

COMMUNITY PROFILE

The County of Forty Mile is located in southeast Alberta an equal distance from the City of Medicine Hat and the City of Lethbridge. The County is a vast area containing 78 townships of land bordering the United States to the south and the South Saskatchewan River to the north. Located within the County boundaries are the Village of Foremost and the Town of Bow Island. The County has something to offer for everyone from the casual explorer desiring to see the beauty of natural landscapes to the entrepreneur using their initiative to grow their business within our economy.

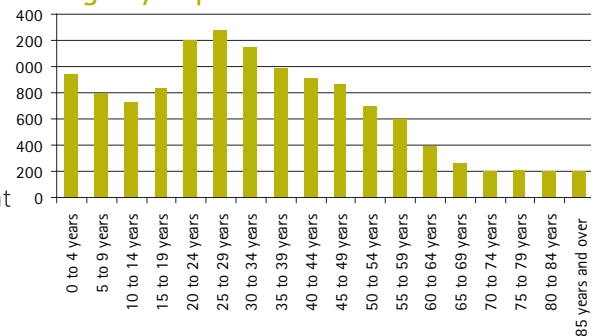
Geographic Information/ Access to Markets

Location: Surrounds the Town of Bow Island and the Village of Foremost, 107 km from Medicine Hat
Elevation: 890 Meters, 2,920 Feet (at Foremost)
Latitude: 49°28'44"N
Longitude: 111°26'25"W
Major Highways: Highway 3 Et 61
Secondary Highways: Highway 500, 501, 523, 877, 879, 880, 885, 887, and 889
Closest Airport: Bow Island, Foremost, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge
Rail: Canadian Pacific Railway

Population Information

Population in 2006 3,414

Age by Population

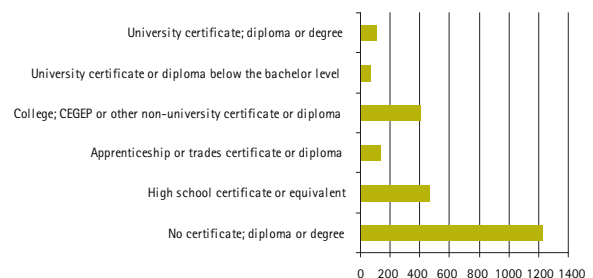


Income

Median Household Income: \$51,614 (2005)
Median Family Income: \$51,450 (2005)

Educational Attainment

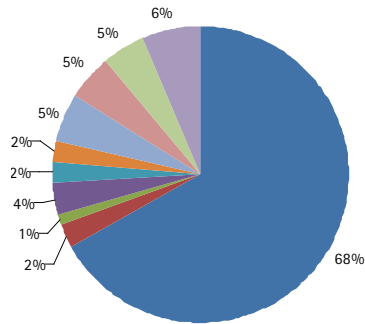
Total Population 15 Years and Over (2006)



Labour Market Data (2006)

Total population 15 years and over	2,430	Not in the labour force	590
In the labour force	1,840	Participation rate	75.7
Employed	1,810	Employment rate	74.5
Unemployed	35	Unemployment rate	1.9

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:

The County is served by the RCMP Detachment with members in Foremost and Bow Island

Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:

Volunteer Fire Departments in Aden, Bow Island, Burdett, Etzikom, Foremost, Kingslake, Manyberries and Pendant D'Orielle, Volunteer Ambulance in Foremost, 911 Services

Utilities & Services

Electric Power Providers:

SouthAlta Rural Electrification Association

Natural Gas Providers:

Federation of Alberta Gas-Coops; and Atco Gas

Landfill/Waste Transfer:

North Forty Regional Landfill Services, South Forty Waste Services Commission

Water Source:

Deep Wells, St. Mary River Irrigation District, South Saskatchewan River, and South East Alberta Water Co-op

Overnight Express Service:

Canada Post, DHL, Purolator

Financial Institutions

Bow Island - Alberta Treasury Branch, Servus Credit Union

Foremost - Royal Bank, Alberta Treasury Branch, Servus Credit Union

Telecommunications

Telephone:

Telus

Internet:

High speed and wireless throughout region

Business Supports

Bow Island & District Chamber of Commerce, Foremost & District Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Alliance of Southeast Alberta, Community Future Entre-Corp, Palliser Economic Partnership

Major Employers

Alberta Sunflower Seeds Ltd., Parrish & Heimbecker, EOG, Encana, County of Forty Mile

Educational Facilities

Foremost School (K-12), Bow Island Elementary (K-3), Senator Gershaw (Bow Island) (4-12), Burdett (K-9), St. Michael's School (Bow Island) (K-12), Cherry Coulee Christian Academy (Bow Island) (K-9), Sun Country Christian School

Post-Secondary Institutions

College:

Medicine Hat College

University:

Athabasca University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge

Hospital

Bow Island Health Centre

Print Media

The Forty Mile County Commentator, The Lethbridge Herald, The Medicine Hat News

Library

Foremost Municipal Library; Bow Island Municipal Library

Recreation Facilities

40 Mile Park (Swimming, Boating, Fishing), Golden Sheaf (Boating, Swimming, Camping), Playgrounds, Parks, Ball Diamonds, Hockey Arenas, Pools, Tennis Courts, Rodeo Grounds

Religious Facilities

Places of worship are available in Bow Island, Burdett, and Foremost

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

Palliser Economic Partnership

109, 346-3 St SE
Box 1046
Medicine Hat, AB, Canada T1A 7H1
P 403.526.7552 F 403.529.3140
TF 1.877.226.7552
www.palliseralberta.com



County of Forty Mile No. 8

303 Main Street
Box 160
Foremost, AB, Canada T0K 0X0
P 403.867.3530 F 403.867.2242
www.40mile.ca