

alberta COMMUNITY PROFILE

Name of Community: **MEDICINE HAT**

Region: **MEDICINE HAT**

OVERVIEW

Population: 42290 As Of: 88.11.01

Distance From Major Centres: 579 KM (360 MI) S.E. OF EDMONTON
291 KM (181 MI) S.E. OF CALGARY

Connecting Highway(s): TRANS-CANADA HWY 1, HWY 3, HWY 41

Railway(s): CANADIAN PACIFIC MAINLINE TERMINAL POINT

Major Economic Base:

- MANUFACTURING
- FINANCIAL CENTRE
- REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL
- SERVICE CENTRE

LOCATION

County/District: M.D. OF CYPRESS #1 Census Division: 1

Elevation: 710 Meters 2327.16 Feet

Latitude: 50 Deg. 3 Min. Longitude: 110 Deg. 49 Min.

CLIMATE

Temperature

Seasonal Averages:	January	-12.6 C	9.3 F
	April	5.6 C	42.1 F
	July	19.9 C	67.8 F
	October	7.4 C	45.3 F

Annual Precipitation: 35 cm. 13.68 in.

Rain: 24 cm. 9.27 in.

Snow: 126 cm. 49.32 in.

Frost Free Days: 129

Hours Sunshine/Year: 2345

Information contained in this profile is as current as possible. However, where appropriate, preference is given to published data from standard sources over current, unpublished data. Source list is available on request.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TRADE

Business Counselling and Development

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Municipal

CORMIER, D. A.
MANAGER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF MEDICINE HAT, 580 1ST STREET SE
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA
T1A 8E6

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Alberta Economic Development & Trade Regional Office

HARLTON, ALLEN R.
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ROOM 217, 770 - 6TH STREET S.W.
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA
T1A 4J6

Telephone: (403)529-3630

JUL 17 1989

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POPULATION

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
			<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	16351		16460		32811	0
1981	19930		20450		40380	49645
1986	20425		21380		41805	50734
CURRENT ESTIMATE	20691		21599		42290	51220

POPULATION BREAKDOWN

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
0 - 4	1615	1560	3175
5 - 9	1615	1565	3180
10 - 14	1460	1410	2870
15 - 19	1550	1465	3015
20 - 24	1835	2015	3850
25 - 34	3950	3805	7755
35 - 44	2430	2540	4970
45 - 54	1775	1795	3570
55 - 64	1780	2085	0
65 +	2415	3140	5555
TOTAL	20425	21380	41805

LABOUR FORCE

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	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
POTENTIAL LABOUR FORCE (15-65 YRS)	0	0	15060	15615	15540	16435
EMPLOYED	0	0	11550	7445	10445	8055
UNEMPLOYED	0	0	560	490	1435	980
PARTICIPATION RATE	0	0	80	51	76	55
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	0	0	5	6	12	11

FAMILY UNITS AND AVERAGE INCOME

Average Individual Income:	17355		
Families In Private Households:	11505	Average Income:	35269
One Person Households:	3685		

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MAJOR AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>LABOUR FORCE</u>
PRIMARY INDUSTRY	1755
MANUFACTURING	2130
CONSTRUCTION	1645
TRANSPORT, COMM. AND OTHER UTILITIES	1590
TRADE	3925
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	880
COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND PERSONAL SERVICE	7135
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENSE	1465
EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE (ALL INDUSTRIES)	20535

MANUFACTURERS

Company: I X L INDUSTRIES LTD.

Major Products:

- CLAY BRICK
- CRUDE OIL
- CLAY PIPE
- FLUE LINING

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 250-499

Company: ALBERTA GAS CHEMICALS LTD

Major Products:

- METHANOL

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 100-249

Company: CANADIAN FERTILIZERS LTD.

Major Products:

- ANHYDROUS AMMONIA
- UREA

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 100-249

Company: GOODYEAR CANADA INC

Major Products:

- AUTO, TRUCK AND FARM TIRES
- RETREAD RUBBER
- COLLAPSABLE SPARE TIRES

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 100-249

MANUFACTURERS (CONTINUED)

Company: CANCARB LIMITED

Major Products:

- PELLETIZED THERMAL CARBON BLACK
- POWDER THERMAL CARBON BLACK
- STAINLESS THERMAL CARBON BLACK (PELLETS)
- STAINLESS POWDER THERMAL CARBON BLACK

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 50 - 99

Company: CRAIN R L (ALBERTA) INC

Major Products:

- CARBON SNAP-OUT UNIT SETS
- TAB CARD SETS
- FLAT PRINTING
- REGISTER FORMS

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 50 - 99

Company: OGILVIE MILLS LTD

Major Products:

- FLOUR

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 50 - 99

Company: VERTICAN WESTERN INC.

Major Products:

- VERTICAL BLINDS
- HORIZONTAL VENETIAN BLINDS
- PLEATED BLINDS

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 50 - 99

MANUFACTURERS (CONTINUED)

Company: WITTKER IRON WORKS CO. LTD.

Major Products:

- REFUSE HANDLING EQUIPMENT
- FRONT END LOADING CONTAINERS
- REAR LOADING CONTAINERS
- COMPACTION CONTAINERS

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 50 - 99

Company: ALBERTA LINSEED (1986) INC.

Major Products:

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Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 20 - 49

Company: CATALYST RECOVERY CANADA LTD

Major Products:

- HYDROCRACKING CATALYST
- HYDROFINING CATALYST
- HYDRODESULFURIZATION CATALYST
- MOLECULAR SIEVES

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 20 - 49

Company: CRANE CANADA INC

Major Products:

- FIRE HYDRANTS
- WATERWORKS FITTINGS
- VALVE BOXES
- SERVICE BOXES

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 20 - 49

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MANUFACTURERS (CONTINUED)

Company: CRITERION CATALYST RECOVERY CANADA LTD

Major Products:

- CATALYSTS

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 20 - 49

Company: HOLMES PUBLISHING CO LTD

Major Products:

- PRINTING OF HISTORY BOOKS
- PRINTING OF NEWSPAPERS
- BUSINESS FORMS
- OFFICE STATIONARY PRINTING

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 20 - 49

Company: HYCROFT CHINA LTD

Major Products:

- PORCELAIN DINNERWARE
- SANITARY WARE

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 20 - 49

Company: INDEPENDENT PORCELAIN CO. LTD

Major Products:

- DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER BUSHINGS
- FUSE DISCONNECT PORCELAINS
- SPOOL INSULATORS
- STRAIN INSULATORS

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 20 - 49

MANUFACTURERS (CONTINUED)

Company: JAMESON CONTRACTING LTD

Major Products:

- ROOF & SHEET METAL

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 20 - 49

Company: JOYLINE TRANSPORT/JOYLINE MANUFACTURING DIVISION

Major Products:

- STORAGE TANKS A.P.I.CAN,4-S603 M85,C.W.B.
- HEATER TUBES C.W.B.
- PRESSURE VESSELS A.S.M.E. SEC. VIII, DIV. I,
- TEXAS GATES C.W.B.

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 20 - 49

Company: TRD BUILDING SALES LTD

Major Products:

- PREFAB METAL BUILDINGS

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 20 - 49

Company: S F SCOTT MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.

Major Products:

- PARK AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
- CHRISTMAS STREET DECORATIONS

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 10 - 19

MANUFACTURERS (CONTINUED)

Company: SELECT HOCKEY STICKS LTD.

Major Products:

- RECREATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY STICKS
- SOUVENIR HOCKEY STICKS
- RINGUETTE STICKS, SLEDGE HOCKEY STICKS
- HOCKEY PUCKS

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 9 - 15

Company: KAPPLER DAIRIES

Major Products:

- MILK
- CREAM
- ICE CREAM, COTTAGE CHEESE
- SOUR CREAM

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 11 - 15

Company: PLAINSMAN CLAYS

Major Products:

- POTTERY CLAYS
- PROCESSED CLAY
- DRY RAW CLAYS

Exporter: Y

Staff Range: 8

Company: KODIAK R V COMPANY LTD.

Major Products:

- RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Exporter: N

Staff Range: 15 - 20

TRANSPORTATION

<u>CONNECTING HIGHWAYS</u>	<u>LOAD LIMITS</u>	<u>CONNECTING HIGHWAYS</u>	<u>LOAD LIMITS</u>
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- HWY 1	N	- HWY 3	N
- HWY 41	Y		

Truck Transport
- 40 TRUCKING FIRMS

Available Warehouse and Terminal Facilities:
YES

RAILWAYS

Railway Lines: CANADIAN PACIFIC, SECONDARY MAIN LINE & MAIN LINE

Spur Trackage: Y

Intermodal Services: AT EDMONTON & CALGARY

AIR SERVICES

Local Airstrip: Y All Weather Facilities: Y

Nearest Airport: MEDICINE HAT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Longest Runway: 1524.39 M. 5000.00 FT.

Carriers (schedules/charter): TIME AIR (SCHEDULED), BAR XH AIR (CHART)

Nearest Commercial Services: MEDICINE HAT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Nearest Air Freight Facilities: MEDICINE HAT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

BUS SERVICES

Local: Y Intercommunity: REGULARLY SCHEDULED

UTILITIES

Contact the Following for Service Rates and Details

ELECTRIC POWER

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT, ELECTRICAL DEPT.
580 1 ST. S.E.
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA
TIA 8E6 (403)529-8270

NATURAL GAS

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT, GAS DEPT.
580 1 ST. S.E.
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA
TIA 8E6 (403)529-8248

TELEPHONE

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES
456 5 ST. S.E.
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA
TIA ON1 (403)529-3311

WATER SUPPLY

Source of Water: SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER
Reservoir Capacity - Treated Substance: 32,500 CU.M. 1,147,737.50 CU.FT.
Design Capacity: 113,650 CU.M. 4,013,549.75 CU.FT.

SEWAGE

Type of Treatment: PRIMARY, 4 AERATED, 1 LONG DETENTION
Provision for Disposal of Chemicals:
LIMITED. USED OIL RESERVOIRS AT SANITARY LAND FILL

UTILITIES (CONTINUED)

WATER ANALYSIS

For Surface Water Information, contact:

Alberta Environment
Pollution Control Division
Water Quality Control Branch
Edmonton: 427-5828
Calgary: 297-8271

For Drinking Water Information, contact:

Alberta Environment
Pollution Control Division
Municipal Engineering
Edmonton: 427-5837
Lethbridge: 381-5511
Grande Prairie: 538-5351
Red Deer: 340-5310

HAZARDOUS WASTE:

The Alberta Special Waste Management System undertakes the identification, receipt, movement, treatment and safe disposal of most hazardous wastes within the province. For further information, contact:

Alberta Environment
Industrial Waste Branch
5th Floor, Oxbridge Place
9820-106 St.
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J-2J6

Phone: 427-5847

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

GARBAGE

Method/Frequency of Collection

Industrial: TRUCK/AS REQUIRED
Commercial: TRUCK/AS REQUIRED
Residential: TRUCK/WEEKLY

Fire Protection

FULL TIME FORCE

Police Protection

MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCE

Other Services

INDUSTRIAL SURVEILLANCE/MUNICIPAL/
CONTRACT

MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Mill Rates (Year): 1986
Industrial/Commercial: 27.020

Residential: 15.550

Per Capita Debt: 2100 Year: 1986

Year of Last General Assessment: 1984

Latest Total Assessment: 1,123,068,460

Equalized Assessment Per Capita: 7,550 Year: 1987

BUSINESS PROPERTIES

- Most parcels of the various industrial sites available are in, or are planned as, industrial parks with full services. There are approx. 647 hectares (1,600 acres) of land in reserve for future industrial use, mostly located in the heavily industrialized Brier Industrial Estates. This area has approx. 28 hectares (70 acres) and 16 hectares (40 acres) of light and heavy industrial land respectively in lot sizes from 0.4 to 4 hectares (1 to 10 acres). There are also extensive acreages in the reserve lands to the north of the industrial subdivisions. Also there is a privately-owned industrial subdivision available on a lease basis only to smaller industry and service oriented companies. Trackage is available. - In southwest Medicine Hat is the other industrial area, next to the municipal airport. There are 12 hectares (30 acres) town owned land available with full services plus 16 hectares (40 acres) in reserve, and 10 hectares (25 acres) of privately owned land with partial services. No trackage is available.

- Current buildings are the metal clad Knight Schmidt building with 8,489 square metres (91,377 square feet) which includes a 334 square metre (3,600 square feet) office under one roof, two concrete tilt-up warehouses of 3,553 square metres (38,254 square feet) which includes a 55.7 square metre (600 square feet) office. Medalta houses at approximately 2,787 square metres (30,000 square feet), Medicine Hat Implements at 557 square metres (6,000 square feet) and other warehouse/shop bays of 92.9 square metres (1,000 square feet) to 232 square metres (2,500 square feet each). For more information contact the City of Medicine Hat Economic Development Manager.

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COMMERCIAL REALTORS

ACCORD REALTY
BIG K REALTY
BUSINESS/HOME REALTY
CENTURY 21
CLUB 100 REALTY
COMPUTER REALTY
CRAVEN HALL REAL ESTATE
FIRST CHOICE REALTY
G.E. LEECH & ASSOC.
GOLDEN WEST REAL ESTATE
GROUP ONE REALTY
HALLMARK REALTY
HAT REAL ESTATE
HENDERSON REALTY
HOME REALTY
KINGSWAY REALTY
KRASSMAN REALTY
RE/MAX MEDALTA REAL ESTATE
ROGERS REALTY
SAAMIS REAL ESTATE
STEEL REALTY
THE REAL ESTATE STORE
TITAN REALTY
TRI-PRO REALTY
SEE THE YELLOW PAGES FOR OTHER LISTINGS

BUILDING PERMITS

	<u>VALUE (\$ 000)</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u># PERMITS</u>
RESIDENTIAL	17672	59.8	261
COMMERCIAL	4309	14.6	N/A
INDUSTRIAL	4073	13.8	N/A
INSTITUTIONAL	3484	11.8	N/A
TOTAL	29538	100.0	261

HOUSING

Residential Lots - Availability

Single Detached Homes: AMPLE SUPPLY

Mobile Home Lots: REASONABLE SUPPLY

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

Average Cost (including land): 75500

Average Taxes (\$/year): 805

Rental Accommodation

Apartments: 3,126 UNITS

Vacancy Rate - % 3.00

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MEDICAL

Nearest Hospital: MEDICINE HAT

Hospitals:	1	Number of Beds:	446
Number of Doctors:	65	Number of Surgeons:	5
Medical Clinics:	2	Ambulance Service:	1
Health Units:	3	Number of Dentists:	18
Optometrists:	6	Number of Chiropractors:	20
Nursing Homes:	2	Senior Citizen Lodges:	9
Senior Citizen Housing:	1		

EDUCATION

Schools - Public and Private Boards Combined

Day Care/Nursery:	13
Elementary:	21
Junior High:	5
High School:	7
Vocational:	2

Other: MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE
 HILLCREST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
 GEORGE P. VANIER SCHOOL FOR
 THE RETARDED

Additional Programs: CONTINUING ADULT
 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

BANK OF MONTREAL
BNK. OF NOVA SCOTIA
CANADA TRUST
C.I.B.C.
CONTINENTAL BNK. CDA
MEDICINE HAT CREDIT
UNION
FINANCIAL TRUST CO.
ROYAL TRUST COMPANY
TORONTO DOMINION BNK
TREASURY BRANCH
ROYAL BANK
CENTRAL TRUST CO.
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COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers:

For Newspaper Circulation (Advertising Areas of Influence)
See DATA - Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association Yearly Publication

DAILY: MEDICINE HAT NEWS
WEEKLY: SHOPPER

Radio Stations:

CHAT RADIO, CJCY, CKUA FM, CKUA AM

Television Stations:

LOCAT CHAT TV, CTV, CBC FRENCH NETWORK & 9 CABLE CHANNELS

TOURIST/ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

HOTELS: TOTAL: 13

- BEST WESTERN FLAMIN-
- GO TERRACE INN
- MEDICINE HAT LODGE
- & CONVENTION CENTRE
- QUALITY INN
- CORONA HOTEL
- MEDICINE HAT INN
- ROYAL HOTEL
- CECIL HOTEL

MOTELS: TOTAL: 18

- CEDAR VILLAGE MOTEL
- TRAVELODGE MOTOR INN
- IMPERIAL MOTOR INN
- SEARRA MOTEL
- TRANS CANADA MOTEL
- CIRCLE T LODGE
- HOLIDAY MOTEL
- SATELLITE MOTEL
- SUN-DEK MOTEL

MEETING FACILITIES

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETING FACILITIES: 0

SEVERAL HOTEL & CONVENTION FACILITIES
AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- 4 SKATING RINKS
- 6 SWIMMING POOLS
- BASEBALL DIAMONDS (16)
- RACQUETBALL COURTS (2)
- SOCCER FIELDS (4)
- GOLF COURSES (3)
- FOOTBALL FIELDS (4)
- TENNIS COURTS (11)
- WATER SLIDES 11.LAWN BOWLING
- BOWLING ALLEYS (2)

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ORGANIZATIONS

- KIWANIS
- I.O.O.F.
- CANADIAN LEGION
- I.O.D.E.
- GIRL GUIDES
- KINSMEN
- OPTOMISTS
- LIONS
- MOOSE
- SORORITIES
- ROTARY
- BIG BROTHER
- BOY SCOUTS
- MASONS
- EAGLES
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- ELKS
- MANY OTHER CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

REGIONAL RESOURCES

Resources Available Locally:

- | | |
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| - NATURAL GAS | - SAND/GRAVEL |
| - CLAY | - AQUIFER WATER |
| - OIL | - SUB-BITUMINOUS |
| - AGRICULTURE | - COAL |

Products: HARD AND SOFT WHEAT FLOUR
 METHANOL, LINSEED OIL
 LIQUID AMMONIA
 CARBON DIOXIDE
 CARBON BLACK
 FERTILIZERS
 CLAY PRODUCTS
 RUBBER TIRES
 NITRATE
 HOTHOUSE VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS

HISTORY

In 1847, a detachment of North West Mounted Police built a barracks on the South Saskatchewan River; an area that is now known as Police Point in northeast Medicine Hat. Medicine Hat had its true origin with the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway which reached the community in 1883. It was incorporated as a town in 1899 and by 1907 was formally incorporated as a city. Between 1907 and 1914, the city expanded quickly until World War I slowed its growth. In recent years, however, its population has shown a steady and rapid climb, rising from 9,529 in 1940 to 41,805 in 1988.

In 1883, when the C.P.R. work gang was drilling for water, gas was discovered. In 1901, the City set up a municipal gas system and in 1903 interested itself in drilling a test well, resulting in an enormous supply of dry gas being found at a depth of 305 metres (1,000 feet). This resource has proven to be the main attraction to industry, which was not slow in taking advantage of a cheap source of fuel. Initially, rolling mills, tent and awning factories, foundries and clay products plants were established. Alberta Linseed Oil, IXL industries and the Crane Canada Foundry are some of the remaining examples. Flour milling also started with one of the four original mills currently operating.

In 1956, Northwest Nitro Chemicals led the way in an industrial expansion that is still ongoing. The variety of economic activity in the community is its heart and Medicine Hat shows every sign of good economic health now and in the future.

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PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL SERVICES

Provincial:

MOST PROVINCIAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE
IN MEDICINE HAT

Federal:

CANADA POST
DEPT. OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
PUBLIC WORKS
TRANSPORT CANADA
AGRICULTURE
EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION CANADA

ALBERTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

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