

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

Cypress County, bordering the Province of Saskatchewan, is a dynamic, friendly place to do business with strong growth potential. The area is growing rapidly due to an influx of people from Saskatchewan and beyond. There are business opportunities in the oil and gas and agricultural sectors of the community, and Cypress County has a skilled, highly adaptable labour force. Couple these opportunities with low land values, low utility rates, and some of the lowest property taxes in the province and there is an unbeatable combination of features for economic growth and development.

### Geographic Information/ Access to Markets

Location: Located in the Southeast corner of Alberta  
Elevation: 721 Meters, 2,365 Feet  
Latitude: 49°58'0" N  
Longitude: 110°35' 46" W  
Major Highways: Highway 1, 3 and 41  
Secondary Highways: Highway 523, 524, 887, and 884  
Closest Airport: Medicine Hat  
Rail: Canadian Pacific Railway

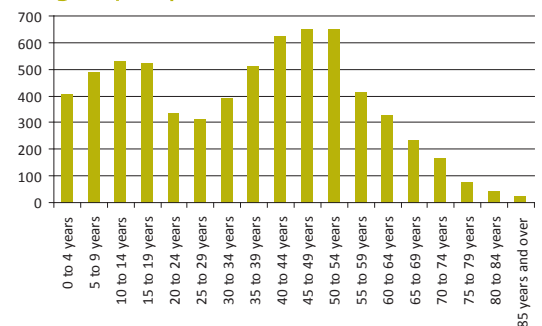
### Income

Median Family Income: \$68,582 (2005)

### Population Information

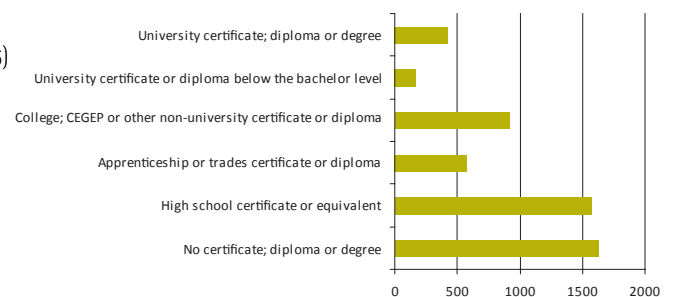
Population in 2006	6,729
Population in 2001	6,114
% Change	10.1%

### Age by Population



### Educational Attainment

Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)



### Labour Market Data (2006)

Total population 15 years and over	5290	Not in the labour force	1015
In the labour force	4270	Participation rate	80.7
Employed	4130	Employment rate	78.1
Unemployed	140	Unemployment rate	3.3



## Safety & Security

### Police/RCMP:

Police services are provided by the RCMP, The County has also contracted an officer through the RCMP for enhanced services, Community Peace Officer enforces bylaws

### Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Fire halls are located in the hamlets of Hilda, Irvine, One Four, Schuler, Seven Persons and Walsh. In addition, the County also has Fire trucks located in CFB Suffield, Cypress Hills Provincial Park, Elkwater, the City of Medicine Hat and the Town of Redcliff and Jenner, Ambulance services are administered by Alberta Health Services

## Utilities & Services

### Electric Power Providers:

Fortis/Epcor and the City of Medicine Hat

### Natural Gas Providers:

Forty Mile Gas Co-op and AltaGas

### Landfill/Waste Transfer:

Cypress Regional Landfill Authority, Door to door garbage services in Irvine and Desert Blume; Waste Transfer in each Hamlet and west of Redcliff

### Water:

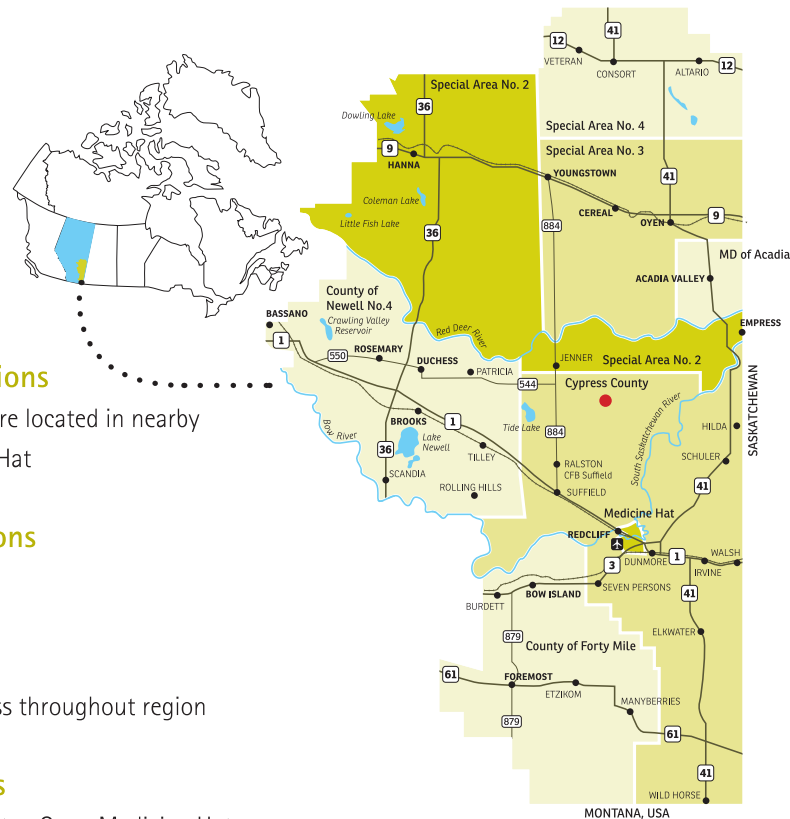
The County provides treated water to all Hamlets and some country residential subdivisions. Water co-ops are also a source of water in the County

### Water Source:

South Saskatchewan River and St. Mary River Irrigation District

### Overnight Express Service:

Canada Post, Purolator, FedEx, DHL, Greyhound Canada



## Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions are located in nearby Redcliff and Medicine Hat

## Telecommunications

### Telephone:

Telus

### Internet:

High speed and wireless throughout region

## Business Supports

Community Futures Entre-Corp, Medicine Hat & District Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Alliance of Southeast Alberta, Palliser Economic Partnership

## Major Employers

Wedding Star, Lawrence Meier Trucking, Prairie Rose School Division No. 8, BP Canada Energy Co., Petro Canada

## Educational Facilities

Seven Persons School (1-9), Schuler Elementary School (1-9), Ralston School (1-9), Irvine School (1-8), Eagle Butte High School (9-12)

## Post-Secondary Institutions

### College:

Medicine Hat College

### University:

Athabasca University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge

## Hospital

Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

## Print Media

Cypress Courier Newspaper, Medicine Hat News

## Library

Libraries in Irvine and Ralston (Shortgrass Library System)

## Recreation Facilities

Parks, Playgrounds, Golf Clubs, Arenas, Pool, Curling Rink, Community Hall, Rodeo Grounds, RV Campground, Interprovincial Park - Lakes, swimming, fishing, boating

## Religious Facilities

Seven Persons Community Church, Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Irvine United Church

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

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