

# special area 4

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

Alberta's Special Areas is a unique rural municipal area covering approximately 2.1 million hectares in south central part of the province. Special Areas No. 4 is within the SAMDA (Special Areas and M.D. of Acadia) region and is largely agricultural, boasting a vibrant petroleum industry and a strong service sector. Retail and administration sectors anchor the communities within the Special Areas and present opportunities for growth. New technologies greatly improve business opportunities making the combined rural lifestyle and job of choice difficult to resist.

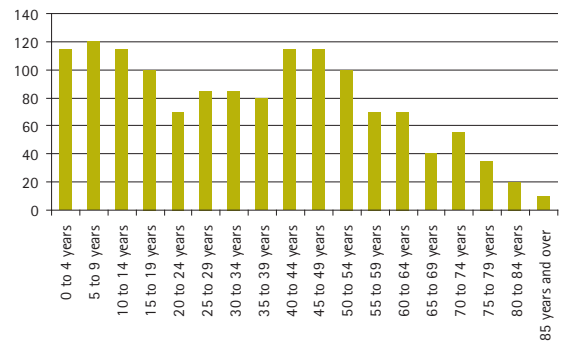
### Geographic Information/ Access to Markets

Location: Southeastern part of the Canadian Badlands  
Elevation: 740 Meters, 2,428 Feet (Consort)  
Latitude: 52°00'26" N (Consort)  
Longitude: 110°45'59" W (Consort)  
Major Highways: Highway 41 and 12  
Secondary Highways: Highways 586, 884, 886, 899  
Closest Airport: Consort Airstrip, Red Deer Regional Airport, Medicine Hat Airport

### Population Information

Population in 2008 1,389

### Age by Population

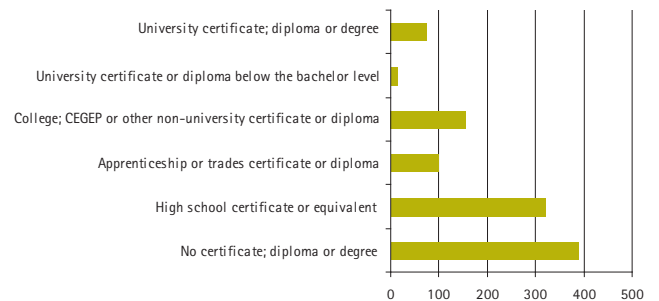


### Income

Median Household Income: \$81,633 (2005)  
Median Family Income: \$73,410 (2005)

### Educational Attainment

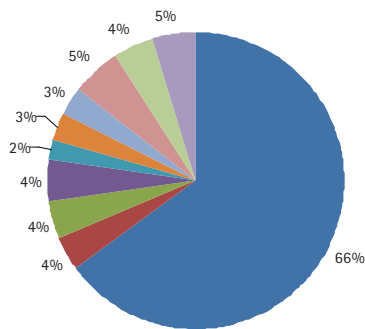
Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)



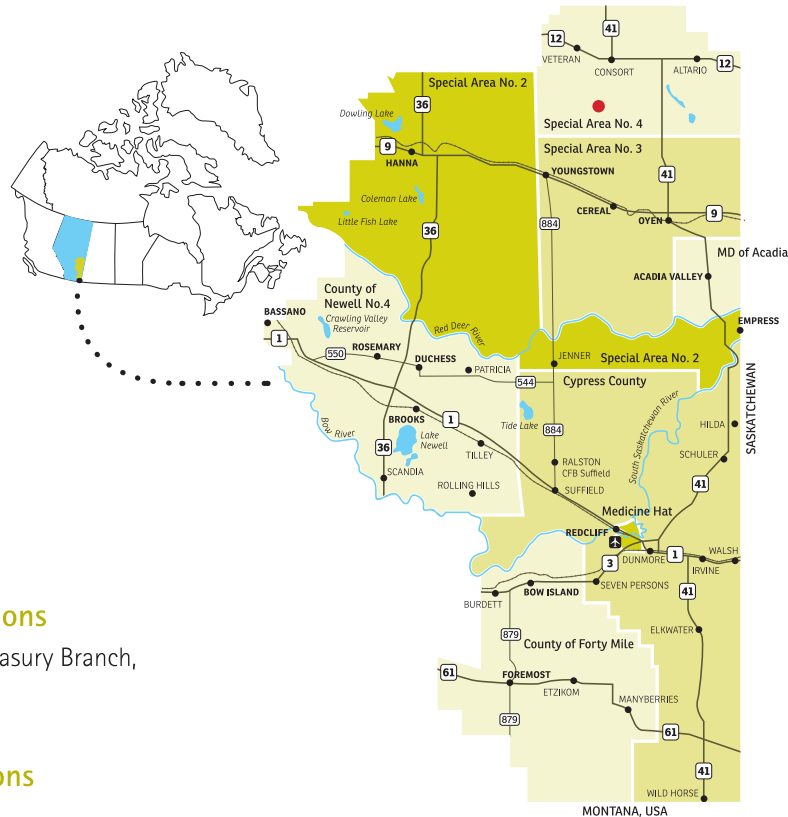
### Labour Market Data (2006)

Total population 15 years and over	1,055	Not in the labour force	215
In the labour force	835	Participation rate	79.1
Employed	830	Employment rate	78.7
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:

Consort RCMP Detachment, Special Areas  
Peace Officer

### Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Volunteer Fire Departments in Consort,  
Altario and Veteran, Ambulance services,  
911 Services

## Utilities & Services

### Electric Power Providers:

Atco Electric, Direct Energy

### Natural Gas Providers:

Atco Gas, Direct Energy,  
Dry Country Gas Coop

### Landfill/Waste Transfer:

Hemaruka, Altario, Compeer, Consort,  
Kirriemuir, Monitor, Veteran

### Water:

Shirley McLellan Water Line, serviced by the  
Stettler Water Treatment Plant

### Water Source:

Red Deer River

### Overnight Express Service:

Greyhound Canada, Canada Post, Hi-Way #9  
Express Ltd., DHL, Purolator

## Financial Institutions

Royal Bank, Alberta Treasury Branch,  
Credit Union

## Telecommunications

Telephone: Telus

Internet: High speed and wireless  
throughout region

## Business Supports

Consort Chamber of Commerce, Community  
Futures Meridian, SAMDA, Palliser Economic  
Partnership

## Major Employers

Consort Hospital, Prairie Land Regional  
Division #25

## Educational Facilities

Altario School (1-12), Consort School (K-12),  
Veteran School (K-9)

## Post-Secondary Institutions

### College:

Medicine Hat College

### University:

Athabasca University, University of Calgary,  
University of Lethbridge

## Hospital

Consort Hospital and Care Centre

## Print Media

The Consort Enterprise, The Coronation  
Review, The Veteran Eagle

## Library

Consort Municipal Library

## Recreation Facilities

Outdoor Swimming Pool, Sports Grounds,  
Batting Cages, Ball Diamonds, Indoor Arena  
Curling Rink (3 sheets), Bowling Alley (4  
lanes), Dance Hall, Eccles Water Spray Park,  
RV Campground, Golf Course (9 holes),  
Picnic Sites

## Religious Facilities

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Consort  
Full Gospel Church, Family Christian Centre,  
Knox United Church, Seventh-Day Adventist  
Church

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

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