RHIS
RURAL HOUSING INFORMATION SYSTEM

FILLING THE HOUSING INFORMATION GAP
IN RURAL EASTERN AND WESTERN ONTARIO AND BEYOND

The One-Stop Solution for Rural Housing Information

Rural Housing Information System (RHIS) is a locally driven tool supporting municipalities, developers, and homebuilders in the planning and development of affordable housing. It aims to support not-for-profit builders in overcoming information barriers regarding housing in rural communities.

The data-driven, outcomes focused solution harnesses data in an automated and easy to use dashboard including:

- demographic trends (population, growth, age, and income)
- homelessness count and affordable housing stock
- average home price and market rental information
- building permit data
- available zoned and developable land
- available municipal building incentives, waivers, and grants
- assets and amenities that support residents
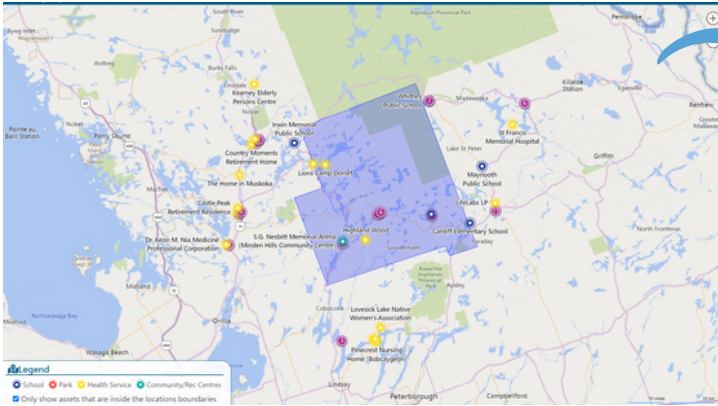- and the ability to compare municipalities' data

! *All data on the RHIS is specialized for rural communities and separated urban areas are subtracted from the data displayed.*

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Data Points

Overview

- Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Report link
- Most recent Official Plan

Asset Map includes the following within a 1-hour drive of the selected municipalities:

- Parks
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Arenas/Community/Rec Centres

Demographics

- Population
- Population Change (2016-2021)
- Age distribution by Gender
- Households by size (1-5+ people)

- Single-parent households
- Number of owner households
- Number of renter households
- Number of households in band housing

Number of people on the by name priority list

A By-Names Prioritized List is a list of people experiencing homelessness in a community. It includes a robust set of data points that support coordinated access and prioritization at a household level and an understanding of homeless inflow and outflow at a system level. This real-time actionable data supports triage to services, system performance evaluation, and advocacy for the policies and resources necessary to end homelessness.
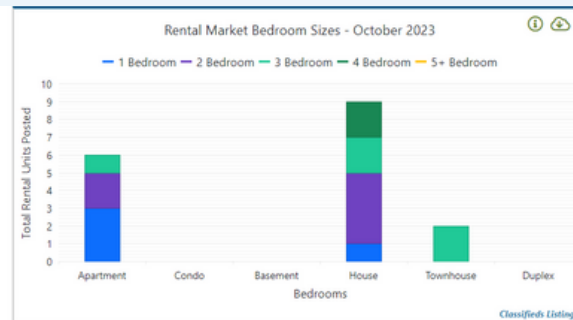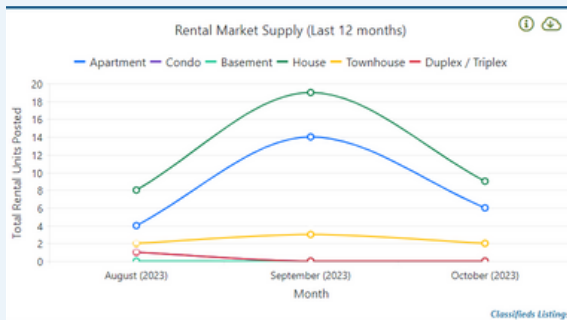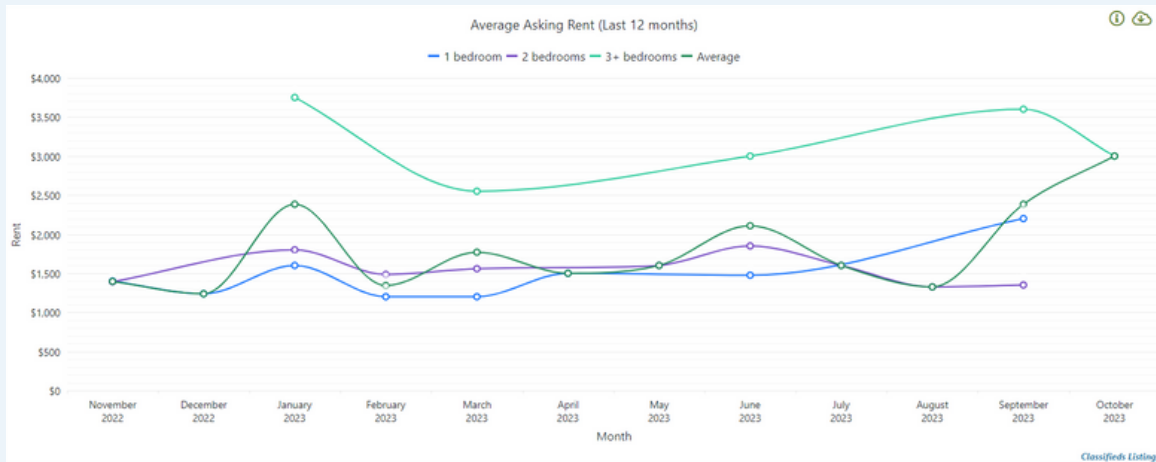
Economics

- Total Labour Force
- Average Household Income
- Median Household Income
- Top Jobs by Industry

- Number of people in low-income status
- Median Individual Income
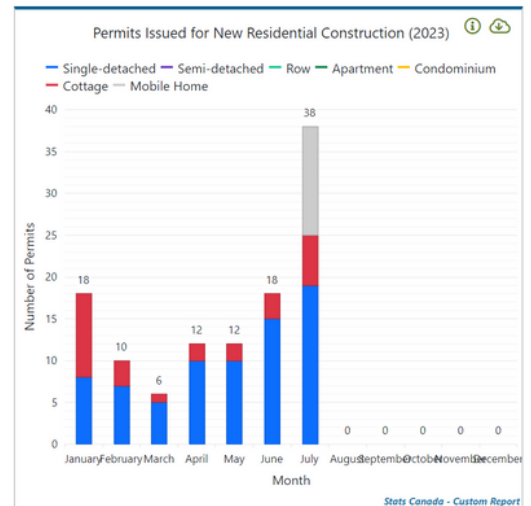- Average individual income
- Unemployment rate

Housing Market

- Number of households spending >30% of income on shelter costs
- Average/median value of dwelling
- Monthly Shelter Costs

Average Rent by month for 1bd, 2bd, 3plus Bed and Average

Average Asking Rent (Last 12 months)

Rental Market Supply (Last 12 months)

Rental Market Bedroom Sizes - October 2023

Housing Supply

- Housing Corporation-operated housing units
- Municipally-operated housing units
- Partnerships to supply attainable or affordable housing
- Number of Dwellings (single detached, semi, row, apartment & other)
- Number of housing in need of repair
- Monthly permit data

Permits Issued for New Residential Construction (2023)

Housing Development/Incentives

- Affordable housing Exemptions and Waivers
- Affordable housing Municipal Grants and incentives:
  - Name of Municipal Grant or Incentive
  - Amount (Eg. Dollar amount, full/partial tax incentive, etc...)
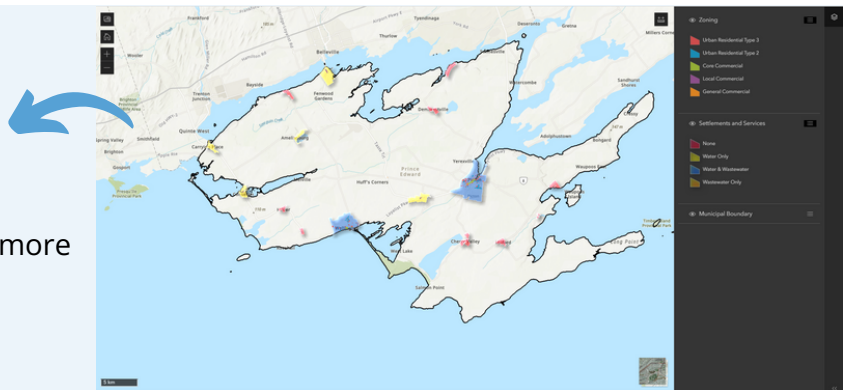- The current status of Development Charges application

Zoning

- Zoning Summary Table
  - Residential Zoning Types and permissible builds
  - Commercial/Industrial Zoning Types that permit multi-residential above
- Link to Zoning by-law
- Interactive Zoning Map

Zoning Map includes:
- Settlement boundaries
- Servicing areas
- Multi-dwelling zoning (3 or more dwelling units permitted)

Community Comparison Tool

The Community Comparison tool brings all data points and available locations on the RHIS into one easy table.

OTHER RESOURCES

Data Sources and Definitions

The Data Sources and Definition page provides context about where the data within the RHIS is sourced and data methodology.

Tutorials

The Tutorial page includes videos about every page in the RHIS and how to navigate through the system effectively. A great reference as you learn to use the system.

Data Sources

Source	Description	Renewal Period
Classified Listings	The average rent for a municipality are calculated from rental listings on classified websites for available units. Detailed averages are calculated by unit size (1 bedroom, 2 bedrooms, 3+ bedrooms), and dwelling type. The number of listings used for each calculation are provided, for reference.	Every Month
Statistics Canada, Building Permits Survey	The monthly Building Permits Survey collects data on the value of permits issued by Canadian municipalities for both residential and non-residential buildings, and the number of residential dwellings authorized. The survey is administered as part of the Integrated Business Statistics Program (IBSP). Data is obtained for the number of permits issued for new residential construction, and the number of new dwelling units. Data is broken down by structural type of dwelling (single detached, semi-detached, row, apartment, condominium, cottage, mobile home, other).	Every Month
Municipalities	All participating municipalities fill out a survey in regards to affordable housing data supply, housing corporation, and geospatial zoning and servicing data. The RHIS centralizes this information into one resource.	Annually
Census	Census profile data points are obtained from 2011, 2016 and 2021 at the census subdivision level and census division level.	Census Release every 5 years
Analyst	Analyst is an online tool of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Analyst sources jobs and wages data from the Survey of Employment, Payroll, and Hours, and the Census. Data regarding jobs by industry and average wages are obtained from Analyst.	Census Release every 5 years

Participating Municipalities
(Eastern Ontario)

County of Frontenac
- Township of Frontenac Islands
- Township of South Frontenac
- Township of North Frontenac
- Township of Central Frontenac

County of Haliburton
- Municipality of Highlands East
- United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre And Clyde
- Township of Minden Hills
- Township of Algonquin Highlands

County of Hastings
- Municipality of Centre Hastings
- Town of Bancroft
- Municipality of Tweed
- Town of Deseronto
- Municipality of Hastings Highlands
- Township of Stirling-Rawdon
- Municipality of Marmora And Lake
- Township of Madoc
- Township of Limerick
- Township of Tyendinaga
- Township of Wollaston
- Township of Carlow/Mayo
- Township of Faraday
- Township of Tudor And Cashel

County of Lanark
- Township of Tay Valley
- Township of Beckwith
- Corporation of The Municipality of Mississippi Mills
- Town of Perth
- Town of Carleton Place
- Township of Montague
- Township of Lanark Highlands
- Township of Drummond/North Elmsley

City of Kawartha Lakes

United Counties of Leeds And Grenville
- Township of Athens
- Village of Merrickville-Wolford
- Township of Augusta
- Township of Leeds And The Thousand Islands
- Municipality of North Grenville
- Township of Front of Yonge
- Village of Westport
- Township of Rideau Lakes
- Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal
- Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley

County of Northumberland
- Municipality of Brighton
- Municipality of Port Hope
- Municipality of Trent Hills
- Township of Cramahe
- Township of Hamilton
- Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
- Town of Cobourg

County of Peterborough
- Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen
- Municipality of Trent Lakes
- Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan
- Township of North Kawartha
- Township of Cavan Monaghan
- Township of Douro-Dummer
- Township of Asphodel-Norwood
- Township of Selwyn

United Counties of Prescott And Russell
- City of Clarence-Rockland
- Township of East Hawkesbury
- Township of Champlain
- Township of Alfred And Plantagenet
- Town of Hawkesbury
- Municipality of The Nation
- Municipality of Casselman
- Township of Russell

County of Renfrew
- Town of Deep River
- Township of Head, Clara And Maria
- Township of North Algona Wilberforce
- Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch And Raglan
- Town of Petawawa
- Town of Arnprior
- Town of Renfrew
- Township of Whitewater Region
- Township of Mcnab/Braeside
- Town of Laurentian Hills
- Township of Horton
- Township of Bonnechere Valley
- Township of Madawaska Valley
- Township of Greater Madawaska
- Township of Admaston/Bromley
- Township of Killaloe, Hagarty And Richards
- Township of Laurentian Valley

County of Lennox And Addington
- Township of Addington Highlands
- Township of Loyalist
- Township of Stone Mills
- Town of Greater Napanee

United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, And Glengarry
- Township of North Dundas
- Township of North Stormont
- Township of North Glengarry
- Township of South Stormont
- Township of South Glengarry
- Municipality of South Dundas

Prince Edward County

Participating Municipalities
(Western Ontario and more)

County of Brant

Elgin County
- Township of Southwold
- Municipality of West Elgin
- Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich
- Municipality of Central Elgin
- Municipality of Bayham
- Township of Malahide
- Town of Aylmer

Norfolk County

Oxford County
- Town of Ingersoll
- Township of Norwich
- Township of Zorra
- City of Woodstock
- Township of South-West Oxford
- Township of Blandford-Blenheim
- Township of East Zorra-Tavistock
- Town of Tillsonburg

County of Bruce
- Town of South Bruce Peninsula
- Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
- Township of Huron-Kinloss
- Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
- Municipality of Kincardine
- Town of Saugeen Shores
- Municipality of South Bruce
- Municipality of Brockton

County of Dufferin
- Township of Amaranth
- Township of East Garafraxa
- Town of Grand Valley
- Township of Melancthon
- Town of Mono
- Township of Mulmur
- Town of Orangeville
- Town of Shelburne

County of Essex
- Town of Amherstburg
- Town of Essex
- Town of Kingsville
- Municipality of Leamington
- Town of Lasalle
- Town of Tecumseh
- Municipality of Lakeshore

Grey County
- Township of Georgian Bluffs
- Township of Southgate
- Municipality of West Grey
- Municipality of Grey Highlands
- Municipality of Meaford
- Town of The Blue Mountains
- Town of Hanover
- Township of Chatsworth
- City of Owen Sound

County of Huron
- Municipality of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh
- Municipality of Bluewater
- Municipality of Central Huron
- Howick Township
- Town of Goderich
- Municipality of Morris Turnberry
- Municipality of North Huron
- Municipality of South Huron
- Municipality of Huron East

County of Lambton
- Municipality of Lambton Shores
- Town of Plympton-Wyoming
- Township of Dawn-Euphemia
- Village of Oil Springs
- Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston
- Town of Petrolia
- Village of Point Edward
- Township of St. Clair
- City of Sarnia
- Township of Enniskillen
- Township of Warwick

County of Perth
- Municipality of North Perth
- Township of Perth East
- Municipality of Perth South
- Township of West Perth

County of Simcoe
- Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Township of Clearview
- Town of Collingwood
- Township of Essa
- Town of Innisfil
- Town of Midland
- Town of New Tecumseth
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- Town of Penetanguishene
- Township of Ramara
- Township of Severn
- Township of Springwater
- Township of Tay
- Township of Tiny
- Town of Wasaga Beach

County of Wellington
- Town of Erin
- Township of Mapleton
- Township of Guelph/Eramosa
- Township of Centre Wellington
- Town of Minto
- Township of Wellington North
- Township of Puslinch

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

WHERE TO NEXT ?

RHIS is currently working to move into Northern Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Unlimited logins within your organization, using your associated company email
- 1-hour personalized training session with the RHIS data trainer
- Continuous updates to data as new data resources are released
- Full access to all rural Eastern and Western Ontario Municipalities data now and access to Northern Ontario Municipalities and other provinces when they are complete

Private Business Owners

Developers, Consultants, Builders, and Realtors

$5000 + taxes and fees yearly

Non-profit

Non-profit builders, Health organizations, and other Non-profit groups

$2000 + taxes and fees yearly

Municipalities

New municipal staff, and separated towns looking to have their data added to the system

$2000 + taxes and fees yearly

Payment is available through e-transfer, EFT (ROI will need to send banking information) or direct payment of invoice via credit card through QuickBooks online

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