

# alberta COMMUNITY PROFILE

Name of Community: IRMA

Region: CAMROSE

## OVERVIEW

Population: 484 As Of: 88.11.01

Distance From Major Centres: 178 KM (110 MI) S.E. OF EDMONTON  
29 KM (18 MI) N.W. OF WAINWRIGHT

Connecting Highway(s): HWY #14, SR #881

Railway(s): CANADIAN NATIONAL

Major Economic Base:  
- AGRICULTURE - OIL & GAS EXPLORATION

## LOCATION

County/District: M.D. OF WAINWRIGHT #61 Census Division: 7  
Elevation: 679 Meters 2227.12 Feet  
Latitude: 52 Deg. 55 Min. Longitude: 111 Deg. 14 Min.

## CLIMATE

### Temperature

Seasonal Averages:	January	-16.9 C	1.6 F
	April	3.2 C	37.8 F
	July	16.7 C	62.1 F
	October	4.9 C	40.8 F

Annual Precipitation: 42 cm. 16.58 in.

Rain: 32 cm. 12.69 in.

Snow: 98 cm. 38.63 in.

Frost Free Days: 110

Hours Sunshine/Year: 2490

*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 However, where appropriate, preference is given to published data from standard sources over current, unpublished data.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

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS**

Municipal

DON CREASY  
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR  
BOX 419  
IRMA, ALBERTA  
T0B 2H0

Telephone: (403)754-3665

Alberta Economic Development & Trade Regional Office

ALLAN WALKEY  
BUSINESS COUNSELLOR  
4909 - 48 ST.  
CAMROSE, ALBERTA  
T4V 1L7

Telephone: (403)679-1235

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As Of: 86.12.31

**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	210		220		430	8771
1981	230		250		480	9279
1986	245		235		480	9853
CURRENT ESTIMATE	259		225		484	9889

**POPULATION BREAKDOWN**

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
0 - 4	25	15	40
5 - 9	30	15	45
10 - 14	15	20	35
15 - 19	15	15	30
20 - 24	15	20	35
25 - 34	50	30	80
35 - 44	30	30	60
45 - 54	20	10	30
55 - 64	20	25	0
65 +	25	40	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>485</b>

**LABOUR FORCE**

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	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
POTENTIAL LABOUR FORCE (15-65 YRS)	150	140	170	200	190	175
EMPLOYED	105	40	100	75	155	65
UNEMPLOYED	0	0	10	0	0	15
PARTICIPATION RATE	73	29	62	38	84	46
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	0	0	10	0	0	19

**FAMILY UNITS AND AVERAGE INCOME**

Average Individual Income:	17093		
Families In Private Households:	130	Average Income:	41223
One Person Households:	55		

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**MAJOR AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT**

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>LABOUR FORCE</u>
PRIMARY INDUSTRY	50
MANUFACTURING	0
CONSTRUCTION	20
TRANSPORT, COMM. AND OTHER UTILITIES	20
TRADE	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	15
COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND PERSONAL SERVICE	55
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENSE	25
EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE (ALL INDUSTRIES)	240

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**MANUFACTURERS**



**TRANSPORTATION**

<u>CONNECTING HIGHWAYS</u>	<u>LOAD LIMITS</u>	<u>CONNECTING HIGHWAYS</u>	<u>LOAD LIMITS</u>
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- HWY #14

N

- SR #881

N

## Truck Transport

- WAINWRIGHT FREIGHT
- C.N. TRUCKS

- BISON FREIGHT LINES
- P & D EXPRESS

Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities:  
AT WAINWRIGHT 29 KM SOUTHEAST

## RAILWAYS

Railway Lines: CANADIAN NATIONAL - MAIN LINE

Spur Trackage: Y

Intermodal Services: AVAILABLE AT EDMONTON &amp; CALGARY

## AIR SERVICES

Local Airstrip: N

All Weather Facilities: N

Nearest Airport: VIKING

Longest Runway: 899.40 M. 2950.03 FT.

Carriers (schedules/charter): AT EDMONTON 178 KM NORTH WEST

Nearest Commercial Services: AT EDMONTON

Nearest Air Freight Facilities: AT EDMONTON

## BUS SERVICES

Local: N

Intercommunity: GREYHOUND - DAILY

## UTILITIES

Contact the Following for Service Rates and Details

### ELECTRIC POWER

TRANSALTA UTILITIES CORPORATION  
1040 - 2 AVE.  
WAINWRIGHT, ALBERTA  
TOB 4P0 (403)842-3377

### NATURAL GAS

NORTHWESTERN UTILITIES LIMITED  
5236 - 55 AVE.  
IRMA, ALBERTA  
TOB 2H0 (403)754-3751

### TELEPHONE

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES  
6509 - 55 AVE.  
VEGREVILLE, ALBERTA  
TOB 4L0 (403)632-5211

### WATER SUPPLY

Source of Water: WELLS  
Reservoir Capacity - Treated Substance: 410 CU.M. 14,479.15 CU.FT.  
Design Capacity: 824 CU.M. 29,099.56 CU.FT.

### SEWAGE

Type of Treatment: LAGOON, 4 SHORT & 2 LONG DETENTION  
Provision for Disposal of Chemicals:  
NONE



**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: WEEKLY  
Commercial: WEEKLY  
Residential: WEEKLY

Fire Protection

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Police Protection

R.C.M.P. WAINWRIGHT

Other Services

F.C.S.S.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Mill Rates (Year): 1986  
Industrial/Commercial: 25.890

Residential: 21.620

Per Capita Debt: 41 Year: 1986

Year of Last General Assessment: 1982

Latest Total Assessment: 7,318,900

Equalized Assessment Per Capita: 4,794 Year: 1987

<b>BUSINESS PROPERTIES</b>
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## AREA #1

Location: NE 27-45-9-W4th, Eastview Subdivision

Total Acreage Available:

Serviced Sites - 25 acres	Unserviced - 4.5 acres
Average parcel size 90 X 300	75 X 300
Price per lot - average \$5,000	\$1,000
Off Site Levies 250	250

Services available: Municipal Water & Sewer  
 Storm Sewer  
 Natural Gas  
 240 & 3 Phase Power

## AREA #2

Location: NW 27-45-9-W4th

Irma Industrial Park (Unserviced)

Total Acres or Hectares Available: 12/ 4.85

(12) Vacant Lots

Average size:	.8 acre
Parcel Size Range:	.7 to .9
Price per Lot:	\$1,500
Off Site Levy	250

Services available: Natural Gas, Phone &amp; Power

## Vacant Buildings:

40' X 60' metal - for lease/sale - Plumbing Shop  
 24' X 80' cement - for lease/sale - newly renovated  
 24' X 80' cement - for lease/sale - storage, no floor  
 60' X 60' X 18' Wall - for lease/sale - 4 yrs old (metal)

Percentage owned:	Publicly:	10%
	Privately:	90%

For further information on both Area 1 and 2, contact:

Don Creasy, Village Administrator  
 Village of Irma  
 Box 419  
 Irma, Alberta  
 T0B 2H0  
 Tel: (403)754-3665

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  Privately: 90%

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**COMMERCIAL REALTORS**

CREASY AGENCIES LTD.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

	<u>VALUE (\$ 000)</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u># PERMITS</u>
RESIDENTIAL	0	0.0	2
COMMERCIAL	0	0.0	1
INDUSTRIAL	0	0.0	N/A
INSTITUTIONAL	0	0.0	N/A
TOTAL	0	100.0	3

**HOUSING**

## Residential Lots - Availability

Single Detached Homes: AMPLE SUPPLY

Mobile Home Lots: LIMITED SUPPLY

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

Average Cost (including land): 60000

Average Taxes (\$/year): 1149

## Rental Accommodation

Apartments: NOT AVAILABLE

Vacancy Rate - % 0.00

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**MEDICAL**

Nearest Hospital: WAINWRIGHT 32 KM EAST

Hospitals:	0	Number of Beds:	0
Number of Doctors:	0	Number of Surgeons:	0
Medical Clinics:	0	Ambulance Service:	0
Health Units:	0	Number of Dentists:	0
Optometrists:	0	Number of Chiropractors:	0
Nursing Homes:	1	Senior Citizen Lodges:	1
Senior Citizen Housing:	0		

**EDUCATION**

Schools - Public and Private Boards Combined

Day Care/Nursery:	0
Elementary:	2
Junior High:	2
High School:	1
Vocational:	0

Other: KINDERGARTEN

Additional Programs: NONE

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

BANK OF MONTREAL  
TREASURY BRANCH  
FIRST CITY TRUST  
VICTORIA & GREY

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Newspapers:

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

WAINWRIGHT (WEEKLY), VIKING (WEEKLY)

Radio Stations:

EDMONTON AND CAMROSE BROADCASTING STATIONS

Television Stations:

EDMONTON, LLOYDMINSTER, RED DEER BROADCASTING AND CABLE  
STATIONS



**TOURIST/ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES**

HOTELS: TOTAL: 2

- IRMA INN

- IRMA HOTEL

MOTELS: TOTAL: 1

- IRMA MOTEL

**MEETING FACILITIES**

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETING FACILITIES: 3

LEGION HALL  
CURLING RINK  
GOLF CLUB

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

FAIRGROUNDS  
ARTIFICIAL ICE ARENA  
9-HOLE GOLF COURSE  
4-SHEET CURLING RINK  
PLAYGROUND

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## ORGANIZATIONS

- LEGION
- KINSMEN
- 4-H BEEF CLUB
- AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

- ELKS
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- 4-H FOOD & SEWING CLUB
- SEVERAL OTHERS

## REGIONAL RESOURCES

### Resources Available Locally:

- CLAY
- OIL
- AGRICULTURE
- SAND/GRAVEL
- NATURAL GAS

Products: MIXED FARMING (GRAINS & LIVESTOCK)  
WHEAT  
CANOLA

## HISTORY

Settlers started coming to Irma in 1908, when the Grand Trunk Railway was put through. Irma was incorporated as a village in 1912. A map of Irma, dated 1915, shows in addition to the Grand Trunk Railway Station, two elevators and almost 30 businesses, catering to the needs of farmers in the area. Records show three major fires in the downtown area in 1911, 1931 and 1963. Most of the buildings on Main Street were reconstructed after the 1931 fire.

The first settlers to Irma were from England, Ontario, Norway, New Brunswick and the United States.

There are conflicting reports as to how Irma got its name. One is that it was named after one of the secretaries of a railway official. Another report says that Irma was named after the daughter of U. Wainwright, second vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway.

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**PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL SERVICES**

Provincial:

AT WAINWRIGHT - 29 KM SOUTHEAST  
TREASUR BRANCH

Federal:

CANADA POST OFFICE

ALBERTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

Edmonton Office      6th Floor Sterling Place  
9940 - 106 Street  
EDMONTON, Alberta  
Telephone: 427-5267  
Telex: 037-42815