

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

Miles and miles of irrigation establishes the Bassano area as one of Canada's most productive and stable growing environments. Other local enterprises include electronics assembly, meat packing, food processing, metal fabrication, a computerized tomato greenhouse and a good commercial base. Bassano is home to one of the largest dams of its type, the 24 spillway gravity dam that provides Bow River water to local irrigation operations. The irrigation system also hosts fishing, boating, water skiing, swimming and camping.

### Geographic Information/ Access to Markets

Location: Located in the County of Newell #4  
Elevation: 881 Meters, 2,891 Feet  
Latitude: 50°47'03" N  
Longitude: 112°27'05" W  
Major Highways: Trans Canada Highway (Hwy 1)  
Secondary Highways: Highway 36, 56 Et 550  
Closest Airport: Airstrips in Bassano and Brooks  
Rail: Canadian Pacific Railway

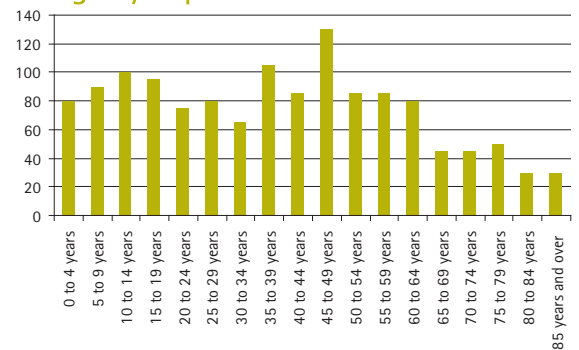
### Income

Median Household Income: \$49,828 (2005)  
Median Family Income: \$65,793 (2005)

### Population Information

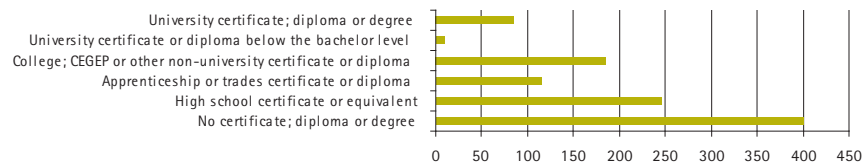
Population in 2008	1,390 (Town Census)
Population in 2001	1,320
% Change	5.3%

### Age by Population



### Educational Attainment

Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)

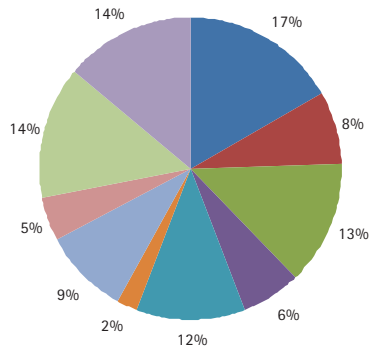


### Labour Market Data (2006)

Total population 15 years and over	1,030	Not in the labour force	310
In the labour force	725	Participation rate	70
Employed	690	Employment rate	66.7
Unemployed	30	Unemployment rate	4.1



## Labour Force By Industry (2006)



- Agriculture and other resource-based industries
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Finance and real estate
- Health care and social services
- Educational services
- Business services
- Other services



## Safety & Security

### Police/RCMP:

Bassano RCMP Detachment, City of Brooks Municipal Enforcement Unit

### Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Ambulance in Bassano, Volunteer Fire Department, 911 Service

## Utilities & Services

### Electric Power Providers:

Fortis Alberta & EPCOR

### Natural Gas Providers:

Atco Gas, Pioneer Gas Co-op

### Landfill/Waste Transfer:

Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Ltd.

### Water:

120 Million gallon untreated water reservoir and a 750,000 gallon treated water reservoir

### Water Source:

Bow River

### Overnight Express Service:

Canada Post, Purolator, FedEx & Phoenix Delivery

## Financial Institutions

Chinook Credit Union, Alberta Treasury Branch Agency

## Telecommunications

### Telephone:

Telus

### Internet:

High speed and wireless throughout region

## Business Supports

Community Futures Wild Rose, Palliser Economic Partnership

## Major Employers

Global Thermo Electric Inc., Puratone Feeds Ltd., Skill Metal Inc., Bassano Growers Co-op Ltd., Bassano Farm Equipment

## Educational Facilities

Bassano School (K-12)

## Post-Secondary Institutions

### College:

Medicine Hat College

### University:

Athabasca University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge

## Hospital

Bassano Health Center

## Print Media

The Bassano Times, Brooks & County Chronicle, Brooks Bulletin, Medicine Hat News

## Library

Bassano Memorial Library (Shortgrass System)

## Recreation Facilities

Ice Arena, Outdoor Swimming Pool, Ball Diamonds (2), Golf Course (9-hole), Bowling Alley, Curling Rink, Tennis Courts, Soccer Fields, Rodeo Grounds, Gun Club Facility, RV Campground, Parks, Bassano Dam – Fishing, BMX Track and Crawling Valley Recreation – Boating and Fishing

## Religious Facilities

Evangelical Free Church, Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Columba Roman Catholic Church

*\*\* All information included in this profile has been obtained from the community and Statistics Canada Census 2006.*

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