



# Manufacturing

## Overview

Hastings County is conveniently situated at the centre of the 'Golden Triangle' between Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal along the Highway 401 corridor. Our area has a diverse economic base with an exceptional quality of life

## Labour Force

- Hastings County's total resident labour force is 17,510. Including the neighbouring separated cities of Belleville and Quinte West it rises to 65,990
- A ready base of skilled workers with 800 manufacturing jobs locally and more than 1,200 residents leaving the County for manufacturing related work. Several commute to Quinte West and Belleville
- Pay rates for production workers in Eastern Ontario are up to 20% lower than in Toronto

Source: Ontario East Economic Development Commission Food Processing brochure



## 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
- Hastings County offers numerous options for air transportation being located halfway between Pearson International Airport in Toronto, and Ottawa International Airport, as well as having several registered aerodromes in and around the County

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 (per capita) than the Ontario average
- Hastings County is home to Loyalist College with campuses in Belleville and in Bancroft. Both Trent University in Peterborough and Queen's University in Kingston are within commuting distance

## Growth Potential

- Hastings County has high concentrations of employment in dairy product manufacturing (e.g. cheese making), household and institutional furniture and kitchen cabinet manufacturing, and sawmills and other wood product manufacturing
- The region of Hastings, including the cities of Belleville and Quinte West, is recognized as Ontario's largest food processing centre east of Toronto being home to several large multinational food processors operating within a fully developed and integrated food processing and delivery system

Source: Quinte Economic Development Commission website



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## Manufacturing Companies

- Some examples of manufacturers operating in Hastings County include Bridgeline Ropes, Ivanhoe Cheese, Jan Woodlands Inc., Chisholm Lumber, Universal Seal, Thomco Pallet & Box, Stirling Creamery, Eldorado Dairy Company and Grano Vita



## Cost Competitive

- Labour wages in the County are competitive, yet lower than the provincial average
- Wage and training programs abound. Our Economic Development staff can help you apply to the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) which provides up to \$5,000 matching per employee for skills development training
- KPMG has calculated operating costs in Toronto to be 12.3% higher than those of Eastern Ontario
- Ontario employers pay one-sixth of the amount paid by U.S. employers for health care thanks to our universal health care coverage

## 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

## Urban amenities – Rural Haven

- You don't have to struggle with the hustle and bustle of big city congestion when modern communication technologies bring you just seconds to work and minutes to the cottage
- Maintain contact with customers and colleagues back in the large urban area while working amongst the fresh air, natural beauty, arts, culture and creative economy of Hastings County
- Major metropolitan centres are not far away

## 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

