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COUNTY OF NEWELL NO. 4

Community Snapshot

The County of Newell No. 4 is located in the shortgrass region of Alberta on the TransCanada Highway halfway between Medicine Hat and Calgary.

Within the County there are two towns (Bassano and Brooks); three villages (Duchess, Rosemary, and Tilley); and a number of hamlets (Cassils, Gem, Millicent, Rainier, Rolling Hills, and Scandia).

The main economic areas of the County include:

- Energy (drilling, pipeline and service-related).
- Agriculture (farming, ranching, and value-added).
- Manufacturing (mainly oil & gas related).

Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities can be found in the following sectors:

- Oil and gas drilling and service related areas.
- Farming and ranching opportunities.
- Agricultural service businesses (e.g. fertilizer, chemicals, farm machinery dealerships).
- Agriculture-related production facilities (e.g. meat processing and packing).
- Manufacturing and metal fabrication.



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).
- General labourers/farmhands in the agricultural/ranching areas.
- Production line labourers at beef packing facilities.
- Welders.
- Welder assistants.
- Machinists.

Job Search

Job search opportunities in the County of Newell include:

- Brooks Employment Centre (Alberta Employment, Immigration, & Industry).
- Employment ads in:
 - *Brooks Bulletin*.
 - *Brooks & County Chronicle*
 - *Brooks Online*
 - *Bassano Times*
- Word-of-mouth referrals.
- Direct contact with businesses.
- 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.
- Meat processing and packaging workers.
- Welders and welder assistants.
- Machinists.
- General labourers in metal fabrication.
- Small business opportunities (e.g. agri-tour operators, bed & breakfast operators, value-added agricultural businesses).
- School bus drivers.

Training Opportunities

- In many positions, on-the-job training by the employer may be available.
- The Medicine Hat College (Brooks Campus) 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).

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 7000 people which is an increase of 11% in the past 5 years. Reversing the trend of rural depopulation is a key focus of the County.



- Business retention and expansion is also a key focus of the County (e.g. agricultural value-added businesses).
- Economic development is focusing on direct investment and/or relocation of resources by companies across North America.

Community Resources

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

- County of Newell No. 4 office (located in Brooks)
- County of Newell No.4 website (www.countyofnewell.ca).
- Four schools (2 elementary, 1 junior high, 1 regional high school)
- Canada Post Office outlets in rural communities.
- Grasslands Regional Family & Community Support Services.
- Brooks Health Centre & Bassano Health Centre.
- "Business Welcome Wagon" for new businesses.
- Newell Community Action Group.
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachments in Brooks & Bassano
- Grasslands School Division #6 with public schools in Brooks, Bassano, Gem, Rosemary, Duchess, Rolling Hills, Rainier, and Tilley.
- 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.countyofnewell.ab.ca or www.albertafirst.com.

Major Employers

- Celtic Pride Welding & Fabricating Ltd.
- County of Newell No. 4 (www.countyofnewell.ab.ca)
- Da Pa Jo Construction Ltd. (www.dapajo.com)
- Eastern Irrigation District (www.eid.ab.ca)
- Grasslands Public Schools (www.grasslands.ab.ca)
- Green Prairie International (www.greenprairie.com)
- Harvey's Plumbing and Heating
- Heritage Inn- www.heritageinn.net
- Lakeside Feeders Inc.
- Lakeside Fertilizer (www.lakesidefertilizer.com)
- Lakeside Packers (Tyson Foods Inc.) (www.tyson.com)
- Latigo Trucking
- League Pipeline- www.leaguepipeline.ca
- IGA (www.iga.com)
- Safeway www.safeway.ca