



Invest In Cypress County



Cypress County is a member of Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP), which is the economic development alliance for Southeast Alberta. Cypress County is located in the southern region of the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor.



ABOUT CYPRESS COUNTY

Cypress County is located in the Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP) region of Alberta. PEP is a regional alliance of communities and agencies in Alberta Southeast that work together to enhance the area's economic well-being. Cypress County is a large, rural municipality with a diversified economy, a large tax base and a population of over 7,600 people. Our County is a dynamic, friendly place to do business with strong growth potential. The area is growing rapidly due to an influx of people from Saskatchewan and beyond. There are business opportunities in the oil and gas and agricultural sectors of the community, and Cypress County has a skilled, highly adaptable labour force.

Community Snapshot

Population	7,662
Value of all Regional Building Permits	\$197,900,000
Non-Residential Mill Rate	9.2053 (2018)
Value of Major Projects in the Region	\$8,800,000,000

Source: 2016 Alberta Regional Dashboard



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OUR TOP INDUSTRIES



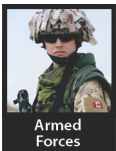
Agriculture

Of the 2.3M acres of pasture, 90 percent is native prairie and 55 percent is leased from the provincial government. Cow-calf herds graze this nutritious grassland all summer and then are processed at feedlots and plants. Abundant crops include wheat, canola, peas and grass/alfalfa hay on land areas under dryland conditions. Approximately three percent of the land is irrigated, resulting in larger yields.



Tourism

The primary tourism spot is Cypress Hills Inter-Provincial Park, a large tract of forested hills that rise from the surrounding prairie. The 500 camping stalls, hiking trails, ski/snowboard resort and beach bring in many visitors all year long. Other activities in the County include camping at Cavan Lake and Sandy Point Park, golfing at the world class Desert Blume resort and Elkwater golf course, rodeos, the Prairie Memories Museum, and boating on the South Saskatchewan River.



Armed Forces

Cypress County is also home to the Canadian Forces Base Suffield. CFB Suffield is one of the largest army bases in Canada. There are about 1,100 personnel employed on the base, both armed forces and public. Annually, from May to September, there are 8,000 to 10,000 troops from Canada and Britain who train. Local area businesses benefit greatly from servicing the many and varied procurement needs of the base.



Oil and Gas

Oil and gas continues to be an important industry sector in Cypress County, with a large segment of the area population engaged in exploration, extraction and field operation. \$16M of the County's \$23M tax revenue comes from this sector. There are close to 26,000 producing wells in the County.

COMMUNITY STATISTICS

Demographics

	2016 Totals*	2016 %*
Population	7,662	
Median age of the population	39.5	
Total number of census families in private households	2,255	
Total number of private households by tenure	2,690	
Owner	2,305	85.69%
Renter	390	14.50%
Average value of dwellings (\$)	\$479,640	
Average income \$	\$66,213	
Average household total income \$	\$136,256	

Labour Force

In the labour force	4,300	73.80%
Participation rate		73.80%
Unemployment rate		7.20%
Management occupations	840	19.58%
Business, finance and administration occupations	545	12.70%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	155	3.61%
Health occupations	320	7.46%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	335	7.81%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	65	1.52%
Sales and service occupations	620	14.45%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	705	16.43%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	525	12.24%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	180	4.20%

Education

High school diploma or equivalent	1,815	23.34%
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	2,980	38.33%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	785	10.10%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	1,310	16.85%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	150	1.93%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	735	9.45%

*Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census

SITE SELECTION INFORMATION

Services

Electrical Provider(s)
 Natural Gas Provider(s)
 Broadband Provider(s)
 Water Management
 Waste/Sewage Management

Providers*

Medicine Hat Electric; Fortis; EPCOR
 Medicine Hat Gas Utility; Forty Mile Gas Co-op; AltaGas Utilities
 CCI Wireless; Shaw; TELUS; XplorNet; Shockware
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*Please contact Providers for pricing & capacity information



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