

Quick Facts



DRYDEN
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Dryden and Area Welcomes Your Entrepreneurial Spirit!



Welcome to Dryden

Industry and business investment will find an ideal place to grow in Dryden. The solid economic base of tourism, alternative energy, and resource based sectors provide a strong foundation for diverse business opportunities including potential partnerships with our neighbouring First Nations communities.

For businesses that serve the local region, the City is well connected to other cities, towns and communities by the Trans Canada Highway, CP Rail and the Dryden Regional Airport. For businesses serving a wider market, our new state-of-the-art broadband wireless network provides fast, reliable connections to virtually anywhere in the world.

Dryden offers ample opportunities and incentives to launch a new business or relocate an existing one.

Market Access

The Trans-Canada Highway links Dryden with markets in Thunder Bay and Winnipeg and the Highway 502 links Dryden to Highway 11 as well as to the United States border at Fort Frances.

Dryden is home to several trucking companies that include Stephen Blair Contracting, Skene Transfer & Supply, Gardewine North, Courtesy Freight Systems Ltd., Wayne Peters Trucking, Dave Toews Contracting, Manitoulin Transport Inc. and Kinderlane Enterprises Ltd. Local couriers include Bri-Mar Courier Plus, Northern Parcel, B&M Delivery and Greyhound.

Dryden Regional Airport offers daily scheduled and charter domestic flights. It offers a full service facility with Seasonal Customs and Immigration, aviation fuels, ILS and 6,000 x 150 feet paved runway. The CANPASS Remote Area Border Crossing program allows people to cross the border at remote areas in Ontario from Pigeon River to Lake of the Woods and the Canadian Shore of Lake Superior.

Income Levels for the City of Dryden

Characteristic	Dryden 2008	Ontario 2008
Number of persons 15 years+ with income	7,135	10,697,466
Median 2008 total income	\$33,941	\$41,523
Median 2008 family income	\$87,084	\$98,490
Median 2008 household income	\$68,025	\$83,300

Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. Superdemographics 2009 (2008 incomes).

Distances to Major Centres

Major Centres	Km	Mi
Kenora, Ontario	137	85
Winnipeg, Manitoba	350	217
Duluth, Minnesota	572	355
Brandon, Manitoba	575	357
Minneapolis, Minnesota	783	487
Edmonton, Alberta	1,665	1,035
Calgary, Alberta	1,686	1,048
Toronto, Ontario	1,714	1,065

Canada–U.S. Border Crossings

Fort Frances/International Falls	188	117
Rainy River/Beaudette	320	199
Thunder Bay/Grand Portage	356	221
Emerson/Pembina	445	277
Sault Ste Marie/Sault Ste Marie	1,034	642

Demographics

Population of City of Dryden (2009):	8,697
Proportion of population older than 14:	82%
Population older than 14:	7,135
Median age of total population:	41.6

**Dryden
Ontario**

*"Dryden has opened their doors to us.
What a great place to live, work and play!"*
– Myron Romanuk, VP Commercial Lines, Gillons' Insurance



Labour Force Indicators

Characteristic	Dryden 2009	Dryden Labour Shed 2009
Total Population aged 15 and over	7,135	14,055
In the labour force	4,642	9,174
Employed	4,194	8,181
Unemployed	448	994
Not in labour force	2,493	4,881
Participation rate %	65.1	65.3
Employment rate %	58.8	58.2
Unemployment rate%	9.7	10.8

Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. Superdemographics 2009.

Competitive Advantages

- Large pool of available skilled workers
- A transportation hub, located on the Trans-Canada Highway with a direct link to the United States
- Proximity to Winnipeg, Thunder Bay and U.S. markets
- Favourable taxes and affordable land costs, no development charges
- High concentrations of natural resources in precious minerals, wood, and solar energy
- Choice of serviced commercial & industrial sites
- 6,000 ft runway airport with daily scheduled passenger service
- Fully modern hospital with 24 hr ambulatory and emergency services
- Vibrant and safe urban community surrounded by pristine waterways and endless boreal forests
- Forward thinking and committed local government

Rounding out the picture is Dryden's municipal-private sector community revitalization project, The Van Horne Waterfront Park and Centennial Business Park. These initiatives aim to draw new enterprise to the City of Dryden. Backing Dryden's business development are the regional Community Futures Development Corporation and funding assistance made available through a variety of lending programs.

Population

	Dryden 2009	Dryden 2009 (%)
0 to 4 Years	415	4.8
5 to 14 Years	1147	13.2
15 to 19 Years	652	7.5
20 to 24 Years	483	5.6
25 to 44 Years	2112	24.3
45 to 54 Years	1436	16.5
55 to 64 Years	1025	11.8
65 to 74 Years	751	8.6
75 +	674	7.7

Total Population 8697

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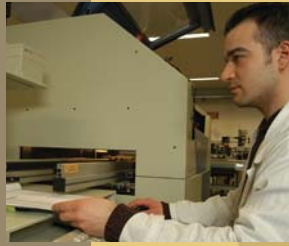
Taxes and Utilities

Property Class	2009 Dryden Tax Rates (%)	Education Tax Rates (%)	2009 Total Tax Rates (%)
Commercial (occupied)	2.269633	1.611608	3.881241
Industrial (occupied)	2.150845	1.6982	3.849045

Source: City of Dryden.

The City of Dryden offers competitive water and sewer rates, natural gas and three-phase power, and high-speed Internet and mobile telephone services.





“Working with the Dryden Regional Airport has been integral to developing our core market.”

*– Mark Hill, Operations Manager
Hicks & Lawrence Limited*

Quick Facts

- Population of the Greater Dryden Area is 21,500, with a regional trading area of 35,000
- Goods and services spending exceeds \$250,000,000 annually
- About 6,000 vehicles travel through Dryden every day
- Rail, truck, courier and warehouse services are available
- Highway 502 provides an easy-access, north-south link to the U.S. Midwest, and beyond
- Dryden Regional Airport, with CANPASS, hosts daily scheduled and charter air service
- About one-third of the population is between 25 and 44 years of age – and the median family income is about \$77,439
- A solid economic base in tourism, renewable energy and resource-based sectors in the region’s financial, accounting, real estate, healthcare and transportation hub

Education: Supporting Dryden’s Success

To offer an ever-widening range of educational opportunities to residents, the City of Dryden partners with local education institutions, public and private sector training agencies and First Nations communities.

Innovative education and training programs help citizens meet the needs of a wide cross-section of businesses. Programs that have proved particularly successful include:

- Forest industry multi-skilled trades training
- Pre-apprenticeship programming through Confederation and Northern Colleges
- Keewaytinook Okimakanak water plant operator training program
- Bachelor of Science Nursing Program, on-site and distance education
- Adult education and training, special interest courses, GED testing and high school credits

Educational Attainment

Characteristics	Dryden	Dryden (%)
Total population 25 to 64 years	4573	
No certificate, diploma or degree	572	12.5
High school certificate or equivalent	1475	32.3
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	567	12.4
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	1172	25.6
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	214	4.7
University certificate or degree	573	12.5

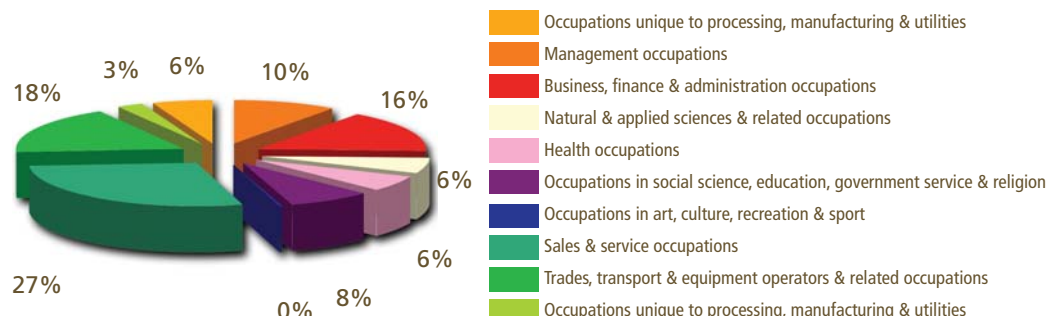
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Labour Force by Industry

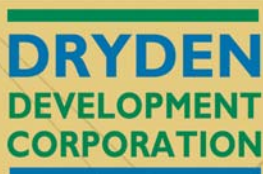
Characteristic	Dryden 2009	Dryden 2009 (%)
Total labour force 15 years+ (by industry)	4642	
All industries	4602	99.1
Agriculture, utilities, resources	256	5.6
Construction	165	3.6
Manufacturing	606	13.2
Wholesale trade	109	2.4
Retail trade	813	17.7
Transportation/warehousing	177	3.8
Finance, insurance, real estate	151	3.3
Professional, scientific & technical services	154	3.3
Education	322	7.0
Health care/social	599	13.0
Accommodation/food	440	9.6
Other services (except public admin)	685	14.9

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Labour Force by Occupation, 2009



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