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LANARK COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AT A GLANCE

*Key Figures Showcasing Community
Strength and Economic Vitality*

60.8%

WORKING-AGE POPULATION

This statistic highlights the community's vibrant economic potential, with a substantial portion of its population in the working-age group, surpassing typical regional averages.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

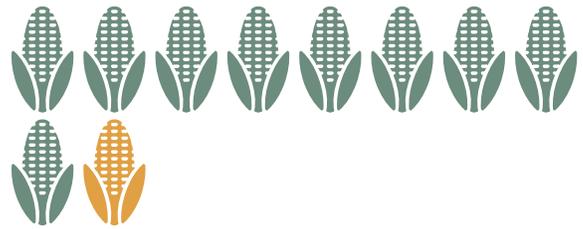
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HEALTH-RELATED

With a substantial number of residents trained in health-related fields—9.4% of the population, or approximately 770 residents—DNE surpasses Ontario's average. This strengthens the availability of healthcare services in the area.

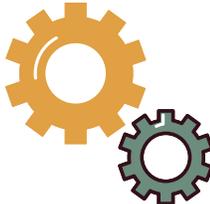
Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)



1 in 10 businesses in DNE are in agriculture, including farms and logging, emphasizing the area's rich agricultural heritage and potential for sustainable development.

Source: Industries by Business Location Size. Lightcast. May. 2024.

679



APPRENTICESHIP OR TRADES CERTIFICATES HOLDERS

This rate is higher than Ontario's average involvement in apprenticeship and trades, which stands at about 5.3%, indicating a more pronounced focus on trades within DNE.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population

DRUMMOND/NORTH ELMSLEY

Rooted in Community, Growing in Opportunity

Drummond/North Elmsley is a rural gem nestled within Lanark County. This township holds a robust labor force with a significant 60.8% of its population within the working-age bracket, underscoring a ready and capable community. Despite its rural charm, DNE presents a dynamic business environment with 433 active businesses, of which agriculture forms a notable component, reflecting the area's strong connection to traditional economic practices.

This balance of rural appeal and economic vitality makes DNE an attractive locale for both residents and investors, offering a unique mix of growth, tradition, and community-focused living.

Furthermore, DNE is distinguished by a vast number of residents trained in healthcare-related fields and skilled trades, surpassing Ontario's average in these areas. This emphasis not only bolsters local industries but also significantly enhances the quality and availability of crucial services across the region.

As DNE progresses, it continues to uphold its picturesque rural identity while nurturing a community that is well-prepared to address the evolving demands of contemporary life and economic development.



Population Growth

and Density

Drummond/North Elmsley saw a 5.3% population increase from 2016 to 2021, reaching 8,183 residents. This steady growth accompanies a rise in private dwellings to 3,708, marking ongoing residential development in a region characterized by a low density of 22.4 people per square kilometer—ideal for those seeking a spacious living environment.

The town's demographic profile includes 60.8% in the working-age group of 15 to 64 years, illustrating a solid labor base. Youth and adolescents constitute 14.4% of the population, while seniors make up 24.9%, including 1.5% over 85 years old. This age diversity ensures a range of community services and lifestyle options, catering to various life stages and enhancing the area's appeal for long-term growth and quality of life.

TOTAL POPULATION 8,183

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

Immigration

Drummond/North Elmsley has shown a promising trend in welcoming immigrants over the last two decades. Initially, the community saw a notable influx of 65 new residents from abroad between 2001 and 2010. Although there was a modest reduction to 10 immigrants between 2011 and 2015, the numbers rebounded to 35 from 2016 to 2021. This illustrates the township's resilience and ongoing attractiveness as a destination for newcomers.

Statistics Canada. 2023. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released November 15, 2023.



Family Characteristics

DNE's family characteristics highlight an average family size of 2.7, which aligns with typical regional trends. There is a considerable proportion of families with children, indicating a community geared towards family-oriented living. In contrast, the presence of a significant number of couples without children and single-person households reflects a broader demographic diversity. DNE's emphasis on supporting various family structures provides a nurturing environment that enhances its appeal as a community that values connectivity and inclusivity among its residents.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

Household Income

and Economic Well-being

In DNE, the average median income is \$45,600. A significant portion of the population, over 2,235 households, earns \$100,000 or more annually. Families, especially those with children, have a median income of \$136,000, contributing to the high quality of life enjoyed in the area.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

Education Level

In DNE, the educational achievements of residents aged 15 and over highlight a robust emphasis on both academic and vocational training. Approximately 84.5% of the community holds a high school diploma or higher.

Furthermore, a significant 8.3% of the residents, or approximately 679 individuals, have received apprenticeship or trades certificates. This rate is higher than Ontario's average involvement in apprenticeship training, which stands at about 5.3%, indicating a more pronounced focus on trades within DNE.

Additionally, the pursuit of health-related studies by 9.4% of the population, or roughly 770 residents, underscores the importance placed on healthcare education. This focus is essential for sustaining and enhancing the regions health services and aligns well with local economic and employment needs.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

Business Profile

The business landscape in DNE showcases a concentration in several key industries, reflecting a well-rounded economic environment. Construction emerges as a significant sector, with a total of 79 businesses involved, predominantly in residential building construction, which accounts for 21 entities. This indicates a potential growth or revitalization in housing infrastructure. Specialty trade contractors also form a substantial part of this sector, with 56 businesses that include foundation, structure, building equipment, and finishing services.

Professional, scientific, and technical services also stand out with 40 businesses. This sector is broad, encompassing services ranging from legal and accounting to architectural and engineering, indicating a robust demand for expert and technical services. The presence of 12 management, scientific, and technical consulting services suggests a focus on business and strategy development within the region.

The agricultural sector is notable as well, with a total of 42 businesses engaged in various farming activities, highlighting a strong agricultural base. This includes a predominant number of farms (35), with soybean farming and hay farming as some of the specific activities mentioned. Additionally, the sector includes a smaller but significant logging presence, suggesting an integration of traditional agricultural practices with forestry-related industries.

Retail trade also contributes to the local economy, with 28 businesses that include automobile dealers, clothing stores, and food and beverage stores, which points to a consumer-driven economic aspect and provides insights into the spending habits and lifestyle of the community.

DNE's economic environment supports both the foundational economic activities of the region and its developmental prospects, indicating opportunities for future growth and investment in these areas.

Source: Industries by Business Location Size. Lightcast. May. 2024.

Exports

DNE's exports are led by the public administration sector, generating \$29.4 million, showcasing its broad market reach beyond local borders. The construction sector follows with \$17.1 million, reflecting strong external demand. Professional, scientific, and technical services contribute \$12.9 million, while agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting add \$11.5 million, underscoring DNE's role in supplying raw and processed products.

Health care, social assistance, and wholesale trade each bring in just over \$11 million, demonstrating their capacity to serve markets outside the local area. Education and cultural industries also make significant contributions, highlighting DNE's global relevance.

Other sectors like manufacturing and utilities play smaller roles in exports. Sectors without export activity, like mining and oil extraction, present opportunities for development. This diverse export landscape indicates DNE's dynamic economic involvement and potential for future growth across various industries.

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