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**BEISEKER**

**As of** October, 1986

## Overview

Population 648

Distance From Major Centres 58 km (36 miles) northeast of Calgary  
64 km (40 miles) west of Drumheller

Connecting Highway(s) #9, #72, #806

Railway(s) Canadian National, Canadian Pacific

Major Economic Base Agriculture goods and services

## Economic Development Contacts

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BEISEKER

**Location**

County/District M.D. of Rockyview #44  
 Census Division #6  
 Elevation 900 metres (2,950 feet)  
 Latitude/Longitude 51°23'/113°32'

**Climate****Temperature**

*Seasonal Averages* — *January* -14.2°C ( 6.4°F)  
 — *April* 4.1°C (39.4°F)  
 — *July* 16.9°C (62.4°F)  
 — *October* 5.7°C (42.3°F)

Annual Precipitation 439.9 mm (17.3 in.)

*Rain* 307.5 mm (12.1 in.)

*Snow* 132.8 cm (52.3 in.)

Frost Free Days 103

Hours Sunshine/Year 2,314.4

**Population**

	Community	County/District	40 km Radius
1966	404	8,522	N/A
1971	414	10,969	N/A
1976	486	15,469	17,128
1981	600	16,863	N/A
Current Estimate	648	16,703	N/A

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**Population Breakdown****As of:** 1986

Age	Males	Females	Total
0-14	103	89	192
15-19	24	26	50
20-24	31	29	60
25-44	94	90	184
45-64	45	46	91
65 +	30	41	71

**Labour Force****As of:** 1981

	Male	Female
Population	235	240
Employed	185	90
Unemployed	15	10
Participation Rate	85.1	43.8
Unemployment Rate	7.5	9.5

**Wage Rates***Prevailing Provincial (Hourly) Minimum Scales*

## Full-Time Workers:

18 Years and Older \$3.80

Under 18 Years \$3.65

Part-Time Students: \$3.30

*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
Rocky View School Division	Education	27
Beiseker Agriservices Ltd.	Fertilizer Distribution	12
Butterfield & Son	Farm Implement Dealer	9
Five Star Ltd.	Sand/Gravel/Redi-Mix Concrete	8
Royal Bank of Canada	Banking	7
Village of Beiseker	Administration	5
Mid Central Credit Union	Banking	4
Alberta Transportation	Highway Maintenance	4
Beiseker Gasthaus	Restaurant	4
Mac-Tern Ltd.	Trenching	4
Manyee Restaurant	Restaurant	4
Beiseker Grocery	Food Store	3
Beiseker Hotel	Hotel	3
Beiseker IDA Pharmacy	Drugstore	3

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**Retail and Service Trade Statistics****As of:** 1984*Statistical Area Covered* Village of Beiseker

	<i>Total Trade</i>	<i>Retail</i>	<i>Service</i>
Outlets	19	11	8
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)	4,982	3,725	1,257

Major Services Available Drugstore, Accounting, Beautician, Restaurants, Automotive repairs/parts, Gas stations, Food stores, Hardware supplies, Bulk fuel dealer, Autobody shop, Used clothing store, Veterinarian supplies

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

Establishments 2

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)

**Transportation**

**Connecting Highways** #9 (none), #72 (75%), #806 (90%)  
*(Load Limits)*

**Truck Transport** Acme Linden Transport  
 CN Transport  
 Gehring's Transport Ltd.

*Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities* At Calgary 58 km (36 miles)  
 southwest

**Railways** Canadian National  
 Canadian Pacific

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*Pick-up and Delivery* No

*Spur Trackage* Yes

**Air Services**

*Local Airport* Belseker and District Airport 1.6 km (1 mile) east

*All Weather Facilities* Yes

*Longest Runway* 915 metres (3,000 feet)

*Carriers (scheduled/charter)* None

*Nearest Commercial Services* At Calgary International Airport  
 58 km (36 miles) southwest

*Nearest Air Freight Facilities* At Calgary International Airport  
 58 km (36 miles) southwest

**Bus Services**

*Local* No

*Intercommunity* Regularly Scheduled

**Utilities***Contact the Following for Service Rates and Details*

**Electric Power** TransAlta Utilities Corporation  
P.O. Box 280  
Beiseker, Alberta T0M 0G0  
Tel: (403) 947-3861

**Natural Gas** Canadian Western Natural Gas Co. Ltd.  
909 - 11 Avenue S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 1L8  
Tel: (403) 245-7110

**Telephone** Alberta Government Telephones  
456 - 5 Street S.E.  
Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 0N1  
Tel: (403) 529-3311

**Water Supply**

**Source of Water** 3 Wells

**Reservoir Capacity — Treated Water** 1,591,100 l (350,000 gals.)

**Pumping Capacity** 2,159.3 l (475 gals.) per minute

**Average Line Pressure** 410 kPa (60 p.s.i.)

**Average Daily Consumption** 159,110 l (35,000 gals.)

**Restrictions** None Specified

**Water Analysis (milligrams per litre)**

<i>Data Source</i>	Alberta Environment		<i>Date</i>	April, 1985
<i>Total Dis. Solids</i>	805.7	<i>Cl</i> 31.0	<i>SO<sub>4</sub></i>	130.0
<i>Total Hardness</i>	94.0	<i>F</i> 0.6	<i>NO<sub>3</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub></i>	0.05
<i>Total Alkalinity</i>	528.8	<i>Fe</i> 0.02	<i>NO<sub>2</sub></i>	0.05
<i>pH</i>	8.4	<i>Mg</i> 12.0	<i>HCO<sub>3</sub></i>	626.3
		<i>K</i> 2.3	<i>CO<sub>3</sub></i>	9.0
		<i>Na</i> 295.0	<i>Ca</i>	18.0

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

Type of Treatment      Lagoon: 2 aerobic ponds

Provision for Disposal of Chemicals      None

**Industrial Fuels Available**

Coal:    Regional              Oil:    Local              Propane:    Local

**Other Municipal Services****Garbage***Method/Frequency of Collection**Industrial*              By Contractual Arrangement*Commercial*          1/week*Residential*          1/week*Solid Waste Disposal*      Modified landfill

Fire Protection      Volunteer

Police Protection      R.C.M.P.

Other Services          Belseker Municipal Library  
Bylaw Enforcement Officer**Municipal Finance**

Mill Rates (Year)      1985

*Industrial/Commercial*      26.700*Residential*              22.420

Per Capita Debt      910 (1983)

*Year of Last General Assessment*      1982

Latest Total Assessment      13,273,105

Equalized Assessment Per Capita      5,725 (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

**Beiseker Industrial Park:** Located directly east of the Canadian National rail line, Beiseker's Industrial park offers fully serviced land in a 5.5 hectares (13.6 acre) development. Subdivided lots range from .1 hectares (.3 acres) to 1.2 hectares (3 acres) and can easily accommodate various user needs. Price and terms are open to negotiation and interested parties are encouraged to contact the Village of Beiseker at (403) 947-3774.

**Commercial/Retail Space:** A number of commercial premises, in the downtown area, are available to accommodate new business establishments. Lease rates are very attractive and several owners may consider lease to purchase options.

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**Building Permits****As of:** 1985

	<i>Value (\$000)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i># Permits</i>
Residential			
Commercial			
Industrial		None	-
Institutional			
Total			

**Housing****Residential Lots — Availability***Single Detached Homes* Reasonable Supply*Mobile Home Lots* None**3-Bdrm., 1200 Sq. Ft. Bungalow — Sample***Average Cost (incl. land)* \$70,000*Average Taxes* \$1,000**Rental Accommodation***Apartments* 16*Vacancy Rate* 10% (September, 1986)**Medical**

Hospitals/No. Beds	At Calgary 58 km (36 miles) southwest	Health Units	Mount View Health Unit
No. Doctors	part-time (twice weekly)	No. Dentists	At Calgary
No. Surgeons	0	Optometrists	At Calgary
Medical Clinics	yes	No. Chiropractors	1/week
Ambulance Service	Yes - regional	Nursing Homes	No
		Senior Citizens Lodge	Yes

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**Education****Schools**

<i>Day Care/Nursery</i>	1
<i>Elementary</i>	1
<i>Junior High</i>	At Kathryn 26 km (16 miles) south
<i>High School</i>	1
<i>Vocational</i>	0
<i>Other</i>	University of Calgary, S.A.I.T., Mount Royal at Calgary 59 km (36 miles) southwest

**Additional Programs**

Early Childhood Services Program  
 Playschool  
 Kindergarten

**Financial Institutions**

Royal Bank of Canada  
 Mid Central Credit Union

**Communications**

<b>Newspapers</b>	Five Village Weekly (regional/weekly), Rockyview Times (regional/weekly), Calgary Herald, Calgary Sun (regional/daily)
<b>Radio Stations</b>	Drumheller AM, Calgary AM broadcast stations
<b>Television Channels</b>	Calgary broadcast stations

## Tourist/Accommodation Facilities

### Hotels/Motels

Beiseker Hotel

### Meeting Facilities

Beiseker Community Hall  
Beiseker Station

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

## Recreational Facilities

Hockey Arena (artificial ice)	Tennis Court
Golden Year Town & Country Club	Playgrounds (2)
Ball Diamonds (2)	Gymnasium
Friendship Park	Public Library
Track and Field	Beiseker Station Museum

## Organizations

Lions	Agricultural Clubs
Catholic Women's League	Sports Clubs
United Church Women's League	Museum Society
Chamber of Commerce	4-H Club
Stage Eastplayers (Theatre Group)	

## Regional Resources

### Resources Available Locally

Agriculture, natural gas, sand/gravel

### Products

Wheat, barley, oats, canola, tame hay, hogs, cattle, poultry, milk, eggs, recreational trailers, redi-mix concrete

## Brief History

Beiseker is an urban centre in south central Alberta with a population of 648 people. Only 58 km (36 miles) northeast of Calgary, it is located in the heart of some of the most productive farm land in Western Canada.

The community was founded in 1908 by the Calgary Colonization Company, whose purpose was to promote settlement by demonstrating the grain growing potential of the area. The village name comes from Thomas Beiseker, one of the partners of the company.

With the completion of the CPR and CNR branch lines in 1910 and 1912, Beiseker emerged as a local centre for trade and commerce. Through the years, Beiseker has continued to develop its role as an agricultural service centre. Five grain elevators, a seed cleaning plant, a farm implement dealer, bulk fuel depots and fertilizer sales/service are in place to serve the agricultural community.

Beiseker views its roles in the region as changing from that of solely an agricultural service centre to a balanced urban community. There are a number of commercial and service establishments in the community, and it is striving to attract further development. To this end, new commercial and industrial subdivisions have been developed to balance residential growth.

**Government**

**Municipal Office**

Village of Beiseker  
P.O. Box 349  
Beiseker, Alberta T0M 0G0  
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**Council**

Mayor Dave Fegan and 4 Councillors

**Administration Contact**

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**Planning Authority**

Calgary Regional Planning Commission  
4303 - 11 Street S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta T2G 4X1  
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**Member of Parliament**

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House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6  
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Honourable Connie Osterman  
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Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6  
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**Provincial/Federal Services**

**Provincial**

Alberta Transportation  
Highway Maintenance  
Solicitor General  
Motor Vehicle Licensing  
Driver Examination (bi-weekly)

**Federal**

Post Office

**Alberta Economic Development and Trade**

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