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(1) ALBERTA UNEMPLOYMENT MEAN RATES 1980-89
(NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL %)

SOURCE: Alberta Statistical Review 1984 and 1989.

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989*</u>
TOT	3.7	3.8	7.7	10.8	11.2	10.1	9.8	9.6	8.0	7.4
MEN	3.3	3.5	8.0	11.4	11.6	10.0	10.3	9.7	7.7	7.2
WOM	4.3	4.3	7.3	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.2	9.6	8.3	8.3
Edm.	4.1	4.1	8.0	12.1	14.1	12.0	11.6	11.3	9.2	8.7

* - average from January to September only available

(2) EDMONTON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 1980-89

SOURCE: Alberta Statistical Review 1984 and 1989.

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989*</u>	<u>% chg</u>
ALL ITEMS	88.9	100.0	110.8	117.2	120.4	124.2	128.3	133.7	137.3	142.7	+61%
FOOD	90.1	100.0	107.7	111.5	116.6	121.4	127.7	133.2	136.1	140.2	+57%
HOUSING	87.9	100.0	112.7	118.8	119.1	120.5	122.6	124.8	127.7	131.7	+50%
CLOTHING	92.8	100.0	105.7	109.1	111.8	113.9	116.7	121.2	127.6	131.7	+40%

* - average from January to September only available

(3) EDMONTON 1986 INCOME STATISTICS*

SOURCE: 1986 Canadian Census.

	<u>MALES:</u>		<u>FEMALES:</u>		<u>FAMILY INCOME:</u>
	<u>over 15</u>	<u>full time</u>	<u>over 15</u>	<u>full time</u>	
average income	\$ 25 290	\$ 33 026	\$ 13 937	\$ 21 353	\$ 41 681
median income	\$ 22 010		\$ 11 129		\$ 37 657

* - 14.2 % of economic families were classified as low income

* - 36.9 % of unattached individuals were classified as low income

(4) ALBERTA BUDGET ESTIMATES OF STAFF:

SOURCE: Alberta Family and Social Services January 1990, Edmonton.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>CASES/PERSONNEL</u>	<u>RECIPIENTS/PERSONNEL</u>
1980	---	---	---
1981	---	---	---
1982	590	71.5	176.4
1983	716	62.9	161.7
1984	629	76.1	187.9
1985	614	89.4	204.7
1986	615	102.1	224.6
1987	891	76.3	180.9
1988	1058	64.0	141.4
1989	---	---	---

- * - 1982 figures represent April 1982 - March 1983, therefore the 1989 figures are not available.
- 1980-81 has not been calculated.
- 1982-86 figures includes a few guardian social allowance workers as well as social allowance.
- 1987-88 figures include 30-40 AISH workers as well as guardian social allowance.

(5) AVERAGE MONTHLY SOCIAL ALLOWANCE FIGURES 1980-89*

SOURCE: Alberta Family and Social Services January 1990, Edmonton AB.

A. ALBERTA: CASES AND (RECIPIENTS)

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988 [^]
AGED 60+	3611 (4955)	3258 (4392)	3484 (4677)	3438 (4804)	3351 (4833)	3275 (4786)	3326 (4856)	3525 (5214)	3737 (5638)
SINGLE- PARENT	13198 (39847)	14165 (42144)	17412 (50571)	18418 (53335)	18931 (54735)	20019 (57489)	21363 (61256)	13290 (66598)	24076 (68437)
PHYSICAL- ILLNESS	5756 (10222)	6236 (11226)	7803 (10769)	8417 (14113)	8673 (14658)	8470 (14354)	8193 (14000)	8420 (14462)	9410 (16624)
MENTAL- ILLNESS	1297 (1458)	1172 (1345)	1412 (1449)	1560 (1752)	1734 (1971)	1734 (1957)	1637 (1866)	1600 (1865)	1693 (2163)
MENTAL- RETARD.	479 (494)	295 (311)	293 (272)	294 (310)	347 (380)	367 (402)	358 (397)	367 (407)	440 (531)
EMPLOY- ABLES	4936 (15150)	5727 (17899)	10951 (35259)	12166 (40360)	13906 (40253)	19862 (45075)	26363 (53329)	28485 (56240)	25506 (51741)
UNEMPLOY- ABLES	733 (987)	708 (945)	822 (1084)	777 (1077)	955 (1361)	1141 (1642)	1573 (2426)	2327 (3432)	2870 (4515)
TOTALS	30010 (73119)	31561 (78262)	42177 (104081)	45070 (115751)	47897 (118191)	54867 (125705)	62813 (138130)	68015 (148218)	67731 (149649)
TTL RECIP. [^]									
AGE 0-18	37166	38246	51461	57361	58397	58917	63071	68468	69304
AGE 18+	39999	33499	48348	54309	58936	65264	73622	80523	79369

- * - caseloads are the regular numbers, recipient (numbers) are bracketed.
- 1980 (et. al.) signifies April 1980 - March 1981
- 1989 Figures are not available as of February 1990

- [^] - total recipient numbers are for September of the respective years
- Sept. 1989 figures are 0-18 69225, and 18+ 75524.

B. EDMONTON REGION[^]: CASES AND (RECIPIENTS)

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
AGED 60+	1221 (1480)	1132 (1404)	1253 (1570)	1275 (1672)	1256 (1735)	1283 (1897)	1343 (1823)	1458 (2086)	1574 (2248)
SINGLE- PARENT	5066 (15730)	5473 (16554)	6863 (20048)	7446 (21771)	7687 (22667)	8187 (25294)	8650 (23707)	9535 (27794)	10009 (29366)
PHYSICAL- ILLNESS	2080 (2574)	2270 (2731)	3041 (3747)	3424 (5459)	3538 (5516)	3495 (5169)	3267 (5449)	3410 (5401)	3927 (6378)
MENTAL- ILLNESS	576 (541)	568 (532)	710 (704)	774 (840)	818 (909)	783 (805)	713 (856)	723 (844)	809 (905)
MENTAL- RETARD.	144 (104)	89 (74)	90 (78)	99 (109)	109 (129)	95 (105)	89 (110)	102 (122)	109 (119)
EMPLOY- ABLES	1535 (4185)	1897 (4210)	4092 (11797)	4768 (13434)	6256 (15756)	7728 (17951)	9788 (15196)	11048 (20774)	10577 (19103)
UNEMPLOY- ABLES	226 (445)	233 (298)	256 (308)	270 (316)	393 (571)	478 (1007)	709 (637)	996 (1412)	1436 (2088)
TOTALS	10849	11663	16305	18056	20057	22049	24560	27271	28441
	(25059)	(25803)	(38252)	(43601)	(47283)	(52225)	(47778)	(58433)	(60207)

* - caseloads are the regular numbers, recipient (numbers) are bracketed.

- 1980 (et. al.) signifies April 1980 - March 1981

- 1989 Figures are not available as of February 1990

[^] - Edmonton region recipient stats are September figures as yearly average is not calculated.

(6) UNEMPLOYMENT AND "SALL" EMPLOYABLES 1980-88**A. ALBERTA**

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988 [^]
EMPLOY- ABLES	4936	5727	10951	12166	13906	19862	26363	28485	25506
EMPLY. % CHANGE		16%	91%	11%	14%	43%	33%	8%	-10%
UNEMPLOY- ABLES	733	708	822	777	955	1141	1573	2327	2870
UNEMPLY. % CHANGE		-3%	16%	-5%	23%	19%	38%	48%	23%
UNEMPLOY. RATE	3.7	3.8	7.7	10.8	11.2	10.1	9.8	9.6	8.0
U. RATE % CHANGE		3%	103%	40%	4%	-10%	-3%	-2%	-17%

B. EDMONTON REGION

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
EMPLOY- ABLES	1535	1897	4092	4768	6256	7728	9788	11048	10577
EMPLY. % CHANGE		24%	115%	17%	31%	24%	27%	13%	-4%
UNEMPLOY- ABLES	226	233	256	270	393	478	709	996	1436
UNEMPLY. % CHANGE		3%	9%	5%	46%	22%	48%	40%	44%
UNEMPLOY. RATE	4.1	4.1	8.0	12.1	14.1	12.0	11.6	11.3	9.2
U. RATE % CHANGE		0%	95%	51%	17%	-15%	-3%	-3%	-19%

(7) OVERVIEW OF CPI SHELTER AND FOOD COMPARISONS 1980-89**A. SOCIAL ALLOWANCE MAX. SHELTER RATES and CPI per MONTH**

	4-PERSON		3-PERSON		1-PERSON		CPI HOUSING
1980	\$ 475		\$ 440		\$ 260		87.9
1989	\$ 505		\$ 490		\$ 180	\$215 \$290	131.7
TOTAL % CHG	+6%		+11%		-31%	-17% +12%	+50%
NET CHG	-4.4%		-3.9%		-8.1%	-6.7% -3.8%	0

B. ALBERTA FOOD ALLOWANCE RATES and CPI per MONTH

	4-FAMILY		3-FAMILY		1-FAMILY		CPI FOOD
	SALL	BASKET	SALL		SALL		
1980	\$271	\$322	\$161		\$81		90.1
1989	\$485	\$520	\$318		\$140		140.2
TTL %CHG	+79%	+61%	+96%		+73%		+56%
NET CHG	+23%	+ 5%	+40%		+17%		0

(8) EDMONTON FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOWANCES RATES 1980-89*

SOURCE: Agriculture Canada's Nutritious Food Basket Historical Trends
 Alberta Government Regulations, amendments to the Social Development Act

	<u>FOOD BASKET REQUIREMENT[^]</u>		<u>SALL FOOD ALLOWANCE</u>				
	<u>family of four</u>		<u>family of 4</u>		<u>family of 3</u>	<u>single adult</u>	
	<u>week</u>	<u>month</u>	<u>week</u>	<u>month</u>	<u>month</u>	<u>month</u>	
1980	\$ 74	\$322	\$63	\$271	\$161	\$ 81	April 1
1981	\$ 85	\$367	\$69	\$301	\$179	\$ 89	April 1
1982	\$ 90	\$390	\$76	\$329	\$197	\$ 97	April 1
1983	\$ 93	\$403	\$82	\$357	\$215	\$105	April 1
1984	\$ 99	\$429	\$82	\$357	\$215	\$105	no change
1985	\$102	\$442	\$93	\$403	\$262	\$108	January 1
1986	\$107	\$464	\$93	\$403	\$262	\$108	no change
1987	\$112	\$485	\$93	\$403	\$262	\$108	June 1
1988	\$113	\$490	\$112	\$485	\$318	\$140	August
1989	\$120	\$520	\$112	\$485	\$318	\$140	nochange

*- figures are rounded to the nearest dollar

- family of four is a man and woman 25-49, one boy 13-15, and one girl 7-9.
- family of three is single parent, one boy 11, and one boy 10.
- no special dietary needs are allotted for.

[^]- the food basket requirements only include: dairy products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, meat alternatives, cereals, breads, fruits, potatoes, vegetables, fat, oil, and sugars. This does not include other kitchen and grocery items necessary in meal preparation that the food allowance must cover.

(9) ALBERTA SHELTER ALLOWANCE CEILINGS 1980-89

SOURCE: Alberta Government Regulations, Alberta Statistical review and Alberta Family and Social Services.

YEAR	4-person		3-person		1-person-unit*			CPI [^]				
	max.	%	max.	%	ST employ.	LT employ.	unemploy.	base	%			
1980	\$475	--	440	--	\$260	--	---	---	87.9	--		
1981	\$505	(+6%)	\$480	(+9%)	\$315	(+9%)	---	---	100.0	(+14%)		
1982	\$560	(+11%)	\$545	(+13%)	\$375	(+10%)	---	---	112.7	(+13%)		
1983	\$505	(-10%)	\$490	(-10%)	\$290	(-23%)	---	---	118.8	(+5%)		
1984	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$290	(0%)	---	---	119.1	(0%)		
1985	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$290	(0%)	---	---	120.5	(+1%)		
1986	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$290	(0%)	---	---	122.6	(+2%)		
1987	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$180	(-38%)	\$215	(-26%)	\$290	(0%)	124.8	(+2%)
1988	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$180	(0%)	\$215	(0%)	\$290	(0%)	127.7	(+2%)
1989	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$180	(0%)	\$215	(0%)	\$290	(0%)	131.7	(+3%)
1980-89		+6%		+11%		-31%		-17%		+12%		+50%
minus CPI		-50%		-50%		-50%		-50%		-50%		-50%
REAL DECADE												
% CHANGE		-44%		-39%		-81%		-67%		-38%		0

* - after 1987 shelter rates for single adults were differentiated between short-term assistance employables, long-term assistance employables, and unemployables.

[^] - CPI figures are for Edmonton 1980-89.

(10) ESTIMATED SHELTER RATES IF CPI ADJUSTED 1980-89

YEAR	4-person	3-person	1-person-unit*	CPI [^]	
	CPI adjusted	CPI adjusted	CPI adjusted	base	%
1980	\$475(base)	\$440	\$260	87.9	--
1981	\$542	\$502	\$296	100.0	(+14%)
1982	\$612	\$567	\$335	112.7	(+13%)
1983	\$642	\$595	\$352	118.8	(+5%)
1984	\$642	\$595	\$352	119.1	(0%)
1985	\$649	\$601	\$355	120.5	(+1%)
1986	\$662	\$613	\$362	122.6	(+2%)
1987	\$675	\$625	\$370	124.8	(+2%)
1988	\$689	\$638	\$377	127.7	(+2%)
1989	\$709	\$657	\$388	131.7	(+3%)

1980-89 50% 50% 50% +50%

CMH PREDICTED

1990 INCREASE 8% 8% 8% 8%

NEEDED ALLOW. FOR 1980

STANDARD \$766 \$710 \$419 +58%

* - after 1987 shelter rates for single adults were differentiated between short-term assistance employables, long-term assistance employables, and unemployables.

[^] - CPI figures are for Edmonton 1980-89.

**(11) REAL SHELTER CEILINGS ADJUSTED FOR CPI 1980-89
(IN 1980 DOLLARS)**

YEAR	4-person	3-person	1-person-unit*	CPI [^]	
	CPI adjusted	CPI adjusted	CPI adjusted	base	% change
1980	\$475 (base)	\$440	\$260	87.9	--
1981	\$437	\$418	\$247	100.0	(+14%)
1982	\$428	\$418	\$240	112.7	(+13%)
1983	\$364	\$355	\$173	118.8	(+5%)
1984	\$364	\$355	\$173	119.1	(0%)
1985	\$360	\$351	\$171	120.5	(+1%)
1986	\$353	\$344	\$168	122.6	(+2%)
1987	\$346	\$337	\$101	124.8	(+2%)
1988	\$339	\$330	\$99	127.7	(+2%)
1989	\$329	\$320	\$96	131.7	(+3%)

1980-89 -\$146 -\$120 -\$164 loss in real dollars, adjusted

* - after 1987 shelter rates for single adults were differentiated between short-term assistance employables, long-term assistance employables, and unemployables.

[^] - CPI figures are for Edmonton 1980-89.

(12) M.L.A. SALARY AND ALLOWANCES 1980-89

SOURCE: LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY, EDMONTON ALBERTA, FEBRUARY 1990

	SALARY.	CHG.	ALLOW.	CHG.	TOTAL	CHG.	CPI	CHG.
1980	\$21000	--	\$6176	--	\$27176	--	88.9	--
1981	\$22050	5%	\$6485	5%	\$28535	5%	100.0	12%
1982	\$23153	5%	\$6809	5%	\$29962	5%	110.8	11%
1983	\$24310	5%	\$7150	5%	\$31460	5%	117.2	6%
1984	\$24310	0%	\$7150	0%	\$31460	0%	120.4	3%
1985	\$24310	0%	\$7150	0%	\$31460	0%	124.2	3%
1986	\$25526	5%	\$7508	5%	\$33034	5%	128.3	3%
1987	\$28143	10%	\$7508	0%	\$35651	8%	133.7	4%
1988	\$29548	5%	\$7883	5%	\$37431	5%	137.3	3%
1989	\$38335	30%	\$19170	43%	\$57505	54%	142.7	4%
1980-89		83%		210%		112%		61%

(13) INCOME SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE - TABLES.TABLE ONE:ALBERTA SHELTER ALLOWANCE CEILINGS:

SOURCE: Alberta Government Regulations, Alberta Statistical Review and Alberta Family and Social Services.

YEAR	4-person		3-person		1-person-unit*			CPI housing [^]		
	max.	%	max.	%	ST employ.	LT employ.	unemploy.	base	%	
1980	\$475	--	440	--	\$260	--	---	---	87.9	--
1981	\$505	(+6%)	\$480	(+9%)	\$315	(+9%)	---	---	100.0	(+14%)
1982	\$560	(+11%)	\$545	(+13%)	\$375	(+10%)	---	---	112.7	(+13%)
1983	\$505	(-10%)	\$490	(-10%)	\$290	(-23%)	---	---	118.8	(+5%)
1984	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$290	(0%)	---	---	119.1	(0%)
1985	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$290	(0%)	---	---	120.5	(+1%)
1986	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$290	(0%)	---	---	122.6	(+2%)
1987	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$180	(-38%)	\$215	(-26%)	\$290	(0%)
1988	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$180	(0%)	\$215	(0%)	\$290	(0%)
1989	\$505	(0%)	\$490	(0%)	\$180	(0%)	\$215	(0%)	\$290	(0%)
1980-89		+6%		+11%		-31%		-17%		+12%
minus CPI		-50%		-50%		-50%		-50%		-50%

REAL DECADE

% CHANGE	-44%	-39%	-81%	-67%	38%	0
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CMHC' FORECAST

FOR 1990

INCREASE:	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
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* - after 1987 shelter rates for single adults were differentiated between short-term assistance employables, long-term assistance employables, and unemployables.

- shelter allowances include utilities.

[^] - CPI figures are for Edmonton housing 1980-89.

['] - Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation estimates for Edmonton 1990.

TABLE TWO:**M.L.A. SALARY AND ALLOWANCES 1980-89**

SOURCE: Alberta Legislative Library, accessed by telephone, February 1990.

	SALARY.	CHG.	ALLOW.	CHG.	TOTAL	CHG.	CPI*	CHG.
1980	\$21000	--	\$6176	--	\$27176	--	88.9	--
1981	\$22050	5%	\$6485	5%	\$28535	5%	100.0	12%
1982	\$23153	5%	\$6809	5%	\$29962	5%	110.8	11%
1983	\$24310	5%	\$7150	5%	\$31460	5%	117.2	6%
1984	\$24310	0%	\$7150	0%	\$31460	0%	120.4	3%
1985	\$24310	0%	\$7150	0%	\$31460	0%	124.2	3%
1986	\$25526	5%	\$7508	5%	\$33034	5%	128.3	3%
1987	\$28143	10%	\$7508	0%	\$35651	8%	133.7	4%
1988	\$29548	5%	\$7883	5%	\$37431	5%	137.3	3%
1989	\$38335	30%	\$19170	43%	\$57505	54%	142.7	4%
1980-89		+83%		+210%		+112%		+61%
minus CPI		-61%		-61%		-61%		-61%
REAL DECADE								
% CHANGE		+ 22 %		+ 149 %		+ 51 %		0

* - CPI used is for Edmonton and includes all items.

TABLE THREE:**EDMONTON FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOWANCES COMPARED 1980-89***

SOURCE: Agriculture Canada's Nutritious Food Basket Historical Trends
 Alberta Government Regulations, amendments to the Social Development Act

	<u>FOOD BASKET REQUIREMENT[^]</u>	<u>FOOD ALLOWANCE</u>	<u>BASKET MINUS</u>	
	family of four per month	family of four per month	<u>ALLOWANCE</u>	
			dollars	% diff.
1980	\$322	\$271	-\$51	-19%
1981	\$367	\$301	-\$66	-22%
1982	\$390	\$329	-\$61	-19%
1983	\$403	\$357	-\$46	-13%
1984	\$429	\$357	-\$72	-20%
1985	\$442	\$403	-\$39	-10%
1986	\$464	\$403	-\$61	-15%
1987	\$485	\$403	-\$82	-20%
1988	\$490	\$485	-\$ 5	- 1%
1989	\$520	\$485	-\$35	- 7%
1980-89			average monthly	
% change	61%	80%	deficit = \$ 51.80	

*- figures are rounded to the nearest dollar

- family of four is a man and woman 25-49, one boy 13-15, and one girl 7-9.

- no special dietary needs are allotted for.

[^]- the food basket requirements only include: dairy products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, meat alternatives, cereals, breads, fruits, potatoes, vegetables, fat, oil, and sugars. This does not include other kitchen and grocery items necessary in meal preparation that the food allowance must cover.

TABLE FOUR:**EDMONTON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 1980-89**

SOURCE: Alberta Statistical Review 1984 and 1989.

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	CLOTHING
1980	88.9	90.1	87.9	92.8
1981	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1982	110.8	107.7	112.7	105.7
1983	117.2	111.5	118.8	109.1
1984	120.4	116.6	119.1	111.8
1985	124.4	121.4	120.5	113.9
1986	128.3	127.7	122.6	116.7
1987	133.7	133.2	124.8	121.2
1988	137.3	136.1	127.7	127.6
1989*	142.7	140.2	131.7	131.7
1980-89				
% change	+61%	+57%	+50%	+40%

* - average from January to September only available

^ - % change are the increases for 1980-89.

TABLE FIVE:**ALBERTA UNEMPLOYMENT MEAN RATES 1980-89**
(NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL %)

SOURCE: Alberta Statistical Review 1984 and 1989.

	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	EDMONTON
1980	3.7	3.3	4.3	4.1
1981	3.8	3.5	4.3	4.1
1982	7.7	8.0	7.3	8.0
1983	10.8	11.4	9.9	12.1
1984	11.2	11.6	10.6	14.1
1985	10.1	10.0	10.2	12.0
1986	9.8	10.3	9.2	11.6
1987	9.6	9.7	9.6	11.3
1988	8.0	7.7	8.3	9.2
1989*	7.4	7.2	8.3	8.7

* - average from January to September only available.