

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Bow Island is the "Bean Capital of the West" and is proud to be centered in an agricultural based area. The Bow Island area is recognized as having the Province's best climate for warm weather crop production. We enjoy long warm summers, the highest number of heat units, long sunlight hours and a long frost-free period. These attributes, coupled with over 110,000 acres of highly developed irrigation, mean that "Bow Island is the place to be for agri-processing."

Geographic Information/ Access to Markets

Location: Located on Highway 3, 60 km west of Medicine Hat and 100 km east of Lethbridge

Elevation: 790 Meters, 2,592 Feet

Latitude: 49°52'09" N

Longitude: 111°22'46" W

Major Highways: Highway 3

Secondary Highways: Highway 879

Closest Airport: Airstrip in Bow Island, Medicine Hat Airport and Lethbridge Airport

Rail: Canadian Pacific Railway

Income

Median Household Income: \$52,222 (2005)

Median Family Income: \$50,936 (2005)

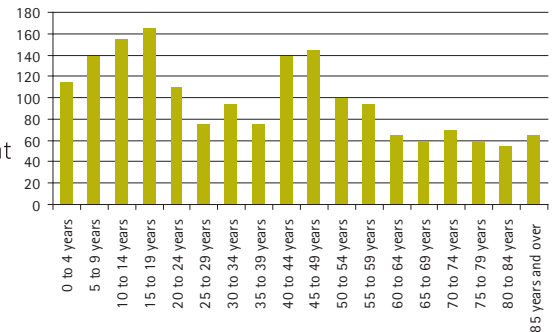
Population Information

Population in 2008 1,868 (Town Census)

Population in 2001 1,704

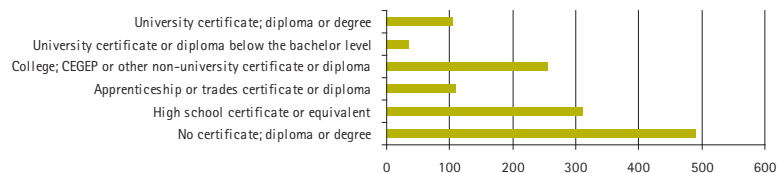
% Change 9.6%

Age by Population



Educational Attainment

Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)



Labour Market Data (2006)

Total population 15 years and over	1,310	Not in the labour force	360
In the labour force	950	Participation rate	60
Employed	895	Employment rate	72.5
Unemployed	60	Unemployment rate	6.3





Safety & Security

Police/RCMP:

Bow Island and Foremost are served by a five member regional detachment of the RCMP

Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency 911 Service, Local ambulance services provided through Alberta Health Services

Utilities & Services

Electric Power Providers:

Fortis Alberta

Natural Gas Providers:

Atco Gas

Landfill/Waste Transfer:

North Forty Mile Regional Landfill – 4 miles north of Bow Island

Water:

Water Supply is owned and operated by the Town of Bow Island

Water Source:

St. Mary River Irrigation District

Overnight Express Service:

Canada Post, DHL, Purolator

Financial Institutions

Alberta Treasury Branch, Servus Credit Union, Western Financial Group

Telecommunications

Telephone:

Telus, Shaw

Internet:

High speed and wireless throughout region

Business Supports

Bow Island & District Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures Entre-Corp, Palliser Economic Partnership

Major Employers

Bow Island Health Centre, VITERRA – Bean Plant, Tru Co Structures, Heibert Cabinets, Polycore

Educational Facilities

Bow Island Elementary (K-3), Senator Gershaw School (4-12), St. Michael's School (K-12), Cherry Coulee Christian Academy (K-9), Sun Country Christian School (K-9)

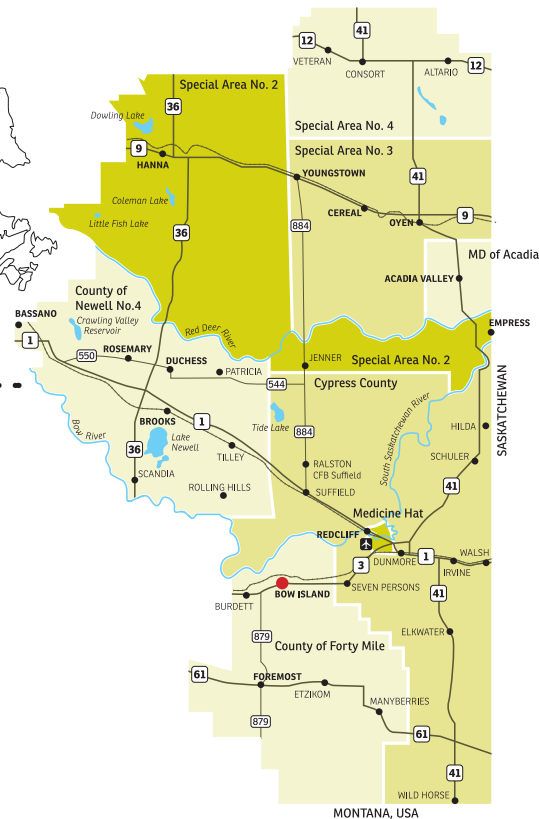
Post-Secondary Institutions

College:

Medicine Hat College, Lethbridge College

University:

Athabasca University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge



Hospital

Bow Island Health Centre

Print Media

40 Mile County Commentator

Library

Bow Island Municipal Library

Recreation Facilities

Golf Course, Tennis Courts, Rodeo and Equestrian Grounds, Baseball Diamonds (4), Bowling Alley, Arena, Curling Rink, Parks, RV Campground, Outdoor Pool and Soccer Fields

Religious Facilities

Bow Island Church of God in Christ, Mennonite Brethren, Bow Island Community Bible Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Evangelical Free Church, St. Andrew's United Church, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Zion Lutheran Church

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

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