

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

The County of Forty Mile is located in southeast Alberta an equal distance from the City of Medicine Hat and the City of Lethbridge. The County is a vast area containing 78 townships of land bordering the United States to the south and the South Saskatchewan River to the north. Located within the County boundaries are the Village of Foremost and the Town of Bow Island. The County has something to offer for everyone from the casual explorer desiring to see the beauty of natural landscapes to the entrepreneur using their initiative to grow their business within our economy.

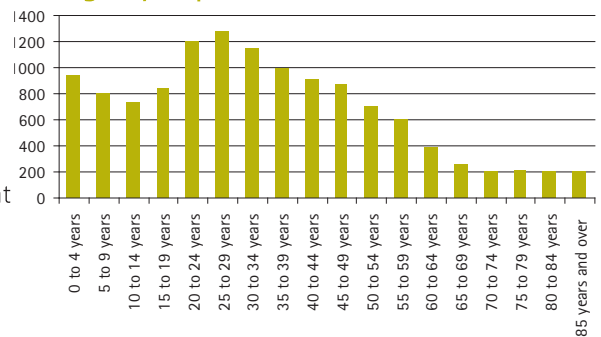
### Geographic Information/ Access to Markets

Location: Surrounds the Town of Bow Island and the Village of Foremost, 107 km from Medicine Hat  
Elevation: 890 Meters, 2,920 Feet (at Foremost)  
Latitude: 49°28'44"N  
Longitude: 111°26'25"W  
Major Highways: Highway 3 Et 61  
Secondary Highways: Highway 500, 501, 523, 877, 879, 880, 885, 887, and 889  
Closest Airport: Bow Island, Foremost, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge  
Rail: Canadian Pacific Railway

### Population Information

Population in 2006 3,414

### Age by Population

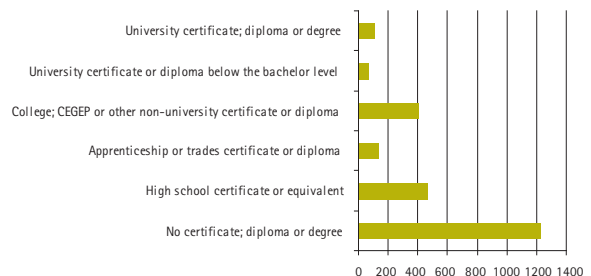


### Income

Median Household Income: \$51,614 (2005)  
Median Family Income: \$51,450 (2005)

### Educational Attainment

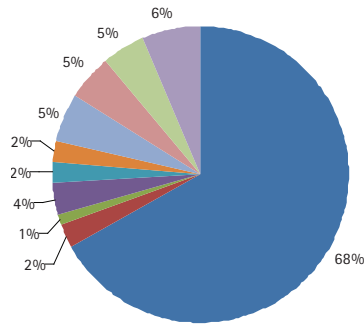
Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)



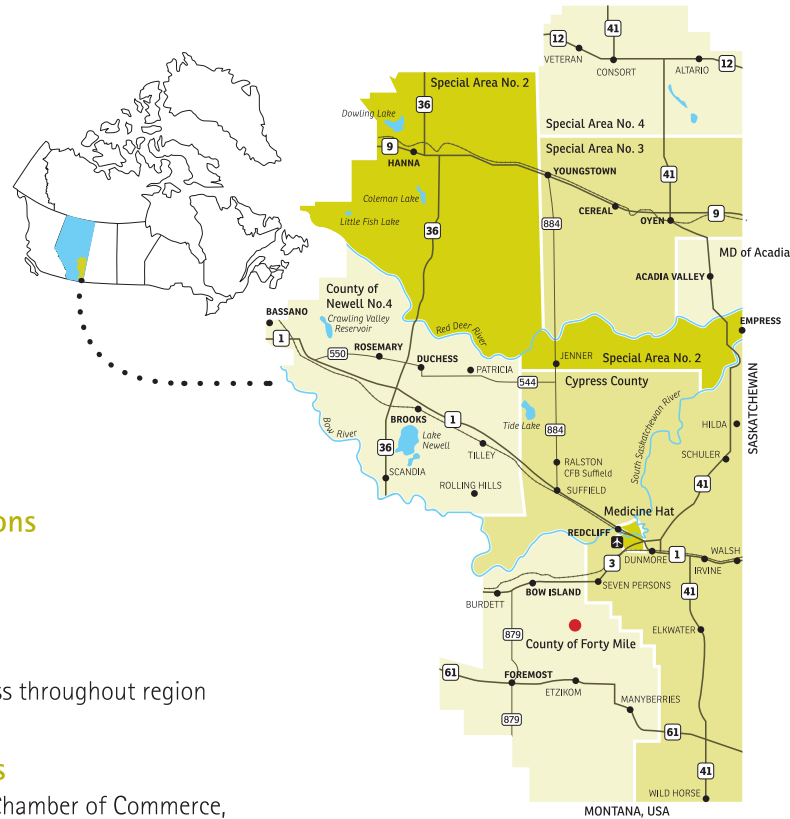
### Labour Market Data (2006)

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|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------|
| Total population 15 years and over | 2,430 | Not in the labour force | 590  |
| In the labour force                | 1,840 | Participation rate      | 75.7 |
| Employed                           | 1,810 | Employment rate         | 74.5 |
| Unemployed                         | 35    | Unemployment rate       | 1.9  |

## 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:

The County is served by the RCMP Detachment with members in Foremost and Bow Island

### Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Volunteer Fire Departments in Aden, Bow Island, Burdett, Etzikom, Foremost, Kingslake, Manyberries and Pendant D'Orielle, Volunteer Ambulance in Foremost, 911 Services

## Utilities & Services

### Electric Power Providers:

SouthAlta Rural Electrification Association

### Natural Gas Providers:

Federation of Alberta Gas-Coops; and Atco Gas

### Landfill/Waste Transfer:

North Forty Regional Landfill Services, South Forty Waste Services Commission

### Water Source:

Deep Wells, St. Mary River Irrigation District, South Saskatchewan River, and South East Alberta Water Co-op

### Overnight Express Service:

Canada Post, DHL, Purolator

## Financial Institutions

**Bow Island** - Alberta Treasury Branch, Servus Credit Union

**Foremost** - Royal Bank, Alberta Treasury Branch, Servus Credit Union

## Telecommunications

### Telephone:

Telus

### Internet:

High speed and wireless throughout region

## Business Supports

Bow Island & District Chamber of Commerce, Foremost & District Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Alliance of Southeast Alberta, Community Future Entre-Corp, Palliser Economic Partnership

## Major Employers

Alberta Sunflower Seeds Ltd., Parrish & Heimbecker, EOG, Encana, County of Forty Mile

## Educational Facilities

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

## Post-Secondary Institutions

### College:

Medicine Hat College

### University:

Athabasca University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge

## Hospital

Bow Island Health Centre

## Print Media

The Forty Mile County Commentator, The Lethbridge Herald, The Medicine Hat News

## Library

Foremost Municipal Library; Bow Island Municipal Library

## Recreation Facilities

40 Mile Park (Swimming, Boating, Fishing), Golden Sheaf (Boating, Swimming, Camping), Playgrounds, Parks, Ball Diamonds, Hockey Arenas, Pools, Tennis Courts, Rodeo Grounds

## Religious Facilities

Places of worship are available in Bow Island, Burdett, and Foremost

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

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