



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





ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF FOREMOST

The Village of Foremost 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. Foremost is a small community with big city appeal. Established in 1913, Foremost has a population of over 530 (2024) and serves a trading area of over 2,000 people. A host of recreational facilities, a diversity of cultural activities, an award winning school and a broad range of businesses provide residents with a high quality of life. Recreational, cultural and business opportunities abound in our friendly rural community.

Community Snapshot

Population	630 (2021)
Value of all Regional Building Permits	\$178,702,000
Non-Residential Tax Rate	12.6639
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 Foremost













OUR TOP INDUSTRIES



Agriculture

Foremost has been an established dryland grains area since it was settled. Agriculture products in the area include wheat, barley, rye, flax, canola, oats, peas, mustard, chick peas, lentils, beef cattle, hogs, and poultry. Approximately 10 percent of the region is irrigated. Within Foremost, there are a number of agricultural service companies from seed cleaning to grain hauling to assist in any agricultural production needs.



Aersopace

In November 2016, the Foremost UAS Range operating out of the Foremost airport, received final Transport Canada authorization to begin operations as Canada's first restricted airspace for civil and commercial BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight) UAV (Unmanned Air Vehicle) research, development, and testing. With 700 square nautical miles of restricted airspace up to 18,000 feet above sea level, the Foremost UAS Range is ideally suited for BVLOS flight operations as well as development and evaluation of payloads, communications, and sense and avoid technologies for BVLOS flights.



Tourism

Foremost is located in the tourist area known as the "Gateway to the Parks" due to its close proximity to four parks. Within a 15 minute drive, visitors enjoy water sports and camping at 40 Mile Park and touring the Historical Windmill Museum in Etzikom. The breathtaking views and activities of Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, and Waterton Lakes National Park are also easy to access from Foremost. Tourism opportunities abound in the region.



Oil and Gas

Oil and Gas contributes significantly to the region's economy and employment. There are various oil and gas product and service companies in the area, one of which is Matt's Heavy Crude and Water Hauling. The Village of Foremost is a service center for the area, including the oil and gas sector, serving a trading area of over 2,000 people.

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COMMUNITY STATISTICS

	2021 Totals*	2021 %*
Demographics		
Population	630	
Median age of the population	33.6	
Total number of census families in private households	135	
Total number of private households by tenure	210	
Owner	165	78.57%
Renter	45	21.43%
Average value of dwellings (\$)	\$232,000	
Average income \$	\$58,800	
Average household total income \$	\$91,000	
Labour Force		
In the labour force	260	
Participation rate		62.70%
Unemployment rate		0.00%
Management occupations	0	0.00%
Business, finance and administration occupations	40	15.09%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	0	0.00%
Health occupations	10	3.77%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	0	0.00%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	0	0.00%
Sales and service occupations	60	22.64%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	45	16.98%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	90	33.96%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	10	3.77%
Education		
High school diploma or equivalent	160	38.55%
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	170	40.96%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	35	8.43%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	100	24.10%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	10	2.41%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	0	0.00%

^{*}Source: 2021 Statistics Canada Census

SITE SELECTION INFORMATION

Services	Providers*
Electrical Provider(s)	Fortis Alberta: Egus

Natural Gas Provider(s) ATCO Gas: The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd

Broadband Provider(s) CCI Wireless: Shaw: Telus

Foremost Regional Water Treatment Plant Water Management

Waste/Sewage Management Village of Foremost

*Please contact Providers for pricing & capacity information

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