

Who Owns the Land in Alberta?

Private land:

Your parents may own the land your home is built on. First Nations also own their land. 28% of the land in Alberta is private land.

Federal Crown land:

Federal crown land is the name we give to public land that is looked after by the federal government, and includes all national parks. The land in Banff National Park is public land, 'owned' by all Canadians. Every four years we elect a federal government (in Ottawa) which looks after this land for us. 8% of the land in Alberta is federal crown land.

Crown Land:

Provincial crown land is the name we give to public land that is looked after by the provincial government. Every four years the public elects a provincial government (in Edmonton) which looks after this land for us. Many ranchers, foresters, and oil and gas companies lease the land from the government, just like your parents might rent a house or a car. 64% of the land in Alberta is provincial crown land.