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Peavine Regional Investment Profile

November 2013

Peavine Trading Area Population

Approx.
3,200

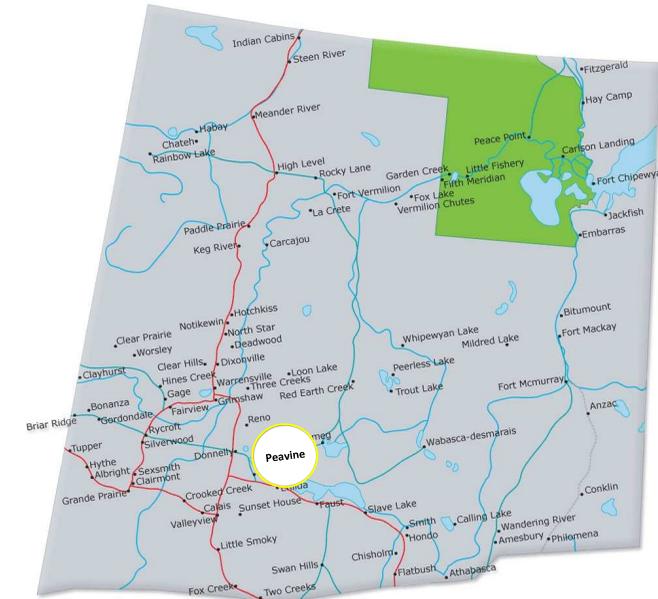
Overview

Peavine is a community in northern Alberta with 993 members, of which 690 live on settlement. There are two other Métis Settlements in the area with a total population of approximately 3,200.

It is located within the Municipal District of Big Lakes and northeast of the Town of High Prairie. Peavine is surrounded by beautiful lakes and natural boreal forest.

The Peavine Métis Settlement is committed to maintaining the traditional lifestyle of hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering so it can continue to pass these practices down to the next generation. Once reliant on the oil and gas industry, Peavine has been successful in expanding its economic investment into other sectors.

In addition to the oil and gas and growing tourism industry, Peavine has a diversified economy in forestry, agriculture and construction. These sustainable industries provide tremendous employment opportunities for those living in the area.



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Transportation Infrastructure

Highways

The Peavine Métis Settlement has a fully-developed transportation network. It is located 56 km north of High Prairie and north of Highway 2, which is a major transportation corridor linking central Alberta and destinations in the northwestern part of the province. Peavine has access to air, rail and the highway systems. Secondary Highways 679, 749 and 750 connect Peavine to other communities within the Municipal District of Big Lakes.

The **Seal Lake Connector Road** is the southern entry point from High Prairie to the Seal Lake oil sands deposit. This important transportation link dissects the Peavine Métis Settlement. Having the workforce in close proximity is an added incentive for both industry and the workers. It is estimated that the development of the road reduces travel time for workers to Penn West's Seal Lake Field from one hour to half an hour.

Air Transportation

Located approximately 50 km away is the High Prairie Airport on Secondary Highway #749. The landing strip is all-weather asphalt and is 3933 feet long and 75 feet wide. It is capable of handling light aircraft including helicopters and small business jets. Services at the airport include a public terminal building and night landing on a lighted runway.

2012 Property Taxes

MD Big Lakes	Residential / Farmland	Non-Residential
Municipal Tax Rate	3.5000	13.7500
School Requisition	2.0952	3.7387
Seniors	0.1382	0.1382
Total	5.7334	17.6269

Source: www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca

Peavine Employment



Peavine is fortunate to have an active labour force. Of the 377 people that reported being employed, 72% reported having full time work in 2011.

Is/was the job part-time or full time? (<30 hours or 30+ hours)			
Gender	Full-time (N)	Part-time (N)	Total (N)
Male	157	46	203
Female	114	60	174
Total	271	106	377

Source: 2012 Metis Settlements Census – Prepared by the Population Research Laboratory, University of Alberta

Males on the Peavine Métis Settlement have slightly more full time jobs in comparison to females (58% and 42% respectively). Although most workers are employed year round (59.2%), there is a large number of the population that is employed in the summer months (20.9%). Business entrepreneurship is evident in the community as over 10% of the population owns their own business. Most are employed by non-settlement businesses at 65%.

More of the workforce (48%) reported working off settlement in 2011, in comparison to those working on settlement (45%). Approximately 7% of the population reported working both on and off the settlement.



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Employment and Labour Statistics

After showing a decrease of employment in Alberta from 2008 to 2010, gains were seen from 2010 to 2013 of 8%, while unemployment dropped considerably over the same time period (-23%).

Almost 100,000 jobs were added in Alberta in 2011, which was more than half of the net gain for Canada. Job vacancy rates in 2011 in the larger Athabasca, Grande Prairie and Peace River Economic Region have dropped considerably from rates seen in 2009.

Aboriginal people across Canada experienced an overall increase in the employment rate from 2010 to 2011, with the Métis population experiencing the largest growth, increasing by 7%.

The younger population (15 to 24 years old), saw an increase of 7.1 percentage points to an employment rate of 76.4%. This increase was higher than that for the non-aboriginal population and First Nations living off-reserve.

The education and employment opportunities for aboriginal people in Alberta continue to rise. Government, industry, trade unions, training organizations and Aboriginal communities are investing close to \$7 million in a training initiative announced in March 2013. This program is designed to address Alberta's critical skills shortage and build better futures for Aboriginal people.



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Local Amenities and Opportunities

The many recreational spots in the area are located in the vast pine forests. Due to the natural wonders in this part of the province, Peavine is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. As such, tourism is growing in the area as people want to escape the urban sprawl for rural hospitality.

Peavine is an economically diverse community with oil and gas, agriculture, construction, transportation and outdoor recreation as its main industries.

Peavine has a land base of 82,364 hectares and shares a boundary with Gift Lake Métis Settlement. There is sufficient infrastructure for most industrial and commercial development.

Distance to Major Centres

Slave Lake	165 km
Edmonton	415 km
Calgary	715 km
High Prairie	56 km
Grande Prairie	250 km
Saskatoon	920 km
Vancouver	1,365 km
US Border	1,025 km

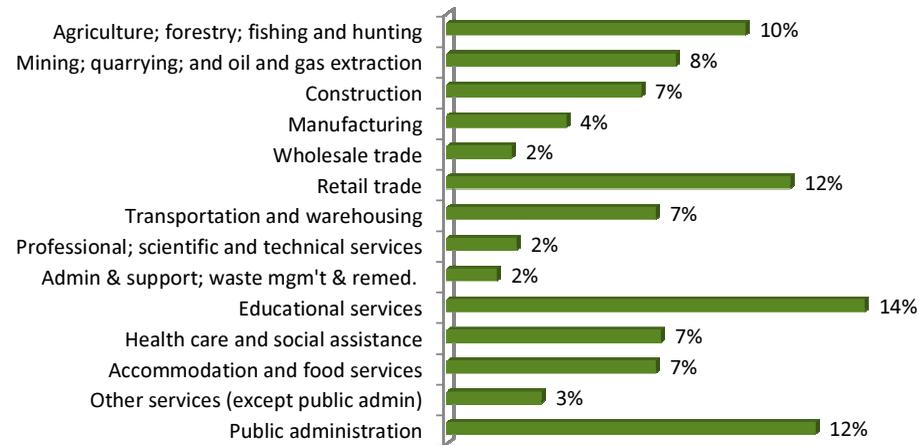
Peavine is conveniently located within close proximity to main highways, linking it to major centres within Alberta.

Employment & Labour Statistics

Peavine Métis Settlement has a younger population, with approximately 56% of the population 34 years of age and younger.

There is a very good mix of industries in the M.D. of Big Lakes, with the majority of the population being employed in service producing industries. Educational services contain the most employees (14%), followed closely by retail trade (12%) and public administration (12%). The M.D. of Big Lakes still maintains a strong presence in the goods producing industries with 29% employed.

Industry of population aged 15 and over
MD of Big Lakes

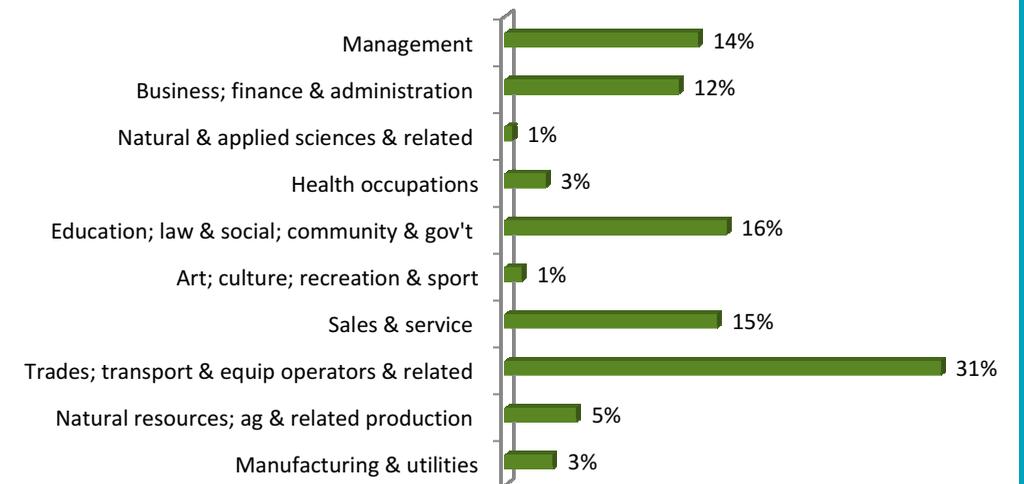


*Please note: for ease of comparison, those industries with <1% were excluded.
Source: Statistics Canada. 2013. National Household Survey (NHS) Profile. 2011



The M.D. of Big Lakes shows a large portion of workers employed in trades; transport and equipment operators (31%). The other occupations in the region show a fairly equal representation. More than half of the occupations in the region are in education; law and social; community and government (16%), sales and service (15%), management (14%) and business; finance and administration (12%).

Occupation of population aged 15 and over
MD of Big Lakes



Source: Statistics Canada. 2013. National Household Survey (NHS) Profile. 2011