

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

Empress is conveniently located off Highway 41 within the SAMDA (Special Areas and MD of Acadia No. 34) region. The Red Deer and South Saskatchewan rivers fork near Empress. The Village is surrounded by a largely agricultural area and boasts a strong petroleum industry and service sector. Empress houses a vibrant arts and culture community and draws significant amounts of tourists each year. As a Canadian Badlands community, Empress boasts prospects for tourism and service industry entrepreneurs. Moreover, the rural lifestyle combined with the job of choice is hard to resist.

### Geographic Information/ Access to Markets

Location: Located off Highway 41  
Elevation: 615 Meters, 2,018 Feet  
Latitude: 50°57'0" N  
Longitude: 110°00'22" W  
Major Highways: Highway 41  
Secondary Highways: Highway 9, 555, 562 & 570  
Closest Airport: Empress  
Rail: Oyen

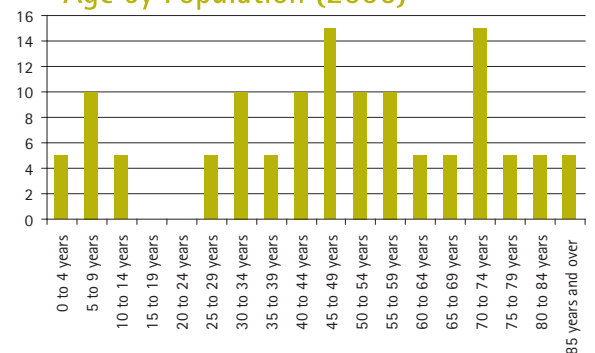
### Income

Median Household Income: \$74,885 (2005)  
Median Family Income: \$77,690 (2005)

### Population Information

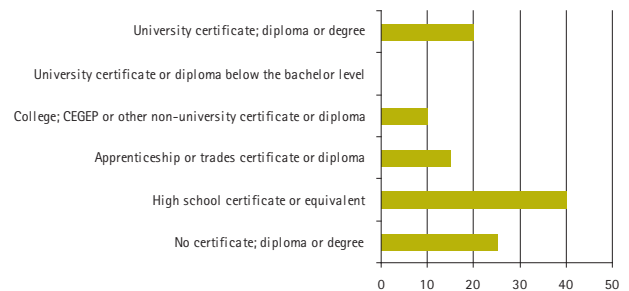
Population in 2008 185 (Village Census)  
Population in 2001 171  
% Change 8.2%

### Age by Population (2006)



### Educational Attainment

Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)

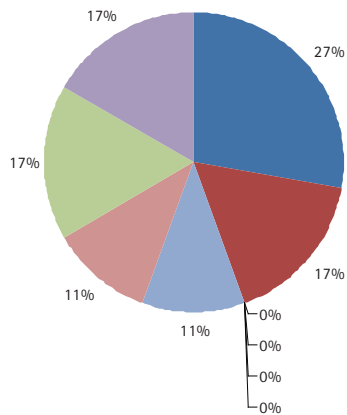


### Labour Market Data (2006)

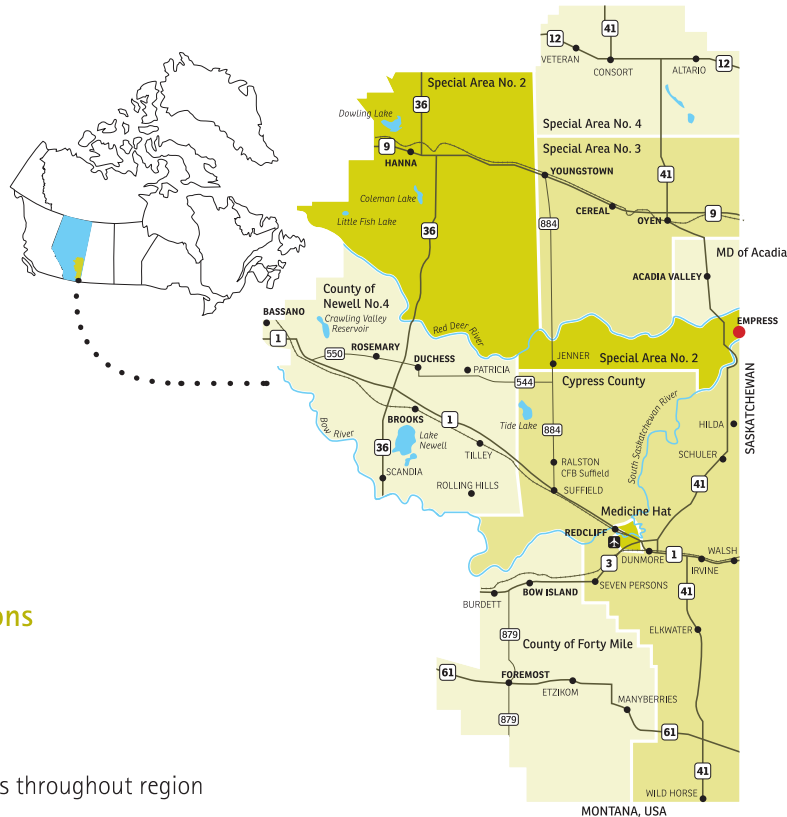
Total population 15 years and over	120	Not in the labour force	25
In the labour force	95	Participation rate	79.2
Employed	85	Employment rate	70.8
Unemployed	10	Unemployment rate	10.5



## 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:

Oyen RCMP Detachment

Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Volunteer Fire Department, 911 Service

## Telecommunications

Telephone:

Telus

Internet:

High speed and wireless throughout region

## Utilities & Services

Electric Power Providers:

Direct Energy, Atco Electric

Natural Gas Providers:

Dry Country Gas Co-op

Landfill/Waste Transfer:

Village of Empress

Water:

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Water Source:

Ground well water

Overnight Express Service:

Canada Post, DHL, Purolator, HiWay 9 Express

## Business Supports

SAMDA, Community Futures Meridian,

Palliser Economic Partnership

## Major Employers

Empress Motor Inn, Coyote Enterprises,

Alberta Health Services (Homecare), Village of

Empress

## Educational Facilities

Bindloss School (Bindloss 1-9), Warren Peers

School (Acadia Valley ECS-9), South Central

High School (Oyen 10-12)

## Post-Secondary Institutions

College:

Medicine Hat College

University:

Athabasca University,

University of Calgary

## Hospital

Big Country Health Center in Oyen

## Print Media

Oyen Echo, Prairie Post (Medicine Hat),

Medicine Hat News

## Library

Empress Municipal Library

## Recreation Facilities

Playground, RV Campground, Curling

Arena Hockey and Skating Arena, Tennis

Court, Baseball Diamonds, Community Hall,

Wading Pool

## Religious Facilities

The Empress McNeil Memorial United Church,

Family Worship Center

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

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