

# BIG SKY... ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES



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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

PEP is a regional alliance of communities and agencies in Southeast Alberta working collaboratively to strengthen the area's economic landscape. Cypress County, a large rural municipality within this region, has a diversified economy, access to major transportation corridors, proximity to an urban center, and an extremely affordable mill rate, contributing to a robust tax base and a growing population of close to 7,800 (2024). Cypress County is committed to supporting agriculture and proudly hosts over 800 farms, reflecting its strong dedication to fostering a thriving agricultural community. The county offers a welcoming environment for businesses with promising growth potential.

### Community Snapshot

Population	7,524 (2021)
Value of all Regional Building Permits	\$178,702,000
Non-Residential Tax Rate	8.6880
Value of Major Projects in the Region	\$5,440,600,000

Source: 2023-2024 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.



#### Renewable Energy

Renewable energy is an emerging and significant industry in Cypress County focusing on wind and solar power. The Cypress Wind project, a collaboration between EDF Renewables North America and the Alberta government, exemplifies the county's commitment to sustainable energy. This large-scale wind farm, located in the south of the county, plays a critical role in meeting Alberta's energy needs, contributing both economically and environmentally. With the region's favorable wind conditions, Cypress County has become a leader in the province's wind energy sector, attracting significant investments and creating local jobs.



#### 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

	2021 Totals*	2021 %*
<b>Demographics</b>		
Population	7,524	
Median age of the population	40.8	
Total number of census families in private households	2,165	
Total number of private households by tenure	2,655	
Owner	2,345	88.32%
Renter	315	11.86%
Average value of dwellings (\$)	\$525,000	
Average income \$	\$62,750	
Average household total income \$	\$104,900	
<b>Labour Force</b>		
In the labour force	3,960	
Participation rate		69.40%
Unemployment rate		6.80%
Management occupations	70	1.79%
Business, finance and administration occupations	570	14.60%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	160	4.10%
Health occupations	300	7.68%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	425	10.88%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	55	1.41%
Sales and service occupations	630	16.13%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	685	17.54%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	800	20.49%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	205	5.25%
<b>Education</b>		
High school diploma or equivalent	1,750	30.65%
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	2,930	51.31%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	620	10.86%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	1,340	23.47%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	140	2.45%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	45	0.79%

\*Source: 2021 Statistics Canada Census

### SITE SELECTION INFORMATION

Services	Providers*
Electrical Provider(s)	Medicine Hat Electric; Fortis; EPCOR
Natural Gas Provider(s)	Medicine Hat Gas Utility; Forty Mile Gas Co-op; AltaGas Utilities
Broadband Provider(s)	CCI Wireless; Shaw; Telus; Xplore; Shockware
Water Management	Cypress County
Waste/Sewage Management	Cypress County

\*Please contact Providers for pricing & capacity information