

ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Percentage of persons polled in 1995 who agreed with the statement
“Everything is relative”: 73

Average annual attendance at Drumheller Badlands Passion Play: 12,000

Admission prices: adult: \$20 children under 12: \$10

Number of people in cast: 150; in choir: 175; volunteers: 1,000

No. of copies of *Knowing Jesus Personally* magazines distributed at performances: 2,500

Number of staff at CJIL, Lethbridge, Canada’s first entirely Christian TV station: 30

Hours of local programming per week: 20

Number of households to which signal available: 1.5-million

Cost of station’s launch of satellite service: \$1-million

Number of Gardnerian [British traditional] Wiccan covens in Alberta: 2

Average attendance at a sabbat of the Covenant of Gaia Church of Alberta: 60-80

Attendance at annual July pilgrimage to healing waters of Manitou Sakahikan,
aka Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta: in 2000: 45,000; in 2001: 60,000

Enrolment in member seminaries of the Association of Theological Schools in Canada
in 1988: 2,679 in 1999: 3,224 percentage change: +20

Number of Mennonites in Canada: 207,970; in Alberta: 22,330, or 11%

Number of Doukhobors in Canada: 4,820; in Alberta: 200, or 4%

Number of Hutterites in Canada 1991: 21,495; in Alberta: 9,980, or 46%

Percentage of Alberta population that are Latter Day Saints, 1985: 2.18

Cost of Cardston Temple at completion, 1923: \$751,666.53

First year for which census data on religion captured: 1871

Percentage of population claiming “no religious affiliation”, 1991,
Alberta: 20 [3rd highest in Canada]

Percentage aged 25-34 who attended services at least once a month, 1998: 24

Percentage of adults aged 65 to 74 attending regularly, 1998: 51

Percentage of Canadian-born adults worshipping regularly, 1998: 31

Percentage of immigrant adults worshipping regularly, 1998: 43

Where first marriage lasted at least 15 years, percentage of couples
who attended services weekly / not at all and who had married

in the 1950s: 96 / 91

in the 1960s: 89 / 73

in the 1970s: 84 / 66

in the 1980s: 80 / 57

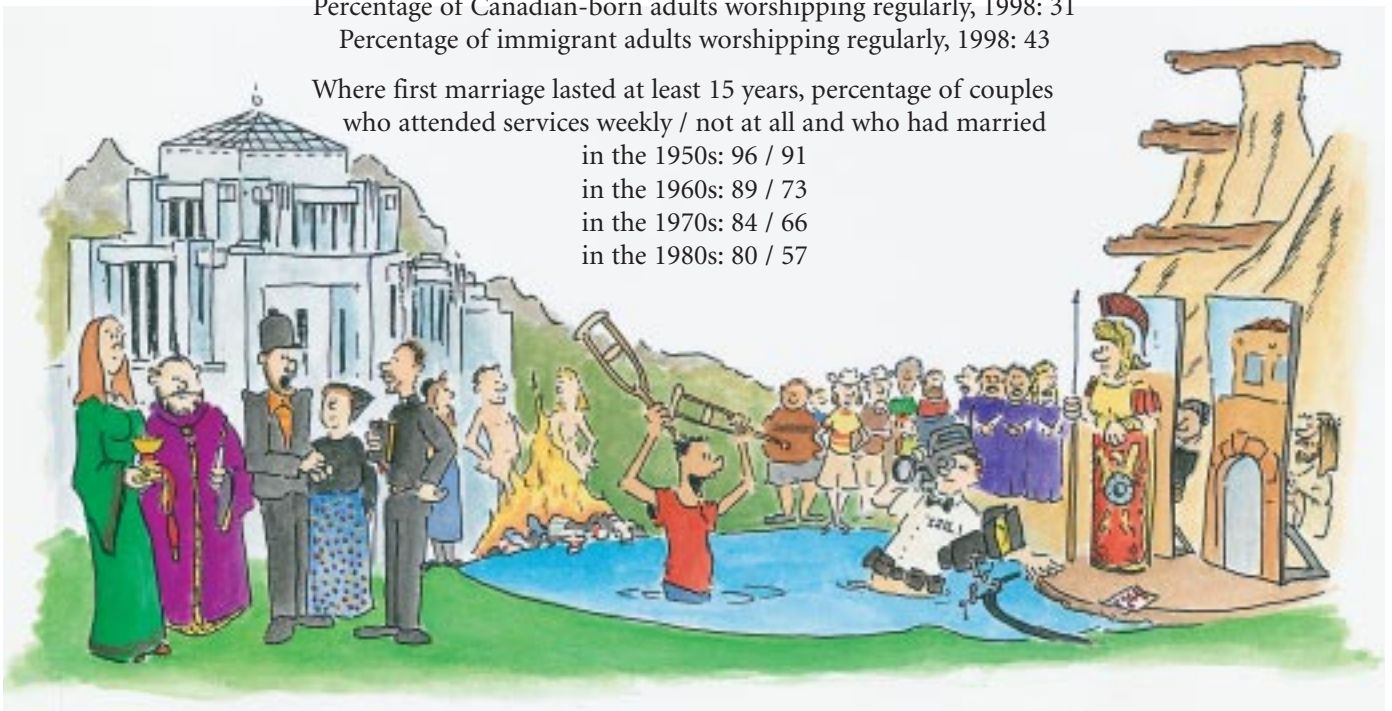


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