

A Message from Regional Council

Welcome to the 2005 edition of the York Region Business Directory.

This Directory contains contact information on approximately 11,600 local businesses, plus statistics on recent Regional population, business and employment trends. Our goal in producing this Directory is to provide local businesses and area residents with convenient, up-to-date information to promote existing businesses and to assist in new business recruitment.

York Region businesses continue to thrive. As of 2004, there were 27,000 businesses in York Region accounting for an estimated 440,000 jobs. The Region has grown at an average annual compound employment growth rate of 4.9% since 1998.

York Region's businesses range from small home-based firms to large multinational corporations. Our economy is also quite diverse across industry sectors. From agriculture, retail and tourism-based businesses to automotive parts manufacturing and a growing business services sector, York Region offers something for everyone. Our economic diversity, combined with a well-educated labour force and enviable quality of life is one of the main factors behind our Region's success. This diversity creates an attractive environment to encourage job growth and promote business expansion and redevelopment.

For more information on business opportunities in York Region, please contact one of our local or regional economic development representatives to see why...

York Region truly is Ontario's Rising Star!

How to Use This Directory

This Directory summarizes information collected on office and industrial-sector businesses in York Region. Information on retail and personal services, restaurants and recreational facilities, healthcare and public administration is not included in this Directory, but is available for purchase in electronic form or on the internet. Businesses are listed by North American Industrial Classification (NAIC) code, which was adopted by Statistics Canada in 1998 to replace the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system.

The Directory is based on information collected from the 2004 York Region Employment Survey, a door-to-door survey conducted with businesses located in York Region between May and August, 2004. Where data could not be updated for a particular business, data was supplemented with the most recent information available from previous surveys. As a result, not all records are up-to-date. In the individual business record listing, the date the business listing was last changed is indicated.

Finding a Business

To find a business by industry type, first consult the summary of NAIC codes by industry sector at the beginning of the directory. Then look up the business alphabetically within the appropriate NAIC code.

To search for information on a business whose name you already know, consult the alphabetic index listing at the back of this publication. The index will direct you to the NAIC code under which the full business entry is listed.

The business listings indicate the name of the company, the address, including street number, street name, suite/unit number, municipality, postal code, telephone number and an employee range (e.g. 1-4, 5-9, 10-49, 50-99, 100-499, 500-999, 1,000+). Where available, contact names, titles, e-mail and Internet addresses are also provided.

How to Add or Update Your Listing

A business information update form has been provided at the back of the publication for businesses in York Region that wish to either add or update their information. Alternatively, you can add or update your business information by logging on to www.region.york.on.ca/nr/busdir/Survey/Survey_form.asp. We appreciate your co-operation in bringing any changes or new businesses to our attention.

Disclaimer

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the information in this directory, York Region cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions in the text.

Sample listing:

3300	←	NAIC Sector
MANUFACTURING		
3314 Widget Manufacturing	←	NAIC Subsector
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York Region:

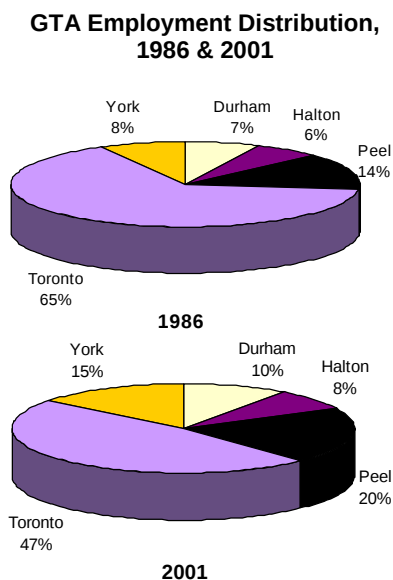
One of Canada's Leading Corporate Communities!

Business and people are moving to take advantage of a Region that works! A highly-educated workforce, an ample supply of available land, a variety of living options and prime recreational opportunities make York Region the Region of choice for residents and employers alike.

York Region is one of the fastest growing regions in Canada and is strategically located in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Canada's major commercial and industrial centre. The Region is comprised of nine area municipalities totalling 890,000 people as of year-end 2004 and covering 1,776 square kilometres (686 square miles), stretching from Steeles Avenue in the south to Lake Simcoe and the Holland Marsh in the north.

Business & Employment Overview

Recent business and employment statistics indicate that York Region is increasingly becoming the location of choice for business across the GTA. Between 1986 and 2001, York Region's share of GTA employment increased from 8% to 15%.



Source: Statistics Canada

By 2004 there were an estimated 440,000 people working in York Region, including home and farm-based jobs. This represents an annual average

employment increase of 4.9% between 1998 and 2004. This compares with an average annual population growth rate of 4.8% between 1998 and 2004 in York Region.

In addition, a number of businesses expressed their confidence in York Region by expanding or developing new facilities. Industrial, commercial and institutional building permits reached \$866 million in 2004. As of 2004, there were an estimated 27,000 businesses in York Region, up from 21,000 in 1998. While the Region is host to a number of large international firms, small firms dominate the business landscape, with over 83% of businesses employing less than 20 workers. This large number of small firms indicates a strong entrepreneurial spirit in the Region.

Employment by job type has remained relatively steady since 1998, with full-time employment accounted for over 79% of jobs in York Region in 2004. This stability reflects the overall health of the York Region labour market. The large proportion of full-time jobs is also encouraging from the standpoint that these jobs are typically more stable and higher paying than their part-time counterparts.

Demographic Trends

Since the creation of York Region in 1971, the population has increased dramatically from 169,000 persons to approximately 890,000 in 2004. By the year 2031, the Province has forecasted that over 1.5 million people and 780,000 jobs will be located in York Region.

Since 1998, York Region has grown at an annual average rate of approximately 36,333 people per year. York Region's rapid population growth is partially due to its strategic location north of the City of Toronto. Benefiting from an excellent transportation network, a high quality of life and available land space, York Region has become a major growth area of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Strong growth in the population and employment sectors in York Region over the past 20 years has resulted in a large increase in the demand for

housing during the same period. In 1981 there were 77,000 households in York Region. By 2004, this figure had risen to 264,366, a 243% increase. By 2031, York Region will have an estimated 500,000 households.

Relative to the GTA and Canada, York Region's population is younger. This is partially due to the large proportion of the population between the ages of 37 and 56 years of age. These "baby boomers" made up 32.9% of the Region's population in 2003, compared with only 30.8% of the overall population at the GTA and national level.

York Region's residents are well educated, with 66.4% of adults over 20 in 2001 recording some form of post-secondary education. This is higher than both the national and provincial averages, which stood at 58.2% and 60.1% respectively. This high rate of well-educated residents provides Regional employers with an ample supply of skilled workers.

The youthful, well-educated workforce is a positive feature for businesses in York Region, ensuring a good labour supply for years to come.

For more information on businesses in York Region, contact an economic development officer or a chamber of commerce.

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