Vermilion River No. 24, County of

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Welcome

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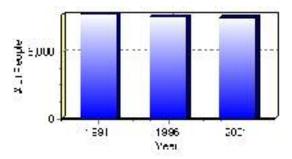
Taxation

| | Residential/Farmland | Non- Residential |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2004 | | |
| Municipal Tax Rate | 5.8046 | 10.1935 |
| Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate | 4.6951 | 6.6458 |
| Education Opted Out Tax Rate | 4.6951 | 6.6458 |
| Allowance for Non-Collection of Requisitioned Taxes | .1188 | .1188 |

Population

| Total Population | | | | |
|---|--------|--|--|--|
| Population 2004* | 7,524 | | | |
| Population 2003* | 7,524 | | | |
| Population 2002* | 7,524 | | | |
| Population 2001** | 7,520 | | | |
| Population 2000* | 7,553 | | | |
| Population 1996** | 7,553 | | | |
| Population 1991** | 7,714 | | | |
| Population % change 1991-1996 | -2.13% | | | |
| Population % change 1996-2001 | -0.39% | | | |
| * Source: Official Population List, Alberta Municipal Affairs ** Source: Statistics Canada 1991, 1996, & 2001 Census | | | | |

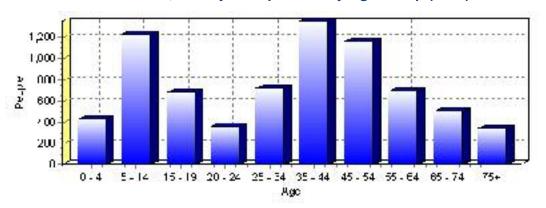
Total Population 1991-2001



| 280 690 340 | 240700325 | 520 1,390 665 | 215 640 | 215 590 | 430 |
|-------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| 340 | | • | 640 | 590 | 4 000 |
| | 325 | 665 | | | 1,230 |
| 185 | | 000 | 335 | 350 | 685 |
| 100 | 135 | 320 | 185 | 175 | 360 |
| 425 | 460 | 885 | 375 | 345 | 720 |
| 670 | 660 | 1,330 | 650 | 705 | 1,355 |
| 510 | 490 | 1,000 | 615 | 555 | 1,170 |
| 330 | 290 | 620 | 365 | 325 | 690 |
| 290 | 225 | 515 | 270 | 235 | 505 |
| 175 | 130 | 305 | 205 | 140 | 345 |
| 3,890 | 3,660 | 7,550 | 3,865 | 3,655 | 7,520 |
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Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

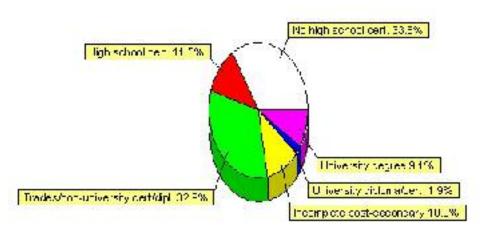
Vermilion River No. 24, County of Population by Age Group (2001)



Education Statistics

| Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older | 2001 | % |
|--|-------|---------|
| People without high school certificates | 1,730 | 33.76% |
| People with high school certificates | 590 | 11.51% |
| People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma | 1,685 | 32.88% |
| People with post-secondary education (not completed) | 560 | 10.93% |
| People with university diploma/certificate | 95 | 1.85% |
| People with university degree | 465 | 9.07% |
| Total Population 20 years and older | 5,125 | 100.00% |
| Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | |

Vermilion River No. 24, County of Highest Level of Schooling 2001



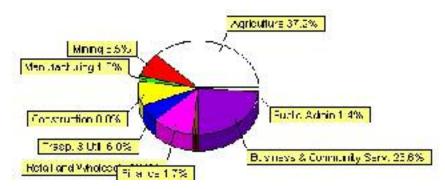
| Population with Post Secondary Qualifications | 1996 | % | 2001 | % | | |
|---|-------|---------|-------|---------|--|--|
| Agriculture and biological sciences | 240 | 12.73% | 305 | 13.47% | | |
| Commerce, management and business administration | 450 | 23.87% | 525 | 23.18% | | |
| Educational, recreational and counseling services | 230 | 12.20% | 325 | 14.35% | | |
| Engineering and applied science tech. and trades | 540 | 28.65% | 680 | 30.02% | | |
| Engineering and applied sciences | 35 | 1.86% | 10 | 0.44% | | |
| Fine and applied arts | 50 | 2.65% | 70 | 3.09% | | |
| Health professionals, science and technologies | 230 | 12.20% | 190 | 8.39% | | |
| Humanities and related fields | 40 | 2.12% | 40 | 1.77% | | |
| Mathematics and physical sciences | 0 | 0.00% | 25 | 1.10% | | |
| Social sciences and related fields | 55 | 2.92% | 90 | 3.97% | | |
| Other and/or no specialization | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | | |
| Total people with post secondary qualifications | 1,885 | 100.00% | 2,265 | 100.00% | | |
| Females with post-secondary qualifications | 1,000 | 53.05% | 1,145 | 50.55% | | |
| Males with post-secondary qualifications | 885 | 46.95% | 1,120 | 49.45% | | |
| 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 | 4,435 | 4,610 | | | | |
| Not in the labour force, both sexes | 1,220 | 1,190 | | | | |
| Total population 15 and over | 5,655 | 5,800 | | | | |
| Employed, both sexes | 4,280 | 4,510 | | | | |
| Unemployed, both sexes | 155 | 100 | | | | |
| Participation rate, both sexes | 78.00% | 80.00% | | | | |
| Unemployment rate, both sexes | 4.00% | 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 | 1,710 | 38.69% | 1,710 | 37.17% | | | |
| Mining | 225 | 5.09% | 390 | 8.48% | | | |
| Manufacturing | 160 | 3.62% | 85 | 1.85% | | | |
| Construction | 285 | 6.45% | 405 | 8.80% | | | |
| Transportation. & Utilities | 300 | 6.79% | 275 | 5.98% | | | |
| Retail and Wholesale | 605 | 13.69% | 500 | 10.87% | | | |
| Finance | 85 | 1.92% | 80 | 1.74% | | | |
| Business & Community Services | 885 | 20.02% | 1,085 | 23.59% | | | |
| Public Administration | 105 | 2.38% | 65 | 1.41% | | | |
| Total All Industries | 4,420 | 100.00% | 4,600 | 100.00% | | | |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | | | | | |

Vermilion River No. 24, County of Labour Force By Industry - 2001



| Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups | 1996 | % | 2001 | % |
|---|------|--------|------|--------|
| Management occupations | 255 | 5.77% | 355 | 7.73% |
| Business, Finances and administrative occupations | 590 | 13.35% | 625 | 13.60% |
| Natural and applied sciences and related occupations | 55 | 1.24% | 110 | 2.39% |
| Health occupations | 170 | 3.85% | 140 | 3.05% |
| Occupations in social science; education; government and religion | 190 | 4.30% | 180 | 3.92% |
| Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport | 25 | 0.57% | 40 | 0.87% |

| Sales and service occupations | 630 | 14.25% | 560 | 12.19% |
|---|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations | 620 | 14.03% | 730 | 15.89% |
| Occupations unique to primary industry | 1,710 | 38.69% | 1,765 | 38.41% |
| Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities | 170 | 3.85% | 90 | 1.96% |
| Occupations not elsewhere classified | 15 | 0.34% | 10 | 0.22% |
| Total - All Occupations (major groups) | 4,420 | 100.00% | 4,595 | 100.00% |
| Females - All Occupations | 1,905 | 43.10% | 2,040 | 44.40% |
| Males - All Occupations | 2,515 | 56.90% | 2,555 | 55.60% |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | | |

Income

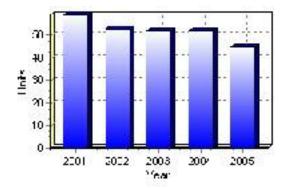
| Family Income (Number of Families) | 1996 | % | 2001 | % |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| less than \$19,999 | 145 | 7.44% | 165 | 8.94% |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 605 | 31.03% | 480 | 26.02% |
| \$40,000 - \$59,999 | 535 | 27.44% | 570 | 30.89% |
| \$60,000 and over | 665 | 34.10% | 640 | 34.69% |
| Total number of families | 1,950 | 100.00% | 1,855 | 100.54% |
| Average family income | \$53,386 | | \$63,445 | |
| Median family income | \$46,964 | | \$54,329 | |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers ma | ay not add up d | ue to rounding) | | |

| Household Income (Number of Households) | 1996 | % | 2001 | % | | |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|--|--|
| less than \$19,999 | 410 | 16.47% | 350 | 13.41% | | |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 755 | 30.32% | 605 | 23.18% | | |
| \$40,000 - \$59,999 | 585 | 23.49% | 620 | 23.75% | | |
| \$60,000 and over | 240 | 9.64% | 1,040 | 39.85% | | |
| Total number of households | 2,490 | 100.00% | 2,610 | 100.00% | | |
| Average household income | \$48,502 | | \$58,092 | | | |
| Median household income | \$43,288 | | \$50,924 | | | |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | | | | |

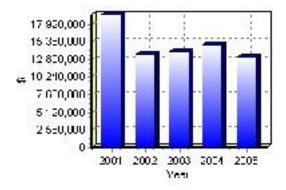
Building Permits

| Total Building Permit Values | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Building Permits Value, Commercial | \$1,598,000 | \$2,149,000 | \$1,245,000 | \$3,773,000 | \$570,000 |
| Building Permits Value, Industrial | \$10,468,000 | \$2,976,000 | \$2,741,000 | \$575,000 | \$1,077,000 |
| Building Permits Value, Institutional | \$0 | \$0 | \$456,000 | \$200,000 | \$0 |
| Building Permits Value, Residential | \$7,252,000 | \$8,327,000 | \$9,444,000 | \$10,442,000 | \$11,465,000 |
| Building Permits Value, Total | \$19,318,000 | \$13,452,000 | \$13,886,000 | \$14,990,000 | \$13,112,000 |
| Total Housing Starts | 59 | 53 | 52 | 52 | 45 |
| Source: Statistics Canada 2000-2 | 004 Building Perm | nits (numbers may | not add up due t | o rounding) | |

Total Housing Starts



Value of Building Permits



Dwellings

| Occupied Private Dwellings by Type | 1996 | % of total | 2001 | % of total |
|---|-------|------------|-------|------------|
| Apartments | 0 | 0.00% | 5 | 0.19% |
| Detached Duplexes | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Movable Dwellings | 270 | 10.82% | 180 | 6.88% |
| Other single attached house | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Row and semi-detached house | 10 | 0.40% | 10 | 0.38% |
| Single-detached house | 2,205 | 88.38% | 2,420 | 92.54% |
| Total number of occupied private dwellings | 2,495 | 100.00% | 2,615 | 100.00% |
| Private dwellings, owned | 2,145 | 85.97% | 2,315 | 88.53% |
| Private Dwellings, rented | 345 | 13.83% | 295 | 11.28% |
| Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | | |

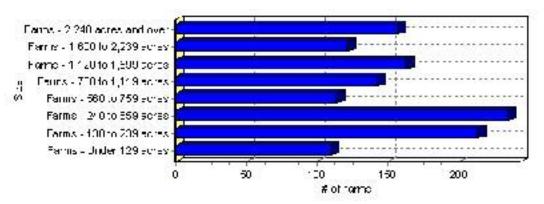
| Private Dwellings by Period of Construction | # of Dwellings | % of total | |
|--|----------------|------------|--|
| Period of construction, before 1946 | 405 | 15.52% | |
| Period of construction, 1946 - 1960 | 425 | 16.28% | |
| Period of construction, 1961 - 1970 | 325 | 12.45% | |
| Period of construction, 1971 - 1980 | 610 | 23.37% | |
| Period of construction, 1981 - 1990 | 490 | 18.77% | |
| Period of construction, 1991 - 2001 | 355 | 13.60% | |
| Total number of private dwellings constructed | 2,610 | 100.00% | |
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Farming

Vermilion River No. 24, County of Total Farm Area: 1,260 acres

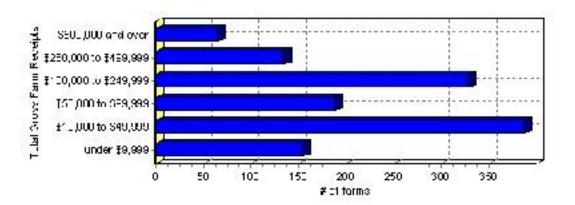
| Farms by Total Farm Area (2001) | # of Farms | % of total | |
|--|------------|------------|--|
| Farms - Under 129 acres | 110 | 8.74% | |
| Farms - 130 to 239 acres | 214 | 17.01% | |
| Farms - 240 to 559 acres | 235 | 18.68% | |
| Farms - 560 to 759 acres | 114 | 9.06% | |
| Farms - 760 to 1,119 acres | 143 | 11.37% | |
| Farms - 1,120 to 1,599 acres | 163 | 12.96% | |
| Farms - 1,600 to 2,239 acres | 122 | 9.70% | |
| Farms - 2,240 acres and over | 157 | 12.48% | |
| Total number of farms reporting | 1,258 | 100.00% | |
| Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census of Agriculture(numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | |

of Farms by Total Farm Area



| Farms by Total Gross Farm Receipts - 2001 | # of Farms | % of total | |
|--|------------|------------|--|
| Farms gross farm receipts - under \$9,999 | 155 | 12.32% | |
| Farms gross farm receipts - \$10,000 to \$49,999 | 387 | 30.76% | |
| Farms gross farm receipts - \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 188 | 14.94% | |
| Farms gross farm receipts - \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 328 | 26.07% | |
| Farms gross farm receipts - \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 135 | 10.73% | |
| Farms gross farm receipts - \$500,000 and over | 65 | 5.17% | |
| Total number of farms reporting | 1,258 | 100.00% | |
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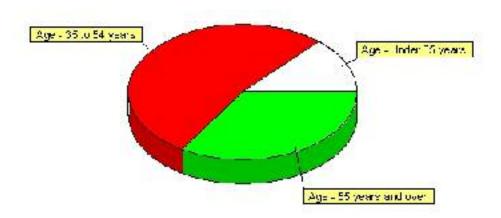
Total Gross Farm Receipts



Farming, Continued

| Characteristics of Farm Operators | # | % | |
|--|-------|---------|--|
| Age - Under 35 years | 235 | 13.47% | |
| Age - 35 to 54 years | 920 | 52.72% | |
| Age - 55 years and over | 590 | 33.81% | |
| Average age of operators | 50 | | |
| Number of operators - Female | 445 | 25.50% | |
| Number of operators - Male | 1,300 | 74.50% | |
| Total number of operators reporting | 1,745 | 100.00% | |
| Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census of Agriculture(numbers may not add up due to rounding) | | | |

Age of Farm Operators



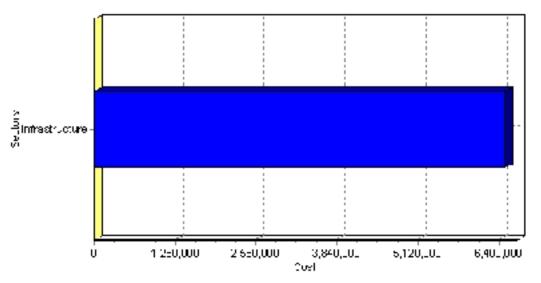
Projects

Summary of Projects in Vermilion River No. 24, County of as of September 2006

| Project Sector | Number of Projects | Project Cost |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Infrastructure | 1 | \$6,500,000 |
| Total | 1 | \$6,500,000 |

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



| Project Status | Number of Projects | Project Cost |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Nearing Completion | 1 | \$6,500,000 |
| Total | 1 | \$6,500,000 |

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Largest Projects in Vermilion River No. 24, County of as of September 2006

| Company Name | Project Description | Project Location | Project Cost | Construction Schedule | Status |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation | SH 619 Grade, Base and Pave | Cty of Vermilion River (Tolland Rd to SH897) | \$6,500,000 | 2005-2006 | Nearing Completion |

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