

# Alberta Locations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANMORE  
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As of October, 1986

## Overview

Population 4,012

Distance From Major Centres 106 km (66 miles) west of Calgary  
22 km (14 miles) east of Banff

Connecting Highway(s) #1, #1A

Railway(s) Canadian Pacific

Major Economic Base Tourism, Manufacturing (non metallic minerals)

## Economic Development Contacts

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ADVANTAGE

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**Location**

County/District Improvement District #8  
 Census Division #9  
 Elevation 1,322 metres (4,337 feet)  
 Latitude/Longitude 51°05'/115°21'

**Climate****Temperature**

*Seasonal Averages* — *January* -10.2°C (13.6°F)  
 — *April* 1.9 C (35.4°F)  
 — *July* 14.1°C (57.4°F)  
 — *October* 5.0°C (41.0°F)

Annual Precipitation 657.4 mm (25.9 in.)

*Rain* 360.2 mm (14.2 in.)

*Snow* 291.6 cm (114.8 in.)

Frost Free Days 27

Hours Sunshine/Year 1,969.8

**Population**

	Community	County/District	40 km Radius
1966	1,445	1,728	N/A
1971	1,538	1,848	N/A
1976	1,927	1,663	9,602
1981	3,448	1,204	N/A
Current Estimate	4,012	1,158	N/A

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**Population Breakdown****As of:** 1986

Age	Males	Females	Total
0-14	478	436	914
15-19	124	91	215
20-24	194	182	376
25-44	893	764	1,657
45-64	281	288	569
65 +	127	154	281

**Labour Force****As of:** 1981

	Male	Female
Population	1,610	1,585
Employed	1,360	1,005
Unemployed	60	50
Participation Rate	88.2	66.9
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.7

**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*

**Major Employers**

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Name of Company	Business Activity	Number of Employees
Canada Cement LaFarge Ltd.	Concrete	181
Canmore Municipal Hospital	Hospital	109
Motels/Hotels	Accommodations	90
Mt. Rundle School Division	Education	70
Baymag Mines Ltd.	Magnesium Oxide Manufacturer	55
Steel Brothers Canada Ltd.	Lime	49
Town of Canmore	Administration	26
Canbow Motors Ltd.	Auto Dealership	15
Burnco	Industrial Operations	10
Jensen Ford	Auto Dealership	8
Valbella Meats	Meat Processing	4
Moose Country Ltd.	Photography	4
Rocky Mountain Silk Screening	Signs and Printing	4
The Bread Basket	Bakery	4
White Water Boat Manufacturing	Boat Manufacturer	3
Canmore Woodcrafters	Cabinets and Furniture	3

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**Retail and Service Trade Statistics****As of:** 1984*Statistical Area Covered* Town of Canmore

	<i>Total Trade</i>	<i>Retail</i>	<i>Service</i>
Outlets	102	51	51
Employees			
<i>Full-Time</i>	416	146	270
<i>Part-Time</i>	256	90	166
Payroll (\$000)	7,149	3,268	3,880
Receipts (\$000)	38,892	24,618	14,273

Major Services Available

A broad range of retail goods, supplies and services are available to local residents and tourists.

**Manufacturing Statistics****As of:** 1983*Statistical Area Covered* Town of Canmore

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Employees

*Male*

DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE "STATISTICS BUREAU ACT RSA"

*Female**Total*

Payroll (\$000)

Cost of Materials/Supplies (\$000)

Value of Shipments (\$000)

**Transportation**

**Connecting Highways  
(Load Limits)** #1 (none), #1A east (75%), #1A west (none)

**Truck Transport** Alberta Express  
Ketch Transport  
Exshaw Transport

**Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities** Yes

**Railways** Canadian Pacific

**Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities** At Calgary 106 km (66 miles)  
East

**Pick-up and Delivery** No

**Spur Trackage** Yes

**Air Services**

**Local Airport** None

**All Weather Facilities** N/A

**Longest Runway** N/A

**Carriers (scheduled/charter)** N/A

**Nearest Commercial Services** At Calgary International Airport  
106 km (66 miles) east

**Nearest Air Freight Facilities** At Calgary International Airport  
106 km (66 miles) east

**Bus Services**

**Local** No

**Intercommunity** Regularly Scheduled

**Utilities***Contact the Following for Service Rates and Details*

**Electric Power**                      TransAlta Utilities Corporation  
 100 Glacier Drive  
 P.O. Box 759, Canmore, Alberta T0L 0M0  
 Tel: (403) 678-5101

**Natural Gas**                         Canadian Western Natural Gas Co. Ltd.  
 1412 Railway Avenue  
 P.O. Box 220, Canmore, Alberta T0L 0M0  
 Tel: (403) 678-6264

**Telephone**                             Alberta Government Telephone  
 119 - 6 Avenue S.W.  
 Calgary, Alberta T2P 0P8  
 Tel: (403) 231-7111

**Water Supply**

**Source of Water**                      Well

**Reservoir Capacity — Treated Water**      7,570,800 l (1,665,376 gals.)

**Pumping Capacity**                  10,728.5 l (2,360 gals.) per minute

**Average Line Pressure**              410 kPa (60 p.s.i.)

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

**Restrictions**                          None Specified

**Water Analysis (milligrams per litre)**

<i>Data Source</i>	Alberta Environment			<i>Date</i>	September, 1985
<i>Total Dis. Solids</i>	159.6	<i>Cl</i>	2.0	<i>SO<sub>4</sub></i>	38.0
<i>Total Hardness</i>	151.0	<i>F</i>	0.12	<i>NO<sub>3</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub></i>	0.05
<i>Total Alkalinity</i>	106.7	<i>Fe</i>	0.04	<i>NO<sub>2</sub></i>	0.05
<i>pH</i>	8.0	<i>Mg</i>	10.0	<i>HCO<sub>3</sub></i>	130.1
		<i>K</i>	0.4	<i>CO<sub>3</sub></i>	0.0
		<i>Na</i>	1.0	<i>Ca</i>	44.0

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**Utilities** (cont'd.)**Sewage**

Type of Treatment      Rotating Biological Contractor

Provision for Disposal of Chemicals      None

**Industrial Fuels Available**

Coal: No                      Oil: Regional              Propane: Local

**Other Municipal Services****Garbage***Method/Frequency of Collection**Industrial*      By contractual arrangement*Commercial*      Twice weekly*Residential*      Once weekly*Solid Waste Disposal*      Modified landfill

Fire Protection      Volunteer

Police Protection      R.C.M.P.

Other Services      Canmore Public Library, Recreation/Culture Programming.

**Municipal Finance**

Mill Rates (Year)      1985

*Industrial/Commercial*      41.290*Residential*      31.290

Per Capita Debt      1,382 (1983)

Year of Last General Assessment      1978

Latest Total Assessment      66,920,740

Equalized Assessment Per Capita      8,054 (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

### Elk Run Industrial - Business Park

Located adjacent to both the TransCanada Highway and Highway 1A, it offers fully serviced lots in Phase I, ranging from .2 ha to 1.4 ha (.52 acres to 3.5 acres). Phase II of development consisting of an additional 34 ha (84 acres) offers a selection of sites with superb highway exposure. Land prices are negotiable and interested parties are encouraged to contact the town of Canmore directly.

### Industrial Buildings/Warehousing

A 1300 m<sup>2</sup> (14,000 sq. ft.) building on 3.2 ha (2 acres) of land is available for lease or purchase. This property also features second floor space of about 650 m<sup>2</sup> (7,000 sq. ft.). Site is zoned industrial and ideal for a light manufacturing enterprise.

Aspen Industrial Park also offers warehousing and industrial space opportunities. Approximately 371 m<sup>2</sup> to 557 m<sup>2</sup> (4,000 sq. ft. to 6,000 sq. ft.) of bay space is available to prospective businesses.

There is also a good supply of commercial retail space available in the Canmore downtown district ranging from 37 m<sup>2</sup> (400 sq. ft.) and upwards.

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**Building Permits****As of:** 1985

	<i>Value (\$000)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i># Permits</i>
Residential	3,481.6	50.7	40
Commercial	2,063.0	30.1	6
Industrial	-	-	-
Institutional	1,300.0	18.2	6
Total	6,844.6	100.0	52

**Housing**

## Residential Lots — Availability

*Single Detached Homes* Ample Supply*Mobile Home Lots* None3-Bdrm., 1200 Sq. Ft. Bungalow — *Sample**Average Cost (incl. land)* \$90,000*Average Taxes* \$1,200

## Rental Accommodation

*Apartments* 177*Vacancy Rate* 1.1% (June, 1986)**Medical**

Hospitals/No. Beds	Canmore Municipal Hospital - Active/29 Auxiliary/43	Health Units	Mount View Health Unit
No. Doctors	6	No. Dentists	3
No. Surgeons	3	Optometrists	1
Medical Clinics	2	No. Chiropractors	1
Ambulance Service	Yes - Bow Valley Ambulance Service	Nursing Homes	No
		Senior Citizens Lodge	Yes

**Education****Schools**

<i>Day Care/Nursery</i>	1
<i>Elementary</i>	)
<i>Junior High</i>	) Combined In one school
<i>High School</i>	)
<i>Vocational</i>	SAIT at Calgary 106 km (66 miles) east
<i>Other</i>	University of Calgary, Mount Royal College at Calgary

**Additional Programs**

Early Childhood Services Program  
Adult Education Courses

**Financial Institutions**

Bank of Montreal  
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce  
Bow Valley Credit Union

**Communications**

<b>Newspapers</b>	Canmore Leader - local/weekly Banff Crag and Canyon - regional/weekly Calgary, Herald, Calgary Sun - regional/dailies
<b>Radio Stations</b>	Canmore AM All Calgary AM/FM broadcast stations
<b>Television Channels</b>	Calgary broadcast and cable stations

## Tourist/Accommodation Facilities

### Hotels/Motels

In Canmore, as well as the adjacent Harvie Heights and Dead Man's Flat areas, there are a total of 16 establishments with a combined total of 408 units. See Alberta Accommodation Guide for more information

### Meeting Facilities

Canmore Recreation Centre  
 Policeman's Creek Seniors Drop-In Centre  
 Canmore Youth Centre

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

## Recreational Facilities

Public Library	Bell Diamonds - 3
Golf Course - 18 hole	Ice Arena - artificial ice
Curling Rink - 3 sheets	Playgrounds and Tot Lots - 6
Tennis Courts - 2	Canmore Youth Centre

## Organizations

Bow Valley Chamber of Commerce	Canmore Kinsmen Club
Canmore Curling Club	Pre-School Society
Canmore Minor Hockey Association	Canmore Ladies Hospital Auxiliary
Canmore Folk Club/Heritage Day Committee	Canmore Junior Forest Wardens
Beta Sigma Phi	Canmore Kinettes
Girl Guides/Brownies	Pinetree Players
Royal Canadian Legion	No-Hit Hockey League
Canmore Old Timers Football Club	Royal Purple
Day Care Society	Bow Valley Figure Skating Association
	Canmore/Banff Air Cadets Royal Legion

## Regional Resources

### Resources Available Locally

Tourism/recreation, sand/gravel, limestone, cement

### Products

Iceboats, tote carriers, redi-mix concrete, cement, lime, art/crafts baked goods, processed meats, magnesium oxide.

## Brief History

Industrialism, for which the Bow Valley would become notable, had already begun when the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived. The growth of Calgary spawned a large demand for lumber, and in 1883 the Eau Claire Lumber Company obtained timber rights and a mill was operated near Canmore until 1886. Lime quarries were developed in the area as early as 1888. In 1908 the CPR developed a cement plant near Exhsaw. Through the years the coal mining industry was the mainstay of Canmore's economy. In 1979 the last load of coal was shipped from Canmore.

A new era began. Canmore's new opportunity to develop as a tourist destination and service centre for Kananaskis Country and Banff National Park commenced in one of North American's most spectacular areas, the magnificent Canadian Rockies.

Canmore has also been selected as the site of the Calgary 1988 Olympic Games cross country, nordic combined and biathlon events. The Canmore Nordic Centre built for the Games competitions features stadium facilities, shooting range, 63 km (38.5 miles) of competitive, training and recreational trails linking the centre with Canmore and Banff National Park.

Located in a year round recreational paradise in the Rocky Mountains, Canmore is waiting for you to come and explore the superlative recreational opportunities.

**Government**

**Municipal Office**

Town of Canmore  
 P.O. Box 460  
 Canmore, Alberta T0L 0M0  
 Tel: (403) 678-5593

**Council** Mayor Paula Andrews and 6 Councillors  
**Administration Contact** Frank J. Kosa, Town Manager

**Planning Authority**

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 Calgary, Alberta T2G 4X1  
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 House of Commons  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6  
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**Member of Legislative Assembly**

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 222 Legislature Building  
 Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6  
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**Provincial/Federal Services**

**Provincial**

Attorney General  
 Provincial Court  
 Recreation & Parks  
 Solicitor General  
 Driver Examination  
 Transportation

Forestry, Lands and Wildlife  
 Fish and Wildlife  
 Social Services & Community Health  
 District Office  
 Mental Health Service  
 Tourism (Travel Information)

**Federal**

Post Office  
 Environment Canada (Hydro Research)

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