

# Ajax

## Neighbourhood Profile - December 2017



### Description:

The Town of Ajax is on the shores of Lake Ontario and borders Pickering and Whitby. There are 9 Health Neighbourhoods in Ajax, all considered urban, ranging in population size from 8,400 to 15,200. The fastest growing and most multiculturally diverse Neighbourhoods in Durham Region are in Ajax.

Population (2011): 109,630

Population Density: 1,619.6 persons per square kilometre

Number of Births (2014): 1,296

Demographics – 2011	Neighbourhood	Durham Region	Compared to Durham Region
Population growth rate (2006 to 2011)	21.6%	8.6%	<b>HIGHER</b>
Population aged 0-14 years	20.7%	18.6%	similar
Population aged 0-4 years	6.7%	5.7%	similar
Population aged 5-9 years	6.7%	6.1%	similar
Population aged 10-14 years	7.3%	6.8%	similar
Population aged 15-19 years	8.2%	7.7%	similar
Population aged 20-24 years	6.8%	6.5%	similar
Population aged 25-29 years	6.0%	5.7%	similar
Population aged 30-39 years	14.2%	12.6%	similar
Population aged 40-49 years	17.0%	16.5%	similar
Population aged 50-59 years	14.1%	14.8%	similar
Population aged 60-64 years	4.6%	5.5%	similar
Population aged 65+ years	8.8%	12.1%	<b>LOWER</b>
Female lone-parent families	15.0%	14.0%	similar
Seniors living alone	17.3%	21.4%	similar
Income - Low income rate	9.3%	9.9%	similar
Income - Children less than 6 years in low income households	12.2%	12.8%	similar
Income - Median after-tax household income	\$75,700	\$70,100	similar
Low education (no high school completion)	6.9%	8.9%	<b>LOWER</b>
Unemployment rate	8.7%	8.6%	similar
Commuting duration (median minutes)	35.1	30.1	similar
Aboriginal Population	1.0%	1.5%	<b>LOWER</b>
Recent immigrants (in past 10 years)	7.6%	3.6%	<b>HIGHER</b>
Visible minorities	45.8%	20.7%	<b>HIGHER</b>

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Housing – 2011	Neighbourhood	Durham Region	Compared to Durham Region
Moved residence in the past year	10.1%	9.9%	similar
Households that rent	13.1%	17.3%	<b>LOWER</b>
Shelter costs of 30% or more of income	28.0%	25.0%	similar
Not suitable housing	6.7%	5.1%	<b>HIGHER</b>
Major dwelling repairs needed	3.6%	5.0%	<b>LOWER</b>
<b>Early Development Instrument (EDI) in senior kindergarten (SK) children – Updated to 2015</b>	--	--	--
Vulnerable in physical health and well-being	18.9%	17.9%	similar
Vulnerable in social competence	11.2%	10.8%	similar
Vulnerable in emotional maturity	11.8%	12.3%	similar
Vulnerable in language and cognitive development	4.3%	4.9%	similar
Vulnerable in communication skills and general knowledge	9.7%	9.0%	similar
Vulnerable in one or more domains	30.8%	29.7%	similar
<b>Kindergarten Parent Survey – 2012</b>	--	--	--
SK children in excellent or very good health	90%	92%	similar
Living in a child-friendly neighbourhood	75%	79%	similar
SK children walking or biking to school	33%	41%	<b>LOWER</b>
<b>General health</b>	--	--	--
Self-rated health excellent/very good, ages 18+	60%	60%	similar
Self-rated mental health excellent/very good, ages 18+	77%	72%	similar
Life expectancy at birth - Males (years)	81.7	80.8	similar
Life expectancy at birth - Females (years)	86.0	85.2	similar
<b>Babies and toddlers</b>	--	--	--
Birth rate per 1,000	12.2	10.6	<b>HIGHER</b>
Teen pregnancy rate per 1,000	23.8	25.5	similar
Births to young mothers (ages 14-23)	7.4%	11.0%	<b>LOWER</b>
Births to older mothers (ages 35+)	25.1%	21.5%	<b>HIGHER</b>
Preterm birth rate in singletons – updated	6.7%	6.3%	similar
Small-for-Gestational Age (SGA) rate – updated	10.7%	8.6%	<b>HIGHER</b>
Large-for-Gestational Age (LGA) rate – updated	8.9%	11.6%	<b>LOWER</b>
Breastfeeding at hospital discharge rate	93.6%	88.9%	<b>HIGHER</b>
Breastmilk only at hospital discharge rate	78.8%	78.3%	similar
Breastfeeding duration rate at 6 months	58%	53%	<b>HIGHER</b>
18-month enhanced Well-Baby Visit – updated	51.8%	56.5%	<b>LOWER</b>

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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	88.5	98.3	LOWER
Sports injuries ED visit rate, ages 10-14	37.6	42.2	LOWER
Motor vehicle traffic collision ED visit rate, ages 15-24	9.7	9.6	similar
Falls ED visit rate, ages 0-4	54.3	55.5	similar
Falls ED visit rate, ages 65+	54.0	57.3	similar
<b>Police calls (rate per 10,000)</b>	--	--	--
Police-reported domestic incidents	66.8	80.4	LOWER
Police-reported domestic incidents with children present	5.0	4.1	HIGHER
<b>Health behaviours</b>	--	--	--
Smoking rate, ages 18+	16%	18%	similar
Obesity rate, ages 18+	15%	20%	LOWER
Vegetables and fruit (5 or more servings per day), ages 18+	33%	33%	similar
Alcohol use in excess of Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines, ages 18+	24%	23%	similar
High physical activity rate, ages 18-69	50%	55%	similar
<b>Immunization rates</b>	--	--	--
School-required immunizations in ages 7-8	77.5%	75.4%	similar
School-required immunizations in ages 16-17	91.4%	90.7%	similar
Hepatitis B, Grade 7 students	80.2%	74.4%	HIGHER
Meningococcal disease, Grade 7 students	92.1%	90.2%	similar
HPV, Grade 7 students	72.6%	66.4%	HIGHER
Flu shots, ages 18+	32%	37%	similar
<b>Cancer screening (rate per 100)</b>	--	--	--
Mammography rate, females ages 52-74	59.5	63.4	LOWER
Pap test rate, females ages 23-70	67.1	68.4	LOWER
Overdue for colorectal screening, ages 50-74	44.0	42.0	HIGHER
<b>Health care (rate per 100)</b>	--	--	--
Population with primary care physician	94.9	95.1	similar
Residence ambulance call rate	3.5	3.9	LOWER
Residence ambulance call rate, ages 65+ years	14.7	15.5	LOWER

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Health conditions	Neighbourhood	Durham Region	Compared to Durham Region
Asthma ED visit rate (per 1,000), ages 0-14	12.5	10.3	<b>HIGHER</b>
Asthma prevalence rate (per 100), ages 0-14	19.5	19.2	similar
Diabetes prevalence rate (per 100), ages 20+	12.1	10.4	<b>HIGHER</b>
Lung disease (COPD) prevalence rate (per 100), ages 35+	8.2	10.1	<b>LOWER</b>
Cardiovascular disease hospitalization rate (per 1,000), ages 45-64	9.0	9.8	similar
<b>Infectious diseases (rate per 100,000)</b>	--	--	--
Chlamydia incidence rate (per 1,000), females ages 15-24	19.6	17.2	similar
Enteric diseases incidence	56.0	64.4	similar
Influenza incidence	31.6	36.0	similar
Hepatitis C incidence	17.7	27.9	<b>LOWER</b>
Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) incidence	50.2	33.3	<b>HIGHER</b>

### 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.

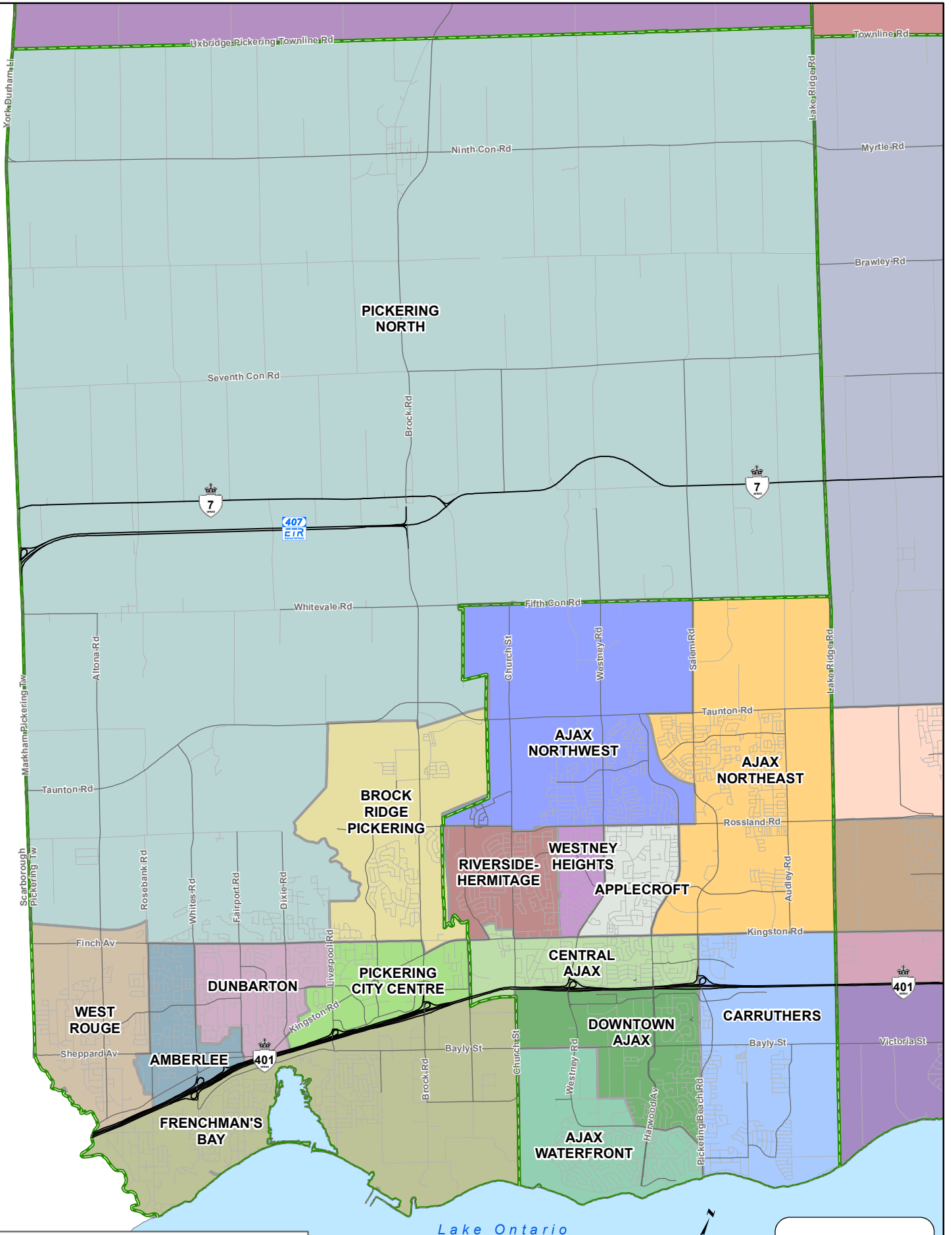
When "LOWER" or "HIGHER" is in blue, the indicator is neutral in terms of health. Green means that the Neighbourhood is doing better in terms of health than Durham Region and red indicates it is worse.

Estimates marked with an asterisk (\*) have high variability and should be used with caution. Some estimates are not releasable due to small numbers.

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For more information, see the Indicator Summary or The Guide to Health Neighbourhoods at [durham.ca/neighbourhoods](http://durham.ca/neighbourhoods).

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

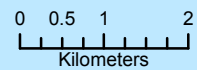


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