



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



ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF DUCHESS

The Village of Duchess 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. Duchess is a small community with a population of over 1,000 and serves a trading area of over 2,000 people. A multitude of recreational opportunities, a diversity of cultural activities, our modern K-12 school and a broad range of businesses provide residents with a high quality of life. Whether you're planning to enjoy our Village for a day or a lifetime, we guarantee a warm welcome.

Community Snapshot

Population	1,053 (2021)
Value of all Regional Building Permits	\$178,702,000
Non-Residential Tax Rate	14.2579
Value of Major Projects in the Region	\$5,440,600,000

Source: 2023-2024 Alberta Regional Dashboard





BIG SKY... ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES



INVEST IN...

The Village of Duchess











2021 Totals*



2021 %*

OUR TOP INDUSTRIES



Oil and Gas

With shallow gas and pockets of oil prevalent through the area, the oil and gas industry is one of the main drivers of the local economy. Highway 36, a high load corridor adjacent to the community, leads to major developments in the oil sands. We are also just north of the Trans-Canada Highway making the Village ideally situated for industry transportation and servicing.



Agriculture

Cattle ranching/production, hog production and grain farming of diversified varieties are all major contributors to the economic stability of the area. The region produces coarse grains such as wheat, oats, barley, canola and other oil seed crops of high quality. The Duchess region has also seen an increase in alternative farming and the creation of greenhouse operations.



Manufacturing

Duchess, residing within the County of Newell, is part of a very productive and highly specialized market. The manufacturing cluster within the County provides employment for a great many labourers in the region and creates opportunity to other supporting industries. The County is home to JBS Lakeside, Western Canada's Largest Meat Packing Facility, located in nearby Brooks - just 19 km south of Duchess.



Transportation

Our Village is located 15 kilometres north of the Trans-Canada Highway and is directly adjacent to Highway 36 leading to the rich natural resources in the north. This puts us in a strategic location for provincial commerce. The Brooks Municipal Airport is the closest regional all-weather facility. The nearest commercial and air freight services are in Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and Calgary.

COMMUNITY STATISTICS

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Demographics		
Population	1,053	
Median age of the population	36.4	
Total number of census families in private households	305	
Total number of private households by tenure	390	
Owner	335	85.90%
Renter	55	14.10%
Average value of dwellings (\$)	\$268,000	
Average income \$	\$54,300	
Average household total income \$	\$88,800	
Labour Force		
In the labour force	525	
Participation rate		66.50%
Unemployment rate		13.30%
Management occupations	0	0.00%
Business, finance and administration occupations	75	14.71%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	25	4.90%
Health occupations	70	13.73%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	25	4.90%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	15	2.94%
Sales and service occupations	80	15.69%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	125	24.51%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	65	12.75%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	20	3.92%
Education		
High school diploma or equivalent	235	29.75%
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	365	46.20%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	85	10.76%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	195	24.68%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	0	0.00%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	0	0.00%

^{*}Source: 2021 Statistics Canada Census

SITE SELECTION INFORMATION

Serv	ices

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

Providers*

Atco; Epcor; Direct Energy
FortisAlberta; Epcor; Direct Energy
ElDnet; Shaw; Telus; Xplore
Newell Regional Services Corporation

Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Ltd



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^{*}Please contact Providers for pricing & capacity information