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City of Medicine Hat

If you ask someone from Medicine Hat to tell you what they like about their city, they'll tell you they like the small town/small city feel, the friendliness of the people and how convenient it is to get around. When you speak with a business person they will add to that list and tell you it's an ideal place to start and grow your business.

Economic facts

Entrepreneurs excel in sunny southeast Alberta. In Medicine Hat you can build your business around agriculture, oil and gas, alternative energy, construction aggregates, clay, manufacturing, retail and service and tourism. Being adjacent to Canadian Forces Base Suffield (660,000 acres) offers a variety of business opportunities including advancement of Canada's unmanned vehicle systems industry. If you excel in technology, software, security, law enforcement or aerospace, you will want to know more about southeast Alberta.

Key business partners

- Goodyear Canada, Inc.**
vehicle, ATV and auto racing tires
- Canadian Fertilizers Ltd.**
liquid anhydrous ammonia & granulated urea
- I-XL Industries Ltd.**
clay bricks
- Moduline Industries**
manufactured homes
- Cancarb Limited**
thermal carbon black
- ADM Milling Company**
flour, cereal and feeds
- Criterion Catalyst and Technologies**
hydrotreating & hydrocracking catalysts, catalyst regeneration

Transportation

Situated at the crossroads of the Trans Canada Highway 1 and Highway 3, Medicine Hat has easy access to every part of the world with excellent air, highway and rail facilities. Several courier and trucking firms provide local, provincial, national and international intermodal freight services.

Labour force by industry 2006

Agriculture	2.1%
Mining & manufacturing	16.0%
Construction	9.8%
Transportation & utilities	4.7%
Retail & wholesale	16.1%
Business & community services	24.9%
Public Administration	5.3%
Health care & social assistance	10.6%
Education, recreation & cultural	10.9%

Total building permit values 2008

Commercial	\$46.4M
Industrial	\$357,000
Residential	\$60.2M

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- great climate
- low taxes
- diverse & trained workforce
- business ready

Utilities

Medicine Hat is one of the only cities in the world that owns and manages its own electric and gas utility. Built on a massive natural gas field, Medicine Hat has been providing residents and business of the city with natural gas since 1904.



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The Economic Development Alliance (EDA) of Southeast Alberta represents the economic development interests of the City of Medicine Hat, Town of Redcliff, Town of Bow Island, County of Forty Mile and Cypress Country. Its role is to encourage economic investment and work with existing businesses in the region to expand or access new markets.

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Climate

Located in a semi-arid climate with approximately 2500 hours of sunshine per year, Medicine Hat is Canada's "sunniest city" with more hours of sunshine than anywhere in Canada and with one of the longest growing seasons in the province at about 188+ days.

Taxation 2008 mill rates

Residential	7.0693%
Non-residential	18.3416%

Community lifestyle

The 61,000+ residents of Medicine Hat are proud of their value-driven community and all it has to offer.

Health care

Medicine Hat offers full service care and care facilities including the 325-bed Regional Hospital to city and area residents.

Housing

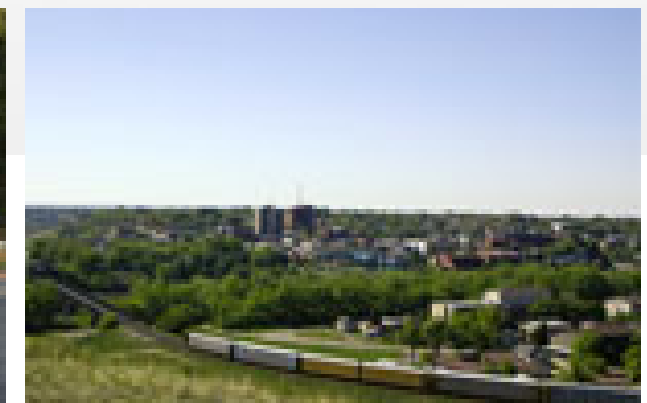
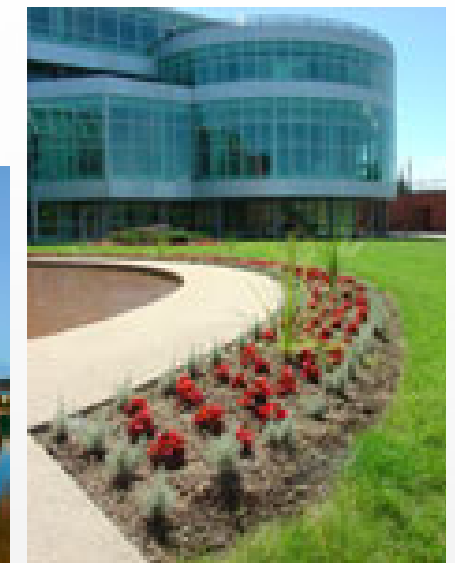
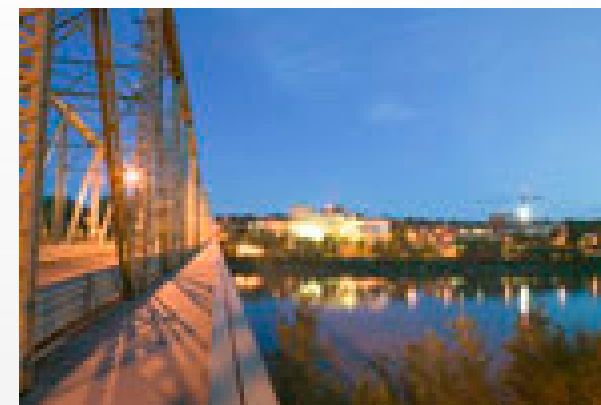
Almost 70% of the residents live in single-detached homes but many apartments and semi-detached houses are also available.

Income

Average family income projected for 2009 is \$90,622.

Abundant recreational facilities

- more than 92 km. (57 miles) of hiking/biking trails and 618 acres of parks
- 6 first-class golf courses
- 3 indoor and 4 outdoor pools
- 6 indoor ice arenas, waterslides, soccer fields
- sports for every season



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