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RYCROFT

As of

October, 1986

Overview

Population 734

Distance From Major Centres 68 km (42 miles) north of Grande Prairie
528 km (328 miles) northwest of Edmonton

Connecting Highway(s) #2, #49

Railway(s) Canadian National

Major Economic Base Agriculture, Timber, Natural gas

Economic Development Contacts

Municipal Mrs. Sandy Isaac, Community Co-ordinator
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Rycroft, Alberta T0H 3A0
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and Trade Regional Office** Deane Toews, Business Development
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Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 6J4
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 **THE
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Location

County/District M.D. of Spirit River #133
 Census Division #15
 Elevation 604 metres (1,983 feet)
 Latitude/Longitude 55°45'/118°43'

Climate**Temperature**

Seasonal Averages — January -18.2°C (-0.8°F)
 — *April* 2.8°C (37.0°F)
 — *July* 15.4°C (59.7°F)
 — *October* 4.0°C (39.2°F)

Annual Precipitation 444.6 mm (17.5 in.)

Rain 283.7 mm (11.2 in.)

Snow 1,586.0 mm (62.4 in.)

Frost Free Days 87

Hours Sunshine/Year 2,059.9

Population

	Community	County/District	40 km Radius
1966	N/A	N/A	N/A
1971	N/A	N/A	N/A
1976	461	1,052	8,267
1981	533	857	N/A
Current Estimate	734	891	N/A

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Population Breakdown**As of:** 1986

Age	Males	Females	Total
0-14	93	100	193
15-19	39	24	63
20-24	44	43	87
25-44	113	100	213
45-64	45	59	104
65 +	42	32	74

Labour Force**As of:** 1981

	Male	Female
Population	240	220
Employed	160	85
Unemployed	15	15
Participation Rate	72.9	47.7
Unemployment Rate	8.6	14.3

Wage Rates*Prevailing Provincial (Hourly) Minimum Scales*

Full-Time Workers:

18 Years and Older	\$3.80
Under 18 Years	\$3.65
Part-Time Students:	\$3.50

Detailed Salary and Wage Rates for Selected Areas Available Upon Request

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Major Employers

Name of Company	Business Activity	Number of Employees
Courtesy Corner Tourist Service Ltd.	Service Station/Restaurant	34
Mighty Peace Well Operators	Oilfield Service	23
Spirit River School Division #47	Education	22
Rycroft Co-Operative Ltd.	Retail Outlet	19
Treasury Branch	Banking	(permanent) 19
Fitzpatrick Contracting Co. Ltd.	Oilfield Service	14
Alexander's Restaurant	Restaurant	13
Government of Alberta	Transportation	(part-time) 13
Dika Industries Ltd.	Farm Implement Manufacturers	10

Retail and Service Trade Statistics

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As of: 1984*Statistical Area Covered* Village of Rycroft

	<i>Total Trade</i>	<i>Retail</i>	<i>Service</i>
Outlets	18	11	7
Employees			
<i>Full-Time</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Part-Time</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Payroll (\$000)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Receipts (\$000)	8,723	6,824	1,899
Major Services Available	1 Accountant 2 Insurance		

Manufacturing Statistics**As of:** 1983*Statistical Area Covered* Village of Rycroft

Establishments

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Employees

*Male*DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS
OF THE "STATISTICS BUREAU ACT RSA"*Female**Total*

Payroll (\$000)

Cost of Materials/Supplies (\$000)

Value of Shipments (\$000)

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Transportation

Connecting Highways #49 (none), #2 (none)
(Load Limits)

Truck Transport John's Trucking Co.
 Pete's Trucking

Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities Yes

Railways Canadian National

Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities At Grande Prairie 68 km
 (42 miles) south

Pick-up and Delivery No

Spur Trackage Yes

Air Services

Local Airport No, nearest at Spirit River (8 km west of Rycroft)

All Weather Facilities N/A

Longest Runway N/A

Carriers (scheduled/charter) No

Nearest Commercial Services At Grande Prairie - 68 km (42 miles) south
 CP Air, Time Air

Nearest Air Freight Facilities At Grande Prairie

Bus Services

Local No

Intercommunity Regularly scheduled

Utilities*Contact the Following for Service Rates and Details*

Electric Power Alberta Power Ltd.
Box 745
Spirit River, Alberta T0H 3G0
Tel: (403) 864-3689

Natural Gas Northwestern Utilities Limited
Box 745
Spirit River, Alberta T0H 3G0
Tel: (403) 864-3534

Telephone Alberta Government Telephones
10103 - 99 Avenue
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 0S1
Tel: (403) 532-9115

Water Supply

Source of Water Spirit River

Reservoir Capacity — Treated Water 109,997,830 l (24,196,620 gals.)

Pumping Capacity 2 units: 27 l (3 gals.) per second
1 standby: 73 l (16 gals.) per second

Average Line Pressure 413 kPa (60 p.s.i.)

Average Daily Consumption 254,576 l (56,000 gals.) per day

Restrictions None specified

Water Analysis (milligrams per litre)

<i>Data Source</i>	Alberta Environment			<i>Date</i>	July, 1985
<i>Total Dis. Solids</i>	233.0	<i>Cl</i>	10.0	<i>SO₄</i>	86.0
<i>Total Hardness</i>	165.1	<i>F</i>	0.06	<i>NO₃/NO₂</i>	0.05
<i>Total Alkalinity</i>	92.0	<i>Fe</i>	0.07	<i>NO₂</i>	0.05
<i>pH</i>	7.6	<i>Mg</i>	11.0	<i>HCO₃</i>	112.0
		<i>K</i>	6.2	<i>CO₃</i>	0.0
		<i>Na</i>	17.0	<i>Ca</i>	48.0

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Utilities (cont'd.)**Sewage**

Type of Treatment Lagoon: 1 anaerobic pond
1 aerobic pond

Provision for Disposal of Chemicals None

Industrial Fuels Available

Coal: No Oil: Local Propane: Local

Other Municipal Services**Garbage***Method/Frequency of Collection*

Industrial Weekly

Commercial Weekly

Residential Weekly

Solid Waste Disposal Specified dumping sites at Nuisance Grounds

Fire Protection Volunteer staff

Police Protection R.C.M.P. - Spirit River

Other Services Citizens on Patrol - volunteer force working with R.C.M.P.

Municipal Finance

Mill Rates (Year) 1985

Industrial/Commercial 39.000

Residential 34.320

Per Capita Debt 2,182 (1983)

Year of Last General Assessment 1981

Latest Total Assessment 10,538,390

Equalized Assessment Per Capita 4,661 (1986)

Basis of Assessment; *Land at 65% of market value. Industrial buildings at 65% of present day replacement costs. Equipment at 65% of present day replacement cost (15% on new equipment).*

Business Properties

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As of October, 1986

Industrial - 2.4 hectares (6 acres) north of Highway #49 (unserved)

Commercial - Downtown (privately owned)

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Building Permits

	<i>Value (\$000)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i># Permits</i>
Residential	158	51.5	8
Commercial	107	34	3
Industrial	48	15	1
Institutional	-	-	-
Total	313	100	12

As of: 1985

Housing**Residential Lots — Availability**

Single Detached Homes 63 - single family serviced to property line

Mobile Home Lots 16 lots

3-Bdrm., 1200 Sq. Ft. Bungalow — Sample

Average Cost (incl. land) \$60,000

Average Taxes \$ 1,300 including frontage

Rental Accommodation

Apartments 8

Vacancy Rate 0%

Medical

Hospitals/No. Beds	Nearest - Spirit River 50 active	Health Units	Yes
No. Doctors	0	No. Dentists	1
No. Surgeons	0	Optometrists	0
Medical Clinics	1 at Spirit River	No. Chiropractors	0
Ambulance Service	Yes, locally	Nursing Homes	No
		Senior Citizens Lodge	4 self-contained

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Education**Schools**

<i>Day Care/Nursery</i>	1 kindergarten, 1 playschool
<i>Elementary</i>	Grades 1 - 6
<i>Junior High</i>	Grades 7 - 9
<i>High School</i>	Bussed to Spirit River
<i>Vocational</i>	None
<i>Other</i>	Rycroft Center Adult Education Centre Fairview College & Grande Prairie Regional College
Additional Programs	Continuing Education (wide variety of courses available on request)

Financial Institutions

Treasury Branch

Communications

Newspapers	Local: The Central Peace Signal (weekly) Regional: The Fairview Post (weekly), The Daily Herald- Tribune (daily)
Radio Stations	AM - CFGP, CJXX, CKUL, CJDC
Television Channels	Broadcast - CTV, CBC

Tourist/Accommodation Facilities

Hotels/Motels

Rycroft Hotel
Crossroads Motel
Leprechaun Motor Lodge

Meeting Facilities

Banquet Facilities for 80 - 90 and meeting area at Courtesy Corner
Community Hall - 276 capacity
Royal Purple Hall - 75 capacity

Parks and Campgrounds — *See Alberta Accommodation Guide For Details*

Recreational Facilities

Arena
Ball Diamond
Library
Golf Course
Merry Pioneers Drop-In Centre
Tennis Court

Organizations

R & S Figure Skating Club
Rycroft Agricultural Society
B.P.O. Elks/Royal Purple
Royal Canadian Legion/Ladies Auxillary
Lions/Lionesses
Athletic Association
Hub Rounders Round Dance Club
Chamber of Commerce

Regional Resources**Resources Available Locally**

Timber, natural gas, sand/gravel

Products

Wheat, barley, rapeseed, clover, alfalfa, honey, cattle

Brief History

The settlement that was to become the Village of Rycroft was originally situated due west of the present townsite in the early 1900s. Bill English and Doc Calkin had the first store at that site. The community followed the railroad to its present site on the east side of the Spirit River. This was once a major railroading community complete with a roundhouse, a station and a dam site, which has been turned into a recreational area.

Rycroft was incorporated as a village in March, 1944, and like the proverbial Phoenix, it has risen from the ashes of two major debilitating fires in the business sector. Rycroft Hotel was the only business on Main Street left unscathed.

The village has continued to grow and prosper with an 11.3% population increase over the past 5 years. Five new businesses have opened in the last year.

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Government

Municipal Office Velma Demchuk, Secretary-Treasurer
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Council Mayor Bob Babuik and 4 Councillors
Administration Contact Velma Demchuk
Tel: (403) 765-3652

Planning Authority Bob Hall
South Peace Regional Planning Commission
#202, 9804 - 100 Avenue
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 0T9
Tel: (403) 532-0988

Member of Parliament Albert Cooper
10001 - 101 Avenue
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 0X9
Tel: (403) 532-3514

Member of Legislative Assembly Glen Clegg
P. O. Box 1457
Fairview, Alberta T0H 1L0
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Provincial/Federal Services

Provincial None

Federal Post Office

Alberta Economic Development and Trade

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