

Welcome to Brazeau County

Oil and Gas

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.

Oil and Gas

With over 1,000 new wells drilled every year in the surrounding area, totalling more than 7,000 in operation at one time, Brazeau County's oil and gas sector has been creating economic vitality in our region for decades. And with new investments coming in and new pipelines and other infrastructure under development, our progress is showing no signs of slowing down.

New Business Opportunities

The oil and gas industry in Brazeau County is made up of a range of diverse businesses that service, impact and thrive off our region's natural oil reserves. From rethinking the way we manage wastewater and other byproducts, to environmental cleanup and reclamation initiatives, as well as research and analysis facilities, it takes an array of businesses to keep the oil and gas industry flowing, and there's always a need for more support, leaving room for businesses to create their own success in Brazeau County.

Transportation

Major Highways

Drayton Valley is surrounded on two sides by Highway 22. Access to the Yellowhead Highway 16 is just 30 minutes north of Drayton Valley. Via Highway 39, the Canada - Mexico Trade corridor of Highway 2 is just 60 minutes to the east.

Rail Services

Canadian National Railways Depot is located 30 minutes north of Drayton Valley in the Town of Evansburg and offers basic service.

Bus Services

Greyhound Bus Lines provides regularly scheduled transportation.

Trucking Firms

Numerous trucking firms servicing all transportation needs reside in the area.

Couriers and Taxis

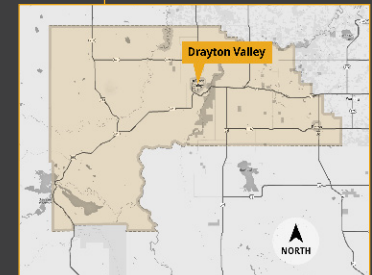
Three courier companies serve the area. There are three local taxi companies.

Air Services

Drayton Valley is serviced by the Drayton Valley Municipal Airport, an all-weather facility with a 5,000 foot runway. Commercial and air freight services are located at the Edmonton International Airport just a short one hour drive east.

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 taxations 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.

Call the Economic Development and Planning Department at 780-524-2667



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%
Total	42%

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