

JUST THE FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

YOUTH Living in York Region

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 and 2006

INTRODUCTION

According to the Statistics Canada 2006 Census there are 126,475 youth (aged 15 to 24) living in York Region - 67,635 are between age 15 and 19 years and 58,840 are between age 20 and 24 years. A slightly greater percentage of youth are male at 52%, compared to female youth at 48%. Youth account for 14% of the total population of the Region. This is only slightly higher than the proportion of youth in Ontario (13%) as a whole. All of the Statistics Canada 2006 Census information is not available at this time. However, the 2001 Census gives many clues about what we can expect from the 2006 Census.

EDUCATION IN 2001

- Among youth aged 15 to 19 years, 27% had a high school graduation certificate as their highest level of education, compared to 24% of the total population (15 years and over).
- Among youth aged 20 to 24 years, 38% completed some level of post secondary education as their highest level of education, compared to 49% of the total population (15 years and over):

DID YOU KNOW?

20% of youth aged 15 to 19 years are not attending school.

UNPAID WORK IN 2001

- 77% of youth spent time doing unpaid housework.
- 13% of youth spent time doing unpaid care or assistance to seniors.
- 18% of youth spent time doing unpaid child care.

OCCUPATIONS IN 2001

The top five occupations for working youth between ages 15 and 19 years were:

- Sales and Service (67%)
- Business, Finance and Administration (12%)
- Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators (5%)
- Art, Culture, Recreation and Sport (4%)
- Primary Industry (3%)

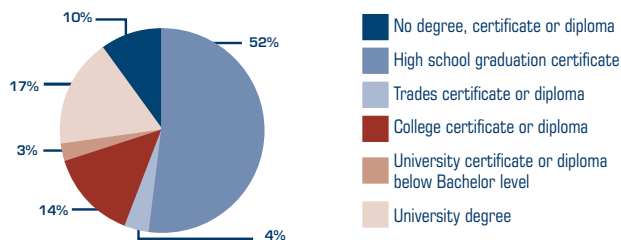
The top five occupations for working youth between ages 20 and 24 years were:

- Sales and Service (33%)
- Business, Finance and Administration (24%)
- Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators (11%)
- Natural and Applied Science and Related Occupations (8%)
- Management (5%) and Social Services, Education, Government Services and Religion (5%)

DID YOU KNOW?

Male youth are twice as likely to have no fixed workplace address (10%) compared to females (5%).

Youth (20 - 24 years) by Highest Degree, Certificate or Diploma, York Region, 2001



Data used in this chart is based on the response to the Census question on level of education.
Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulations, Census 2001

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY

- In 2001, the unemployment rate for youth aged 15 to 24 years was 10.5% compared to 4.5% for the total population.
- 57% of working youth aged 15 to 19 years worked in 2000.
- 84% of youth aged 20 to 24 years worked in 2000.
- Of youth aged 15 to 19 years, 85% worked mostly part time and 15% worked mostly full time in 2001.
- Of youth aged 20 to 24 years, 57% worked mostly full time and 43% worked mostly part time in 2001.

INCOME

- In 2000, the median total income for youth aged 15 to 24 years ranged between \$5,013 and \$6,983 in municipalities across the Region, compared to \$28,574 for the total population aged 15 years and over.
- 11% of the Region's total youth population live in poverty.*
- Next to people aged 55 years and over, youth are the most likely to have low income in York Region.
- In 2001, the percentage of low income youth ranged widely among municipalities in York Region, from 3% to 17%.

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Like the rest of York Region's population, youth who work tend to use motor vehicles to get around. The modes of transportation used by working youth in 2001 were:

- Driving a car/truck/van (57%)
- As a passenger in car/truck/van (22%)
- Public transit (13%)
- Walking (7%)

VISIBLE MINORITIES

In 2001, of the 34,915 visible minority youth in York Region (34% of all youth in the Region), the most common visible minority groups were:

- Chinese (44%)
- South Asian (22%)
- Black (8%)
- West Asian (5%)
- Filipino (5%)
- Other (16%)

DID YOU KNOW?

34% of youth in York Region are visible minorities.

*According to Statistics Canada, a census family that spends 20% more than the average family of their gross income on food, shelter and clothing is considered to be below the low income cut-off (LICO). The low income cut-off for a family of four living in a community with a population between 100,000 and 499,999, such as Markham, Richmond Hill or Vaughan, is about \$30,000 (before taxes).

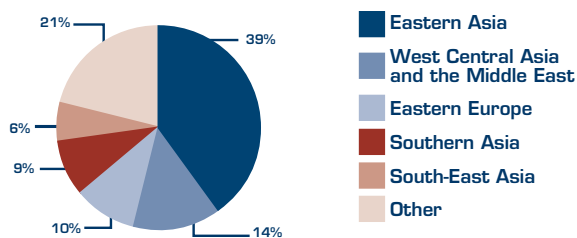
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

- In 2006, most youth, even older youth, lived in family households (i.e. either with their own parents or other people's parents).
- 99% of youth in 2006 aged 15 to 19 years lived in a family household.
- 97% of youth aged 20 to 24 years lived in a family household situation in 2006.
- In 2001, of youth aged 15 to 24 years living in non-family households (e.g. lived alone, with room mates, or with siblings), 35% lived with relatives, 41% lived with non-relatives, and 24% lived alone.
- In 2006, of youth aged 15 to 24 years living in non-family households, 28% lived with relatives, 34% lived with non-relatives and 39% lived alone.

PLACE OF BIRTH

- In York Region, 75% of youth in 2001 were born in Canada. Only 25% were immigrants from another country.
- Among those who were immigrants, the most common places of birth were:
 - Eastern Asia (39%)
 - West Central Asia and the Middle East (14%)
 - Eastern Europe (10%)
 - Southern Asia (9%)
 - South-East Asia (6%)
 - Other (21%)

Top Five Places of Birth for Youth Immigrants (15 - 24 years), York Region, 2001



Data used in this chart is based on the response to the Census question on place of birth.
Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulations, Census 2001

WHAT this means:

Youth represent the future of our communities. Their energy, ambition, creativeness and diversity are assets that need nurturing. With over 126,000 youth living in York Region as of 2006, it is critical that supports are in place, such as access to education, employment, economic security and affordable housing, so that they have equal opportunity to maximize their potential. York Region's youth have the unique benefit of growing up in one of Canada's most diverse communities. The long term gains from their experience will hopefully be a community which is tolerant, inclusive and embraces diverse cultures and racial groups as immigration continues to be the prime driver of York Region's population growth.

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York Region's Community Social Data Strategy Consortium

York Region's Community Reference Group



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