

WorldSkills Calgary 2009 Fact Sheet

- September 1-7, 2009
- Free admission to the four days of Competition, September 2-5 at Stampede Park
- More than 900 youth will vie for gold in 45 skill categories
- Competitors must be under the age of 23 during the year of the WorldSkills Competition, with the exception of two skill categories: the Manufacturing Team Challenge and Aircraft Maintenance, in which Competitors can be up to 25.
- Hosting the world for one week has taken more than four years to plan
- About 1,000 international Delegates and Experts
- 150,000 total attendance
- 3,000 volunteers
- 50,000 students registered to attend
- The largest independent event ever hosted at Stampede Park
- \$82 million economic impact to the City of Calgary
- Targeted to youth in school, young adults aged 17- 25 and parents, industry leaders, educators and youth influencers
- The \$56 million operating budget comes from:
 - o \$24.1 million from the Government of Alberta
 - o \$13.4 million from the Government of Canada
 - o \$11.6 million from sponsorship
 - o \$6.9 million from other revenue

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The 40th WorldSkills Competition is coming to Calgary, Alberta, Canada from September 1 – 7, 2009. The organizing committee, WorldSkills Calgary 2009, is leading the event coordination with support from WorldSkills International, Skills/Compétences Canada, and Skills Canada Alberta.