



Forestry

Overview

Situated in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest Region, Hastings County has historically supported a strong forest-based economy and continues to do so with its diverse forest resources and hardworking residents. The County has been identified as an area with significant biological capital and potential opportunities for renewable energy and sustainable living



Growth Potential

- Hastings County Population (14 lower tiers): 38,960
- Population including separated cities of Belleville and Quinte West: 130,474
- The County of Hastings is approximately 5,977.44 km² in size. Our forests occupy approximately 65% of the land area - a relatively high percentage of forest cover compared to other regions in southern Ontario

Labour Force

- Hastings County's total labour force is 17,510 (65,990 including the separated cities of Belleville and Quinte West)
- In a 2001 census, there were a total of 1,945 people employed in the forest industry which represents approximately 3.2% of the total labour force of Hastings County
- Most of the forest resource is located in the central and northern sections of the County while many of the jobs are located in the processing facilities situated in the south
- In the summer of 2006, there were 17 sawmills operating in the Hastings County area

Location

- Hastings County is located halfway between Toronto and Ottawa, served by Canada's largest toll-free Highway 401, Trans Canada Highway 7, and Highways 62, 37, and 28 offering excellent road accessibility
- Freight and shipping companies provide local, national and international services
- Rail service is provided by Canadian National, Canadian Pacific Railway and Via Rail Canada
- Located halfway between Pearson International Airport in Toronto,

and Ottawa International Airport, as well having several registered aerodromes in and around the County, Hastings County offers numerous options for air transportation

Distances to Major Urban Areas

City	KMs/Miles	Drive Time
Toronto/GTA	165/103	1.75 hrs
Montreal	360/225	3 hrs
Windsor/Detroit	540/338	6 hrs
New York, NY	678/424	7 hrs
Fort Erie/Buffalo	336/210	3.75 hrs
Ottawa	168/105	2 hrs
Syracuse	264/165	2.5 hrs

Education

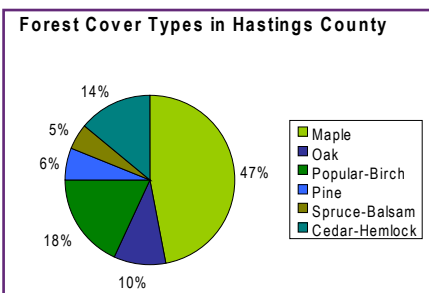
- The percentage of the population aged 15 years and over having completed an apprenticeship, trades certificate, diploma, college, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma is higher in Hastings County than that in the rest of Ontario
- Hastings County has a higher percentage of people aged 15 years and over with a major in the study of agriculture, natural resources and conservation than the Ontario average



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Growth Concentrations

- The licensed mills in Hastings County together produce approximately 58,000 m³/year of lumber and 150,000 m³/year of paper products with a combined estimated finished value of \$85-95 million/year
- The County lies within two main ecological site regions. The central and northern sections of the County are located within the Georgian Bay Site Region while the lower section lies within the Lake Simcoe-Rideau Site region, resulting in an incredible range of biodiversity
- Maple and poplar-birch are the dominant cover types in the County with the majority of the forest being 61-100 years old



Forestry Support

- Hastings County has various initiatives and organizations to support forest companies including the Hastings Stewardship Council, the Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association (BAFIA) and an OMAFRA regional economic development team in Belleville

- In 2005, the Hastings Stewardship Council established a forest management steering committee to provide leadership and direction on local forest management priorities. Currently, the Stewardship Council, in cooperation with its partners, is pursuing the establishment of a Demonstration Forest network throughout the County that highlights responsible forest management. The council hopes that the network will grow over time to cover common forest types at various stages of development detailing management approaches to sustainable forest management
- Ontario's Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program offers forest landowners, who own at least 4 hectares of forested property, the opportunity to lower property taxes while increasing awareness about forest stewardship

Cost Competitive

- Labour wages in the County are competitive, yet lower than the provincial average

Quality of Life

- Experience the Best of Both Worlds through small town charm and rural living that is so desirable while still being close to the big city life
- The upside of Hastings is easier access to outdoor activities, a less hectic lifestyle and a short

commute to work whether along our scenic roads or over the Internet

The 14 Municipalities which make up Hastings County are:

- Town of Bancroft
- Carlow Mayo Township
- Centre Hastings
- Town of Deseronto
- Faraday Township
- Hastings Highlands
- Limerick Township
- Madoc Township
- Marmora & Lake Township
- Stirling-Rawdon Township
- Tudor & Cashel Township
- Municipality of Tweed
- Tyendinaga Township
- Wollaston Township

Note:

The statistics also include information for the separated cities of Belleville and Quinte West unless otherwise noted

Sources: Statistics Canada 2001, 2006 Census

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Forest Management in Hastings County and Forest

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