

What if **YORK REGION** were a village of just **100 people?**

York Region is becoming a global village rich in demographic diversity, perspectives and influences. There are significant trends that are changing and enhancing York Region's communities. As the fastest growing Census Division¹ in Ontario, York Region's population grew by 22% between 2001 and 2006. According to the 2006 Census, York Region also had the highest growth rate for all age groups in all of Ontario.

There are close to one million people in York Region. This publication uses 2006 Census data to illustrate what York Region would look like if it were a village of 100 people. This is an updated version of a previous brochure based on 2001 Census data.

¹Definition of a Census Division: A group of neighbouring municipalities joined together for the purposes of regional planning and managing common services (such as police or ambulance services). There are 85 Census Divisions in Canada.



What if York Region were a village of just 100 people?

Population by Municipality

- 29 villagers would live in Markham
- 27 would live in Vaughan
- 18 would live in Richmond Hill
- 8 would live in Newmarket
- 5 would live in Aurora
- 5 would live in Georgina
- 3 would live in Whitchurch-Stouffville
- 3 would live in East Gwillimbury
- 2 would live in King

Gender

51 villagers would be female and 49 would be male.

Age

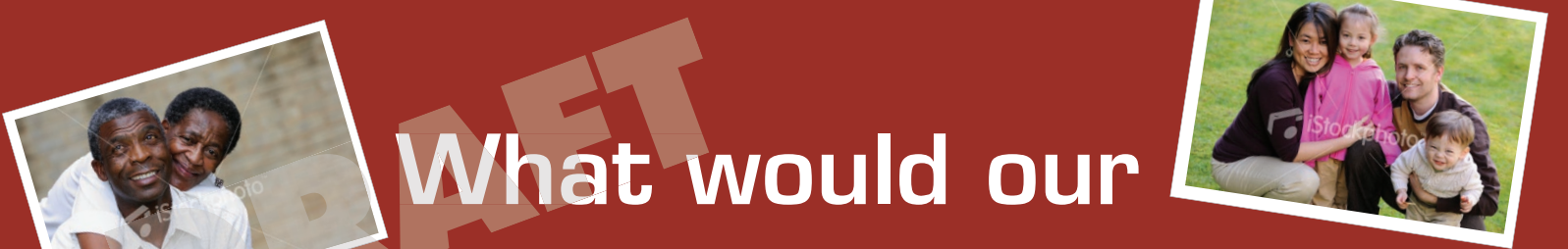
- 20 villagers would be children aged 0-14
- 14 would be youth aged 15-24
- 56 would be of the working age 25-64
- 10 would be seniors aged 65 and over

Did you know?

1 out of every 5 villagers would be a child aged 0-14.

York Region had the highest growth for all age groups in Ontario between 2001 and 2006.





What would our community look like?

Marital Status

80 villagers are aged 15 and over.

Of these:

- 47 villagers would be married
- 23 would be single
- 6 would be separated or divorced
- 4 would be widowed

Citizenship

92 villagers, regardless of country of birth, would be Canadian citizens.
8 villagers would not be Canadian citizens.

Ethnic Origin

31 villagers would identify with more than one ethnic origin.
69 would identify with one ethnic origin.

Of the 69 villagers²:

- 15 villagers would be of Chinese descent
- 13 would be of Italian descent
- 4 would be of other Southern European descent (e.g. Spanish, Portuguese)
- 12 would be of South or Southeast Asian descent (e.g. East Indian, Vietnamese)
- 6 would descend from the British Isles
- 5 would be of Canadian descent
- 4 would be of Eastern European descent
- 3 would be of West Asian descent (e.g. Iranian, Afghan)
- 3 would be Jewish
- 2 would be of Western European descent

The remaining 2 would be of a wide variety of other ethnic origins.

Did you know?

Of the married couples in York Region, 67% have children — this is the largest proportion in Canada*.

Did you know?

There has been a 37% increase in lone-parent families since 2001. The majority of these families are led by women.

Did you know?

In 1901, there were 25 ethnic groups in all of Canada. As of 2006, in York Region alone, there were 204 ethnic groups made up of residents who were born in Canada and those who were not.

² Based on ethnic origin single response; in this case a single response is when a respondent reported only one ethnic origin in the Census.

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Visible Minorities

37 Canadian-born and immigrant villagers would be visible minorities.

Of these:

- 16 villagers would be Chinese
- 9 would be South Asian (e.g. East Indian)
- 2 would be West Asian (e.g. Iranian, Afghan)
- 2 would be Black
- 2 would be Filipino
- 1 would be Korean
- 1 would be Southeast Asian (e.g. Vietnamese)
- 1 would be Latin American
- 1 would be Arab
- 2 would be other visible minorities

Did you know?

37 visible minority villagers represent almost 330,000 York Region residents. York Region has the fourth highest proportion of visible minorities in Canada*.

Immigration

57 villagers would be born in Canada and 43 villagers would be immigrants.

5 of the 43 immigrant villagers would have immigrated to Canada between 2001 and 2006.

Villagers born outside of Canada include residents from:

Asia, Europe, Africa, South and Central America, the Caribbean and the United States.

Did you know?

The 43 villagers born outside of Canada represent almost 400,000 York Region residents. Immigrants are the main drivers of growth in York Region — accounting for almost 60%³ of the Region's population growth between 2001 and 2006.

³This includes both recent immigrants (immigrated between 2001 and 2006) and those who immigrated prior to 2001.

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What if York Region were a village of just 100 people?

Knowledge of English and French

- 89 villagers know how to speak English
- 7 know how to speak both English and French
- 4 have no knowledge of English or French

Language Spoken at Home

- 72 villagers would primarily speak English at home
- 10 would speak Cantonese or Chinese
- 2 would speak Italian
- 2 would speak Russian
- 2 would speak Farsi (Persian)
- 1 would speak Tamil

The remaining 11 would speak a variety of languages from around the world, including Mandarin, Korean, Urdu and Punjabi.

Highest Level of Education

56 villagers are of working age (25-64).

Of these:

- 18 villagers would have a university degree
- 4 would have a university certificate (below the bachelor level)
- 15 would have a college or trades diploma
- 13 would have graduated from high school
- 6 would not have graduated from high school

Did you know?

York Region has the third highest proportion (33%) of university educated residents (age 25-64) in Canada*.

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Did you know?

The 4 villagers that have no knowledge of English or French represent approximately 35,000 York Region residents. Of these 4 villagers, 2 would be seniors aged 65 and over.

Did you know?

Of the 37 villagers of working age who completed post-secondary education:

- Their top 3 fields of study are Business, Management and Public Administration; Architecture and Engineering; and Social Sciences and Law.
- 11 villagers received their post-secondary education outside of Canada. These would include immigrants who obtained their degrees in their country of origin and Canadian-born residents who studied abroad.

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Employment, Transportation and Place of Work

There would be 80 villagers aged 15 and over, and 56 of these villagers would be in the labour force. Of these 56 villagers, 53 would be employed and 3 would be unemployed.

Of the 53 employed villagers:

Employment

- 41 villagers would work full-time and 12 would work part-time

Place of work

- 21 villagers would work outside of York Region
- 17 would work in the same local municipality in which they live, 4 of whom would work at home
- 10 would work in a different local municipality, still within York Region
- 5 would have no fixed workplace address

Transportation

- 46 villagers would drive to work
- 5 would take public transit to work
- 2 would use other methods of transportation to get to work

Top Labour Force Occupations

Of York Region's total labour force (56 villagers), these are the following occupations in which they would work:

- 12 villagers would work in Business, Finance and Administration
- 12 would be in Sales and Service
- 8 would be in Management
- 6 would work in the Trades, Transport or work as Equipment Operators
- 5 would work in the field of Natural or Applied Sciences
- 5 would work in the field of Social Sciences, Education and Government Services
- 8 would work in a variety of other occupations

Did you know?

The unemployment rate **fell** in every province/territory except Ontario and the Northwest Territories, where it increased between 2001 and 2006.

In 2006, the York Region unemployment rate was 5.4% compared to 6.4% in Ontario.

Did you know?

The top industries in York Region in which residents are employed are in Business, Manufacturing and Retail.



Did you know?

York Region has the 2nd highest median family income and the 3rd highest low income rate in the Greater Toronto Area.

Median Family Income⁴

At \$89,099, York Region had the fifth highest median family income in Canada*.

Low Income⁵

13 villagers would be low income residents, 4 of whom would be children younger than 18 years old.

Spending on Housing

48% of renters spend 30% or more of their income on housing costs.
27% of homeowners spend 30% or more of their income on housing costs.

Did you know?

13 low income villagers represent approximately 113,000 York Region residents. This is an increase of 55% since 2001. Over 32,000 of these residents are children.

Did you know?

88% of York Region's residents are homeowners and 12% are renters.

The median monthly payment (including cost of electricity, heat, municipal services and other shelter expenses) in 2006 for homeowners was \$1,463 and for renters \$957.

⁴ This refers to economic families. Economic family is defined as two or more persons who live in the same house and are related to each other by blood, marriage, common-law, or adoption.

⁵ 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 \$33,251 (before taxes).

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YORK REGION IS A GLOBAL VILLAGE

This document provides an overview of York Region's socio-economic makeup and encourages a deeper interest in understanding it. On the surface, York Region continues to be a community of traditional two-parent families, people who are homeowners, and highly educated people. It has a relatively young, vibrant, bright and growing labour force made up of high income earners.

However, there are other trends that point to complex and significant changes that should not be overlooked if we wish to maintain a high quality of life. Our rapid growth, the increasing gap between our high and low income earners, our aging baby boomers, the increasing numbers of children living in low income and lone-parent households and the high rental and housing prices in York Region are all indicators of how York Region is changing. As York Region is becoming more culturally and racially diverse, there is also a need for our services, businesses and communities to be flexible enough to accommodate more diverse needs and expectations.

All these changes, as well as the knowledge and perspectives that our residents bring from across Canada and the world, provide tremendous opportunities. As a community, it is important to understand our global village. With increased understanding, we can proactively plan for our residents who have been here for generations and for those who are newer to York Region. Planning together will allow us all to continue to enjoy a high quality of life and gain the benefits of living in this global village.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To view the 2001 Census version of this document, or for more details and socio-economic information about York Region's residents, please visit York Region's Community Social Data website:

www.york.ca/yrcsd

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