



# Beaver County

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### **Municipal census reveals stable population; road maintenance top concern**

**RYLEY, Alberta (January 20, 2009)** – Beaver County’s first-ever municipal census tallies a population of 5,717– comparable to the 2006 Canadian Census result of 5,676.

“A stable population for a rural community like Beaver County is a positive indicator that people enjoy living here,” said Beaver County Reeve Jim Kallal. “The Census data will help with service delivery and planning to ensure the County continues to be a great place to call home.”

Key results from Beaver County’s 2009 Municipal Census include:

- Approximately 52% of the census population is male and 48% is female.
- The majority of the census population has lived in the County for five years or more.
- The Agriculture industry employs the most people in Beaver County.
- The three top factors residents identified by residents as needing improvement if the County is going to be a sustainable community (i.e. a great place to live) in the future are road maintenance and construction, broadband service and the environment.

“Through their voluntary participation, residents have provided direct input into future planning for the County, and we sincerely appreciate the time they took to respond to our questions,” added Reeve Kallal. “We are especially appreciative of the enumerators who went door-to-door to make it all possible.”

The Census captured a snapshot of Beaver County on May 1, 2009, and addressed numerous topics including usual number of residents, dwelling ownership, rural emergency plan, gender, age, length of residence, previous residence, employment status, employment type, occupation, self-employment challenges and sustainability.

The Official Census Report is available at the County Office, [www.beaver.ab.ca](http://www.beaver.ab.ca) and the Town and Village Offices.

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