

**COMMUNITY
PROFILE**

Oyen is located in East Central Alberta and is a service center for the communities within the Special Areas and the MD of Acadia No. 34. The area is largely agricultural, boasting a strong and vibrant petroleum industry and service sector, and anchored by a retail and administration sector. Quiet tree-lined streets provide a picturesque view of small town life where the traditional values of family and friendliness make it an ideal place to raise a family. Family ties are renewed and strengthened due to the commitment made by the community people through involvement in the various groups and organizations.

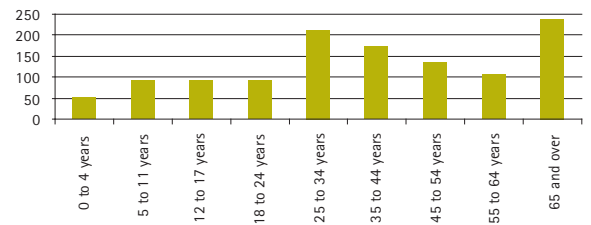
**Geographic Information/
Access to Markets**

Location: Located at the crossroads of Highways 9 and 41
Elevation: 761 Meters, 2,498 Feet
Latitude: 51°20'03" N
Longitude: 110°29'29" W
Major Highways: Highway 41 and 9
Secondary Highways: Highway 570 and 895
Closest Airport: Oyen Municipal Airport
Rail: Canadian Pacific Railway

Population Information

Population in 2009	1,190
Population in 2001	1,020
% Change	16.7%

Age by Population

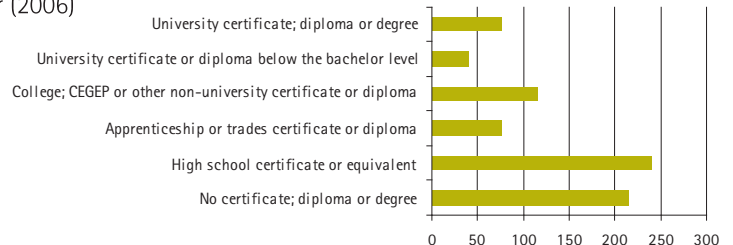


Income

Median Household Income: \$58,166 (2005)
Median Family Income: \$45,861 (2005)

Educational Attainment

Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)

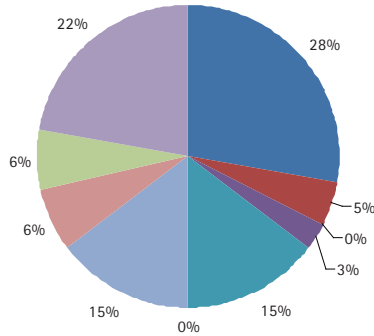


Labour Market Data (2006)

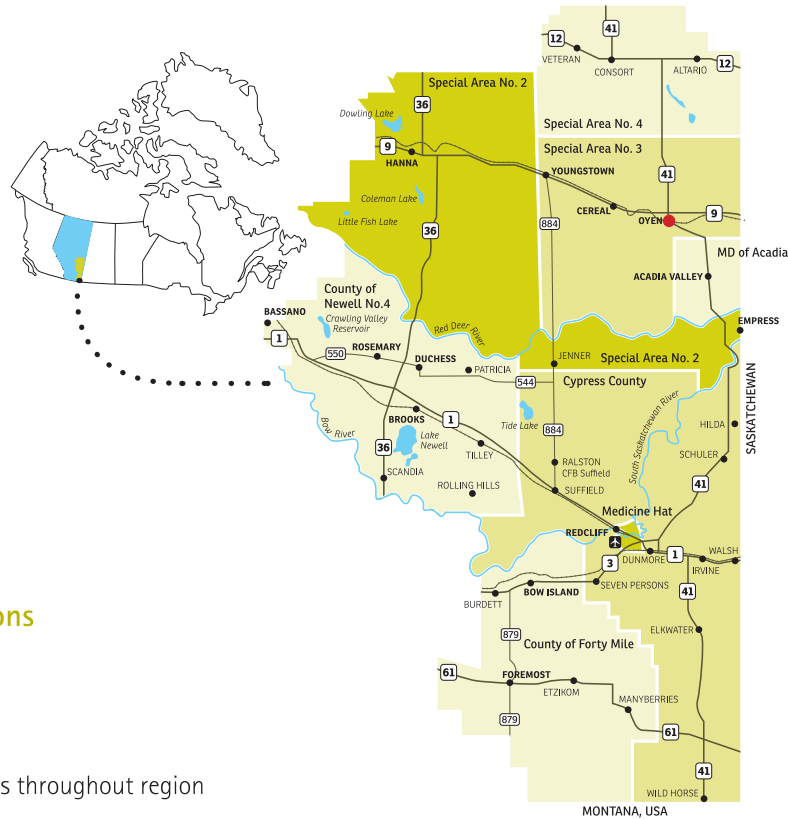
Total population 15 years and over	760	Not in the labour force	220
In the labour force	545	Participation rate	71.7
Employed	540	Employment rate	71.1
Unemployed	0	Unemployment rate	0



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:

RCMP Detachment in Oyen

Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Volunteer Fire Department, Ambulance through Alberta Health Services, 911 Services

Utilities & Services

Electric Power Providers:

Atco Electric

Natural Gas Providers:

Atco Gas

Landfill/Waste Transfer:

Town of Oyen

Water:

Henry Kroeger Regional Water Commission

Water Source:

Red Deer River - Treated in Sheerness

Overnight Express Service:

DHL, Greyhound, Purolator, Hi-Way 9 Express, CanPar, Roseneau Transport

Financial Institutions

TD Canada Trust and
ATB Financial

Telecommunications

Telephone:

Telus

Internet:

High speed and wireless throughout region

Business Supports

Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce, SAMDA, Community Futures Meridian, Palliser Economic Partnership

Major Employers

Oyen Greenhouses, Special Areas, Big Country Hospital, Prairie Rose School Division, Super 8

Educational Facilities

Oyen Public School (K-9), Oyen South Central High School (10-12), Assumption Roman Catholic School (K-6)

Post-Secondary Institutions

College:

Medicine Hat College

University:

Athabasca University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, and University of Red Deer

Hospital

Oyen Big Country Hospital

Print Media

Oyen Echo, Prairie Post, East Central Alberta Review

Library

Oyen Municipal Library

Recreation Facilities

Curling Rink (3 sheet), Hockey Arena, Indoor Riding Arena, Horseshoe Pits, Skateboard Park, BMX Bike Track, Aquatic Centre, Gun Range, Fishing Pond, Running Track, Fitness Facility, RV Campgrounds, Parks, Playgrounds, Golf Course, Ball Diamonds (6), Tennis Courts

Religious Facilities

Anglican Church, Evangelical Missionary Church, St. Peters Lutheran Church, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, United Church

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

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