

THINK BIG



DURHAM REGION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CANADA

500 Mile Radius



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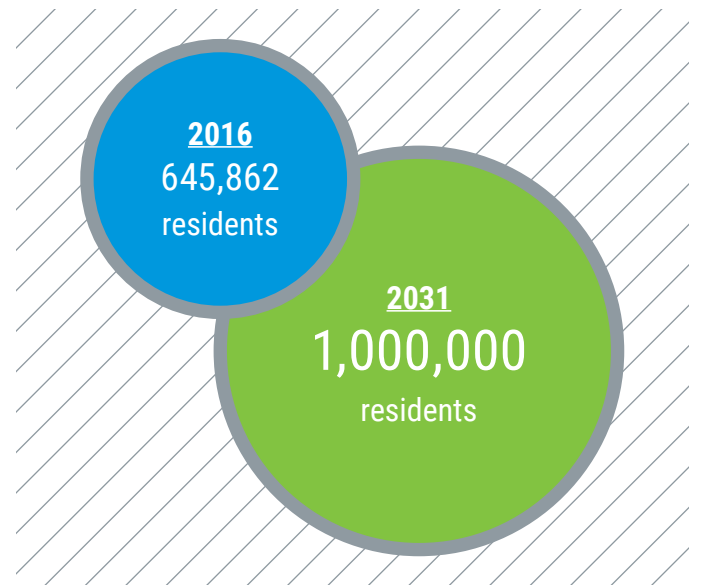
We're growing fast. Come grow with us.



→ Durham Region is a major North American hub for manufacturing and innovation.

Located in and situated at the eastern gateway of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Durham Region is the largest geographic municipality in the GTA.

Durham Region's land, location, people, infrastructure and quality of life, make this Region the clear choice for investment.



Durham's population is forecasted to be approximately one million people by 2031.

Durham Region is well positioned for continued economic and job growth, due to its strengths in sector diversification, building activity, educated and skilled workforce and affordable real estate.

The right choice for a bright future.

Access to Market

Durham Region's transportation infrastructure is made up of an integrated network of provincial and regional **highways, deep-sea shipping ports, transcontinental and commuter railway lines**, as well as **local and international airports**.

The Region's exceptional transportation infrastructure facilitates access to 135 million American and Canadian consumers, within a day's drive.

Lifestyle

Durham is **brimming with attractions and activities to experience year-round**, and is proud to be recognized as a four-season destination. From maple syrup festivals in the spring; and live music events in the summer; to apple picking in the fall; and heart-pumping outdoor sports in the winter, you're sure to find an authentic adventure for the whole family to enjoy—right here in Durham Region.

Multicultural Diversity

Durham Region understands that one of the greatest links to global markets is the **global workforce** that brings creativity, new perspective and innovation.



Post-Secondary Education

Durham is home to **five post-secondary institutions**, which have been recognized for their academic programs; shaped by market needs, research and leading-edge thinking.

As a result, Durham offers a highly skilled and education workforce.

Innovation and Commercialization

Durham Region is quickly becoming a **leader in research and development**. Small and mid-sized businesses are collaborating with post-secondary institutions to bring innovative products to market, and increase their productivity and competitiveness.

Educated and Talented Labour Force

Durham has a highly skilled and specialized labour force. About **83 per cent of Durham's population, between 18 and 64 years old, have a certificate, diploma or degree**. The overall labour costs in Canada are amongst the lowest in G7.

Entrepreneurship and Small Business

With a **thriving entrepreneurial spirit**, Durham Region is home to many creative and prosperous entrepreneurs who are moving the region forward as the choice location for business.

Real Estate

The region benefits from some of the **lowest commercial and industrial land costs and lease rates in the GTA**. Available office, industrial, distribution/logistics and retail space, as well as build-to-suit opportunities are supported by stable and competitively priced utilities.



→ Key Sectors

Agri-Business

The agricultural sector is one of the **largest primary goods producing sectors in the region**.

Food processing continues to expand in Durham due to its proximity to market; safe, high quality food inputs; and complementary industry clusters.

Energy, Environment and Engineering (EN3)

Durham Region's business community also includes a **vibrant EN3 cluster** of energy, environmental and engineering businesses. They represent a united sector, within manufacturing and service businesses.

Health Sciences

Durham Region has established itself as an **emerging hub for health and biosciences**, and is well positioned for growth; with an educated workforce, new and developing programs, as well as leading-edge research.

Innovative Technology

Durham Region has a **growing technology cluster** that includes several of Canada's fastest growing technology companies. Local business leaders have come together to develop a new community vision to drive innovation, growth, productivity to further develop the cluster.

Manufacturing

Durham Region's **manufacturing sector is a critical part of the community**. This diverse sector ranges from high-precision manufacturing of auto parts and assembly, to aerospace technologies and automation devices.

Tourism

Less than an hour's drive from Toronto, await the charming and vibrant communities of Durham Region. If you're planning a family adventure, weekend escape, or are visiting for the first time, get ready to explore and experience Durham Region's star attractions, diverse creativity and so much more.

Labour force by occupation in Durham, 2017*

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| Manufacturing | 35,166 | Professional, scientific and technical services | 25,382 |
| Retail trade | 44,428 | Finance and insurance | 25,668 |
| Health care and social assistance | 39,835 | Wholesale trade | 19,148 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 8,160 | Transportation and warehousing | 17,011 |
| Construction | 25,363 | Information and cultural industries | 12,525 |
| Educational services | 28,011 | Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 3,497 |

*Source: Manifold Data Mining Inc.



We work in a culture of collaboration to build the best and brightest labour force.

Two of Durham Region's post-secondary institutions, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and Durham College, are collaborating with many of the region's leading manufacturers to focus the development of new products, methods or processes with commercial value.

UOIT offers one of the foremost engineering and applied science programs in Canada, core programs in Automotive, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering and Electrical, Computer and Software Engineering.

Durham College's Integrated Manufacturing Centre is a world-class, industrial-grade, flexible manufacturing facility used to train students in the fields of advanced manufacturing, mechatronics and engineering.



Spark Centre is Durham Region's innovation incubator. Through a variety of programs, Spark Centre provides advisory services to early stage or growing innovation and technology companies. Executive coaching, functional advisory, co-location, incubation and day-to-day operational support are just a few of the services available.



The **Business Advisory Centre Durham**, is a non-profit that inspires people to build successful businesses in Durham Region. A variety of free advisory services, workshops and tools to start and grow your business are offered.



Located in downtown Whitby, **Wi-Hub** is designed for technology related start-ups that have reached the accelerator stage. The purpose is to create a vibrant entrepreneurial community to encourage and fuel successful technology companies throughout the region.

If you require this information in an accessible format,
please contact 1-800-706-9857.



Those who have chosen to invest and live in Durham Region, enjoy an unparalleled quality of life. supported by a prosperous economy and a unique blend of rural and urban communities.

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