

Picture Butte

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Welcome

It is with pleasure that I extend, on behalf of Picture Butte Town Council, a invitation for you to visit **Picture Butte**, the "Livestock Feeding Capital of Canada".

Located in the center of some of the largest cattle feeding operations in Canada, our industrial section offers prime location lots of various sizes suitable for a variety of uses.

Our location offers easy access to major highways leading south to the United States, west to British Columbia, north to Calgary or east to Saskatchewan. Existing business are committed and actively involved with the Picture Butte & District Chamber of Commerce to welcome new business into the community.

Picture Butte offers its residents of all ages a quality lifestyle. Active service clubs and various sport associations offer a variety of activities for residents of all ages.

The potential for Picture Butte to grow and prosper looks good. So please come visit and see for yourself first-hand what Picture Butte has to offer.

Jon Stevens
Mayor of Picture Butte

Area Overview

Two historic events were largely responsible for the founding and development of Picture Butte - the building of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation System in 1923 and the building of a railroad, which would provide access to markets, in 1925. These two events precipitated an influx of settlers from the dryland areas of Southern Alberta. A post office was opened in 1926 and the hamlet sprang to life. Another milestone was marked with the turning of sod for a sugar factory in 1935. The hamlet attained village status in 1943 and was incorporated as a town in 1960.

Today, Picture Butte has a population of 1,701, approximately 60 business establishments, excellent schools, churches of several denominations, medical and dental clinics, a modern hospital, two senior citizens' residences, a library and recreation complex.

The Butte, after which Picture Butte was named, has long since disappeared in the name of progress, but, as the hub of an intensive livestock feeding and diversified farming area, the town continues to grow. Picture Butte has many attributes, among them a blending of cultures and an effervescent spirit that provides an atmosphere of neighbourly hometown living.

Climate

SEASONAL AVERAGES:

January -10.6 C (12.9 F)

April 4.8 C (40.6 F)

July 18.0 C (64.4F)

October 7.1 C (44.8 F)

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION:

Total 412.7 mm (16.2")

Rain: 252.1 mm (9.9")

Snow: 143.4 cm (56.5')

FROST FREE DAYS: 116

Community Services

MUNICIPAL: Town of Picture Butte Box 670 Picture Butte, Alberta T0K 1V0 Tel: 403-732-4555 Fax: 403-732-4334 [Town of Picture Butte](#) Public Works Recreation Municipal Library FEDERAL: Canada Post Royal Canadian Mounted Police



Town Office

Community Lifestyle

RECREATION:

Local recreation facilities include the North County Recreation Complex [curling, hockey, outdoor swimming pool], 2 beach volleyball courts, 2 tennis courts, an 27-hole golf course located 2 km west of town, and 2 ball diamonds [Harry Watson Memorial Ball Diamonds].

Nearby recreational areas include Lion's Park, Regional Park & Campground, and the '*Walk on the Wild Side*' Nature Trail.

SERVICE CLUBS (see complete listing with contacts):

[YOUTH SERVICE CLUBS](#)

[SERVICE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS](#)

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS:

Trinity United Church

St. Catherine's Catholic Church

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Evangelical Free Church

Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall

Netherlands Reform

Picture Butte Mennonite Church

SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENTS / ATTRACTIONS:

For FULL calendar of events, please check out [Picture Butte Calendar of Events](#)

HOSPITALITY:

ACCOMMODATION:

Picture Butte Hotel

RESTAURANTS/ FOOD SERVICES:

- Picture Butte Restaurant
- M E Cafe & Lounge
- Cactus Pub, Grill & Pizza
- Picture Butte Golf Course Restaurant & Lounge (seasonal)
- Eddie's Cuisine
- Koster's Bakery/Deli
- The Frosty Dip (seasonal)

Economic Base

The main economic base in Picture Butte is agriculture. The town is surrounded by agriculture and intensive livestock feeding operations.

Economic Facts

BUSINESS LISTING (Effective March 31, 2005). For complete listing information, please visit our website at

www.picturebutte.ca

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

Bank of Nova Scotia
ATB Financial

Education

Picture Butte is part of the Palliser Regional School Division #26, headquartered in Lethbridge [Tel: 403-328-4111].

[Palliser Regional School Division](#)

DAYCARE / NURSERIES:

- Bible Story Time
- Manna's Daycare
- Picture Butte Pre-School

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Schools in Picture Butte include:

Dorothy Dalgliesh Elementary School [K-6] - 403-732-5636

[Dorothy Dalgliesh School](#)

Picture Butte High School [7-12] - 732-4404

SEPARATE:

Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate School District # 4

St. Catherine's School [K-9] - 403-732-4359

St. Catherine's School

Emergency Services

FIRE PROTECTION:

Picture Butte has a 24-member volunteer fire department [Tel: 403-732-4100].

POLICE SERVICES:

Picture Butte is served by a detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police [RCMP] [Tel: 403-732-4429].

AMBULANCE SERVICES:

The Town of Picture Butte has a volunteer ambulance service, offering Advanced Life Support / Basic Life Support.

Health Care

Decisions by the [Chinook Health Region](#) will change the town's traditional level of health care. Efforts of the Picture Butte Health Care Committee have resulted in the retention of a satisfactory level of service. In 2003, the Picture Butte Future Summit identified issues affecting health including Facilities and personnel; social issues; economic issues; need for community involvement and quality of life.

The town, the Chinook Health Region, Green Acres Foundation and Alberta Seniors have reached an agreement which will provide a level of service which will be envy of many municipalities. A wing of the Piyami Lodge is being renovated to house Urgent Care, Laboratory and X-ray services, Community Health and doctors offices. A new Supportive Housing annex is being added to the Lodge to replace 15 beds which will be lost when the primary care beds close in the old hospital.

The Picture Butte Integrated Care Society has been formed with representatives from the town and county as well as local physicians who will oversee operation of the Urgent Care, Lab and X-ray services and ensure that health care delivery meets the needs of the community.



Picture Butte Municipal Hospital

Key Contacts for Business Development

Municipal

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Mayor

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Provincial (Updated May 2006)

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Location

The Town of Picture Butte is located in the [County of Lethbridge #26](#) , in southern Alberta. It is 30 km north of Lethbridge, 240 km southeast of Calgary, and 110 km north of the U.S. border [Coutts/Sweetgrass].



View of Picture Butte

Post Secondary Education

Picture Butte is within easy commuting distance of Lethbridge-based post-secondary institutions such as:

[University of Lethbridge](#)
[Lethbridge Community College](#)

Taxation

MILL RATES:

[2005) Residential - 15.0688

Non-Residential - 20.2356

	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
<u>2005</u>		
Municipal Tax Rate	10.2755	12.7755
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.6642	7.3310
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	4.6642	7.3310
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.1291	.1291

Transportation

AIR SERVICE:

The [Lethbridge County Airport](#) is the nearest commercial and air freight service, located 30 km south of Picture Butte.

HIGHWAYS:

The main connecting highway is Highway 25, which connects to Lethbridge. It is approximately 30 km to Highway 3 and Highway 4, and 30 km to Highway 2.

TRUCKING FIRMS: Various local firms provide transport services for cattle, grain and miscellaneous use.

COURIERS: Serviced by a variety of local, provincial, and national courier companies.

Utilities

ELECTRICAL:

Aquila

Tel: 1 800 667-2354

NATURAL GAS:

Atco

424 Highway Avenue North

Picture Butte, Alberta

Tel: 403-732-5626

TELEPHONE:

Telus

808 - 4th. Avenue, South

Lethbridge, Alberta

T1J 0P2

Tel: 403-329-5911

WATER SUPPLY:

The source of water is the Keho Lake via a canal to the Picture Butte Lake Reservoir. The residential water usage rate is a flat fee of \$55.00 per two-

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

The Transfer Station is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For detailed information look under Services on our website.

Phone number is (403) 732-5757.

The usage rate for garbage collection is a flat fee of \$22.50.

Lethbridge Regional Waste Management provides a recycling trailer available for public use.

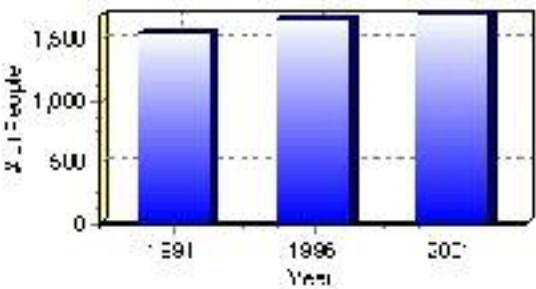
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	1,701
Population 2003*	1,701
Population 2002*	1,701
Population 2001**	1,705
Population 2000*	1,669
Population 1996**	1,669
Population 1991**	1,559
Population % change 1991-1996	6.59%
Population % change 1996-2001	1.88%

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

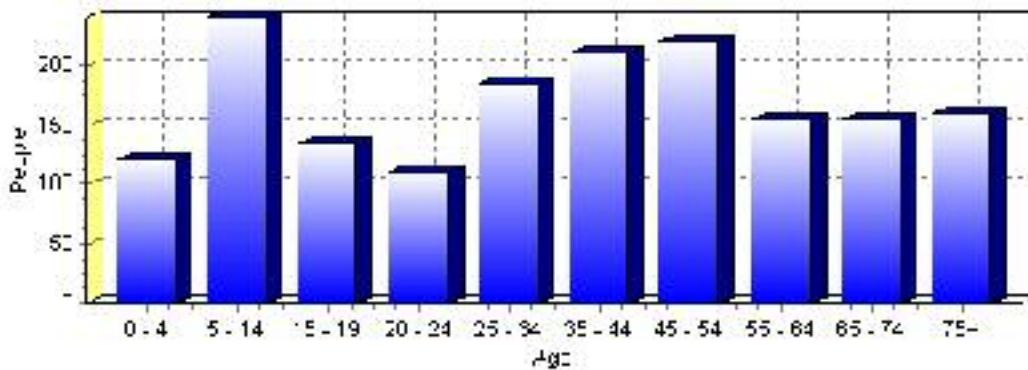
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	70	70	140	75	45	120
Age 5 - 14	135	120	255	120	120	240
Age 15 - 19	55	65	120	70	65	135
Age 20 - 24	60	45	105	55	55	110
Age 25 - 34	115	90	205	95	90	185
Age 35 - 44	120	130	250	100	110	210
Age 45 - 54	80	85	165	110	110	220
Age 55 - 64	65	75	140	80	75	155
Age 65 - 74	70	70	140	75	80	155
Age 75 and older	55	80	135	65	95	160
Total All Persons	830	840	1,670	850	850	1,700

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

Picture Butte Population by Age Group (2001)

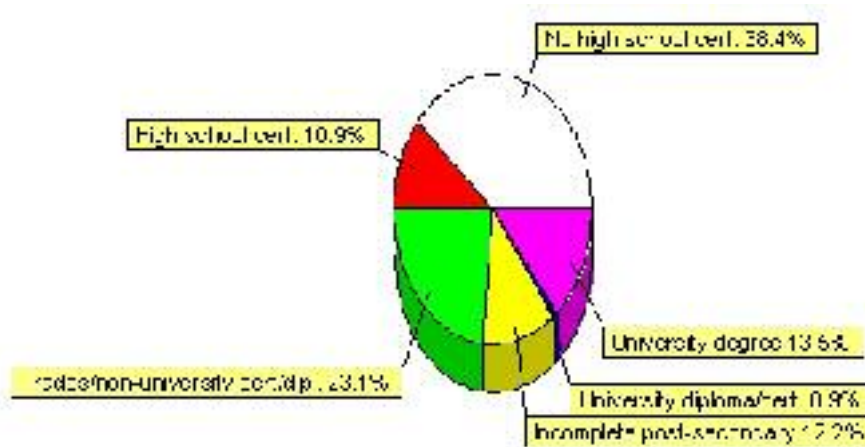


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	440	38.43%
People with high school certificates	125	10.92%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	265	23.14%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	140	12.23%
People with university diploma/certificate	10	0.87%
People with university degree	155	13.54%
Total Population 20 years and older	1,145	100.00%

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

Picture Butte Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	45	10.34%	30	6.82%
Commerce, management and business administration	50	11.49%	65	14.77%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	95	21.84%	80	18.18%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	95	21.84%	110	25.00%
Engineering and applied sciences	20	4.60%	10	2.27%
Fine and applied arts	40	9.20%	40	9.09%
Health professionals, science and technologies	35	8.05%	50	11.36%
Humanities and related fields	10	2.30%	10	2.27%
Mathematics and physical sciences	10	2.30%	10	2.27%
Social sciences and related fields	15	3.45%	30	6.82%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	435	100.00%	440	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	185	42.53%	195	44.32%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	250	57.47%	245	55.68%

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

Labour Force

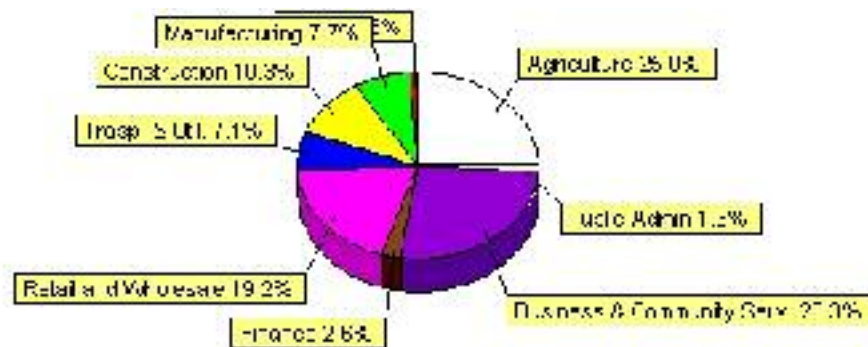
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	850	785
Not in the labour force, both sexes	375	490
Total population 15 and over	1,225	1,275
Employed, both sexes	800	770
Unemployed, both sexes	50	15
Participation rate, both sexes	69.00%	62.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	6.00%	2.00%

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	135	16.07%	195	25.00%
Mining	0	0.00%	10	1.28%
Manufacturing	60	7.14%	60	7.69%
Construction	75	8.93%	80	10.26%
Transportation. & Utilities	45	5.36%	55	7.05%
Retail and Wholesale	185	22.02%	150	19.23%
Finance	40	4.76%	20	2.56%
Business & Community Services	230	27.38%	205	26.28%
Public Administration	30	3.57%	10	1.28%
Total All Industries	840	100.00%	780	100.00%

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

Picture Butte Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	45	5.36%	70	8.97%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	160	19.05%	100	12.82%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	10	1.19%	0	0.00%
Health occupations	25	2.98%	30	3.85%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	65	7.74%	60	7.69%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	15	1.79%	10	1.28%

Sales and service occupations	210	25.00%	140	17.95%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	150	17.86%	140	17.95%
Occupations unique to primary industry	115	13.69%	170	21.79%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	50	5.95%	60	7.69%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	10	1.19%	10	1.28%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	840	100.00%	780	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	365	43.45%	330	42.31%
Males - All Occupations	475	56.55%	450	57.69%

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	40	10.81%	60	14.63%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	155	41.89%	160	39.02%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	80	21.62%	60	14.63%
\$60,000 and over	95	25.68%	155	37.80%
Total number of families	370	100.00%	435	106.10%
Average family income	\$48,144		\$56,843	
Median family income	\$37,908		\$44,049	

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	150	25.42%	110	18.03%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	200	33.90%	230	37.70%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	135	22.88%	80	13.11%
\$60,000 and over	25	4.24%	190	31.15%
Total number of households	590	100.00%	610	100.00%
Average household income	\$40,604		\$49,869	
Median household income	\$33,910		\$38,031	

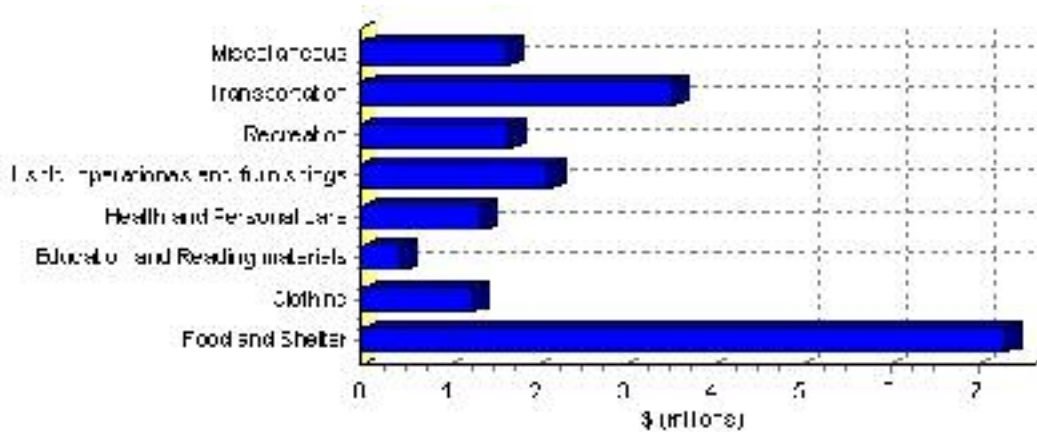
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Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$5,546,275	37.71%	\$7,321,421	37.65%
Clothing	\$971,470	6.61%	\$1,277,395	6.57%
Education and Reading materials	\$276,810	1.88%	\$446,030	2.29%
Health and Personal care	\$934,965	6.36%	\$1,356,313	6.98%
Hshld. operations and furnishings	\$1,601,010	10.89%	\$2,142,287	11.02%
Recreation	\$1,099,760	7.48%	\$1,684,263	8.66%
Transportation	\$3,050,280	20.74%	\$3,546,272	18.24%
Miscellaneous	\$1,219,670	8.29%	\$1,670,761	8.59%
Total Current Consumption	\$14,706,200	100.00%	\$19,444,742	100.00%
Total # of Households	540		593	
Average Consumption per Household	\$27,234		\$32,790	

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

Picture Butte Family Expenditures (1996)

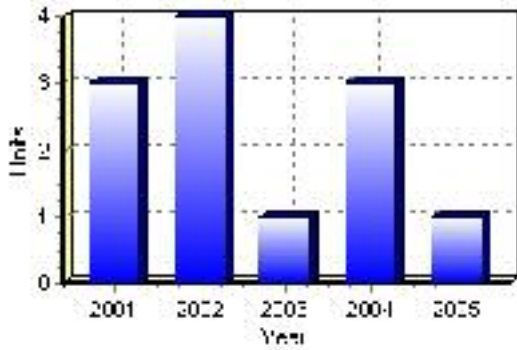


Building Permits

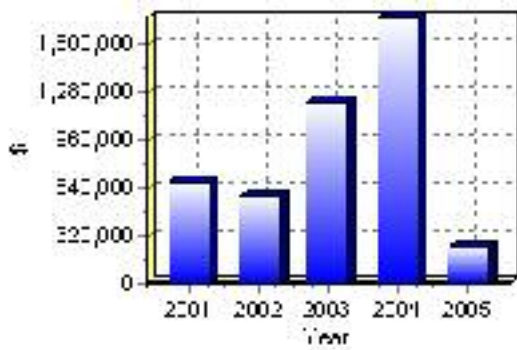
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$27,000	\$110,000	\$30,000	\$33,000	\$90,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$228,000	\$43,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$58,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,401,000	\$16,000
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$366,000	\$440,000	\$1,165,000	\$339,000	\$137,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$679,000	\$593,000	\$1,210,000	\$1,773,000	\$243,000
Total Housing Starts	3	4	1	3	1

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	0	0.00%	15	2.46%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	10	1.64%
Movable Dwellings	45	7.63%	50	8.20%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	5	0.82%
Row and semi-detached house	50	8.47%	35	5.74%
Single-detached house	500	84.75%	495	81.15%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	590	100.00%	610	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	455	77.12%	435	71.31%
Private Dwellings, rented	140	23.73%	170	27.87%

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	70	11.67%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	125	20.83%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	90	15.00%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	165	27.50%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	90	15.00%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	60	10.00%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	600	100.00%

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

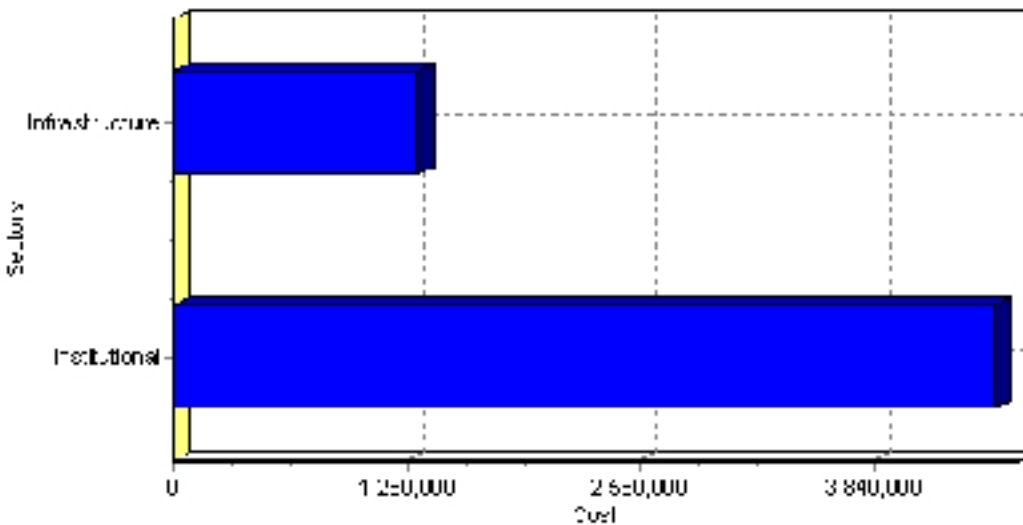
Projects

Summary of Projects in Picture Butte as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Institutional	1	\$4,500,000
Infrastructure	1	\$1,340,000
Total	2	\$5,840,000

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	1	\$4,500,000
Proposed	1	\$1,340,000
Total	2	\$5,840,000

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Largest Projects in Picture Butte as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	Expansion / Modernization	Picture Butte	\$4,500,000	2006-2007	Announced
Town of Picture Butte	SHORT TERM INFRASTRUCTURE WORK	Picture Butte	\$1,340,000 -		Proposed

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