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## OYEN

### Community Snapshot

The Town of Oyen is located in southeastern Alberta at the crossroads of Highways 9 and 41. It is 137 km north of Medicine Hat.

The main economic areas of the community include farming, ranching, and oil and gas exploration, production, and service.



The town offers affordable housing, quality health and educational facilities, a vibrant retail and service sector, safe neighborhoods, and a wide 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.
- Health care including health centre, seniors lodge, and optometry clinic.
- Manufacturing for oil & gas sector.
- Service and retail businesses.

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

- Personal care aides, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, housekeeping staff, and doctors.
- Oil & gas production and service operators

- Truck drivers in the agricultural service and oil and gas service areas.
- Mechanics and general labourers in oil & gas service.
- General labourers in construction sector.
- Retail and service industry staff of all types.
- Agri-service related positions (e.g. mechanics, indoor/outdoor sales, drivers, warehouse staff, product representatives).
- Greenhouse production staff.

In addition, Oyen has opportunities for self-employment as a small business owner in:

- Plumbing and Electrical.
- General construction/contracting.

### Job Search

Job search opportunities in Oyen include:

- Big Country Adult Learning Centre job board.
- *Oyen Echo*, *Hanna Herald*, *Consort Enterprise*, & *Kindersley Crossroads* classified ads.
- Direct contact with businesses.
- Referrals and word of mouth.
- Alberta Human Resources & Employment – Medicine Hat.
- [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)





## Current Skills Gaps & Shortages

Current skills gaps and shortages include opportunities as:

- Health care/personal care aides.
- Registered nurses & Licensed Practical Nurses
- Mechanics in agri-service and oil & gas areas.
- Trades in all areas
- Operators and general labourers in oil & gas sector.

## Training Opportunities

- In many positions, on-the-job training by the employer may be available.
- The Medicine Hat College, the Big Country Adult Learning Council and the Big Country Learning Consortia offer several oil & gas, trades-related, and other employment-related courses.
- 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 town has experienced steady growth over the past several years and is currently developing a new residential subdivision.
- The arrival of the Alberta Supernet is creating opportunities for the re-location of oil & gas sub-offices as well as for ecommerce.
- Oil & gas growth continues to provide new employment opportunities.

## Community Resources

The Town of Oyen office is generally the first point of contact for new residents. The town has an active Welcome Wagon program for new residents.

Additional community resources include:

- Assumption Roman Catholic School (K – 6)
- Big Country Hospital
- Canada Post Office
- Local real estate companies & agents
- Meals On Wheels
- Oyen Seniors Lodge
- Oyen Dental Clinic
- Oyen FCSS
- Oyen Optometry Clinic
- Oyen Public School (K – 9)
- Oyen Veterinarian Clinic
- Oyen South Central High School (10-12)
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment
- Seniors Handibus

There are many recreational facilities, parks, service clubs and associations. More detailed profiles are available at [www.townofoyen.com](http://www.townofoyen.com) or [www.albertafirst.com](http://www.albertafirst.com).

## Major Employers

- Antelope Inn
- Allen's Agrocentre Ltd.
- Big Country Hospital ([www.palliserhealth.ca](http://www.palliserhealth.ca))
- Christ the Redeemer School Division ([www.redeemer.ab.ca](http://www.redeemer.ab.ca))
- Hagen's Oilfield
- I.W. Kuhn Environmental Ltd. ([www.iwkuhn.ab.ca](http://www.iwkuhn.ab.ca))
- Nuvista Energy Ltd. ([www.nuvistaenergy.com](http://www.nuvistaenergy.com))
- Oyen Co-op
- Oyen Greenhouses Ltd.
- Oyen Optometry Clinic
- Oyen Seniors Lodge
- Oyen Welding & Machining Ltd.
- Pioneer Grain Company Ltd.
- Prairie Rose School Division ([www.prsdmb.ca](http://www.prsdmb.ca))
- Special Areas ([www.specialareas.ab.ca](http://www.specialareas.ab.ca))
- Super 8 Motel ([www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com))
- UFA