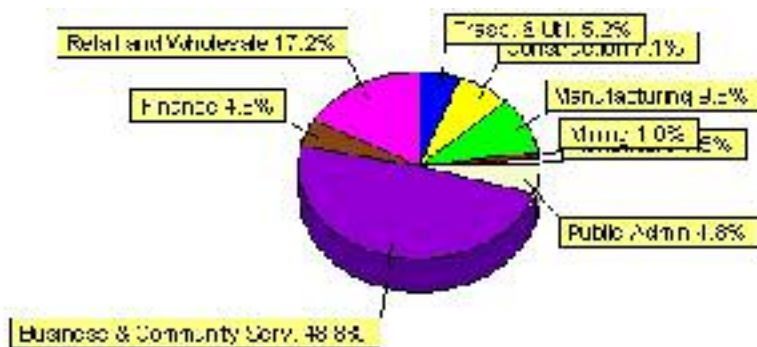
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	33,450	37,015
Not in the labour force, both sexes	16,355	17,135
Total population 15 and over	49,800	54,150
Employed, both sexes	31,190	34,995
Unemployed, both sexes	2,260	2,020
Participation rate, both sexes	67.00%	68.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	7.00%	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	775	2.36%	560	1.53%
Mining	265	0.81%	380	1.04%
Manufacturing	2,910	8.86%	3,580	9.75%
Construction	2,135	6.50%	2,590	7.06%
Transportation. & Utilities	2,250	6.85%	1,920	5.23%
Retail and Wholesale	6,910	21.04%	6,300	17.17%
Finance	1,400	4.26%	1,670	4.55%
Business & Community Services	13,505	41.11%	17,925	48.84%
Public Administration	2,035	6.19%	1,770	4.82%
Total All Industries	32,850	100.00%	36,700	100.00%

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

Lethbridge Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	2,780	8.46%	3,555	9.69%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	6,025	18.34%	6,075	16.55%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	1,330	4.05%	1,500	4.09%
Health occupations	1,780	5.42%	2,155	5.87%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	2,555	7.78%	3,260	8.88%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	800	2.44%	775	2.11%

Sales and service occupations	10,250	31.21%	10,365	28.24%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	4,810	14.64%	6,000	16.35%
Occupations unique to primary industry	1,130	3.44%	1,100	3.00%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	1,385	4.22%	1,915	5.22%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	600	1.83%	315	0.86%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	32,845	100.00%	36,700	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	15,665	47.69%	17,705	48.24%
Males - All Occupations	17,180	52.31%	18,995	51.76%

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	1,375	9.33%	1,795	12.23%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	4,245	28.81%	4,490	30.60%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	3,965	26.91%	4,475	30.49%
\$60,000 and over	5,150	34.95%	5,375	36.63%
Total number of families	14,735	100.00%	16,135	109.95%
Average family income	\$55,912		\$61,425	
Median family income	\$48,327		\$53,145	

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	5,790	23.63%	5,385	19.85%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	7,185	29.33%	6,990	25.76%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	5,475	22.35%	5,690	20.97%
\$60,000 and over	1,845	7.53%	9,065	33.41%
Total number of households	24,500	100.00%	27,130	100.00%
Average household income	\$45,544		\$52,841	
Median household income	\$38,014		\$44,105	

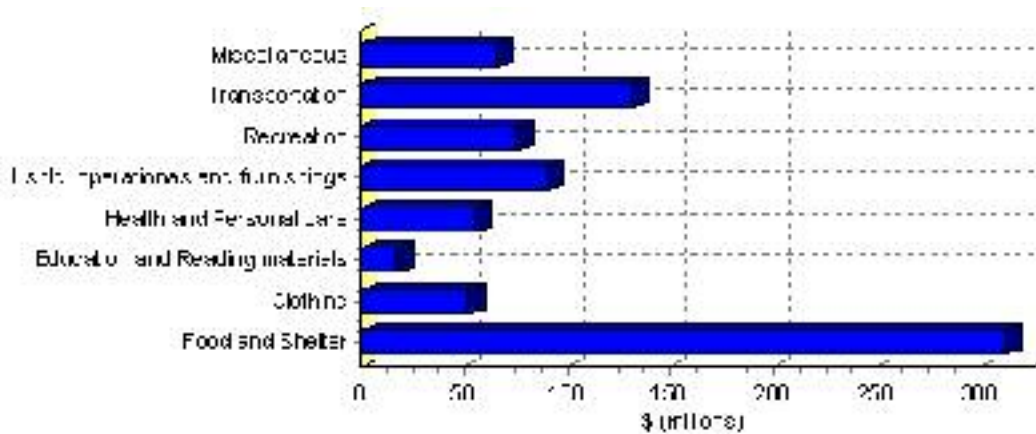
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Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$260,433,120	37.06%	\$313,015,013	38.97%
Clothing	\$48,462,425	6.90%	\$52,829,210	6.58%
Education and Reading materials	\$15,070,630	2.14%	\$17,689,281	2.20%
Health and Personal care	\$43,770,875	6.23%	\$55,850,821	6.95%
Hshld. operations and furnishings	\$77,353,840	11.01%	\$90,127,932	11.22%
Recreation	\$57,784,925	8.22%	\$75,519,171	9.40%
Transportation	\$144,014,350	20.49%	\$132,268,287	16.47%
Miscellaneous	\$55,701,790	7.93%	\$65,877,896	8.20%
Total Current Consumption	\$702,804,705	100.00%	\$803,177,611	100.00%
Total # of Households	23,325		24,500	
Average Consumption per Household	\$30,131		\$32,783	

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

Lethbridge Family Expenditures (1996)

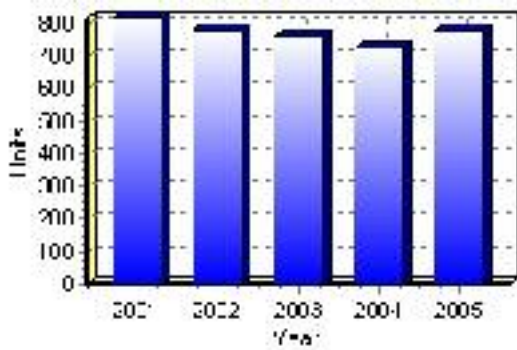


Building Permits

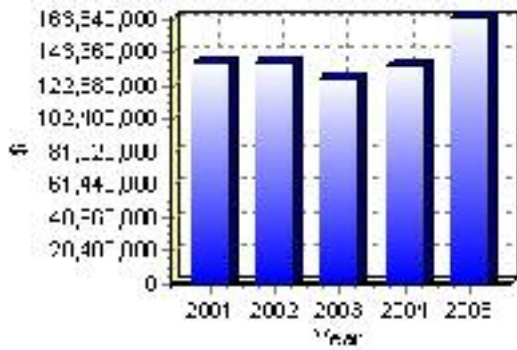
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$39,840,000	\$26,916,000	\$31,103,000	\$29,944,000	\$47,143,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$1,315,000	\$4,289,000	\$2,656,000	\$1,418,000	\$10,496,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$27,994,000	\$31,165,000	\$18,958,000	\$27,952,000	\$28,219,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$67,443,000	\$75,197,000	\$74,142,000	\$76,032,000	\$78,695,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$136,592,000	\$137,567,000	\$126,859,000	\$135,346,000	\$164,553,000
Total Housing Starts	817	780	763	723	778

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	3,470	14.16%	3,875	14.28%
Detached Duplexes	1,050	4.29%	1,250	4.61%
Movable Dwellings	70	0.29%	645	2.38%
Other single attached house	55	0.22%	35	0.13%
Row and semi-detached house	2,965	12.10%	3,240	11.94%
Single-detached house	16,875	68.88%	18,085	66.66%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	24,500	100.00%	27,130	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	16,790	68.53%	19,050	70.22%
Private Dwellings, rented	7,715	31.49%	8,080	29.78%

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	2,885	10.64%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	4,965	18.30%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	3,685	13.59%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	6,970	25.70%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	4,075	15.02%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	4,545	16.76%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	27,125	100.00%

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

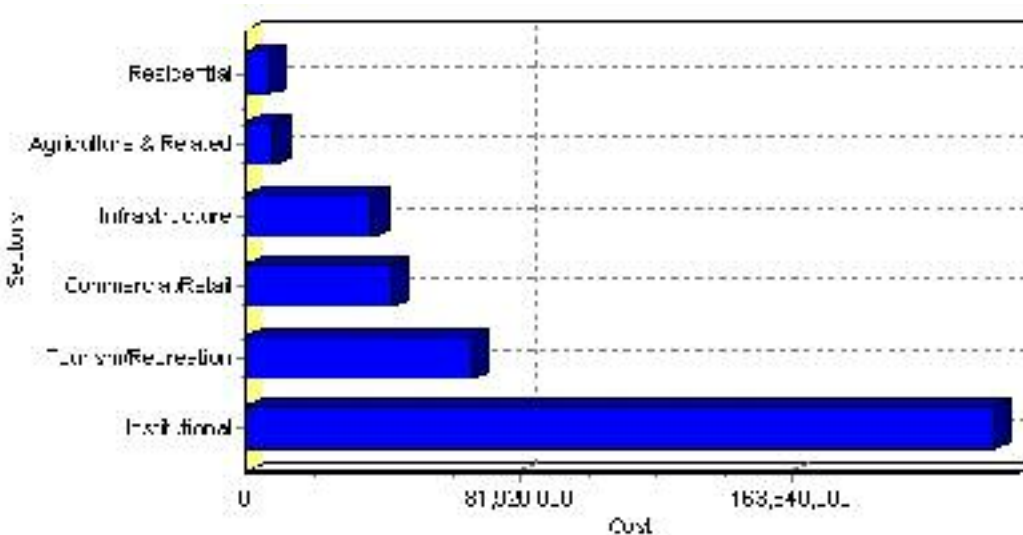
Projects

Summary of Projects in Lethbridge as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Institutional	13	\$224,134,000
Tourism/Recreation	5	\$67,600,000
Commercial/Retail	18	\$43,752,000
Infrastructure	3	\$37,500,000
Agriculture & Related	1	\$8,400,000
Residential	2	\$7,000,000
Total	42	\$388,386,000

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	4	\$93,600,000
Completed	6	\$13,359,000
Nearing Completion	1	\$8,500,000
Proposed	9	\$169,600,000
Under Construction	22	\$103,327,000
Total	42	\$388,386,000

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Largest Projects in Lethbridge as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Chinook Regional Health Authority	Lethbridge Regional Hospital Re-development	Lethbridge	\$55,500,000	-	Proposed
Lethbridge and District Exhibition	Development of New Exhibition Park	Lethbridge	\$50,000,000	-	Proposed
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	West Lethbridge Centre	Lethbridge	\$39,000,000	2007-2009	Announced
University of Lethbridge	Management and Health Sciences Building	Lethbridge	\$33,000,000	-	Proposed
First Pro Shopping Centres	Commercial Power Centre, North Side	Lethbridge	\$30,000,000	2006-2007	Announced
City of Lethbridge	Water Distribution System Improvements	Lethbridge	\$26,000,000	2000-2010	Under Construction
University of Lethbridge	Regional Health and Wellness Centre (Phys Ed Building Renovation / Addition)	Lethbridge	\$24,500,000	2005-2007	Under Construction
University of Lethbridge	Water and Environmental Science Building	Lethbridge	\$21,000,000	2006-2007	Announced
Chinook Health Region / St. Michael's Health Centre	Designated Assisted Living (DAL) Facility	Lethbridge	\$18,000,000	2006-2008	Under Construction
University of Lethbridge	Turcotte Hall Addition	Lethbridge	\$11,000,000	2006-2007	Under Construction

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