



# Invest In Smoky Lake County



## ABOUT SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Smoky Lake County is located in the west of the Alberta HUB region. Alberta HUB is a partnership of municipalities, First Nations, Metis Settlements, post-secondary educational institutions, and business/industry in northeastern Alberta meant to enhance the quality of life and economic interests of this region. Smoky Lake County features great opportunities for development, recreation, agriculture and affordable country living. Primary natural resources in the County include large deposits of natural gas, extensive areas of peat and some forested areas suitable for logging. There are a large number of lakes and natural areas attractive to vacationers and wildlife enthusiasts, and a 50 mile stretch of the North Saskatchewan River north shore that is virtually undeveloped. We welcome investors, visitors and newcomers to explore the opportunities Smoky Lake County provides.

### Community Snapshot

Population	3,874 (2021)
Value of all Regional Building Permits	\$149,100,000 (2021)
Non-Residential Mill Rate	21.9 (2022)
Value of Major Projects in the Region	\$2,965,200,000 (2021)

Source: Statistics Canada Census and Alberta Regional Dashboard

Smoky Lake County is a member of Alberta HUB, the regional economic development alliance of Northeast Alberta, which is the northern region of the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor.



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## OUR TOP INDUSTRIES



### Oil and Gas

Smoky Lake County is strategically located on Highway 28, which serves the Cold Lake and the South Athabasca Oil Sands areas, projected to produce over 3.4 million barrels of oil per day. Drilling, seismic, and pipeline construction contribute significantly to the local economy. Numerous opportunities exist for up-stream oil service companies to locate to the County since it is ideally situated for oil and gas industry transportation and servicing.



### Agriculture

A major economic base of the County is agriculture. The area benefits from a variety of agricultural resources including low cost grazing lands to the north, good quality flat crop lands to the west, a climate suitable for most crops, ready access to processing facilities, and a large domestic market in Edmonton. A peat moss gathering, drying and packaging operation has been built near the Village of Vilna, utilizing the large peat bogs in the area.



### Tourism

Tourism is a significant industry for the County, with numerous small business enterprises starting to evolve as the large Edmonton market looks closer to home for vacations and recreation. With amenities such as the North Saskatchewan Canadian Heritage River, our public natural areas, lakes and trails, there is significant potential for ecotourism ventures. Smoky Lake County is home to Métis Crossing, Canada's premiere destination for Métis Cultural interpretation, located on the banks of the beautiful North Saskatchewan River.



### Transportation

Smoky Lake connections to markets at all compass points are via Highways 28 and 36, and secondary highways 855, 857, and 831. Air service is via Edmonton International Airport, 120 km southwest. The western side of the County has rail service, and several bus and transport companies serve passengers and freight customers across the Region.

## COMMUNITY STATISTICS

### Demographics

	2021 Totals*	2021 %*
Population	3,874	
Median age of the population	44.8	
Total number of census families in private households	1,100	
Total number of private households by tenure	1,500	
Owner	1,200	80.00%
Renter	300	20.00%
Average value of dwellings (\$)	\$267,500	
Average income \$	\$43,440	
Average household total income \$	\$83,800	

### Labour Force

In the labour force	1,615	53.40%
Participation rate		53.40%
Unemployment rate		12.70%
Management occupations	15	0.50%
Business, finance and administration occupations	195	6.46%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	35	1.16%
Health occupations	75	2.48%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	165	5.46%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	10	0.33%
Sales and service occupations	235	7.78%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	395	13.08%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	390	12.91%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	30	0.99%

### Education

High school diploma or equivalent	880	29.14%
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	1,370	45.36%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	455	15.07%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	585	19.37%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	70	2.32%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	20	0.66%

\*Source: 2021 Statistics Canada Census

## SITE SELECTION INFORMATION

Electrical Provider(s)	ATCO Electric
Electrical Capacity	ATCO Electric; Ph. (780) 420-7310
Natural Gas Provider(s)	Smoky Lake Natural Gas
Natural Gas Capacity	780-656-5734 for BTU requirements
Broadband Provider(s)	MCSNet, XplorNet
Broadband Capacity	Up: To 2 Mb/s; Down: To 20 Mb/s



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