

# Welcome to Brazeau County

## Forestry

### Industry is in Our Nature

The wide range of industries operating in Brazeau County – oil & gas, agriculture, forestry, bio energy and tourism – bring more opportunities for employment and business than ever before, making Brazeau County one of the most desirable places to live and work in Canada. When you add economic vitality to natural beauty and a healthy community, you get a place that thousands of people want to call home. And every year more people are calling Brazeau County home, settling in our region with big hopes for the future and for their families.

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#### Business Grows Naturally Here

For decades, the abundant forests that span the borders of Brazeau County have provided the local economy with a strong backbone as lumber mills and forestry services businesses have planted their roots and continued to thrive. By diversifying products and methods - including partnering with Drayton Valley Power to provide the province an extra 10.5 megawatts of energy from burning wood waste - companies both large and small have found a sustainable way to do business in a county that's dedicated to long-term growth and prosperity for every industry and every community.

#### Old Forests, New Money

Brazeau County's forestry industry is positioned for long-term growth and now is the time for investors from around the world to take notice. We have the resources, we have the infrastructure and we have the labour force needed to ensure the continued expansion of forestry operations, making our region one of the most sought-after economic jurisdictions on the planet. Our soil is rich with opportunity.

#### Quick Stats:

*"Forestry shipments from the region totaled approximately \$800 Million in 2009."*

*- Alberta Regional Economic Indicators*

The West Yellowhead Region, Brazeau County's parent region, is Alberta's top producer of forest products, as well as the province's largest lumber producer. With a value of forestry shipments from the region totalling approximately \$800 Million in 2009.

The primary forestry products are: Lumber, Oriented Strand Board (OSB), and Pulp and Paper.

Percentage of the 7.1 million cubic meters of harvested logs used for production in 2009	
Lumber	71%
Pulp and Paper	24%
OSB	6%

### Location

Established in 1988, Brazeau County is located approximately 160 kilometres southwest of Edmonton and is home to the Town of Drayton Valley and the Village of Breton.



### Fast Facts:

- Youthful workforce with average age of 37
- Labour force participation rate of 75.5%
- Competitive taxation rates for commercial, residential and industrial Land (see table on other side)
- High average household income of \$80,127.00
- Well educated workforce – 42% of Brazeau County adults have post-secondary education

### Discover how Brazeau County can help your business.

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## Demographics

	Drayton Valley	Brazeau County	Breton	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Combined</i>
Pop. in 2011	7,045	7,195	495	14,735
0 to 4 y/o	575	450	30	1,055
5 to 9 y/o	485	475	25	985
10 to 14 y/o	455	495	30	990
15 to 19 y/o	525	555	30	1,110
20 to 24 y/o	500	420	25	945
25 to 29 y/o	670	425	35	1,130
30 to 34 y/o	575	410	25	1,010
35 to 39 y/o	465	450	25	940
40 to 44 y/o	465	535	35	1,035
45 to 49 y/o	520	660	40	1,220
50 to 54 y/o	450	700	35	1,185
55 to 59 y/o	385	540	40	965
60 to 64 y/o	240	385	20	645
65 to 69 y/o	205	290	25	520
70 to 74 y/o	145	210	20	375
75 to 79 y/o	150	110	30	290
80 to 84 y/o	130	60	10	200
85+ y/o	105	25	15	145
Median age of population	32.7	39.4	41.6	
% of population age 15 and over	78.4	80.3	81.9	

*Source: Statistics Canada 2011 Census*

## Tax Rates

Drayton Valley	
Residential/Farmland	Non-residential
5.36%	11.57%

Brazeau County	
Residential/Farmland	Non-residential
2.00%	9.04%

Breton	
Residential/Farmland	Non-residential
8.73%	11.66%

*Source: Alberta Municipal Affairs*

## Education Level

Brazeau County Adults (25 & up) with Post-secondary Education	
University	7%
College	15%
Trades	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42%</b>

*Source: Statistics Canada 2011*

## Climate

Month	High	Low	Rain	Snowfall	Sunlight
January	-7.0 °C	-16.0 °C	1.7 mm	25.2 cm	8 hours
February	-6.0 °C	-17.0 °C	1.4 mm	18.0 cm	9 hours
March	1.0 °C	-10.0 °C	1.8 mm	18.6 cm	12 hours
April	11.0 °C	-2.0 °C	14.0 mm	12.8 cm	14 hours
May	18.0 °C	4.0 °C	49.5 mm	4.7 cm	16 hours
June	21.0 °C	8.0 °C	98.0 mm	0.0 cm	17 hours
July	24.0 °C	11.0 °C	106.0 mm	0.0 cm	16 hours
August	22.0 °C	8.0 °C	73.5 mm	0.1 cm	14 hours
September	17.0 °C	4.0 °C	46.3 mm	1.6 cm	12 hours
October	11.0 °C	-1.0 °C	13.3 mm	9.5 cm	10 hours
November	1.0 °C	-9.0 °C	3.0 mm	20.2 cm	8 hours
December	-7.0 °C	-16.0 °C	1.3 mm	23.2 cm	7 hours

*Source: Environment Canada Climate Normals*