

# FINDING

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## CYPRESS COUNTY

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### Community Snapshot

Cypress County is located in the southeast corner of Alberta. The County is serviced by Highways 1, 3 and 41 and has a strong, broad base of economic activity.

There are several hamlets located within the County: Desert Blume, Dunmore, Elkwater, Hilda, Irvine, Schuler, Seven Persons, Suffield, Veinerville, and Walsh.



The main economic areas of the County include:

- Energy (exploration, drilling, pipeline, gas plants & compressor stations).
- Agriculture (farming, ranching, value-added, and agri-service).
- Tourism.
- CFB Suffield military base.
- Construction & earthworks.

### Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities can be found in the following sectors:

- Oil and gas drilling and service related areas.
- Gas plant and compressor station operations.
- Agricultural service businesses (e.g. fertilizer, chemicals, farm machinery dealerships).
- Tourism (Cypress Hills Provincial Park).
- Road and earthworks construction.

Many different types of occupations are available in the County including:

- Oilfield service workers (e.g. truck drivers, clerical, survey crews, rig crews, gas well servicing technicians, hydro-vac operators).
- Gas plant operators and technicians.
- Earthmoving and road construction (equipment operators, truck drivers).
- General labourers (oil & gas, construction, farm & ranch, agri-service, tourism).
- Trades (particularly mechanics and welders).
- School bus drivers.
- Tourism staff (Cypress Hills Provincial Park)

### Job Search

Job search opportunities in Cypress County include:

- Alberta Employment, Immigration, & Industry office (Medicine Hat).
- Employment ads in the *Medicine Hat News* and the *Commentator/Cypress Courier*.
- County website (for County positions only).
- Word-of-mouth referrals.
- Direct contact with businesses.
- [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca).





## Current Skills Gaps & Shortages

Current skills gaps and shortages have been identified in the following areas:

- Oilfield drilling and service workers of various types.
- Gas plant and compressor station workers of various types.
- Heavy equipment operators.
- Truck Drivers.
- General labourers in all sectors.
- Mechanics.
- Welders.



## Training Opportunities

- In many positions, on-the-job training by the employer may be available.
- The Medicine Hat College offers a variety of employment-related programs and courses.
- Apprenticeship opportunities may be available.
- Visit the Corporate Education Network web site for additional training opportunities specifically in Southeast Alberta ([www.cenetwork.ca](http://www.cenetwork.ca)).

## Future Trends in Community

Future trends in the community indicate positive signs for growth and employment in different sectors.

- The population of the County is approximately 6700 people - an increase of 10% in the past 5 years. This is due in part to a migration of people from Saskatchewan and other areas.
- Wind power generation is in the initial growth stages.
- The energy, agriculture & agri-food, research & development, construction, and tourism sectors continue to be strong.

## Community Resources

There are a wide range of community resources located in different areas of the County:

- Cypress County office (located in Dunmore).
- Cypress County website ([www.cypress.ab.ca](http://www.cypress.ab.ca)).
- Daycare facilities throughout the County.
- Medicine Hat Hospital.
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment (Redcliff).
- Prairie Rose School Division with public schools in Seven Persons, Schuler, Ralston, Redcliff, Irvine and Dunmore.
- Individual community resources located throughout the County.

There are many recreational facilities, parks, service clubs and associations throughout the County. More information regarding these services is available at [www.cypress.ab.ca](http://www.cypress.ab.ca) or [www.albertafirst.com](http://www.albertafirst.com).

## Major Employers

- Advantage Oilfield Group ([www.aogltd.ca](http://www.aogltd.ca))
- Ag Plus Mechanical
- Agri-Core United ([www.agricoreunited.com](http://www.agricoreunited.com))
- ATCO Midstream Gas Plant ([www.atcomidstream.com](http://www.atcomidstream.com))
- BP Canada Gas Plant ([www.bp.com](http://www.bp.com))
- CFB Suffield ([www.army.dnd.ca/cfb\\_suffield](http://www.army.dnd.ca/cfb_suffield))
- Cypress County ([www.cypress.ab.ca](http://www.cypress.ab.ca))
- Cypress Hills Provincial Park ([www.cypresshills.com](http://www.cypresshills.com))
- Desert Blume Golf Course
- GRF Management
- Harley Davidson of Medicine Hat ([www.hdmh.com](http://www.hdmh.com))
- Hat Agri Service
- Iron Horse Coil Tubing Inc.
- LMT Enterprises Ltd.
- Linden Construction Ltd.
- Weir Construction Ltd.
- Prairie Rose School Division ([www.prsdmb.ca](http://www.prsdmb.ca))
- Provident Energy ([www.providentenergy.com](http://www.providentenergy.com))
- Spectra Energy
- Sterling Trailer Sales ([www.sterlingtrailer.ca](http://www.sterlingtrailer.ca))
- Weddingstar Inc. ([www.weddingstar.com](http://www.weddingstar.com))