

The County of Renfrew is an upper tier municipality comprised of the federation of 17 lower tier municipalities and geographically also includes the City of Pembroke and the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation. Renfrew County is the largest county in Ontario covering an area of 7,645 sq. km. with a population of approximately 108,000 in 2021. From the 2016 Census, the median age in the County is 45, and of the population age 25-64, 87% are high school graduates and 55% have a post secondary certificate or degree. Renfrew County enjoys access to two public airports: Arnprior with two runways, a 1,200 m asphalt and 719 m gravel runway, as well as a water aerodrome and the Pembroke and Area Airport has a 1524 m runway.

Rural in nature and blessed with some of the most beautiful scenery in Ontario, Renfrew County traces the south shore of the Ottawa River, stretching west from the City of Ottawa for 220 km along the trans Canada highway. Bordering the County to the Northwest is Algonquin Park, featuring 7,725 sq. km of protected wilderness with countless trails and canoe routes. Renfrew County is a landscape encompassing 900 lakes and carved by four river systems, the Petawawa, Bonnechere and Madawaska Rivers flowing out of Algonquin Park and into the historic Ottawa River. This part of the Ottawa Valley is known as the White Water Capital of Canada, featuring a plethora of outdoor recreational and elite sporting activities year round, including a world class motorsports race track, downhill skiing, water slides, zip-lines and numerous scenic and challenging golf courses.

Home to Canada's largest military base, **Garrison Petawawa** and one of Canada's leading research facilities, **Canadian Nuclear Laboratories**, Renfrew County also boasts a number of private businesses operating in aerospace, defence and security, advanced manufacturing, forestry, agriculture, healthcare, adventure tourism, retail, food services and hospitality.

Key Industry Sectors: **Aerospace:** Magellan Aerospace, ETM Industries Inc., Hypernetics, Inter Aero, Arnprior Aerospace

Forestry and Wood Products: Herb Shaw & Sons Ltd., Ben Hokum & Son Ltd., Lavern Heideman & Sons Ltd., McRae Lumber Company, Murray Brothers Lumber Co., Roseburg Forest Products, Carson Lake Lumber, Madawaska Doors, Deslaurier Custom Cabinets

Health Care: 6 Hospitals, 9 Clinics, 9 long term homes and additional senior supported living

Metals and Machining, Castings & Extrusions: ETM Industries, E.I.P, Triodetic, BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada, Nu-Tech Precision Metals, Valley Sales & Equipment, Magellan Aerospace-Haley Industries

Defence and Security: Pacific Safety Products (PSP), Med-Eng, Bubble Technology Industries (BTI), Raytheon Canada

Transportation: Cassidy's Transfer & Storage Ltd., Manitoulin Transport, W.J. McLaughlin Haulage Ltd., Valley Delivery Ltd.

Other Advanced Manufacturers: Scapa Tapes, SRB Technologies, Nylene Canada

Food & Agri businesses: Kerry Foods, Laurentian Brew Kombucha, Whitewater Brewing Company, Dairy farms, cash crops, industrial hemp, pedigreed seed, beef- cow/calf, berries

Tourism: Whitewater rafting/kayaking, fishing, skiing/snowboarding, snowmobiling, boating, cycling, Nature trails, entrance to Algonquin Park and home to other Provincial Parks.

Military: **Garrison Petawawa** – Largest Army base in Canada with 6,000 military personnel and 1,000 supporting civilian personnel. The Garrison is home to Canada's primary land force base, Medium/Heavy Lift Chinook Helicopter Squadron, Canadian Special Forces, 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade, Griffon Helicopter Squadron and Medical Field Hospital Unit.

Nuclear Science: **Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Inc., (CNL) Chalk River Laboratories** - The largest cluster of scientific research and development in Canada with 2,700 personnel. The birthplace of Canada's nuclear industry and of the CANDU nuclear power reactor technology, CNL hosts researchers from around the world and works closely with 17 Canadian universities. There are very close ties with nuclear R&D globally and with the US especially. Areas of contract R&D and other services to industry focus on nuclear science, but with significant expertise in: physics, chemistry, biology and health physics, environmental monitoring, robotics, nuclear waste management, metallurgy, advanced materials, hydrogen isotopes and controls and automation.

Educational Institutions: **Algonquin College Pembroke Campus** <https://www.algonquincollege.com/pembroke/>: offering 22 Full-time programs, including Bachelor of Science in Nursing and General Carpenter Apprenticeship, as well as numerous continuing education and academic upgrading courses.

Willis College Arnprior <https://williscollege.com/category/campus-info/arnprior/>: offering a variety of career oriented programs in Business, Technology and Healthcare.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, www.seatofwisdom.ca a Catholic post-secondary institution offering academics with a core in liberal arts.

Renfrew County is home to the **Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nations** located at Golden Lake. For more information please visit <http://www.algonquinsopikwakanagan.com>

If you are interested in starting or growing a business in Renfrew County, visit:

Enterprise Renfrew County, www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com

Renfrew County Economic Development, www.InvestRenfrewCounty.com

Community Futures Development Corporation serving Renfrew County, www.rccfdc.org

For employers looking to fill positions and job seekers, there are a number of employment service providers within the county:

Ontrac Arnprior & Renfrew: www.getontrac.ca

Algonquin Employment Services, Pembroke, Eganville & Barry's Bay:
www.algonquincollege.com/pembroke/employment

Petawawa Employment Service, Petawawa & Deep River: www.petawawaemployment.ca

Online job board serving Renfrew County specifically: www.OVJobs.ca

Resources & Information for newcomers to our region: Local Immigration Partnership:

<https://www.facebook.com/newcomerontario>

Labour Market Information: The Labour Market Group of Renfrew & Lanark: www.renfrewlanark.com

Information on the many recreational and cultural offerings found within the County of Renfrew, is available on the **Ottawa Valley Tourist Association** website: <http://www.ottawavalley.travel>

www.InvestRenfrewCounty.com

Renfrew County Demographic Information			
Total estimated population (2021)	107,517	Total number of households (2016 Census)	42,780
Median age (2016 Census)	45	Population speaking English (2016 Census)	98,875
Median employment income for full-time workers (for 2015, 2016 Census)	\$53,638	Population speaking French (2016 Census)	12,310
Median total household income (for 2015, 2016 Census)	\$67,683	Renfrew County average house price (YTD, April 2021)	\$372,180
Unemployment rate (3 month moving avg. ending Apr. 2021)	13.1%	Ottawa average house price (YTD, March 2021)	\$758,802
Renfrew County Transportation Linkages			
Major Highways linkages through Renfrew County			
Hwy 17 / 417	2 / 4 lanes	Links to Ottawa, Cornwall, Montreal, Kingston & Toronto	
Hwy 60	2 lanes	Links to Huntsville, Barrie & Toronto	
Hwy 62	2 lanes	Links to Peterborough, Belleville & Toronto	
Hwy 41	2 lanes	Links to Kingston, Belleville & Toronto	
Distance to Major Centres			
Ottawa	47 Km		
Toronto	260 Km		
Montreal	248 Km		
Border Crossing			
Ivy Lea, ON / Alexandria Bay, NY	193 Km		
Prescott, ON / Ogdensburg, NY	132 Km		
Cornwall Is., ON Border Crossing at Rooseveltown/Massena, NY	172 Km		
Niagara Falls, ON / Niagara Falls, NY	534 Km		
Fort Erie, ON / Buffalo, NY	557 Km		
Airports			
Pembroke & Area Airport		Arnprior Airport	
General		General	
No. of Runways	1	No. of Runways	2
Longest Runway	5,000 ft	Longest Runway	3,955 ft
Hours of Operation	613-687-5300	Hours of Operation	613-623-9687
Customs	no	Customs	no
176 Len Hopkins Dr, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W7 http://www.flycyta.ca/		633 Johnston Rd, Arnprior, ON K7S 3G8 http://arnprior.ca/live/transportation/airport/	
Ottawa International Airport	75 Km		
Mirabel International Airport, Montreal	220 Km		
Pierre Elliot Trudeau Airport, Montreal	245 Km		
Toronto Pearson International Airport	290 Km		
Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport	290 Km		
Ports			
Port of Johnstown	132 Km		
Port of Montreal	265 Km		



County of Renfrew

Ontario . Canada

Experience Our History, Share Our Future!

