

# alberta COMMUNITY PROFILE

Name of Community: **CANMORE**

Region: **CALGARY**

## OVERVIEW

Population: 4419 As Of: 88.11.01

Distance From Major Centres: 106 KM (66 MI) WEST OF CALGARY  
22 KM (14 MI) EAST OF BANFF

Connecting Highway(s): HWY 1, HWY 1A

Railway(s): CANADIAN PACIFIC

Major Economic Base:  
- MANUFACTURING (NON-METAL- - TOURISM  
- LIC MINERALS)

## LOCATION

County/District: M.D. OF BIGHORN #8 Census Division: 9  
Elevation: 1322 Meters 4336.16 Feet  
Latitude: 51 Deg. 5 Min. Longitude: 115 Deg. 21 Min.

## 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: 66 cm. 25.82 in.

Rain: 36 cm. 14.15 in.

Snow: 292 cm. 114.60 in.

Frost Free Days: 27

Hours Sunshine/Year: 1970

*Information contained in this profile is as current as possible. However, where appropriate, preference is given to published data from standard sources over current, unpublished data. Source list is available on request.*

**Alberta**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND TRADE

Business Counselling and Development

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS**

Municipal

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TOWN MANAGER  
TOWN OF CANMORE, P.O. BOX 460  
CANMORE, ALBERTA  
T0L 0M0

Telephone: (403)678-5593

Alberta Economic Development & Trade Regional Office

VALENTINI, W.  
BUSINESS COUNSELLOR  
5TH FLOOR, 999 - 8TH STREET, S.W.  
CALGARY, ALBERTA  
T2R 1J5

Telephone: (403)297-6284

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**POPULATION**

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
			<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
1976		995		930	1925	4856
1981		1860		1630	3490	6020
1986		2140		2045	4185	5332
CURRENT ESTIMATE		2222		2190	4412	5562

**POPULATION BREAKDOWN**

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
0 - 4	210	215	425
5 - 9	160	145	305
10 - 14	115	105	220
15 - 19	120	110	230
20 - 24	185	190	375
25 - 34	550	520	1070
35 - 44	360	280	640
45 - 54	155	160	315
55 - 64	145	125	0
65 +	140	190	0
TOTAL	2140	2045	4185

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**LABOUR FORCE**

	1 9 7 6		1 9 8 1		1 9 8 6	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
POTENTIAL LABOUR FORCE (15-65 YRS)	750	740	1610	1585	1650	1565
EMPLOYED	555	365	1360	1005	1355	995
UNEMPLOYED	40	20	60	50	80	85
PARTICIPATION RATE	79	53	88	67	87	69
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7	5	4	5	6	8

**FAMILY UNITS AND AVERAGE INCOME**

Average Individual Income:	17818		
Families In Private Households:	1090	Average Income:	38431
One Person Households:	315		

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**MAJOR AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT**

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>LABOUR FORCE</u>
PRIMARY INDUSTRY	105
MANUFACTURING	235
CONSTRUCTION	285
TRANSPORT, COMM. AND OTHER UTILITIES	170
TRADE	350
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80
COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND PERSONAL SERVICE	1045
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENSE	230
EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE (ALL INDUSTRIES)	2500

**MANUFACTURERS**

Company: BURSCO ROCK PRODUCTS

Major Products:

- READY-MIX CONCRETE
- SAND
- GRAVEL

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 10 - 19

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Company: CANMORE WOODCRAFTERS

Major Products:

- CUSTOM WOODWORKING
- CABINETS
- FURNITURE

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 1 - 4

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Company: SWISS - CAN WOODWORK

Major Products:

- WOOD PRODUCTS

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 1 - 4

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Company: VALBELLA MEATS

Major Products:

- SOUSAGE
- CORDON BLEU
- SMOKED MEATS
- HAM

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 1 - 4

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**MANUFACTURERS (CONTINUED)**

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**TRANSPORTATION**

<u>CONNECTING HIGHWAYS</u>	<u>LOAD LIMITS</u>	<u>CONNECTING HIGHWAYS</u>	<u>LOAD LIMITS</u>
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- HWY 1	N	- HWY 1A	Y
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## Truck Transport

- ALBERTA EXPRESS	- KETCH TRANSPORT
- EXSHAW TRANSPORT	

Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities:  
YES

## RAILWAYS

Railway Lines: CANADIAN PACIFIC, MAIN LINE

Spur Trackage: Y

Intermodal Services: AT EDMONTON &amp; CALGARY

## AIR SERVICES

Local Airstrip: N All Weather Facilities: N

Nearest Airport: BANFF, 17 KM (10.6 MI) N.W.

Longest Runway: 914.63 M. 2999.99 FT.

Carriers (schedules/charter): NOT AVAILABLE

Nearest Commercial Services: AT CALGARY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
106 KM (66 MI) EAST

Nearest Air Freight Facilities: AT CALGARY

## BUS SERVICES

Local: N Intercommunity: REGULARLY SCHEDULED



**UTILITIES**

Contact the Following for Service Rates and Details

**ELECTRIC POWER**

TRANSALTA UTILITES CORPORATION  
4316 - 38 ST.  
CAMROSE, ALBERTA  
T4V 4B2 (403)679-1800

**NATURAL GAS**

NORTHWESTERN UTILITIES LIMITED  
4331 - 38 ST.  
CAMROSE, ALBERTA  
T4V 3A9 (403)672-2491

**TELEPHONE**

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES  
EDMONTON BUSINESS OFFICE, 10020 - 100 ST  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA  
T5J 0N5 (403)493-4400

**WATER SUPPLY**

Source of Water: DRIED MEAT LAKE  
Reservoir Capacity - Treated Substance: 19,605 CU.M. 692,350.57 CU.FT.  
Design Capacity: 13,619 CU.M. 480,954.98 CU.FT.

**SEWAGE**

Type of Treatment: LAGOON, 4 SHORT & 5 LONG DETENTION  
Provision for Disposal of Chemicals:  
COLLECTION FACILITY AT SANITARY LAND FILL SITE

**UTILITIES (CONTINUED)**

**WATER ANALYSIS**

For Surface Water Information, contact:

Alberta Environment  
Pollution Control Division  
Water Quality Control Branch  
Edmonton: 427-5828  
Calgary: 297-8271

For Drinking Water Information, contact:

Alberta Environment  
Pollution Control Division  
Municipal Engineering  
Edmonton: 427-5837  
Lethbridge: 381-5511  
Grande Prairie: 538-5351  
Red Deer: 340-5310

**HAZARDOUS WASTE:**

The Alberta Special Waste Management System undertakes the identification, receipt, movement, treatment and safe disposal of most hazardous wastes within the province. For further information, contact:

Alberta Environment  
Industrial Waste Branch  
5th Floor, Oxbridge Place  
9820-106 St.  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5J-2J6

Phone: 427-5847

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

GARBAGE

Method/Frequency of Collection

Industrial: DAILY  
Commercial: DAILY  
Residential: WEEKLY

Fire Protection

VOLUNTEER FORCE

Police Protection

R.C.M.P. - LOCAL DETACHMENT

Other Services

CANMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
RECREATION/CULTURE PROGRAMMING

MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Mill Rates (Year): 1986  
Industrial/Commercial: 41.940

Residential: 32.440

Per Capita Debt: 1506 Year: 1986

Year of Last General Assessment: 1987

Latest Total Assessment: 110,882,050

Equalized Assessment Per Capita: 8,135 Year: 1987

## BUSINESS PROPERTIES

As of November, 1988

### Elk Run Industrial - Business Park

Located adjacent to both the TransCanada Highway 1A, it offers fully serviced lots in Phase I, ranging from 0.2 ha to 1.4 ha (.52 acres to 3.5 acres). Phase II of development consisting of an additional 34 ha (84 acres) offer 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 square metre (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 square metres (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 square metres to 557 square metres (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 square metres (400 sq. ft.) and upwards.

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**COMMERCIAL REALTORS**

ALPINE REALTY  
BANFF-CANMORE REALTY  
PEKA PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

**BUILDING PERMITS**

	<u>VALUE (\$ 000)</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u># PERMITS</u>
RESIDENTIAL	9989	61.4	155
COMMERCIAL	5668	34.8	N/A
INDUSTRIAL	97	0.6	N/A
INSTITUTIONAL	521	3.2	N/A
TOTAL	16275	100.0	155

**HOUSING**

## Residential Lots - Availability

Single Detached Homes: REASONABLE SUPPLY

Mobile Home Lots: NONE

3-Bdrm., 1200 Sq. Ft. Bungalow: - Sample

Average Cost (including land): 90000

Average Taxes (\$/year): 1206

## Rental Accommodation

Apartments: 157 UNITS

Vacancy Rate - % 2.50

As of: 88.06.22

**MEDICAL**

Nearest Hospital: CANMORE

Hospitals:	1	Number of Beds:	72
Number of Doctors:	6	Number of Surgeons:	3
Medical Clinics:	2	Ambulance Service:	1
Health Units:	1	Number of Dentists:	3
Optometrists:	1	Number of Chiropractors:	1
Nursing Homes:	1	Senior Citizen Lodges:	1
Senior Citizen Housing:	1		

**EDUCATION**

Schools - Public and Private Boards Combined

Day Care/Nursery:	1
Elementary:	1
Junior High:	1
High School:	1
Vocational:	0

Other: EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES  
PROGRAM  
ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Additional Programs: S.A.I.T., MOUNT ROYAL  
COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY AT CALGARY 106 KM  
(66 MI) EAST

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

BANK OF MONTREAL  
CANADIAN IMPERIAL  
BANK OF COMMERCE  
CREDIT UNION  
BOW VALLEY  
CREDIT UNION

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Newspapers:**

For Newspaper Circulation (Advertising Areas of Influence)  
See DATA - Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association Yearly Publication

CANMORE LEADER - LOCAL/WEEKLY  
BANFF CRAG AND CANYON - REGIONAL/WEEKLY  
CALGARY HERALD, CALGARY SUN - REGIONAL DAILIES

**Radio Stations:**

CANMORE AM  
ALL CALGARY AM/FM BROADCAST STATIONS

**Television Stations:**

CALGARY BROADCAST AND CABLE STATIONS



**TOURIST/ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES**

HOTELS:           TOTAL:           0

MOTELS:           TOTAL:           16

- IN CANMORE AS WELL
  - AS 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 ACCOM.
  - GUIDE FOR MORE INFO.

**MEETING FACILITIES**

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETING FACILITIES:           3

CANMORE RECREATION CENTRE  
POLICEMAN'S CREEK SENIORS DROP-IN CENTRE  
CANMORE YOUTH CENTRE

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

PUBLIC LIBRARY  
GOLF COURSE - 18 HOLE  
CURLING RINK  
TENNIS COURTS - 2  
BALL DIAMOND - 3  
ICE ARENA - ARTIFICIAL ICE  
PLAYGROUNDS AND TOT LOTS - 6  
CANMORE NORDIC CENTRE  
INDOOR SWIMMING POOL

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## ORGANIZATIONS

- BOW VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- CANMORE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOC.
- BETA SIGMA PHI
- GIRL GUIDES/BROWNIES
- CANMORE OLD TIMERS FASTBALL
- CANMORE KINSMEN CLUB
- CANMORE LADIES HOSPITAL
- AUXILIARY
- PINETREE PLAYERS
- BOW VALLEY FIGURE SKATING ASN.
- CANMORE CURLING CLUB
- CANMORE FOLK CLUB/HERITAGE DAY
- COMMITTEE
- ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
- DAY CARE SOCIETY, ROYAL PURPLE
- PRE-SCHOOL SOCIETY
- CANMORE JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS
- CANMORE KINETTES
- NO-HIT HOCKEY LEAGUE
- CANMORE/BANFF AIR CADETS

**REGIONAL RESOURCES**

## Resources Available Locally:

- TOURISM
- SAND/GRAVEL
- CEMENT
- RECREATION
- LIMESTONE

Products: ICEBOATS, TOTE CARRIERS  
REDI-MIX CONCRETE, CEMENT  
LIME, ART/CRAFTS  
BAKED GOODS, PROCESSED MEATS  
MAGNESIUM OXIDE

**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 Exshaw. 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 of Kananaskis Country and Banff National Park commenced in one of North America'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.

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**GOVERNMENT**

Municipal Office               TOWN OF CANMORE  
Administration Contact: FRANK J. KOSA  
                          Position: TOWN MANAGER  
  P.O. BOX 460  
  CANMORE, ALBERTA  
  TOL 0M0    Telephone: (403)678-5593

Council: MAYOR PAULA ANDREWS AND 6 COUNCILLORS  
Next Election: 1989

**Planning Authority**

                          Contact:  
Planning Authority:       CALGARY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
  4303 - 11TH STREET, S.E.  
  CALGARY, ALBERTA  
  T2G 4X1    Telephone: (403)287-2472

**Member of Parliament**

  LOUISE FELTHAM  
  BOX 3816  
  AIRDRIE, ALBERTA  
  T4B 2B9    Telephone: (403)948-3737

**Member of Legislative Assembly**

  BRIAN EVANS  
  714 LEGISLATURE ANNEX  
  EDMONTON, ALBERTA  
  T5K 1E4    Telephone: (403)427-1865

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**PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL SERVICES**

Provincial:

ATTORNEY GENERAL  
PROVINCIAL COURT  
RECREATION AND 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:

CANADA POST  
ENVIRONMENT CANADA (HYDRO RESEARCH)

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