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Community Snapshot

The Village of Foremost is located in the County of Forty Mile No. 8 approximately 100 km southwest of Medicine Hat. Foremost has a population of 531 and serves as a trading centre for more than 2,000 people.



Agriculture is the primary economic base for the area with approximately 1.75 million acres of farm and ranch land in the region. Other economic bases include oil & gas production and service, manufacturing, and tourism.

Foremost is a family-oriented community that offers affordable housing, educational facilities, a well-supported retail and service sector, safe neighborhoods, and a variety of recreational activities.

Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities can be found in the following sectors:

- Agri-service industries and businesses.
- Oil & gas production and servicing.
- County maintenance and service.
- Manufacturing for oil & gas sector.
- Service and retail businesses.

Many different types of occupations are available in the village:

- County staff including:
 - General labourers.
 - Equipment operators & drivers (graders, backhoes, scrapers, trucks).
 - Welders.
 - Mechanics.
- Oil & gas production and service operators.
- Truck drivers in the agricultural service and oil and gas service areas.
- Waiters/waitresses.
- General and experienced farm labourers.



Job Search

Job search opportunities in Foremost include:

- *The Commentator* classified ads (local newspaper).
- *Lethbridge Herald & Medicine Hat News* classified ads.
- 40 Mile Youth Connections & Learning Centre Job Board (youth 15 - 24) (www.40mileyouth.ca)
- Visits to businesses.
- Referrals and word of mouth.
- Alberta Human Resources & Employment – Medicine Hat
- www.jobbank.gc.ca

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Current Skills Gaps & Shortages

Current skills gaps and shortages include opportunities as:

- Construction contractors/labourers for the County.
- Restaurant staff (waiters/waitresses).
- Truck drivers.
- Farm labourers (seasonal, part-time, or full-time).
- Operators and general labourers in oil & gas sector.

Training Opportunities

- In many positions, on-the-job training by the employer may be available.
- Forty Mile Youth Connections & Learning Centre provides different types of training for youth (15-24).
- Forty Mile Adult Learning Council offers various courses throughout the year.
- The Medicine Hat Ambulance Department provides Emergency Safety Training for local volunteers.
- Internet access for online training is provided at the Youth Connections office.
- Visit the Corporate Education Network web site for additional training opportunities specifically in Southeast Alberta (www.cenetwork.ca).

Future Trends in Community

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

- The town has experienced steady growth over the past several years and is currently developing a new residential subdivision.
- A new community hall has been built.
- The addition of new industrial land is in the planning stages.

Community Resources

The Village of Foremost office is generally the first point of contact for new residents. Some of the available community resources include:

- Canada Post Office.
- Foremost & District Chamber of Commerce.
- Foremost Emergency Services (fire & ambulance).
- Foremost Municipal Library.



- Foremost Public School (K-12).
- Forty Mile FCSS.
- Forty Mile Youth Connections & Learning Centre.
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment.

The village has recreational facilities, parks, and service clubs and associations. More detailed profiles are available at www.foremostalberta.com or www.albertafirst.com.

Major Employers

- Agro-Plus Sales & Service Ltd.
- Calhoun Sales & Service Ltd.
- Cedar Villa Motel
- County of 40 Mile No. 8 (<http://40mile.ca>)
- Foremost Agencies
- Foremost Building Supplies Ltd.
- Klatt Farms & Klatt & Karl Harvesting
- Mel Stovel Enterprises
- Prairie Land Trucking
- ServAgro Ltd.
- Thompson's Foods
- Tirecraft Auto Center
- Trottier Trucking
- Volker Stevin Contracting Ltd. (www.volkerstevin.ca)
- W. Buis Holdings Ltd.
- Wally's Welding 2001 Ltd.
- Y'All Come Back Saloon