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LACOMBE

As of October, 1986

Overview

Population 6,033

Distance From Major Centres 118 km (73 miles) south of Edmonton
161 km (100 miles) north of Calgary

Connecting Highway(s) #12, #2A, #2

Railway(s) Canadian Pacific

Major Economic Base Agriculture, Manufacturing

Economic Development Contacts

Municipal Robert Jenkins, Town Manager
Town of Lacombe
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Lacombe, Alberta T0C 1S0
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**Alberta Economic Development
and Trade Regional Office**

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ADVANTAGE**

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Location

County/District County of Lacombe #14
 Census Division #8
 Elevation 853 metres (2,806 feet)
 Latitude/Longitude 52°28'/113°44'

Climate**Temperature**

Seasonal Averages — *January* -15.5°C (4.1°F)
 — *April* 3.1°C (37.6°F)
 — *July* 16.1°C (61.0°F)
 — *October* 4.7°C (40.5°F)

Annual Precipitation 442.9 mm (17.4 in.)

Rain 326.3 mm (12.8 in.)

Snow 122.7 cm (48.3 in.)

Frost Free Days 99

Hours Sunshine/Year 2,125.0

Population

	Community	County/District	40 km Radius
1966	3,035	8,367	N/A
1971	3,436	8,104	N/A
1976	3,888	8,399	66,125
1981	5,489	8,399	N/A
Current Estimate	6,033	8,783	N/A

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Population Breakdown**As of:** 1986

Age	Males	Females	Total
0-14	734	734	1,468
15-19	256	222	478
20-24	231	230	461
25-44	900	871	1,771
45-64	445	495	940
65 +	386	529	915

Labour Force**As of:** 1981

	Male	Female
Population	1,940	2,145
Employed	1,485	1,070
Unemployed	75	55
Participation Rate	80.2	52.2
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.9

Wage Rates*Prevailing Provincial (Hourly) Minimum Scales*

Full-Time Workers:

18 Years and Older	\$3.80
Under 18 Years	\$3.65
Part-Time Students:	\$3.30

Detailed Salary and Wage Rates for Selected Areas Available Upon Request

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Major Employers

Name of Company	Business Activity	Number of Employees
Schools	Education	323
County of Lacombe	Administration	208
Hospital	Health Care	160
Canadian Union College	Education	100
Hopkins Construction	Crushed Gravel & Road Construction	90
Canutel Industries	Electronic Equipment	50
Lacombe Supermarket	Food, Gas Bar	50
Parkland Furniture Mfg.	Furniture	50
Town Office	Municipal Government	44
Agriculture Building	Provincial Government	43
Impact Industries Ltd.	Gravel Crushing, Sulphur Purification	41
Alberta Hall & Crop Insurance	Insurance	38
Parkland Regional Library	Library Services	29
Treasury Branch	Finance	29
Wagner's Tomboy	Food	21
Senior Citizen Residence	Seniors' Care	18
Parkland Colorpress	Printing	18
Parkland Permacrete	Concrete Readymix	16
Industrial Steelcraft	Steel Fabrication	12
Thompson-Pallister Ball	Fishing Lures	11
Lacombe Nurseries	Plant Nursery	9

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Retail and Service Trade Statistics**As of:** 1984

<i>Statistical Area Covered</i>	Town of Lacombe		
	<i>Total Trade</i>	<i>Retail</i>	<i>Service</i>
Outlets	128	84	44
Employees			
<i>Full-Time</i>	391	281	110
<i>Part-Time</i>	279	195	84
Payroll (\$000)	7,259	5,661	1,598
Receipts (\$000)	61,594	55,027	6,567

Major Services Available Legal, Accounting, A.L.C.B., Travel Agent, Business Machine Repairs, Amusement Centre, Physiotherapist. 195 business licences as of 1986.

* There are 195 business outlets in Lacombe

Manufacturing Statistics**As of:** 1983

<i>Statistical Area Covered</i>	Town of Lacombe	
Establishments	8	
Employees		
<i>Male</i>	71	
<i>Female</i>	23	
<i>Total</i>	94	
Payroll (\$000)	1,968	
Cost of Materials/Supplies (\$000)		10,679
Value of Shipments (\$000)	14,419	

Transportation

Connecting Highways
(Load Limits) #12, #2A, #2 (none)

Truck Transport Byer's Transport Ltd.

Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities None

Railways Canadian Pacific

Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities Yes

Pick-up and Delivery Yes

Spur Trackage Yes

Air Services

Local Airport Lacombe Municipal Airport

All Weather Facilities Yes

Longest Runway 912 metres (3,000 feet)

Carriers (scheduled/charter) None

Nearest Commercial Services Edmonton 116 km (72 miles) north

Nearest Air Freight Facilities Edmonton 116 km (72 miles) north

Bus Services

Local No

Intercommunity Regularly scheduled

Utilities*Contact the Following for Service Rates and Details*

Electric Power TransAlta Utilities Ltd., Industrial Division
Box 400
Lacombe, Alberta T0C 1S0
Tel: (403) 782-6227

Natural Gas Northwestern Utilities Ltd.
Bay 3, 5265 - 46 Street
Lacombe, Alberta T0C 1S0
Tel: (403) 782-6684

Telephone Alberta Government Telephones
4831 - 51 Street
Red Deer, Alberta T4N 2A6
Tel: (403) 342-3611

Water Supply

Source of Water 6 Wells

Reservoir Capacity — Treated Water 6,819,000 l (1,500,000 gals.)

Pumping Capacity 195,478 l (4,300 gals.) per minute

Average Line Pressure 482 - 517 kPa (70 - 75 p.s.i.)

Average Daily Consumption 2,273,000 l (500,000 gals.) per day

Restrictions None

Water Analysis (milligrams per litre)

<i>Data Source</i>	Alberta Environment		<i>Date</i>	November, 1985	
<i>Total Dis. Solids</i>	603.0	<i>Cl</i>	13.0	<i>SO₄</i>	46.0
<i>Total Hardness</i>	11.6	<i>F</i>	1.32	<i>NO₃/NO₂</i>	0.05
<i>Total Alkalinity</i>	484.8	<i>Fe</i>	0.02	<i>NO₂</i>	0.05
<i>pH</i>	8.7	<i>Mg</i>	1.0	<i>HCO₃</i>	551.7
		<i>K</i>	0.8	<i>CO₃</i>	19.3
		<i>Na</i>	249.0	<i>Ca</i>	3.0

Utilities (cont'd.)

Sewage

Type of Treatment Anaerobic Lagoons

Provision for Disposal of Chemicals Nil

Industrial Fuels Available

Coal: No Oil: Local Propane: Local

Other Municipal Services

Garbage

Method/Frequency of Collection

Industrial Weekly or Daily

Commercial Weekly or Daily

Residential Weekly

Solid Waste Disposal Modified landfill

Fire Protection Volunteer

Police Protection Town Police Force

Other Services By-law Officer
Senior Citizens Handi-van
Community Bus

Municipal Finance

Mill Rates (Year) 1985

Industrial/Commercial 20.440

Residential 16.410

Per Capita Debt 735 (1983)

Year of Last General Assessment 1982

Latest Total Assessment 125,252,070

Equalized Assessment Per Capita 5,315 (1986)

Basis of Assessment; Land at 65% of market value. Industrial buildings at 65% of present day replacement costs. Equipment at 65% of present day replacement cost (15% on new equipment).

Business Properties

As of October, 1986

- Industrial park - 4 serviced lots in S.W. Industrial park
.71 hectares (1.76 acres) to 1.0 hectares (2.48 acres)
- 50.58 hectares (125 acres) N.E. Industrial park
Services to subdivision, Highway 2A through subdivision, railway
trackage in subdivision
- Industrial buildings - selection of metal or concrete block buildings in S.W.
Industrial park with office and manufacturing space

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Building Permits

	<i>Value (\$000)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	As of: 1985 <i># Permits</i>
Residential	1,593	46.6	56
Commercial	1,443	44.2	9
Industrial	40	.1	1
Institutional	341	9.1	3
Total	3,417	100%	69

Housing

Residential Lots — Availability

Single Detached Homes Reasonable supply*Mobile Home Lots* Reasonable supply3-Bdrm., 1200 Sq. Ft. Bungalow — *Sample**Average Cost (incl. land)* \$73,000*Average Taxes* \$840

Rental Accommodation

Apartments 27 - 421 units*Vacancy Rate* 1%**Medical**

Hospitals/No. Beds	1/100 50 Active/50 Auxiliary/ 50 Nursing Home	Health Units	Yes
No. Doctors	8	No. Dentists	3
No. Surgeons	2	Optometrists	4
Medical Clinics	2	No. Chiropractors	2
Ambulance Service	Local	Nursing Homes	Yes
		Senior Citizens Lodge	Yes

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Education**Schools**

<i>Day Care/Nursery</i>	1
<i>Elementary</i>	2
<i>Junior High</i>	1
<i>High School</i>	1
<i>Vocational</i>	0
<i>Other</i>	Kindergarten, Christian school

Additional Programs None

Financial Institutions

Bank of Montreal
 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
 Parkland Savings and Credit Union
 Royal Bank of Canada
 Toronto Dominion Bank
 Treasury Branch
 Bank of Nova Scotia

Communications

Newspapers Lacombe, Red Deer - weeklies; Red Deer, daily

Radio Stations Edmonton, Red Deer, Camrose, Calgary broadcast

Television Channels Red Deer, Edmonton, Calgary, cable

Tourist/Accommodation Facilities

Hotels/Motels

Lacombe Inn
Empress Hotel
Empress 75 Motel
Juniper Lodge
Lacombe Hotel

Meeting Facilities

Lacombe Memorial Centre
Kozy Korner
Legion Hall
Empress Hotel
Lacombe Motor Inn

Parks and Campgrounds — *See Alberta Accommodation Guide For Details*

Recreational Facilities

Golfing	Skating
Baseball	Hockey
Tennis	Curling
Playground	Bowling
Swimming	Library
Camping	

Organizations

Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce	4-H Kinsmen
Lions	Rotary
Lioness	Rebekah
Royal Canadian Legion	Eastern Star
I.O.O.F.	Masonic Lodge
Foresters	Girl Guides/Brownies
Boy Scouts/Cubs	Day Care Society

Regional Resources

Resources Available Locally Mixed farming, cereal grains, livestock, gravel

Products Emblems and badges, cast concrete, animal feed, fishing lures,
furniture manufacturing, electronic components, book binding, crests
and silk embroidery.

Brief History

Ed Barnett, a former North West Mounted Police constable and resident of Red Deer, is credited with founding Lacombe in 1883.

In 1891, when the railroad came to Central Alberta settlers, flooded into the Lacombe area to develop farms.

Lacombe was incorporated as a village on July 28, 1896 and was larger than Red Deer. It was incorporated as a town in 1905.

In 1907, the Dominion Government chose the community as a site for an Agricultural Research Station.

The community was named after missionary Father Albert Lacombe who travelled the Parkland area in 1850, bringing peace to the Blackfoot and Cree tribes.

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Government**Municipal Office**

Town of Lacombe
5034 - 52 Street
Lacombe, Alberta T0C 1S0
Tel: (403) 782-6666

Council

Mayor Don Thorne and 6 Councillors

Administration Contact

Robert Jenkins, Town Manager

Planning Authority

Red Deer Regional Planning Commission
2830 Bremner Avenue
Red Deer, Alberta T4R 1M9
Tel: (403) 343-3394

Member of Parliament

Stan Schellenberger
P.O. Box 6178
Westaskiwin, Alberta T4N 2E9
Tel: (403) 352-7702

Member of Legislative Assembly

Ron Moore
513 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6
Tel: (403) 427-1807

Provincial/Federal Services**Provincial**

Transportation - Highway Maintenance
Dept. Agriculture - District Agriculturist, Home Economist
Fields Crops Branch
Alberta Hail & Crop Insurance
Attorney General
Government Services - Operating & Maintenance
Social Services & Community Health

Federal

Agriculture - Research Station - Meat Science, Plant Science
Beef Unit
R.O.P. Swine Unit
Post Office

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