

Glenwood Reaches a New High as Business Activity Regains Momentum

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Snapshot

Glenwood's business base remains modest, but its recent trajectory is encouraging. Active establishments climbed to 44 in 2025, surpassing both 2024 and 2022 levels after a temporary setback. The village's rebound outpaced Alberta's annual percentage gain, highlighting renewed entrepreneurial activity and a broader local business footprint.

Talking Points

- Glenwood recorded 44 active business establishments in 2025, up from 37 in 2024 and 31 in 2022, marking the highest level in the period shown.
- The village's path was uneven but upward overall: establishments surged 38.7% in 2023, fell 13.9% in 2024, then rebounded 18.9% in 2025.
- Alberta followed a broader recovery pattern, rising from 500,593 establishments in 2023 to 609,531 in 2025, including a 4.8% gain in the latest year.
- The dataset captures all active establishments, including firms without employees, offering a useful view of business breadth but not size, sector mix, revenue, or long-term staying power.

Full Story

Glenwood's business base remains small in absolute terms, but the recent pattern points to a village with noticeable entrepreneurial movement. The community

recorded 44 active business establishments in 2025, up from 37 in 2024 and above the 31 counted in 2022. For a place at the village scale, that kind of year-to-year movement stands out because even modest numeric gains can meaningfully change the texture of the local economy.

The local trend is not a straight line, which makes the latest result more interesting. Glenwood rose from 31 establishments in 2022 to 43 in 2023, a gain of 38.7%. It then slipped to 37 in 2024, a decline of 13.9%, before rebounding to 44 in 2025, up 18.9%. That leaves the village at its highest level in the period shown. The sequence suggests a business environment that can fluctuate from year to year, but one that has still expanded over the short run.

Against the provincial backdrop, Glenwood's trajectory looks broadly in step with a larger Alberta story of recovery and growth, even if the timing differs. Alberta posted 534,645 business establishments in 2022, fell to 500,593 in 2023, then climbed to 581,791 in 2024 and 609,531 in 2025. The province's 2025 total was up 4.8% from a year earlier and 35.9% over five years. Glenwood's local increase in 2025 was stronger in percentage terms than Alberta's provincial gain that year, although the village had also experienced a sharper setback in 2024.

Taken together, the data supports a positive but measured reading. Glenwood does not show uninterrupted expansion, yet it does show resilience. The village absorbed a downturn in 2024 and then moved to a new local high in 2025. Because this measure includes all active business establishments, including those without employees, it captures the breadth of the business base rather than just larger employers. That matters in a small community, where sole proprietors and very small firms can still play a visible role in local commercial life.

There are also clear limits to what this dataset can say. It shows the number of establishments, not their size, sector mix, revenues, or survival rates. So while the rise to 44 businesses is encouraging, the figures are best read as evidence of a broader base of activity, not as proof of how strong or diversified each individual business may be. Even so, Glenwood's recent record points to a village business community that is growing again and ending the period on firmer footing.

Data Sources

- Statistics Canada, Business Register