

### **Community Profile**





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# Most Competitive SECTORS

#### Agriculture and Agri-Food Processing

Being centrally located in the heart of irrigated farmland, the specialty and heritage crops that are processed in the town are vast. Known for potatoes, corn, and sugar beets, this town has ample opportunity to grow and expand. Potential expansion opportunities include Ag Research facilities and larger retail.

#### Oil and Gas

With a solid natural gas economy in the area, there is still need for development of future potential.

#### **Transportation**

With a strong farming and gas sector, logistics for moving raw products as well as finished remains a cornerstone of the community.

### About our Community

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## **EMPLOYERS**







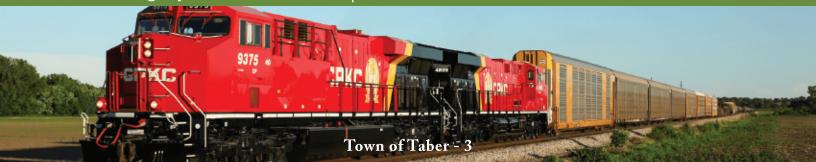
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## Major TRANSPORT ACCESS

Road: Hwy 3 (west-east) and Hwy 36 (north-south).

Rail: CPKC main line runs through the town. Spur to Eureka Business Park in the planning stages.

**Air:** The town has a small municipal airport. Lethbridge Airport is 30 minutes and the Calgary International Airport is 2.5 hours north.





# Permitting & Zoning TIMELINES

Approximate Permitted Use: 2 Days
Approximate Discretionary: 8 Weeks
Approximate Subdivision: 2 months
Approximate Zoning: 3 Months

The Land Use Bylaw is amended as needed for particular situations. Every 3-5 years, the Land Use Bylaw is reviewed in whole.

We are open to special permits and variances for projects that do not fully comply with zoing regulations. This is on a case by case basis.

Building height varies by zone. The highest is M-3 zoning at 60m. Exceptions can be made on a case by case basis.

Please contact planning@taber.ca for updates on pending permits.

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## PIPELINE

With access to labour from the surrounding rural towns and hamlets plus the City of Lethbridge, there are many opportunities for recruitment. Families are attracted to the town due to the price of housing, schools, facilities, and amenities. There is a migration as well of temporary foreign workers and Taber hosts the Rural Renewal Program to recruit more permanent residents.

Lethbridge and Medicine Hat are the main sources for post-secondary education.

62% of the population is between age 15-64, and the average age is 38.

(2021 Stats Canada Census)

There is a 7% unemployment rate and a 65% participation rate.

(Alberta Regional Dashboard)

Apprenticeship is high with a 48.6% increase in 2022

(Alberta Regional Dashboard)

Notable Statistics Enrolment in schools remains steady. Household income is at \$98,000.

(Alberta Regional Dashboard)

# Environmental, Social and Governance

The community participates in several environmental, sustainability and emission reduction initiatives. We prioritize participating in programs such as the Clean Energy Program and providing EV charging stations. Wetland Management utilizing the trout pont and river bottom are priorities for the town as well.

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Some DEI initiatives in the community include the Rural Renewal Program encouraging permanent residency for immigrant workers. 11% of the population is a visible minority and is growing annually (Alberta Regional Dashboard). 43% of the Council is female and has been growing of the past several elections.

### Investment Opportunites

As you explore Taber, you will discover a community that values its people, celebrates hard work, and takes pride in being part of Canada's Premier Food Corridor.

Whether you are drawn to the entrepreneurial opportunities, the industrious spirit, or the culinary prospects, Taber invites you to experience the vibrant tapestry of a town where innovation, hard work, and a love for quality come together in perfect harmony.



If you're interested in learning about the latest investment opportunities, contact us at

**info@canadaspremierfoodcorridor.ca** or scan the QR code to visit our website.