

special area 2

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. Nestled in the Canadian Badlands, Special Areas No. 2 is based out of Hanna and has a distinctive history that has created a strong foundation for growth and sustainability of the region. Deep badlands, soft coulees and rolling river hills provide the setting for family farms, enchanting hamlets, captivating events and a growing entrepreneurial spirit. Special Areas No. 2 encourages innovative ideas to enhance and maintain a quality of life for all residents of the area.

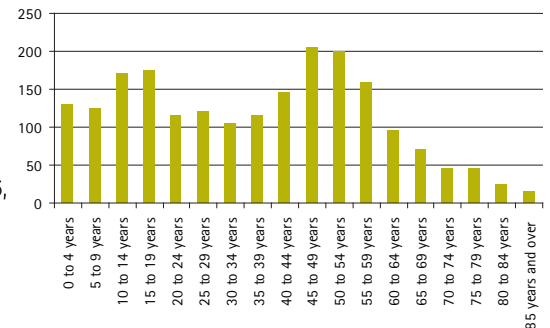
Geographic Information/ Access to Markets

Location: Southeastern part of the Canadian Badlands
Elevation: 816 Meters, 2,677 Feet (Hanna)
Latitude: 51 38'18" N (Hanna)
Longitude: 111 56'31" W (Hanna)
Major Highways: Highway 9 and Highway 36
Secondary Highways: Highways 561, 570, 573, 576, 577, 586, 872, 876, 848, 851, 855, 862
Closest Airport: Hanna Municipal Airport

Population Information

Population in 2006 2,074

Age by Population

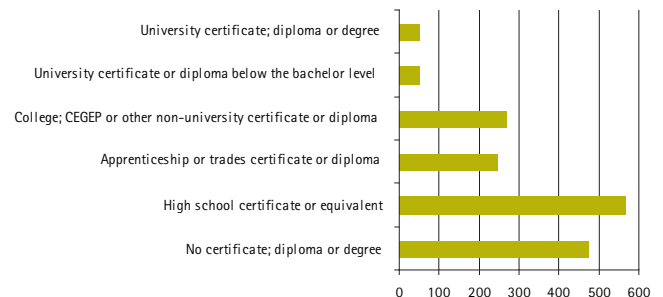


Income

Median Household Income: \$66,504 (2005)
Median Family Income: \$61,336 (2005)

Educational Attainment

Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)

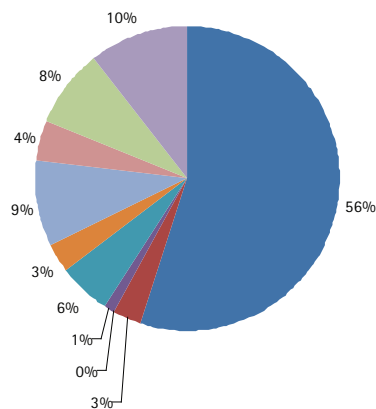


Labour Market Data (2006)

Total population 15 years and over	1,650	Not in the labour force	210
In the labour force	1,440	Participation rate	87.3
Employed	1,420	Employment rate	86.1
Unemployed	20	Unemployment rate	1.4



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:

Hanna & Brooks RCMP Detachments

Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Volunteer Fire Departments in Hanna, Jenner, Cessford, Bindloss, Buffalo and Homestead Coulee, Ambulance Service out of Hanna and Brooks, 911 Services

Utilities & Services

Electric Power Providers:

Atco Electric, Direct Energy

Natural Gas Providers:

East Central Gas Co-Op, Dry Country Gas Co-op, AltaGas

Landfill/Waste Transfer:

Big Country Waste Management, Youngstown Landfill, Transfer Stations throughout the area

Water:

Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission and Special Areas Truck Fill Stations

Water Source:

Red Deer River & Ground Water Wells

Overnight Express Service:

Canada Post, Hi-way 9, DHL, Greyhound Canada, Purolato

Financial Institutions

Royal Bank, Treasury Branch
Chinook Credit Union, TD Canada Trust

Telecommunications

Telephone: Telus

Internet: High speed and wireless throughout region

Business Supports

Hanna & District Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures Meridian, Community Futures Big Country, SAMDA, Palliser Economic Partnership

Major Employers

Special Areas Board, Atco, Prairie Mines & Minerals, Prairie Land Regional Division #25

Educational Facilities

Berry Creek Community School (Cessford), Bindloss School (1-9), Hanna Primary School (K-3), J.C. Charyk School (4-12), Jenner School (K-9), Hutterite Colony Schools

Post-Secondary Institutions

College:

Medicine Hat College Brooks Campus

University:

Athabasca University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge

Hospital

Hanna Health Centre

Print Media

Hanna Herald, The Drumheller Mail

Library

Hanna Public Library, Empress Municipal Library, Homestead Coulee Library and Cessford Library

Recreation Facilities

Community Halls, Outdoor Skating Arenas, Indoor Hockey Arenas, Rodeo Grounds, Curling Rinks, Golf Courses, Rifle Ranges, Motocross Track, Ball Diamonds, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pools, Soccer Pitches, Rodeo Arenas, Museums, Playgrounds, RV Campgrounds

Religious Facilities

United Church (Buffalo), The Empress McNeil Memorial United Church (Empress), Family Worship Center (Empress), All Saints Anglican Church (Hanna), Alliance Church (Hanna), Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church (Hanna), Church of Christ (Hanna), First United Church (Hanna), Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall (Hanna), New Life Community Fellowship Church (Hanna), Redeemer Lutheran Church (Hanna), Seventh-day Adventist (Hanna), St. George's Roman Catholic Church (Hanna)

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

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