

## RURAL VS METROPOLIS

In general, "rural" refers to the countryside, or areas outside of towns and cities, characterized by low population density and small settlements. In Canada, Statistics Canada defines rural areas as those outside census metropolitan areas and census collection, according to Statistics Canada. This typically includes small towns, villages, and other populated places with fewer than 1,000 residents.

Tara Belec Mueller Built Rural living generally refers to a lifestyle or way of life that takes place in areas outside of urban centers, often characterized by lower population density, a slower pace of life, and a strong connection to nature. It's a way of life that can involve small towns, farms, and open landscapes, offering a contrast to the hustle and bustle of city life.

Big cities and small towns offer different lifestyles, with pros and cons on each side of the tracks. Let's dig into the advantages of living in each, so you can decide where the next chapter of your life will take place.

You are moving to Three Hills, and that is so exciting! New adventures await you and your family. Your next step will be to find a place to stay, whether you decide to rent or buy.

Small towns are most affordable overall.

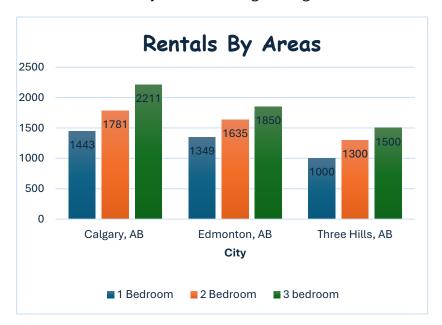
"Hello there, how are you doing"? Do you want to build a lifestyle that strengthens family ties and creates lasting memories? Let me help you get started.

First, let's work on getting you and your family a place to live.

Do you need a 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, or maybe a 3-bedroom? Kids grow fast.

Prices range from \$1000 to \$1500 in Three Hills, which is way less than the big cities like Calgary or Edmonton.





Or are you considering buying a house for your growing family for more financial security?

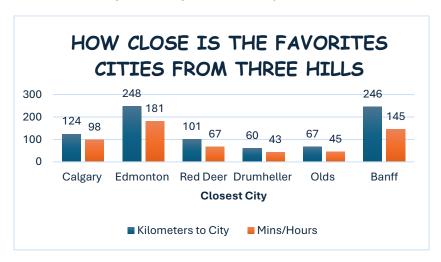
Three Hills has new houses going up all the time. It all starts with the lots, which can vary between an average of \$40k-55k with lower taxes, far than any bigger metropolis areas. They all lead to walking distances to daycares, public schools, and the bustling downtown.

Very affordable average prices for homes start at \$379k in Three Hills.

Unlike houses in Calgary, Red Deer, or even in Edmonton. See the comparison below.

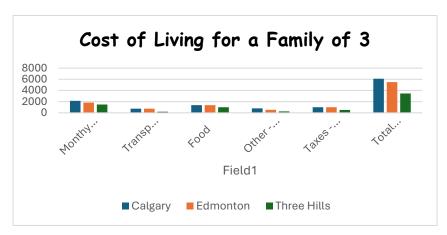


So, you've decided to buy a house. Good choice. Now you're all settled in! You're working hard, and hopefully, that's at Mueller Built. It's the weekend, which means it's the perfect time for a family trip to Calgary and a fun day at the Zoo. Can you believe Calgary is only 98 minutes away? That's just about an hour and a half! Alternatively, why not explore the beautiful mountains with your family or your girlfriend? It's all so close by! We're right in the heart of everything. Check out the information below to see how conveniently located you are to major cities around us.



Maybe you don't want to drive anywhere. Three Hills does have a variety of different stores to make life easier. It has lots of activities, events, and lots of parks to nurture your soul for the kids and yourself.

The cost of living in a small town in Canada, like Three Hills, is generally more affordable than in a larger city, but it's important to consider factors beyond just housing costs. While housing might be cheaper in smaller towns, other expenses like groceries, utilities, and transportation can also be lower, leading to a lower overall cost of living.



Another factor to consider is the dynamics of smaller communities. Many rural areas in Alberta offer a lower cost of living compared to urban centers, which can offset the impact of lower incomes. A more affordable lifestyle may stem from reduced expenses for housing, groceries, and other necessities, even though income levels may be lower in certain rural regions. Residing in a small town can help you manage your finances more effectively. This environment allows you to save money while also enhancing your sense of community engagement for your family.

Another thought is that the average salary in Alberta is around \$72,601 per year, or about \$35 per hour.

This translates to roughly \$1,362 per week. Most salaries in Alberta range between \$38,750 and \$61,250 annually. This is in all areas of Alberta.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

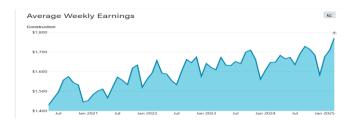
Annual Average: \$72,601

Hourly Rate: \$35

Weekly Average: \$1,362

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It's important to note that these figures are averages, and actual salaries can vary significantly depending on factors like job title, industry, experience, and education. See below for Construction.



Overall, small-town living allows you to appreciate the simple things in life. It can help reduce your stress levels and improve your mental health. Along with many other factors, such as finances, security, and family connections, to name just a few, it is great for raising a family as well. Three Hills offers public schooling and has a community college right in town. It also provides numerous sporting activities, including baseball fields, an excellent soccer program, and a fantastic youth hockey program with a great arena in the center of town. Living outside of town also has its benefits, including bus services to transport the kids to and from school.

If you are looking for ways to simplify your life, then moving to a small town might be the right choice for you. It offers tranquility and serenity. So let Mueller Built help you find your new adventure in a small town. Three Hills has all the urban conveniences, some with rural twists that will make your day. It also gives you the security of local emergency and medical services, recreation, as well as strong senior and family services, and so much more!

In the meantime, I want to share some additional information that may interest you even more about living in a small town. We at Mueller Built are hiring experienced carpenters. If you want to know more, just call Tara at 403-741-2532 for details. If you have any questions about Three Hills, small-town communities, or the position itself, Tara will gladly help you out.

We will get you moved to a small town before you know it. Make sure your bags are packed.

Let's see if we can "Raise the Standards" together.





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