

Slave Lake

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Welcome

The Town of **Slave Lake** welcomes your interest in our community. Whether you are looking at making a personal move to the area, relocating or establishing a business here, we hope that you find the information contained in this profile helpful and informative. In the heart of “Big Lake Country”, two and a half hours northwest of Edmonton, Slave Lake is a dynamic blend of frontier spirit and modern technological know-how. The area possesses seemingly boundless recreational opportunities—sandy beaches stretching for several kilometres, numerous campgrounds, trails for biking and off-road vehicles, sport fishing, hiking, and recreational boating are among the various adventures that the area has to offer. Slave Lake is making the



most of its abundant natural resource setting and the creative energy of its citizens. With a population nearing 7,000 and a trading area of some 28,000, this gateway to the natural wealth of Northern Alberta is continuing to attract diverse development. Enterprising men and women recognize the almost unlimited potential for growth and spin-off business in the primary industries of petroleum and forestry, along with burgeoning activity in tourism. Forward-thinking community leaders understand that growth brings both opportunities and challenges, and have therefore adopted policies of managed expansion. This foresight is also reflected in the Town’s cooperation with the neighbouring **Municipal District of Lesser Slave River** on an inter-municipal economic development plan. A balanced approach

allows for strong economic development, but not at the expense of the slower-paced lifestyle and unique personality that residents have made the hallmark of their community. Indeed, the natural beauty and economic prosperity that characterize Slave Lake make it an ideal locale in which to live, work and play.



Area Overview

Slave Lake is located 250 km northwest of Edmonton at the southeastern tip of Lesser Slave Lake, within the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River. This regional service centre lies at the foot of the lower slopes of the Swan Hills, at an elevation of 582 meters. Primarily boreal forest and some of the most easterly foothills in the province surround the community. The Boreal Plains region, within which Slave Lake falls, is characterized by a dry, sub-humid climate with warm summers and cool



winters. It is part of the Mackenzie drainage system, drained by two major Alberta river systems – the Peace and the Athabasca. The area is comprised of a number of natural ecological sub regions including boreal highlands, central mixed wood, and dry mixed wood, lower and upper foothills. A characteristic microclimate, general topography, modal vegetation communities, plus dominant soil types dominate each of these areas. Within the area are also a number of protected parks and designated “Special Places”. Each area is administered by a management plan established (or in process) for its designated land (i.e. Grizzly Ridge Provincial Park). Generally none of the areas allow commercial development but do permit some degree of recreational use such as snowmobiling, mountain biking, or cross-country skiing. Historically known as the place “where trails meet”, Slave Lake’s establishment on major highway, railway and pipeline routes continues to render it a natural hub of industrial and commercial development

Climate

Temperature	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Daily Mean (°C)	-14.5	-11.7	-4.7	3.3	9.7	13.6	15.6	14.6	9.2	3.8	-6.1	-12.9
Std. Dev.	4.9	5.3	3.6	2.1	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.5	4.0	4.4
Daily Maximum	-9.4	-5.9	1.2	9.4	16.1	19.3	21.2	20.3	14.6	9.1	-1.6	-8.2
Daily Minimum	-19.6	-17.4	-10.6	-2.9	3.3	7.9	10.0	8.8	3.7	-1.5	-10.5	-17.7
Rainfall (mm)	0.6	1.0	1.7	12.1	40.9	88.2	95.6	72.4	48.8	18.0	3.1	2.0
Snowfall (cm)	29.9	21.2	20.8	10.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	9.7	19.7	29.8

Average Number of Frost Free Days Annually: **92** Average Number of Hours of Sunshine Annually: **2175**

Community Services

Community Services, Organizations, and Churches There are several Community Organizations that provide various services throughout the area. A complete list of these organizations, and churches, can be viewed [here](#). **Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)** operates out of the Town of Slave Lake Office **Slave Lake Municipal Library**

Community Lifestyle

Slave Lake’s population of 6,600 is steeped in cultural and ethnic diversity. In its historic connections with aboriginal peoples and its warm welcome of Alberta immigrants, Slave Lake offers unique opportunities to build enriching friendships in vibrant neighbourhoods. Its small-town pace and natural environs create a quality of life second to none, enhanced by a plethora of recreational, cultural, educational, and social service facilities. A robust volunteer spirit is reflected in the sheer number of organizations devoted to community well-being and enjoyment. Along with groups dedicated to year-round sports and entertainment for all ages, cultural pursuits are supported through a library board, historical society, musical theatre association, and arts community. Social support groups, service clubs and religious organizations have many willing hands committed to building a strong, healthy community. Life-long learning is promoted through educational

facilities for pre-schoolers right through to adults of all generations. **Recreation** Outdoor enthusiasts can experience a myriad of lake sports, hiking, cycling, off-road vehicle touring, camping and golfing activities, all within easy proximity to the town. Tennis, soccer, baseball/slowpitch, and skateboarding are all accommodated within town limits. A community trail system improves pedestrian access to shopping, schools, parks and playgrounds, or simply for a pleasant interlude with nature along Sawridge Creek or Lesser Slave River. Winter months are not without their special attractions. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are nearby pursuits, while curling and skating facilities (indoor and outdoor) are conveniently situated right within Slave Lake. A recently constructed aquatic center provides year-round swimming for all ages, and private fitness centers promote personal health. Click [here](#) for information regarding Recreation, Arts & Culture; facilities and programs.



Camping



Hiking

Economic Base

Economic Strengths Slave Lake has the third largest population base of any Alberta municipality north of Edmonton. Its economy has been driven throughout the past three decades by the Oil & Gas and Forest industries. In a continuing effort to diversify the economy, Slave Lake is encouraging increases in the tourism, manufacturing, and value-added sectors. In addition, Slave Lake is further evolving into an even greater regional service centre, with additional retail, education, health, financial, government, and transportation services. **Mitsue Industrial Park** Mitsue Industrial Park is located 8 km east of the Town of Slave Lake in the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River. This park is a major industrial subdivision which, in addition to several small businesses is the location for four wood processing facilities (soon to be 5), two gas plants, and a waste / product management service for oilfield services. Those facilities employ approximately 2000 people. (directly and indirectly) **Industry Profiles** **The Regional Forestry Industry** The Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) for the Lesser Slave Lake area is approximately 4 million m³. Manufactured wood products from all mills include: pulp, OSB, veneer plywood, dimensional lumber, woodchips, and pellets. Three lumber companies account for the bulk of activity in this industry within the Slave Lake area. **West Fraser Timber** operates Slave Lake Pulp and Alberta Plywood in the Mitsue Industrial Park. It also operates Seehta Forest Products located in Red Earth Creek, just north of the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River boundaries. **Tolko Industries** enhanced their presence in the area in 2003 when it purchased an Oriented Strand Board (OSB) Plant in the Mitsue Industrial Park. Construction of a new greenfield (OSB) plant in Slave Lake is set to begin in Spring 2006. This \$200 million facility will provide 130 direct jobs in the mill and up to an additional 130 contract jobs in the woodlands. **Vanderwell Contractors** has operated in the Slave Lake area for over 30 years. This dimensional lumber mill employs approximately 250 people. **The Oil and Gas Industry** This industry remains very healthy as it strengthens its focus on natural gas development, to complement the strong oil sector. The initial discovery of oil and gas in the 1960's encouraged rapid growth in both primary and secondary (service) industries. Continued exploration and development in both sectors of the industry bodes well for its future success. Companies involved in resource development include: **Acclaim Energy**, **Canadian Natural Resources**, **Husky Energy**, **Vermilion Resources**, and **Penn West Petroleum**. **The Retail Service Industry** Currently under construction within the town (Completion end of 2005) is a retail 'power centre' which will include Walmart, Canadian Tire, Sobeys, Tim Hortons, among many other stores. **The Tourism Industry** Rapidly gaining distinction as Alberta's northern playground, the area around Lesser Slave Lake has seen the number of visitors increase annually. Tourists are captivated by the panorama of the province's largest automobile-accessible lake. When in the area, visitors can experience world-class fishing (walleye, pike, perch), kayak/canoe adventures, hiking expeditions, water recreation, and several camping venues - the complete outdoors experience. Also in the region, Canada's northernmost bird observatory, **Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory** is located in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park. Boasting their own popular



attractions are three other lakes within the neighbouring Municipal District of Lesser Slave River – Fawcett Lake, Lawrence Lake, and Cross Lake – favourites with fishing, camping and boating enthusiasts. Residents and visitors can easily appreciate the Town of Slave Lake's inclusion under the banner of **Big Lake Country Tourism**. Click [here](#) for more information regarding Tourism & Hospitality (Restaurants, Accommodations, Events, etc.) Click [here](#) for a more in-depth look into Industry Profiles.



Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory



Economic Facts

Market Research & Demographic Information

- [Consumer Marketing Survey](#) - Completed December 2003
- [Business Marketing Survey](#) - Completed December 2003
- [Price Comparison Survey](#) - Completed by [Alberta Economic Development](#) in May 2004 Statistics Canada information is located at the end of this profile. Click [here](#) if you would like to view it now. **Further In-depth Information**
- [Municipal Profiles](#) developed by [Alberta's Ministry of Municipal Affairs](#)
- [Alberta Weekly Economic Highlights](#) developed by [Alberta Economic Development](#)
- [Alberta Economic Outlook](#) developed by [Alberta Economic Development](#)
- [Alberta Export and Trade](#) developed by [Alberta Economic Development](#)
- [Special Reports](#) developed by [Alberta Economic Development](#)
- [Tourism Reports](#) developed by [Alberta Economic Development](#)
- [Alberta Finance Statistics](#) also contains much information which may be useful. ***Business Licensing and Development Permits*** Town of Slave Lake 328 – 2 Street NE Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A3 Phone: (780) 849-8000 Fax: (780) 849-2633 E-mail: town@slavelake.ca Website: www.slavelake.ca Click here for

Property Value Estimates

Zoning - Lots Only	Approximate Price
Residential	\$60,000 - \$80,000
Industrial	\$75,000 - \$100,000 /acre (serviced)
Commercial-Highway	\$150,000 - \$175,000 /acre (serviced)
Commercial-Highway (South)	\$300,000 - \$350,000 /acre (serviced)

Zoning	Type	Approximate Price
Residential	1350 ft ² Three Bedroom Bungalow	\$250,000 - \$300,000
Industrial	Lease	\$10- \$12 /square foot + triple net
Commercial	Lease	\$12 - \$15 /square foot + triple net

*Information provided by Remax Slave Lake Realty, October 2005 **Major Regional Employers Privat Sector**

West Fraser Timber	Sawmill/Plywood/Pulp
Acclaim Energy	Oil & Gas
Vanderwell Contractors (1971) Ltd.	Mill/Sawmill
Tolko Industries Ltd.	Oriented Strand Board
Canadian Natural Resources	Gas Plant
Husky Energy	Oil & Gas
Penn West Petroleum	Oil & Gas

Public Sector

Aspen Regional Health Authority	Regional Health Center (Hospital)
North Central Alberta Children's Services	Family Services
Alberta Environment Protection	Forest Service and Parks
Town of Slave Lake	Municipal Administration
High Prairie School Division	Schools and Schools Administration
Living Waters Catholic Regional Division	Schools and Schools Administration

Financial Institutions

Alberta Treasury Branch Financial	(780) 849-3911
Bank of Nova Scotia	(780) 849-3770

RBC Royal Bank

(780) 849-8108

Lesser Slave Lake Community Development Corporation

(780) 849-3232

Education

Slave Lake is part of the **High Prairie School Division #48**, headquartered in High Prairie **Living Waters Catholic Regional Division #42**, is the separate school division represented within Slave Lake.

School	Location	Phone Number	Grades
C.J. Schurter School	Slave Lake	(780) 849-4344	K – Grade 2
E.G. Wahlstrom School	Slave Lake	(780) 849-3539	Grades 3 – 6
Koinonia Christian School	Slave Lake	(780) 849-5400	ECS – Grade 9
Roland Michener High School	Slave Lake	(780) 849-3064	Grades 7 – 12
St. Mary of the Lake Catholic	Slave Lake	(780) 849-5244	K – Grade 12
Lakeside Outreach School	Slave Lake	(780) 849-2992	Junior/Senior

Emergency Services

Fire Protection There is a regional agreement between the Town of Slave Lake and Municipal District of Lesser Slave River for fire protection services. **Lesser Slave Regional Fire Service** 901 – 4 Street NW Slave Lake, AB Fire Chief: Greg Gramiak General Calls: (780) 849-4110 Fire Alarm: (780) 849-3511 **Emergency Calls: 911 Ambulance Service Slave Lake Ambulance** 309 – 6 Street NE Slave Lake, AB General Calls: (780) 849-3614 **Emergency Calls: 911 Police and By-Law Enforcement Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)** 1005 – 6 Avenue SE Slave Lake, AB General Calls: (780) 849-3045 **Emergency Calls: 911 Town of Slave Lake – Special Constable** Phone Number: (780) 849-8000 Fax Number: (780) 849-2633

Health Care

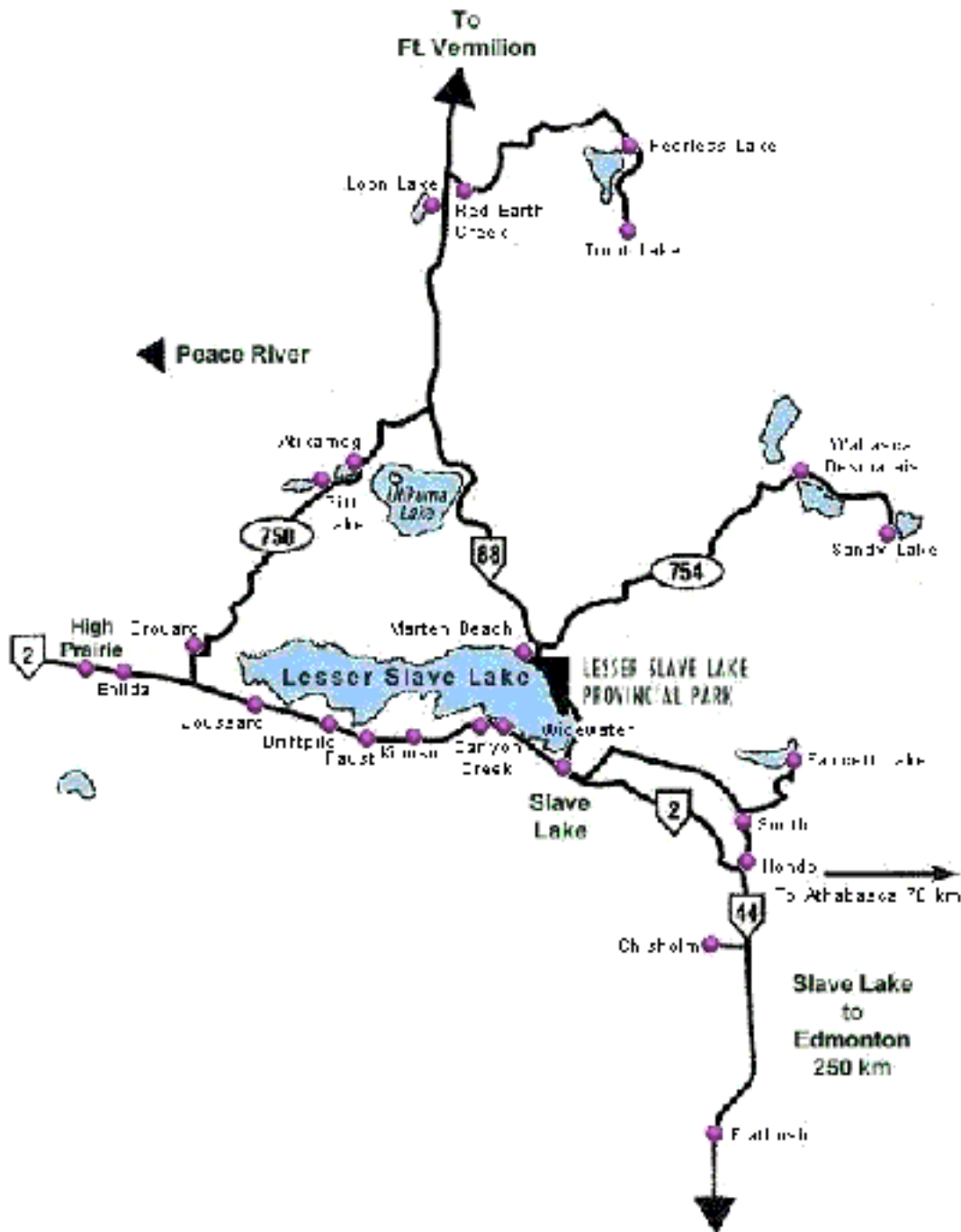
Slave Lake is serviced by the **Aspen Regional Health Authority**. Click on Programs & Services on the website to find all relevant information about health care in the Slave Lake area. Click [here](#) for more information regarding Health Care.

Key Contacts for Business Development

Town of Slave Lake Box 1030 328 – 2 Street N.E Slave Lake, Alberta T0G 2A0 Main office (780) 849-8000 Toll Free (800) 661-2594 town@slavelake.ca Mayor - Karina Pillay-Kinnee Chief Administrative Officer - Betty Osmond **Lesser Slave Lake Community Development Corporation** PO Box 2100 Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A0 cdc1@telusplanet.net Executive Director - Terry Kurucz **Alberta Economic Development: Edson Office** 111 Provincial Building 111 - 54 Street Edson, AB T7E 1T2 Phone: 780-723-8229 Regional Director - **Cathy Goulet** Information Officer - **Chris Lockhart** **Federal Representative** Brian Jean Member of Parliament [MP] Fort McMurray--Athabasca, Alberta JEAN, Brian (Conservative) Parliamentary Address House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6 Telephone: (613) 992-1154 Fax: (613) 992-4603 E-Mail: Jean.B@parl.gc.ca Constituency Address 102 - 9912 Franklin Avenue Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 2K4 Telephone: (780) 743-2201 1-877-532-6272 Fax: (780) 743-2287 **Provincial Representative** Hon. Pearl Calahasen Minister of Northern Development & Aboriginal Affairs Member of the Legislative Assembly [MLA] Constituency Office P.O. Box 598 5001 - 49 Street High Prairie, AB T0G 1E0 Phone: (780) 523-3171 Phone2: (780) 849-3479 (Slave Lake) Toll Free: 1-866-625-0648 Fax: (780) 523-5150 lesser.slavelake@assembly.ab.ca Legislature Office #403 Legislature Building 10800 - 97 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6 Phone: (780) 427-2180 Fax: (780) 427-1321

Demographics Click [here](#) to return to Economic Facts

Location



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detailed, interactive map of Northern Alberta.

Post Secondary Education



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Northern Lakes College is an educational institution with a thirty year history of serving learners in

rural, northern Alberta communities. With campus facilities in 26 communities and covering a service region of over 130,000 kilometers, programs range from academic upgrading, certificate and diploma programs, university degree programs and personal and career development courses.

Distance learning using on-line technologies, teleconference and face to face instruction are key delivery modes that allow us to reach students throughout our service region. Strong partnerships with industry, community stakeholders and other educational institutions are key to our success and come in many forms. As industry is demanding specialized training in an ever-changing global economy, Workforce Development is meeting those needs through customized training.

The Slave Lake campus includes a cafeteria, day care centre, leisure/aquatic centre and gymnasium.

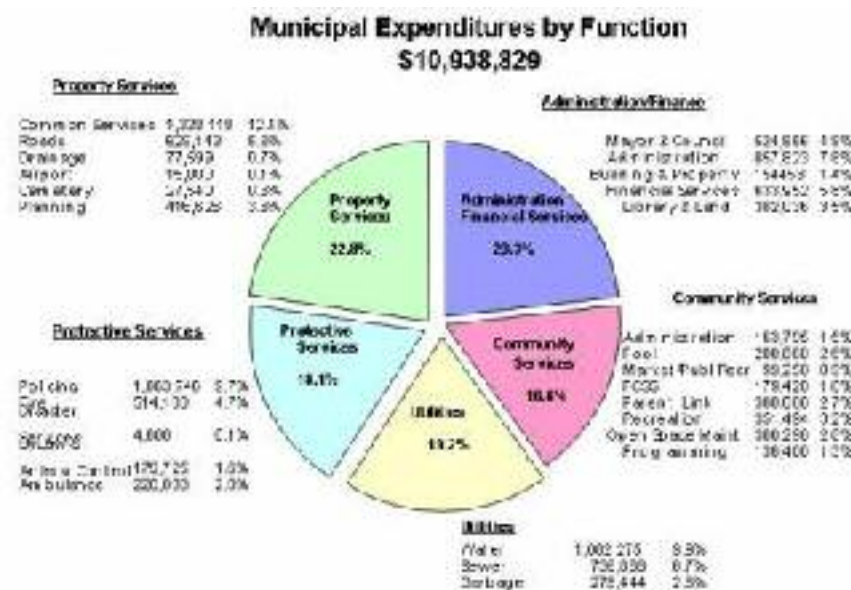
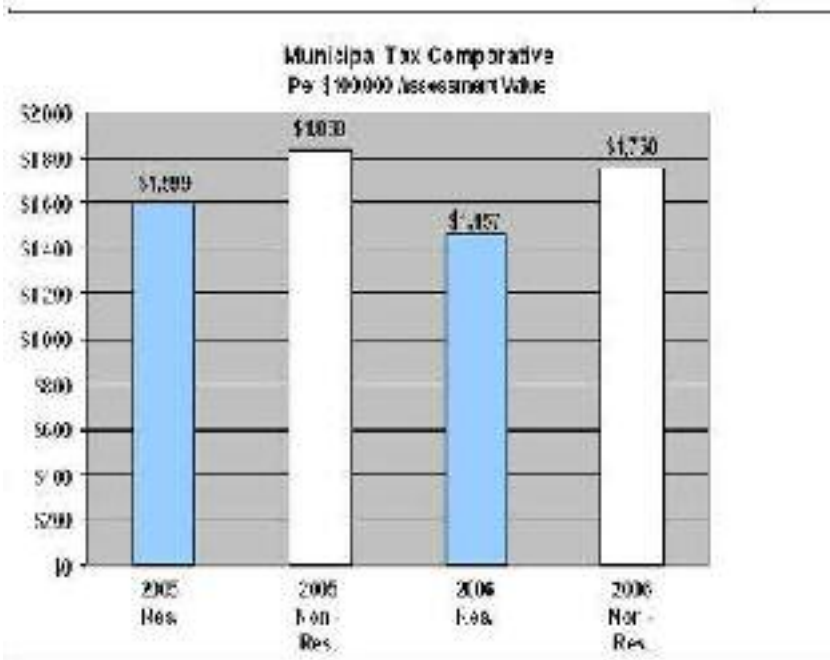
We invite you to peruse our web site at www.northernlakescollege.ca or call us at 1-866-652-3456 for more information.

Taxation

Assessment [2006] \$429,537,970 *Mill Rates [2006]*

	Residential	Non-Residential
General Municipal	10.600	12.145
School Requisition	3.8574	5.3450
Seniors	.1116	.1116
Total	14.569	17.6016

There is **No Provincial Sales Tax (PST)** in Alberta. There is a 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on most purchases in Canada.



Transportation

Slave Lake has a fully-developed transportation network. It includes access to air, rail and the highway systems. Highway #2 is a major transportation corridor linking central Alberta and destinations in the northwestern part of the province. Primary Highways #2A, 44, and 88 connects communities within and surrounding the neighbouring Municipal District of Lesser Slave River. **Air Transportation** The Slave Lake Airport is located within the town limits of Slave Lake. The landing strip is all-weather asphalt and is approximately 5000 feet long. It is capable of handling most light aircraft including helicopters and small jets. The airport also accommodates night landing and has full fuel facilities. Edmonton International Airport is located approximately 275 kilometres (172 miles) southeast [See: [Map](#) (scroll down)] **Highways Highway 2** is a major transportation corridor linking central Alberta and destinations in the northwestern part of the province. **Highway 88**, connecting to Highway 2, services large volumes of traffic traveling north and

northeast of Slave Lake. It is used extensively for oil, gas, forestry, tourism, and recreational purposes. Click [here](#) for an interactive road map surrounding Slave Lake. Clicking on [Traffic Counts](#) will take you to a report on the Alberta Transportation website. There are figures for highways near Slave Lake on pages 12 and 89.

Distances to Major Centres

Edmonton	250 km
Calgary	545 km
Grande Prairie	320 km
Red Deer	400 km
Saskatoon	770 km
Vancouver	1190 km
U.S. Border	800 km

Passenger Bus Service [Greyhound Canada](#) has a bus depot located in the Sawridge Truck Stop on Highway 88, on the northeast side of town. Greyhound operates daily scheduled passenger and parcel express service to Edmonton and Peace River. **Rail Transport** Slave Lake is serviced by [Mackenzie Northern Railway \(RLGN\)](#) **Taxi,**

Transportation/Courier Services

- Ten taxi companies service Slave Lake and area
- Five freight/courier companies service Slave Lake and area
- Several trucking companies service the Lesser Slave Lake region **Warehousing and Storage Facilities**
- Four warehousing and storage facilities service Slave Lake and area Click [here](#) for more information regarding Transportation in, and around, Slave Lake.

Utilities

<i>Electrical Power:</i>	Direct Energy Services
<i>Natural Gas:</i>	Direct Energy Services
<i>Water/Wastewater:</i>	Town of Slave Lake
<i>Waste Management:</i>	Town of Slave Lake

Click [here](#) for more information regarding all the above Utilities, including rates, and more in-depth information about the area landfill, recycling, hazardous waste, and waste collection. **Communication**

<i>Cable Television:</i>	Cable TV of Slave Lake Ltd. (TV Listings)
<i>Telephone:</i>	Telus Communications (land-line and mobile)
<i>Internet Services:</i>	Telus Communications Sniper Satellite & Communications (Wireless)

[Local/Regional Newspapers](#)

Name	Phone Number	Fax Number
Lakeside Leader	(780) 849-4380	(780) 849-3903
Scope Newspaper	(780) 849-4350	(780) 849-2433
South Peace News	(780) 523-4484	(780) 523-3039

Radio Stations

Name	Phone Number	Fax Number
The FOX 92.7 FM Slave Lake	(780) 849-2577	(780) 849-4833
CFCW 790 AM Edmonton	(780) 437-7879	(780) 426-6869
CFWE FM Edmonton	(780) 447-2393	(780) 454-2820
630 CHED AM Edmonton	(780) 440-6300	(780) 469-5937

Population

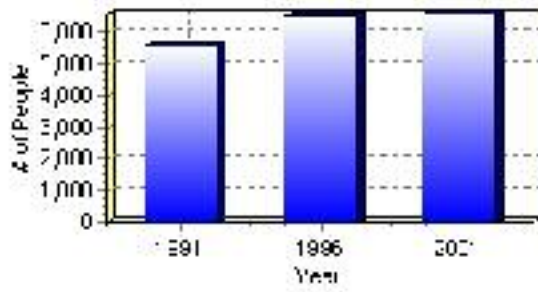
Total Population

Population 2004*	6,600
Population 2003*	6,600
Population 2002*	6,600
Population 2001**	6,600
Population 2000*	6,553
Population 1996**	6,553
Population 1991**	5,607
Population % change 1991-1996	14.44%
Population % change 1996-2001	0.71%

* Source: Official Population List, Alberta Municipal Affairs

** Source: Statistics Canada 1991, 1996, & 2001 Census

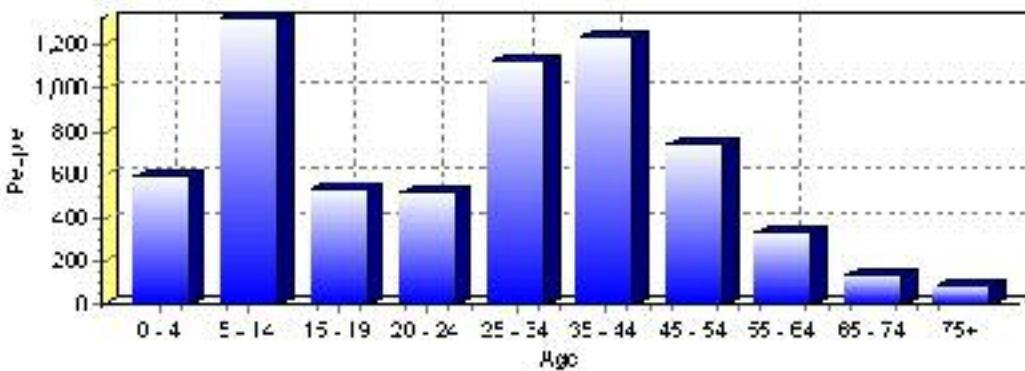
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	365	350	715	295	300	595
Age 5 - 14	665	630	1,295	665	660	1,325
Age 15 - 19	265	270	535	260	280	540
Age 20 - 24	275	275	550	260	255	515
Age 25 - 34	690	665	1,355	580	545	1,125
Age 35 - 44	565	540	1,105	610	620	1,230
Age 45 - 54	335	280	615	385	360	745
Age 55 - 64	135	125	260	180	150	330
Age 65 - 74	50	40	90	70	65	135
Age 75 and older	20	20	40	30	50	80
Total All Persons	3,360	3,190	6,550	3,340	3,260	6,600

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

Slave Lake Population by Age Group (2001)

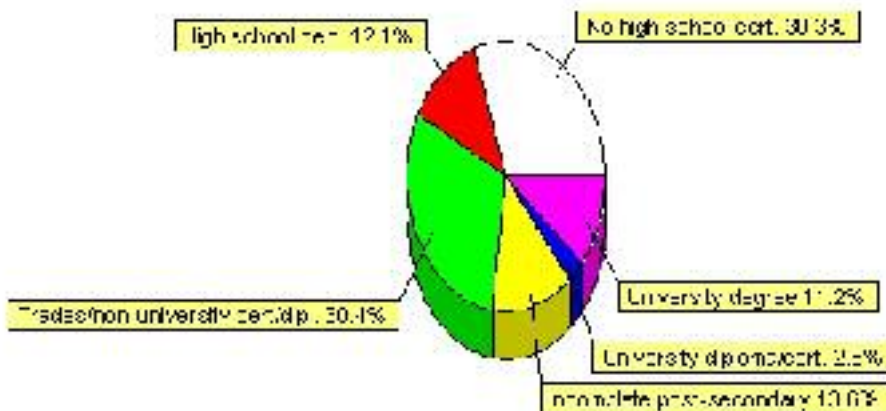


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	1,235	30.27%
People with high school certificates	495	12.13%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	1,240	30.39%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	555	13.60%
People with university diploma/certificate	105	2.57%
People with university degree	455	11.15%
Total Population 20 years and older	4,080	100.00%

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

Slave Lake Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	45	2.69%	85	4.74%
Commerce, management and business administration	400	23.95%	285	15.88%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	195	11.68%	300	16.71%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	550	32.93%	590	32.87%
Engineering and applied sciences	55	3.29%	90	5.01%
Fine and applied arts	35	2.10%	40	2.23%
Health professionals, science and technologies	180	10.78%	160	8.91%
Humanities and related fields	35	2.10%	65	3.62%

Mathematics and physical sciences	0	0.00%	15	0.84%
Social sciences and related fields	160	9.58%	165	9.19%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	1,670	100.00%	1,795	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	825	49.40%	890	49.58%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	845	50.60%	905	50.42%

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

Labour Force

Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	3,585	3,685
Not in the labour force, both sexes	945	915
Total population 15 and over	4,530	4,605
Employed, both sexes	3,310	3,430
Unemployed, both sexes	275	255
Participation rate, both sexes	79.00%	80.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	7.00%	7.00%

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

Labour Force by Industry Division	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Agriculture	75	2.13%	120	3.30%
Mining	430	12.22%	450	12.36%
Manufacturing	425	12.07%	435	11.95%
Construction	255	7.24%	270	7.42%
Transportation. & Utilities	280	7.95%	290	7.97%
Retail and Wholesale	625	17.76%	430	11.81%
Finance	165	4.69%	140	3.85%
Business & Community Services	1,090	30.97%	1,425	39.15%
Public Administration	125	3.55%	95	2.61%
Total All Industries	3,520	100.00%	3,640	100.00%

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

Slave Lake Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major	1996	%	2001	%
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Occupational Groups

Management occupations	280	7.95%	365	10.01%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	455	12.93%	535	14.68%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	125	3.55%	205	5.62%
Health occupations	125	3.55%	100	2.74%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	230	6.53%	300	8.23%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	20	0.57%	80	2.19%
Sales and service occupations	1,040	29.55%	765	20.99%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	695	19.74%	800	21.95%
Occupations unique to primary industry	270	7.67%	235	6.45%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	280	7.95%	260	7.13%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	65	1.85%	40	1.10%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	3,520	100.00%	3,645	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	1,475	41.90%	1,560	42.80%
Males - All Occupations	2,045	58.10%	2,085	57.20%

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	145	10.25%	145	11.03%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	235	16.61%	260	19.77%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	450	31.80%	305	23.19%
\$60,000 and over	585	41.34%	675	51.33%
Total number of families	1,415	100.00%	1,385	105.32%
Average family income	\$58,210		\$69,018	
Median family income	\$54,494		\$67,480	

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	330	16.06%	210	9.91%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	435	21.17%	385	18.16%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	555	27.01%	375	17.69%
\$60,000 and over	240	11.68%	1,160	54.72%
Total number of households	2,055	100.00%	2,120	100.00%
Average household income	\$52,482		\$67,967	
Median household income	\$49,251		\$63,875	

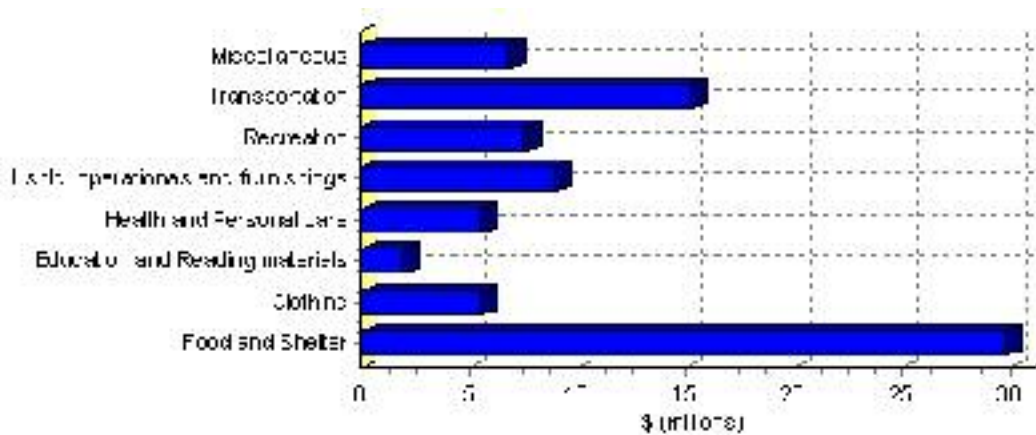
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Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$21,292,725	36.51%	\$29,816,741	36.53%
Clothing	\$4,133,720	7.09%	\$5,587,913	6.85%
Education and Reading materials	\$1,335,195	2.29%	\$1,970,150	2.41%
Health and Personal care	\$3,593,585	6.16%	\$5,544,729	6.79%
Hshld. operationas and furnishings	\$6,449,745	11.06%	\$8,952,977	10.97%
Recreation	\$5,027,675	8.62%	\$7,555,657	9.26%
Transportation	\$11,932,815	20.46%	\$15,310,624	18.76%
Miscellaneous	\$4,549,480	7.80%	\$6,877,990	8.43%
Total Current Consumption	\$58,325,400	100.00%	\$81,616,781	100.00%
Total # of Households	1,775		2,053	
Average Consumption per Household	\$32,859		\$39,755	

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

Slave Lake Family Expenditures (1996)

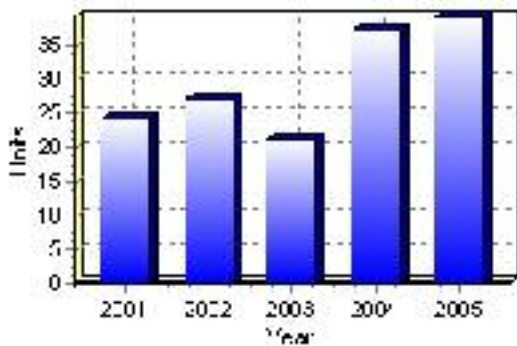


Building Permits

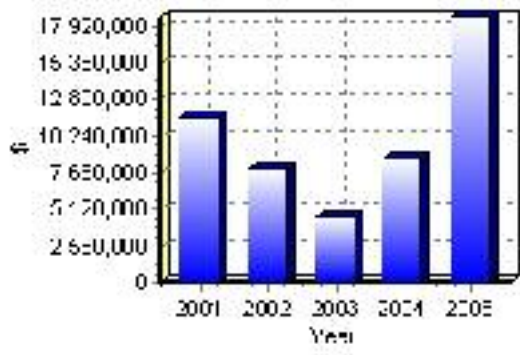
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$620,000	\$1,279,000	\$312,000	\$781,000	\$9,588,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$455,000	\$882,000	\$600,000	\$1,075,000	\$2,183,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$7,380,000	\$1,470,000	\$125,000	\$900,000	\$0
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$3,083,000	\$4,369,000	\$3,610,000	\$5,860,000	\$6,800,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$11,538,000	\$8,000,000	\$4,647,000	\$8,616,000	\$18,571,000
Total Housing Starts	24	27	21	37	39

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	255	12.44%	295	13.92%
Detached Duplexes	10	0.49%	10	0.47%
Movable Dwellings	165	8.05%	455	21.46%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Row and semi-detached house	175	8.54%	180	8.49%
Single-detached house	1,440	70.24%	1,170	55.19%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	2,050	100.00%	2,120	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	1,405	68.54%	1,405	66.27%
Private Dwellings, rented	645	31.46%	715	33.73%

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	10	0.47%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	45	2.12%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	270	12.74%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	760	35.85%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	550	25.94%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	485	22.88%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	2,120	100.00%

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

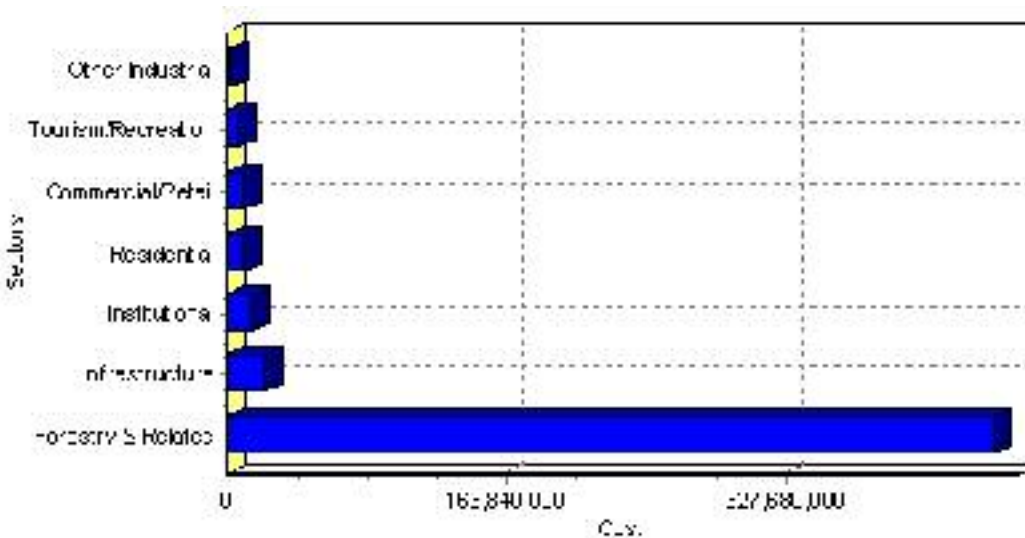
Projects

Summary of Projects in Slave Lake as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Forestry & Related	2	\$450,000,000
Infrastructure	2	\$22,000,000
Institutional	1	\$13,700,000
Residential	1	\$9,100,000
Commercial/Retail	7	\$8,880,000
Tourism/Recreation	3	\$7,029,800
Other Industrial	4	\$2,875,000
Total	20	\$513,584,800

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Announced	1	\$25,000
Completed	3	\$2,450,000
Nearing Completion	1	\$200,000,000
Proposed	7	\$54,600,000

Under Construction	8	\$256,509,800
Total	20	\$513,584,800

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Largest Projects in Slave Lake as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Tolko Industries Inc.	'Athabasca Division' Engineered Wood Products Plant	Slave Lake	\$250,000,000	2006-2007	Under Construction
Tolko Industries Inc.	Facility Expansion and Improvements to OSB Plant	Slave Lake	\$200,000,000	2005-2006	Nearing Completion
Town of Slave Lake	Joint Town / Provincial Building	Slave Lake	\$18,000,000	-	Proposed
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation*	NEW HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 7 to 12)	Slave Lake	\$13,700,000	-	Proposed
Town of Slave Lake / Slave Lake Regional Housing Authority	Affordable Housing	Slave Lake	\$9,100,000	-	Proposed
Town of Slave Lake	New RCMP Detachment Building	Slave Lake	\$4,000,000	-	Proposed
MidWest Developments	Best Western Motel	Slave Lake	\$3,900,000	-	Proposed
NorAlta Lodge	HOTEL / INDUSTRIAL CAMP	Slave Lake	\$3,300,000	2006-2006	Under Construction
Town of Slave Lake	Arena Renovations	Slave Lake	\$3,000,000	-	Proposed
Stillwater Land Corp.	Retail Store (Building G)	Slave Lake	\$2,900,000	-	Proposed

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