

Downtown Ajax (A2) Neighbourhood Profile - December 2017



Description:

Downtown Ajax is a diverse Neighbourhood south of the 401 that includes Ajax's business area along Harwood Avenue, the Ajax Town Hall, Ajax Library Main Branch, and the Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering Hospital. This Neighbourhood also includes the Ajax GO Train Station, Ajax Community Centre, Ajax High School, three elementary schools and various private schools. This Neighbourhood has been identified by the Health Department as a Priority Neighbourhood.

Population (2011): 11,505

Population Density: 1,904. persons per square kilometre

Number of Births (2014): 104

Demographics – 2011	Neighbourhood	Durham Region	Compared to Durham Region
Population growth rate (2006 to 2011)	11.4%	8.6%	HIGHER
Population aged 0-14 years	15.1%	18.6%	similar
Population aged 0-4 years	5.0%	5.7%	similar
Population aged 5-9 years	4.8%	6.1%	LOWER
Population aged 10-14 years	5.3%	6.8%	LOWER
Population aged 15-19 years	6.9%	7.7%	similar
Population aged 20-24 years	6.5%	6.5%	similar
Population aged 25-29 years	6.6%	5.7%	similar
Population aged 30-39 years	12.6%	12.6%	similar
Population aged 40-49 years	14.8%	16.5%	similar
Population aged 50-59 years	13.9%	14.8%	similar
Population aged 60-64 years	5.5%	5.5%	similar
Population aged 65+ years	18.2%	12.1%	HIGHER
Female lone-parent families	22.6%	14.0%	HIGHER
Seniors living alone	33.1%	21.4%	HIGHER
Income - Low income rate	15.6%	9.9%	HIGHER
Income - Children less than 6 years in low income households	27.6%	12.8%	HIGHER
Income - Median after-tax household income	\$48,300	\$70,100	LOWER
Low education (no high school completion)	9.8%	8.9%	similar
Unemployment rate	9.6%	8.6%	similar
Commuting duration (median minutes)	25.3	30.1	similar
Aboriginal Population	1.3%	1.5%	similar
Recent immigrants (in past 10 years)	5.3%	3.6%	HIGHER
Visible minorities	24.1%	20.7%	similar

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Housing – 2011	Neighbourhood	Durham Region	Compared to Durham Region
Moved residence in the past year	15.4%	9.9%	HIGHER
Households that rent	47.2%	17.3%	HIGHER
Shelter costs of 30% or more of income	35.3%	25.0%	HIGHER
Not suitable housing	7.0%	5.1%	HIGHER
Major dwelling repairs needed	6.9%	5.0%	HIGHER
Early Development Instrument (EDI) in senior kindergarten (SK) children – Updated to 2015	--	--	--
Vulnerable in physical health and well-being	16.5%	17.9%	similar
Vulnerable in social competence	8.7%	10.8%	similar
Vulnerable in emotional maturity	15.5%	12.3%	HIGHER
Vulnerable in language and cognitive development	5.8%	4.9%	similar
Vulnerable in communication skills and general knowledge	11.7%	9.0%	similar
Vulnerable in one or more domains	31.1%	29.7%	similar
Kindergarten Parent Survey – 2012	--	--	--
SK children in excellent or very good health	81%	92%	similar
Living in a child-friendly neighbourhood	70%	79%	similar
SK children walking or biking to school	47%*	41%	similar
General health	--	--	--
Self-rated health excellent/very good, ages 18+	57%	60%	similar
Self-rated mental health excellent/very good, ages 18+	58%	72%	LOWER
Life expectancy at birth - Males (years)	80.8	80.8	similar
Life expectancy at birth - Females (years)	84.4	85.2	similar
Babies and toddlers	--	--	--
Birth rate per 1,000	9.8	10.6	similar
Teen pregnancy rate per 1,000	48.8	25.5	HIGHER
Births to young mothers (ages 14-23)	12.4%	11.0%	similar
Births to older mothers (ages 35+)	18.7%	21.5%	similar
Preterm birth rate in singletons – updated	7.2%	6.3%	similar
Small-for-Gestational Age (SGA) rate – updated	10.6%	8.6%	similar
Large-for-Gestational Age (LGA) rate – updated	12.4%	11.6%	similar
Breastfeeding at hospital discharge rate	92.6%	88.9%	similar
Breastmilk only at hospital discharge rate	80.0%	78.3%	similar
Breastfeeding duration rate at 6 months	48%	53%	similar
18-month enhanced Well-Baby Visit – updated	55.0%	56.5%	similar

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Injury emergency department (ED) visits (rate per 1,000)	Neighbourhood	Durham Region	Compared to Durham Region
All Injuries ED visit rate	117.6	98.3	HIGHER
Sports injuries ED visit rate, ages 10-14	48.6	42.2	similar
Motor vehicle traffic collision ED visit rate, ages 15-24	9.3	9.6	similar
Falls ED visit rate, ages 0-4	59.8	55.5	similar
Falls ED visit rate, ages 65+	75.4	57.3	HIGHER
Police calls (rate per 10,000)	--	--	--
Police-reported domestic incidents	124.2	80.4	HIGHER
Police-reported domestic incidents with children present	7.8	4.1	HIGHER
Health behaviours	--	--	--
Smoking rate, ages 18+	25%	18%	similar
Obesity rate, ages 18+	16%*	20%	similar
Vegetables and fruit (5 or more servings per day), ages 18+	37%	33%	similar
Alcohol use in excess of Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines, ages 18+	18%*	23%	similar
High physical activity rate, ages 18-69	52%	55%	similar
Immunization rates	--	--	--
School-required immunizations in ages 7-8	65.7%	75.4%	LOWER
School-required immunizations in ages 16-17	89.7%	90.7%	similar
Hepatitis B, Grade 7 students	80.8%	74.4%	similar
Meningococcal disease, Grade 7 students	88.5%	90.2%	similar
HPV, Grade 7 students	71.2%	66.4%	similar
Flu shots, ages 18+	39%*	37%	similar
Cancer screening (rate per 100)	--	--	--
Mammography rate, females ages 52-74	53.0	63.4	LOWER
Pap test rate, females ages 23-70	61.7	68.4	LOWER
Overdue for colorectal screening, ages 50-74	47.1	42.0	HIGHER
Health care (rate per 100)	--	--	--
Population with primary care physician	94.2	95.1	similar
Residence ambulance call rate	5.8	3.9	HIGHER
Residence ambulance call rate, ages 65+ years	22.8	15.5	HIGHER

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Health conditions	Neighbourhood	Durham Region	Compared to Durham Region
Asthma ED visit rate (per 1,000), ages 0-14	16.5	10.3	HIGHER
Asthma prevalence rate (per 100), ages 0-14	19.3	19.2	similar
Diabetes prevalence rate (per 100), ages 20+	11.4	10.4	HIGHER
Lung disease (COPD) prevalence rate (per 100), ages 35+	12.8	10.1	HIGHER
Cardiovascular disease hospitalization rate (per 1,000), ages 45-64	11.7	9.8	similar
Infectious diseases (rate per 100,000)	--	--	--
Chlamydia incidence rate (per 1,000), females ages 15-24	25.0	17.2	HIGHER
Enteric diseases incidence	58.0	64.4	similar
Influenza incidence	22.6	36.0	similar
Hepatitis C incidence	38.3	27.9	similar
Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) incidence	29.6	33.3	similar

Profile Notes

For demographic and housing indicators, "LOWER" means at least 20% lower than Durham Region and "HIGHER" means at least 20% higher. For other indicators, "LOWER" or "HIGHER" means that the 95% confidence intervals do not overlap with Durham Region or that the critical difference is significantly different. Similar means that the Health Neighbourhood is similar to Durham Region for that indicator.

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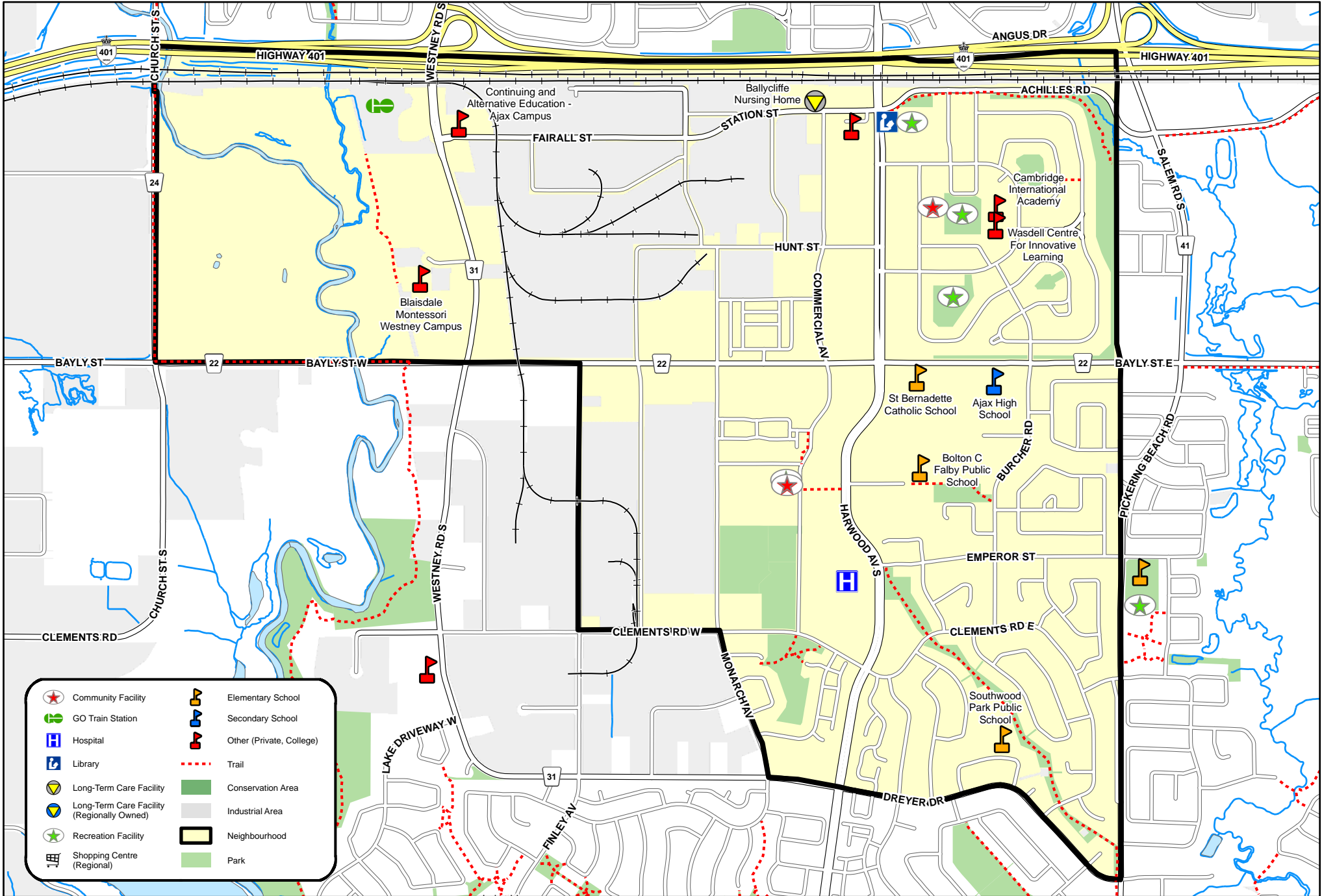
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