

District of Rainy River

Community Profile And Demographics



One of the district's major employers is the NewGold mine (located in Chapple Township)

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Community Futures Development Corporation



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Rainy River Future Development Corporation is a membership-driven, non-profit, community-based corporation. We are governed by a Board of Directors who are elected each year by our membership. The Rainy River Future Development Corporation is supported by FedNor and Industry Canada under the Community Futures Program and the municipalities of Alberton, Chapple, Dawson, Emo, Fort Frances, La Vallee, Lake of the Woods, Morley, and Rainy River.

Working to create jobs and improve the commercial and industrial base of the Rainy River District, we offer a variety of services to the community. We can help you find fair and equitable business partnerships, help your business communicate with a larger market and provide community learning for businesses and entrepreneurs.

RRFDC wants to encourage and assist with business development throughout the Rainy River District, therefore, we...

- Proactively seek out entrepreneurs wishing to expand their businesses or begin a new business.
- Actively seek out business ideas that preliminary research indicates might be feasible for the District.
- Work closely with other agencies and individual communities to foster an entrepreneurial spirit throughout the District.

RRFDC can provide:

- Term loans, flexline loans, store front loans, and equity investments up to a maximum of \$600,000 per business.
- Assistance in completing their business plans and applications for financing.
- Research and general knowledge of available startup programs and relevant small business services.

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Area Overview

Welcome to District of Rainy River, where the rugged beauty of the Canadian Shield envelope the town of Fort Frances, neighboring townships, farmlands, fishing resorts, and our First Nation communities. Far removed from the hustle and bustle of city life, this district beckons with its tranquil beauty and boundless opportunities for adventure.

The Rainy River District is a great place to raise a family. The warm, friendly people live a relaxed and satisfying lifestyle with superb natural treasures and exciting outdoor activities, in combination with great entertainment.

The hub of the Rainy River District is the town of Fort Frances. The town is the judicial, medical, and business centre of the area and has the infrastructure to supply the needs of all area businesses, both large and small. Fort Frances offers a secure and stable economic base, and the town has the advantages of a large city with the convenience of a small town. Fort Frances offers all the amenities desired for comfortable living, fully serviced land, affordable housing, a developed industrial site and the lowest priced utilities in Northwestern Ontario.



photo from Spry Farms



photo from Riverside Health Care



Photo from Seven Generations Educational Institute



photo from Emo Walleye fishing tournament

Alberton

Alberton welcomes entrepreneurs and encourages commercial and industrial development in the business park zone located along Highway 11-71, as well as home businesses and home industries.

Chapple

With a land area of roughly 558 square kilometres, Chapple's landscape features breathtaking views of the Rainy River, vast forests, and large swaths of agricultural and farm land. Within the Village of Barwick Settlement Area, development through infill and intensification is strongly encouraged. The Village of Barwick settlement area is fully serviced with municipal water and sewer systems.

Emo

Emo's economy is resource and service-based. Service jobs include employment at the local grocery store, hair salon, hardware store, bank, post office, feed store, and other commercial establishments. Approximately half of Emo's residents work in other municipalities. The Village of Emo Settlement Area is fully serviced with municipal water and sewer systems. Agriculture is also an important component of the local economy. The rural and agricultural way of life, character and environment of the Township is important not only from an economic perspective, but also culturally and socially.

Dawson

Agriculture continues to provide employment and commercial activity within the Township. In recent years there has been a shifting from the historical mixed farming to a more active cereal grain industry.

La Vallee

There are many opportunities in our municipality with the population wanting to get away from the hustle and bustle of the big cities. La Vallee sits with open arms waiting for the people and the ideas to arrive. The opportunities are as abundant as you allow your imagination to lead you to just the right opportunity.

Morley

Morley is primarily a rural municipality relying largely on agriculture and natural resources. The Village of Stratton is centrally located within the geographic township of Morley, along Highway 11, and supports residential, commercial, institutional, industrial and recreational uses. Commercial and industrial uses which are located adjacent to provincial highways shall be visually screened or appropriately located, in such a way to provide a positive statement for the municipality.

Town of Rainy River

Rainy River is a cozy town providing essential services all within easy walking distance. There are numerous service clubs and recreational activities available for all ages to engage in. Bird watchers and anglers in particular are in paradise all seasons. Substantial land in the town is currently vacant and under-utilized. The development and re-development of these properties have been identified as a goal in the municipality. Most notably, the new \$30 million state-of-the-art Rainy River K-12 School (opening September 2025) will offer instruction for 310+ students from kindergarden to grade 12 students and will include a 39-place child care facility.

Township of Lake of the Woods

Lake of the Woods can be described as a rural township having an economy based on natural resources and the tourism industry. The Township encourages new development that maintains the quality of life, protects the identity and characteristics of the Township. Bergland and Morson are the residential and business centres for the Township.

Attractions and Activities

Historical Sites

Chapple Museum – open primarily in summer, private tours during winter available upon request.
<https://chapple.on.ca/chapple-museum/>

Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre – open year round (check website for operating days/hours)
<https://www.fortfrances.ca/experience/activities-amenities/museum>

Heritage 4008 Steam Engine and Train Museum – located in Town of Rainy River (open in summer)
<https://www.rainyriver.ca/en/our-community/visiting-here/4008-steam-engine-and-train-museum>

Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre - <https://manitoumounds.com/>
 (check website for current hours)

Museum of Atikokan - <https://atikokanmuseum.com/> (open in the summer)

Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society in Emo - <https://emofair.weebly.com/>

Golf Courses

Heron Landing Golf Course - a picturesque full service 18-hole course located in Couchiching
<https://heronlandinggc.ca/>

Kitchen Creek Golf Course - an 18-hole full-service facility located in Alberton on Highway 11.
<https://kitchencreek.ca/>

Provincial Parks (operating)

Caliper Lake - Campground features an impressive stand of old growth red and white pine trees. The dedicated angler might catch pike, walleye, or smallmouth bass. Large beach and buoyed swimming area provide family fun. Lucky individual might see American White pelicans that occasionally make Caliper Lake their home. <https://www.ontarioparks.ca/park/caliperlake>

Quetico Park - east of Fort Frances near Atikokan lies **Quetico Provincial Park**, a world-renowned wilderness park famous for its backcountry canoe routes and remote beauty. This park is renowned for its rugged beauty, towering rock cliffs, majestic waterfalls, virgin pine and spruce forests, picturesque rivers and lakes. <https://www.ontarioparks.ca/park/quetico>

Recreation Centres

Atikokan Recreation and Wellness Centre is a fully accessible facility with a ice surface, 25 metre long pool, and multi-purpose room perfect for rentals -
<https://atikokan.ca/visit-play/recreation-wellness-centre/>

Chapple Rec Centre - <https://chapple.on.ca/recreation/>

Couchiching Rec Centre - <https://www.couchichingfirstnation.com/recreation>

Emo La Vallee Community Centre - <https://emo.ca/emo-lavallee-community-centre/>

Fort Frances Memorial Sports Centre - <https://fortfrances.ca/sportscentre/>

Two ice surfaces, 25-metre pool, Two squash courts (glass back), weight room, fitness room, auditorium, conference room

Rainy River Recreation Centre boasts a fitness centre, arena, reception hall, tennis courts and a skate park - <https://www.rainyriver.ca/en/our-community/recreation/recreation-centre>

Natural Resources

The Rainy River District has numerous natural resources, both renewable and non-renewable, ranging from forestry and mining to agriculture, fish and wildlife. To the sportsman, this part of Ontario is indeed a happy hunting ground. The waters abound with fish and wild fowl, while the forests abound with deer, moose, bear and partridge.

One of the most valuable resources in Rainy River District is its timber. Pine, poplar, birch, basswood, oak, elm, ash, soft maple, balsam, spruce, cedar and tamarack make up the area's forest. The forest sector has been a key component in the area's economy, particularly in Rainy River First Nations with the Manitou Forest Products sawmill.

Ten First Nation communities in the Rainy River District near Fort Frances have joined forces to create ground-breaking Wanagekong-Biiwega'iganan Clean Energy Corporation (WBCEC). In partnership with Highbury Energy Inc., a Vancouver-based clean energy innovator, the WBCEC initiative aims to transform wood waste—including bark, sawdust, and logging debris—into low-carbon transportation fuels.¹

There are mining operations such as explorations and prospecting occurring within the Rainy River District. Companies such as NewGold have discovered significant deposits of gold, platinum and nickel. This company continues to drill to verify findings and find additional deposits. The New Gold-Rainy River Project became operational in 2017 and is located 65 kilometres northwest of Fort Frances.

To the west of Fort Frances, the area transitions into agricultural farmland. The agricultural area of the District runs about 100 km between Lake of the Woods to the west and Rainy Lake to the East and about 35 km between the Rainy River to the south and the Precambrian shield to the north. Production in the agricultural community includes dairy products, cow-calf operations and grain production. At the centre of the District, the Emo Agriculture research station assists with the development of new crops and cultivars.

There are also several hydro-electrical dams in the area. The Fort Frances Generating Station is an eight-unit hydroelectric station located on the Rainy River in the town of Fort Frances. The station was built in 1909 and equipped with horizontal turbines that were used to grind wood and generate power. In 1954, all original equipment was removed and replaced with eight vertical turbine propeller generators. The station has an installed capacity of 13.1 megawatts.²

Several solar energy projects are underway or planned in the Rainy River District. The largest is the Rainy River Solar Project, which includes three separate photovoltaic projects (solar farms) totaling 25 megawatts, located in the townships of Dawson and Morley. These projects, developed in partnership with Rainy River First Nations, are notable for overcoming challenges like deep frost with custom inverter housings and long piling foundations.³ Additionally, FirstLight Energy is proposing a solar panel array and battery energy storage project in Fort Frances.⁴

¹ Fort Frances Times. <https://fftimes.com/news/district-news/ten-treaty-3-first-nations-launch-clean-energy-corporation-to-convert-wood-waste-into-sustainable-fuels/>, published 11DEC2024.

² Fort Frances Generating Station statistics, H₂O Power, Fort Frances, page accessed 7JUN2024, <https://www.h2opower.com/locations/fort-frances/>

³ Rainy River Solar Project. <https://www.hatch.com/Projects/Energy/Rainy-River-Solar>, page accessed 17JUN2025.

⁴ Fort Frances Times. <https://fftimes.com/news/local-news/info-sessions-on-solar-battery-storage-projects-tonight-at-la-place-rendez-vous/>, published 27May2025.

Strategic Location

- Our central location provides instant access to major markets.
- We have a highly skilled, highly productive labor force.
- An affordable location to operate your business.
- Take advantage of year-round recreational opportunities.
- The Rainy River District is a great place to locate a business and raise a family.

Airport

Fort Frances Municipal Airport is the only airport located within the Rainy River District. The airport is located 4.1 kilometres northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada and has a 1371 metres (4500 feet) long asphalt runway. Refer to <https://fortfrances.ca/experience/activities-amenities/airport> for more information.

Rail

Canadian National Railway operates rail lines that carries products between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay as well as a line departing south from Fort Frances across the Ranier Railroad Bridge into Minnesota onward to Duluth and beyond. You are likely to see more than thirty trains a day pulling between 100 and 200 box-cars filled with a variety of goods.

Highway

Ontario provincial highway #11 is the main west-east highway for travel from Baudette-Rainy River across the Rainy River District onto Emo and Fort Frances and Atikokan and finally Shabaqua where highway 11 connects with Highway 11/17 onto Thunder Bay.

Ontario provincial highway #71 is the main north-south highway for travel between Kenora, Sioux Narrows, Emo, Fort Frances and onto International Falls, Minnesota.

Ontario secondary highway #502 along with a portion of highway #11 and highway #594 is the highway corridor connecting Fort Frances and Dryden.

Canada-USA Borders

Fort Frances – International Falls border crossing is the busiest crossing between Ontario and Minnesota. Although it carries a fair number of trucks the bridge is used mostly by residents and vacationers. This crossing is applicable to toll fees when you travel north from International Falls to Fort Frances.

Rainy River – Baudette border crossing is the most westerly border crossing between Ontario and Minnesota. This crossing is used mainly by vacationers and local autos with little truck traffic. There is no toll fee to cross at this crossing in either direction.

Tip: You can save an hour of travel time between Fort Frances and Winnipeg if you travel via Baudette and Warroad rather than Kenora; however, the Minnesota-Ontario-Manitoba (MOM Highway) shortcut requires that you carry a valid passport.

Distance from Fort Frances

2 km	International Falls, MN	151 km	Atikokan	347 km	Thunder Bay
35 km	Emo	215 km	Kenora	359 km	Winnipeg
92 km	Rainy River	292 km	Steinbach, MB	482 km	Minneapolis
94 km	Nestor Falls	345 km	Grand Forks, ND	1,706 km	Toronto

Provincial and Federal Government Representatives

Member of Federal Government

Marcus Powlowski, Thunder Bay-Rainy River
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Municipal Contact Information

Name	Address	Phone	Website
Town of Fort Frances	320 Portage Avenue Fort Frances, ON	807-274-5323	https://fortfrances.ca
Town of Rainy River	201 Atwood Avenue Rainy River, ON	807-852-3244	https://www.rainyriver.ca/
Township of Alberton	RR #1-B2, 3 Highway 611 S Fort Frances, ON	807-274-6053	https://alberton.ca/
Township of Atikokan	120 Marks Street Atikokan, ON	807-597-1234	https://atikokan.ca/
Township of Chapple	54 Barwick Road Barwick, ON	807-487-2354	https://chapple.on.ca/
Township of Dawson	211 Fourth Street Rainy River, ON	807-852-3529	https://www.dawsontownship.ca/
Township of Emo	39 Roy Street Emo, ON	807-482-2378	https://emo.ca/
Township of La Vallee	56 Church Road Devlin, ON	807-486-3452	https://lavallee.ca/
Township of Lake of the Woods	211 Fourth Street Rainy River, ON	807-852-3529	https://www.lakeofthewoods.ca/
Township of Morley	1131 Hwy 11 Stratton, ON	807-483-5455	https://townshipofmorley.ca/

Regional First Nation Communities

Name	Address	Phone	Email/Website
Mishkosimiziibiing Big Grassy First Nation	403-B Anishinabe Way, Big Grassy River First Nation	807-488-5614	http://biggrassy.ca
Anishnaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island First Nation)	Box 335 Morson, ON P0W 1J0	807-488-5602 1-888-238- 0102 toll free	https://www.bigisland.ca
Couchiching First Nation	RMB 2027, R.R. #2 Fort Frances, ON	807-274-3228 1-888-58-0249 toll free	www.couchichingfirstnation.com
Gakjiwanong Lac La Croix First Nation	PO Box 640 Fort Frances, ON	807-485-2431	http://www.laclacroixfn.ca/
Naicatchewenin First Nation	PO Box 15, Devlin	807-486-3407	https://naicatcheweninfirstnation.ca/
Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	PO Box 68 Fort Frances, ON	807-481-2536 1-800-881- 4781 toll free	https://nigigoonsiminikaaning.ca/
Rainy River First Nations	PO Box 450 Emo, ON	807-482-2479	https://rainyriverfirstnations.com/
Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	PO Box 160 Nestor Falls, ON	807-484-2162	
Seine River First Nation	Box 124 Mine Centre, ON	807-599-2224	https://seineriverfirstnation.ca/
Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	PO Box 609 Fort Frances, ON	807-274-2188	https://mitaanjigamiing.ca/

Chambers of Commerce

Name	Address	Phone/Fax	Email/Website
Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	102-240 First St E Fort Frances, ON	807-274-5773 phone	thefort@fortfranceschamber.com https://fortfranceschamber.com/
Emo Chamber of Commerce	Emo, ON		https://www.facebook.com/EmoChamber/
International Falls Chamber of Commerce	301 Second Ave International Falls, MN	218-283-9400	https://www.ifallschamber.com/ chamberadmin@intlfalls.org

Commuting to/work in the District of Rainy River



Main mode of commuting for the employed labour force aged 15 years and over		
Car, truck or van - as a driver	6,190	83%
Car, truck or van - as a passenger	515	7%
Public transit	125	2%
Walked	440	6%
Bicycle	50	1%
Other method	150	2%
Total	7,470	
Commuting duration for employed workers		
Less than 15 minutes	4,205	56%
15 to 29 minutes	1,410	19%
30 to 44 minutes	850	11%
45 to 59 minutes	415	8%
60 minutes and over	605	8%
Time departing for work		
Between 5 a.m. and 5:59 a.m.	635	9%
Between 6 a.m. and 6:59 a.m.	1,250	17%
Between 7 a.m. and 7:59 a.m.	2,005	27%
Between 8 a.m. and 8:59 a.m.	2,010	27%
Between 9 a.m. and 11:59 a.m.	600	8%
Between 12 noon and 4:59 a.m.	970	13%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population, Rainy River District,
<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>

Education

Rainy River District School Board

The school board for English language public schools in the Rainy River District has approximately 2400 students, 9 elementary schools, 1 secondary school, two K-12 schools, 121 elementary teaching staff, and 76 secondary teaching staff.⁵ It operates schools in an administrative region of 10,886 km².

<https://www.rrdsb.com/>

⁵ Rainy River District School Board, "About Us," https://www.rrdsb.com/about_us, page accessed 3 July 2025.

Northwest Catholic District School Board

The Northwest Catholic District School Board has elementary schools in five district communities: Atikokan, Dryden, Sioux Lookout, Fort Frances, and Stratton (Morley).

<https://www.tncdsb.on.ca/>

Confederation College

The Rainy River District Campus of Confederation College offers full-time postsecondary diploma programs, full-time and part-time certificate programs, continuing education courses, general interest courses and other education training opportunities.

<https://www.confederationcollege.ca/campuses/fort-frances>

Contact North

Contact North helps people living in Ontario, especially those in small, rural, northern, and remote areas, access the online education and training they need to get or retain a job, earn a promotion, or advance their career without having to leave their communities.



<https://contactnorth.ca/>

Seven Generations Educational Institute

Seven Generations Education Institute (SGEI) is an Indigenous led educational organization that provides high school, post-secondary, training for employment and cultural programming to all Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the Treaty Three area and beyond.

<https://www.7generations.org/rainy-lake-campus/>

Post-Secondary Programs offered in the District of Rainy River

Confederation College-Fort Frances	Seven Generations Educational Institute
Business-Accounting Business-Fundamentals Business-Marketing College Access Computer Programming Development Services Worker General Arts & Science Health Administration and Leadership Health Informatics Indigenous Services-Accelerated Personal Support Worker Practical Nursing Pre-Health Pathways	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science in Nursing Building Construction Technician Business Culinary Skills Early Childhood Education Health Office Administrative Support Paramedic Personal Support Worker Police Foundations Practical Nursing Social Service Worker Welding Techniques
	
<p>https://www.confederationcollege.ca</p>	<p>https://www.7generations.org</p>

Fishing

There are fish in them lakes. How many fish are they? What can you catch?

Go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/fishing>

When in doubt, enquire ahead of time of what's allowed or what's not permitted.

Bass
Brook Trout
Brown Trout
Lake Sturgeon
Lake Trout
Whitefish
Muskellenunge
Northern Pike
Rainbow Trout
Sunfish
Walleye
Yellowperch

Fisheries Management Zone 5

Legend:

- Settlement
- Ministry Work Centre
- Major Road
- Major Highway
- Zone Boundary
- Major Lake
- Protected Area

Holden of non-Canadian resident recreational fishing licenses who are carrying an Ontario bond may not take fish in excess of the conservation catch and possession limits.

Ontario

<https://www.ontario.ca/files/2023-12/mnrf-fisheries-management-zone-05-en-2023-12-07.pdf>

Atikokan, Fort Frances, Emo, Rainy River, and Nestor Falls are home to some of Ontario's most legendary fishing tournaments. But it's not just about the competition. Tournament weekends are also packed with all sorts of activities, markets, and food vendors. And when the sun goes down, downtown concerts keep the party going well into the night. It's a true celebration of fishing and community.



Health Care



Riverside Health Care

<https://riversidehealthcare.ca/>

Riverside Health Care is a fully accredited multi-site, multi-faceted health care system providing service to the Rainy River District. Our health care sites serve 20,000 residents across the region.

La Verendrye General Hospital (Fort Frances)	807-274-3261
Emo Health Care Centre	807-274-3261 ext. 5500
Rainy River Health Care Centre	807-274-3261 ext. 6500
Rainycrest Long-Term Care	807-274-3261 ext. 2500



<https://ontariohealthathome.ca/>

To contact Ontario Health atHome, seven (7) days a week, 365 days a year **call 310-2222** (no area code required). This service will automatically direct your call to the nearest office from your calling location.

Ontario Health atHome coordinates in-home and community-based care for thousands of patients across the province every day. We assess patient care needs, and deliver in-home and community-based services to support your health and well-being..



Giishkaandago'ikwe works closely with the ten Anishinaabe communities, partners and funders to improve the health and wellness of their clients and communities served. As an organization it provides services across a life-span through a continuum of care that embodies the values, teachings and principals of Anishinaabe health and wellness to achieve Mino Ayawin (good health).

The Home and Community Care (HCC) program provides essential services in the home or community setting to First Nation people of all ages with disabilities, chronic or acute illnesses.

The Home and Community Program is available to on-reserve members of: Mishkosiminiziibiing First Nation, Chima'aganing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Manidoo Baa Witi Gong First Nation, and Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing.



For questions or concerns regarding their care or the services, call 807-274-2042.

<https://www.fftahs.com/>

Realtors Active in the District

	Multiple Listing Service Realtor.ca	https://www.realtor.ca/
	RE/MAX Northwest Realty 334 Second Street S. Kenora, ON 1-833-323-4573	https://www.remax.ca/ https://www.remaxnorthwestrealty.com/
	CENTURY 21 Northern Choice Realty Ltd. 213 Main Street South Kenora, ON	https://www.c21.ca/ https://northernchoicerealty.com/
	Royal LePage 1141 Barton ST Thunder Bay, ON	https://www.royallepage.ca/en/ https://www.royallepagethunderbay.com/

Telecommunications

TBay Tel https://www.tbaytel.net/		TBay Tel products are available at Sight & Sound Audio Video Unlimited, 290 Scott Street in Fort Frances Contact 807-274-6671 or https://www.sight-sound.ca/
Bell https://www.bell.ca/		Nearest Bell stores are in Kenora and Dryden For customer support go to https://support.bell.ca/Contact-us
Rogers https://www.rogers.com/		Nearest Rogers stores are in Winnipeg or Thunder Bay Mobile customers contact 1-888-764-3771 for general inquiries
Vianet https://www.vianet.ca/		Vianet has local office at 101-240 First Street East in Fort Frances. phone 807-270-9996 toll free 1-800-788-0363
Celerity Telecom https://www.celeritytelecom.net/		Office in La Salle, Manitoba Call: 1-888-351-9748

Utilities

Ontario One Call

There are numerous underground hazards that could cause serious injuries. Hitting gas, electric, or other high-pressure pipes and lines could have fatal consequences. Requesting a locate before you dig is free, easy and it's the law.



Click before you dig!

<https://ontarioonecall.ca/>

At least 5 business days before you dig, submit a locate request from **Ontario One Call**

Hydro One

<https://www.hydroone.com/>



Electricity

We distribute electricity to almost 1.5 million residential and business customers covering approximately 75 per cent of the geographic area of Ontario.

Fort Frances Power Corporation (FFPC)

<https://ffpc.ca/>



Electricity

FFPC is a local distribution company which distributes electric power to the Town of Fort Frances, Ontario

Enbridge

<https://www.enbridgegas.com/>



Natural Gas

Enbridge Gas is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario

Sarjeant Propane

<https://sarjeantpropane.com/>

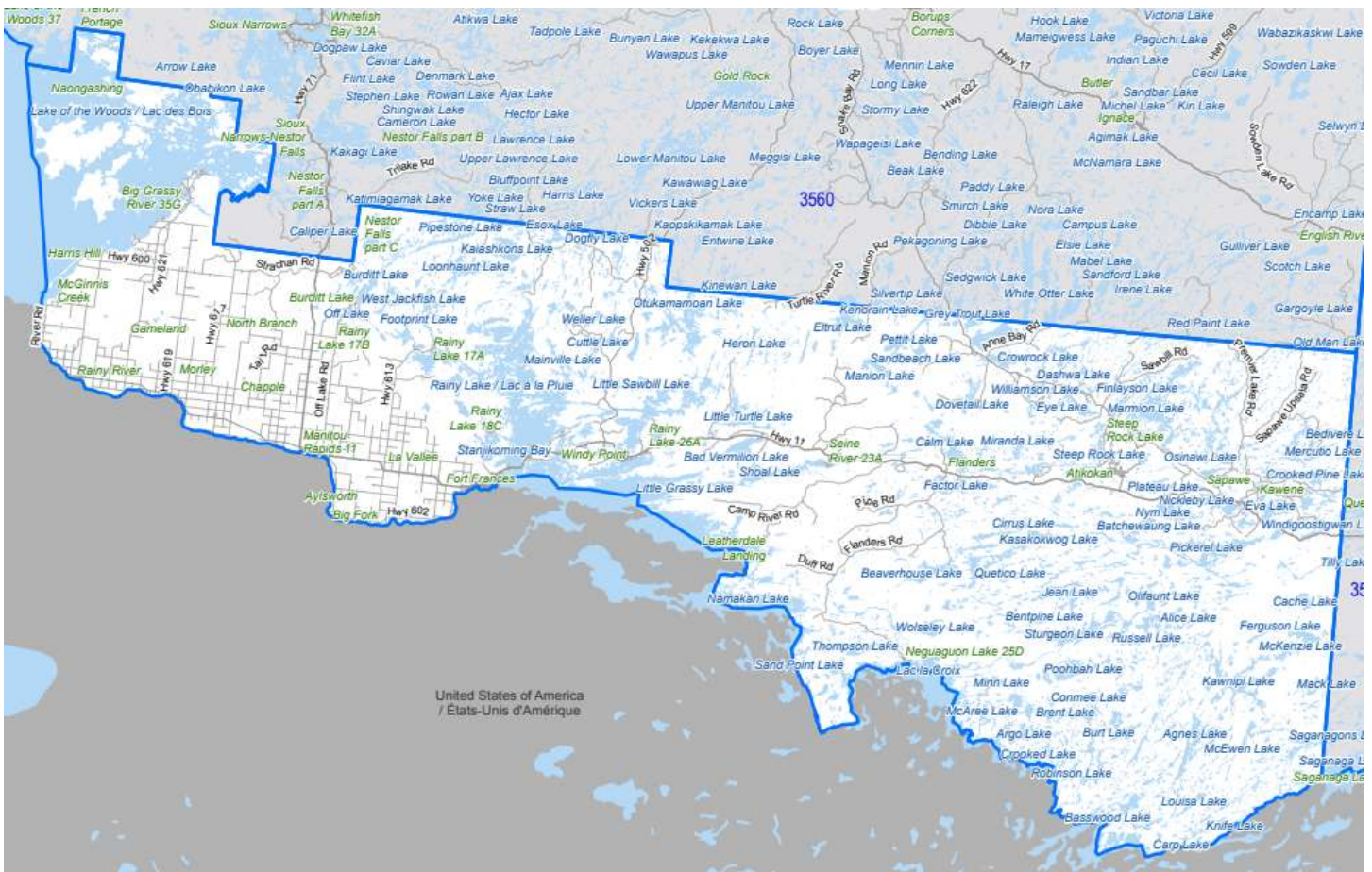


Propane

We started heating homes and businesses in 1889 with wood. In 1905, we began supplying coal. Sarjeant transitioned to oil in 1952. In 2023, we solidified our propane position by acquiring Superior Propane's northern Ontario territory from Fort Frances to New Liskeard.

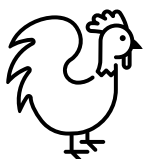
Demographics

District of Rainy River including the municipalities of Atikokan, Fort Frances, Alberton, La Vallee, Emo, Chapple, Morley, Rainy River, Dawson, Lake of the Woods and the First Nation communities of Anishnaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy, Couchiching, Lac La Croix, Naicatchewenin, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Rainy River, Seine River and all other surrounding unorganized territory.



Map credit: Statistics Canada, Census Division 3559, Rainy River District
<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/geo/maps-cartes/static-statique/pdf/A0003/2021A00033559.pdf>

Agriculture



Rainy River District, 2021 Census of Agriculture	
	# of Farms
Total number of farms	223
Under 10.00 acres	5
10.00 to 69.99 acres	16
70.00 to 129.99 acres	12
130.00 to 179.99 acres	26
180.00 to 239.99 acres	13
240.00 to 399.99 acres	33
400.00 to 559.99 acres	28
560.00 to 759.99 acres	21
760.00 to 1,119.99 acres	27
1,120.00 to 1,599.99 acres	22
1,600.00 to 2,239.99 acres	16
2,240.00 to 2,879.99 acres	1
2,880.00 to 3,519.99 acres	1
3,520.00 acres and over	2

Operating arrangement of Rainy River District farms	# of Farms
Sole proprietorship	155
Partnership	61
Family corporation	5
Non-family corporation	1
Other operating arrangements	1

Farm Operators in District of Rainy River	Number of farm operators
Total number of farm operators	295
Farm work - less than 20 hours per week	90
Farm work - 20 to 29 hours work per week	55
Farm work - 30 to 40 hours work per week	40
Farm work - more than 40 hours work per week	110

The Census of Agriculture 'farm operator' term refers to those persons responsible for the management decisions in operating an agricultural operation. Not included are accountants, lawyers, veterinarians, crop advisors, herbicide consultants, and others who make recommendations affecting the agricultural operation but are not ultimately responsible for management decisions.

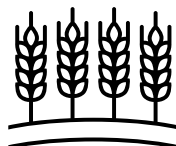
What type of farms are there in the District of Rainy River?

Beekeeping/Apiculture
Beef cattle ranching and farming
Chicken egg production
Corn farming
Dairy cattle and milk production
Fruit and vegetable combination farming
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production
Hay farming
Hog and pig farming
Horse and other equine production
Nursery and tree production
Oilseed and grain farming
Other grain farming
Poultry production
Sheep and goat farming
Soybean farming
Wheat farming

The average growing season is 170 days in the District of Rainy River.

2021 yields averaged

- 1.2 tons per acre of hay,
- 39.2 bushels per acre of canola and
- 137.7 bushels per acre of oats
- 140 bushels per acre of corn
- 36.8 bushels per acre of soybeans.



The 2021 farm cash receipts for the district totalled 29.8 million dollars, with \$8.8 million in cattle and calves and \$4.1 million in hay and clover production.

Source: Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance, “Farming in Rainy River Northern Ontario,” https://farmnorth.com/District.aspx?district_id=8&name=Rainy-River

Citizenship Status

Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population				
Rainy River, District (DIS) [Census division], Ontario				
Characteristic	Counts			
	Total	Men	Women+	
Total - Citizenship for the population	19160	9485	9670	
Canadian citizens	18805	9340	9470	98%
Canadian citizens aged under 18	4110	2070	2045	
Canadian citizens aged 18 and over	14695	7270	7430	
Not Canadian citizens	350	145	205	2%

'Canadian citizens' includes the count of persons who are citizens of Canada-only as well as dual citizens that have citizenship from Canada and another country.

Immigration

Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population				
Rainy River, District (DIS) [Census division], Ontario				
Characteristic	Counts			Rates (%)
	Total	Men+	Women+	Total
Total - Place of birth for the immigrant population	1010	420	595	
Americas	515	210	305	51.0
Mexico	30	0	25	3.0
United States of America	445	190	260	44.1
Other places of birth in Americas	20	10	15	2.0
Europe	360	160	205	35.6
France	20	0	15	2.0
Germany	55	40	20	5.4
Italy	20	10	0	2.0
Netherlands	40	20	15	4.0
Portugal	15	0	10	1.5
Romania	15	0	10	1.5
Serbia	10	0	10	1.0
United Kingdom	115	50	65	11.4
Other places of birth in Europe	60	15	40	5.9
Africa	35	10	30	3.5
South Africa, Republic of	20	10	15	2.0
Other places of birth in Africa	15	0	15	1.5
Asia	90	30	55	8.9
Philippines	35	0	30	3.5
India	10	0	0	1.0
Other places of birth in Asia	10	0	10	1.0
Oceania and other places of birth	15	10	0	1.5

Approximately 5% of the district population had a place of birth outside Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada - Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, District of Rainy River.
<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>

Language

Language Spoken at Home	Rainy River, District (DIS) [Census division], Ontario					
	Counts			Rate (%)		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total - Language spoken most often at home	19,220	9,530	9,695	100.0	100.0	100.0
Single responses	19,120	9,480	9,640	99.5	99.5	99.4
Official languages	18,925	9,385	9,540	98.5	98.5	98.4
English	18,885	9,360	9,520	98.3	98.2	98.2
French	40	20	20	0.2	0.2	0.2
Non-official languages	200	95	100	1.0	1.0	1.0
Indigenous languages	70	40	35	0.4	0.4	0.4
Non-Indigenous languages	125	60	65	0.7	0.6	0.7

Mutiple Language Spoken at Home	Rainy River, District (DIS) [Census division], Ontario					
	Counts			Rate (%)		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
English and French	10	0	10	0.1	0	0.1
English and non-official language(s)	90	45	40	0.5	0.5	0.4

Knowledge of the Language (not necessarily spoken daily)	Rainy River, District (DIS) [Census division], Ontario					
	Counts			Rate (%)		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total - Knowledge of languages for the population	19155	9480	9675	100	100	100
Official languages	19140	9475	9670	99.9	99.9	99.9
English	19140	9475	9670	99.9	99.9	99.9
French	560	235	325	2.9	2.5	3.4
Non-official languages	1560	675	885	8.1	7.1	9.1
Indigenous languages	805	375	430	4.2	4	4.4
Non-Indigenous languages	760	305	460	4	3.2	4.8
German	355	150	210	1.9	1.6	2.2
Spanish	110	40	70	0.6	0.4	0.7
Ukranian	50	20	30	0.3	0.2	0.3
Dutch	35	15	15	0.2	0.2	0.2
Italian	30	15	15	0.2	0.2	0.2
Filipino	30	10	20	0.2	0.1	0.2
Finnish	30	0	25	0.2	0	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population
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Population by Age

District of Rainy River	Counts			Rates (%)		
	Total	Men	Woman	Total	Men	Women
Age characteristics						
Total - Age groups of the population -	19,435	9,605	9,830	100	100	100
0 to 14 years	3,345	1,710	1,635	17.2	17.8	16.6
0 to 4 years	1,010	535	475	5.2	5.6	4.8
5 to 9 years	1,160	580	585	6	6	6
10 to 14 years	1,175	595	580	6	6.2	5.9
15 to 64 years	11,845	5,875	5,975	60.9	61.2	60.8
15 to 19 years	1,180	585	590	6.1	6.1	6
20 to 24 years	1,010	520	495	5.2	5.4	5
25 to 29 years	1,025	535	490	5.3	5.6	5
30 to 34 years	1,105	580	525	5.7	6	5.3
35 to 39 years	965	445	520	5	4.6	5.3
40 to 44 years	1,060	520	540	5.5	5.4	5.5
45 to 49 years	1,115	565	555	5.7	5.9	5.6
50 to 54 years	1,220	550	665	6.3	5.7	6.8
55 to 59 years	1,480	730	750	7.6	7.6	7.6
60 to 64 years	1,685	845	840	8.7	8.8	8.5
65 years and over	4,245	2,025	2,220	21.8	21.1	22.6
65 to 69 years	1,395	715	675	7.2	7.4	6.9
70 to 74 years	1,140	585	555	5.9	6.1	5.6
75 to 79 years	685	315	365	3.5	3.3	3.7
80 to 84 years	495	195	295	2.5	2	3
85 years and over	540	210	325	2.8	2.2	3.3
85 to 89 years	330	145	185	1.7	1.5	1.9
90 to 94 years	165	55	110	0.8	0.6	1.1
95 to 99 years	35	10	25	0.2	0.1	0.3
100 years and over	5	0	5	0	0	0.1
Median age of the population (years)	45.2	44.0	46.0			

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, District of Rainy River.
<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>

Population Counts

Population: Organized Towns & Townships

Community	Population 2021
Fort Frances	7446
Emo	1204
Alberton	954
La Vallee	788
Chapple	763
Rainy River	752
Morley	493
Dawson	399
Lake of the Woods	308

The 2021 census reported 1,423 people resided in unorganized areas (outside of townships).

Registered Population: First Nation

Community	Population
Anishnaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) FN	476
Mishkosiminiziikiing (Big Grassy) FN	910
Couchiching FN	3,049
Gakijiwanong (Lac La Croix) FN	536
Naicatchewenin FN	610
Nigigoonsiminikaaning FN	434
Mitaanjigamiing FN	198
Rainy River FN	1,422
Seine River FN	832
Total	8,467

The number of registered people affiliated to the indicated First Nation(s) as of May 2024

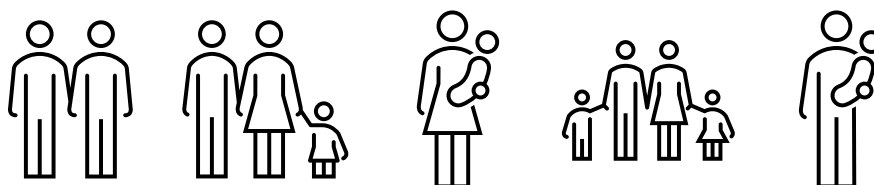
Source: First Nation profiles, <https://fnp-ppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/index.aspx?lang=eng>

Population of Rainy River District:

Census Year	Total Population
2021	19,437
2016	20,110
2011	20,370
2001	22,109
Total private dwellings	10,679
Population density per square kilometre	1.3
Land Area (square kilometres)	15401

Family Characteristics

Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population	
Rainy River, District (DIS) [Census division], Ontario	
	Counts
Characteristic	Total
Total - Census families in private households by family size	5560
2 persons	3180
3 persons	1040
4 persons	845
5 or more persons	500
Average size of census families	2.8
Average number of children in census families with children	1.8
Total number of census families in private households	5560
Total couple families	4500
Married couples	3500
With children	1465
Without children	2035
Common-law couples	1000
With children	505
Without children	500
Total one-parent families	1060
in which the parent is a woman+	775
in which the parent is a man+	285
Total - Persons in private households	19155
Total - Persons in census families	15625
Married spouses or common-law partners	9000
Parents in one-parent families	1060
Children	5565
In a two-parent family	3885
In a one-parent family	1685
Total - Persons not in census families in private households	3530
Living alone	2645
Living with other relatives	550
Living with non-relatives only	335



Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, District of Rainy River.
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Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population	Marital Status					
Rainy River District						
Characteristic	Counts			Rates (%)		
	Total	Men+	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total - Marital status for the total population aged 15 years and over	16095	7895	8195			
Married or living common-law	9185	4580	4605	57.1	58.0	56.2
Married	7185	3580	3605	44.6	45.3	44.0
Living common-law	2005	1000	1000	12.5	12.7	12.2
Living common law - Never married	1475	735	740	9.2	9.3	9.0
Living common law - Separated	105	60	50	0.7	0.8	0.6
Living common law - Divorced	360	185	175	2.2	2.3	2.1
Living common law - Widowed	60	20	35	0.4	0.3	0.4
Not married and not living common-law	6910	3315	3590	42.9	42.0	43.8
Not married and not living common law - Never married	4335	2385	1955	26.9	30.2	23.9
Not married and not living common law - Separated	470	195	275	2.9	2.5	3.4
Not married and not living common law - Divorced	905	450	460	5.6	5.7	5.6
Not married and not living common law - Widowed	1190	290	900	7.4	3.7	11.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, District of Rainy River.
<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>

Religion

Most active groups in the district

No religion and secular perspectives	8,420
Catholic	3,245
United Church	1,670
Traditional (North American Indigenous) spirituality	1,125
Lutheran	705
Anglican	650
Baptist	360
Pentecostal	195
Presbyterian	135

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Housing

Household and dwelling characteristics in Rainy River District

Count

Total - Occupied private dwellings by structural type of dwelling	8,315
Single-detached house	7,090
Semi-detached house	95
Row house	180
Apartment or flat in a duplex	75
Apartment in a building that has fewer than five storeys	700
Apartment in a building that has five or more storeys	0
Other single-attached house	60
Mobile homes	110
Total - Private households by household size	8,315
1 person	2,650
2 persons	3,090
3 persons	1,030
4 persons	915
5 or more persons	635
Number of persons in private households	19,155
Average household size	2.3

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population, Rainy River District, <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>

Reporting Year	# of new homes built/completed in the District of Rainy River
2016	13
2017	23
2018	0
2019	0
2020	40
2021	0
2022	4
2023	4
2024	4
Sources	Statistics Canada/ Rural Housing Information System



Education

Highest certificate, diploma or degree earned by population in the District over age 15			
	Total	Men	Women
No certificate, diploma or degree	3,380	1,700	1,680
High (secondary) school diploma or equivalency certificate	4,985	2,520	2,470
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	7,445	3,560	3,890
Postsecondary certificate or diploma below bachelor	5,450	2,760	2,690
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	1,430	1,105	325
Non-apprenticeship trades certificate or diploma	645	430	215
Apprenticeship certificate	780	675	105
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	3,730	1,540	2,190
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	290	115	175
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,000	800	1,200
Bachelor's degree	1,525	545	980
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	150	75	70
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or	20	15	0
Master's degree	270	135	130
Earned doctorate	35	25	10

Source: Statistics Canada - Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, District of Rainy River.
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Labour Participation

Labour force status in the District of Rainy River			
	Total	Men	Women
Population of Rainy River District	15,815	7,775	8,040
In the labour force	9,185	4,740	4,440
Employed	8,345	4,260	4,085
Unemployed	840	480	360
Not in the labour force	6,630	3,030	3,600
Participation rate %	58.1	61.0	55.2
Employment rate %	52.8	54.8	50.8
Unemployment rate %	9.1	10.1	8.1

Source: Statistics Canada - Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, District of Rainy River.
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Income by Individual

Age 15 and over

Characteristic	Rainy River, District (DIS) [Census division], Ontario			
	Counts		Rates %	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Number of people aged 15 years and over	7530	7745		
Median income for full time workers	\$ 67,000	\$ 57,600		
Median income for part time workers	\$ 23,200	\$ 16,600		
Without employment income	2290	2915	29.5	36.3
With employment income	5485	5125	70.5	63.8
Under \$5,000	865	770	15.8	15.0
\$5,000 to \$9,999	385	445	7.0	8.7
\$10,000 to \$19,999	495	655	9.0	12.8
\$20,000 to \$29,999	415	465	7.6	9.1
\$30,000 to \$39,999	410	605	7.5	11.8
\$40,000 to \$49,999	415	470	7.6	9.2
\$50,000 to \$59,999	405	470	7.4	9.2
\$60,000 to \$69,999	395	360	7.2	7.0
\$70,000 to \$79,999	325	220	5.9	4.3
\$80,000 to \$89,999	315	200	5.7	3.9
\$90,000 to \$99,999	260	180	4.7	3.5
\$100,000 and over	800	285	14.6	5.6
\$100,000 to \$124,999	395	200	7.2	3.9
\$125,000 and over	405	85	7.4	1.7

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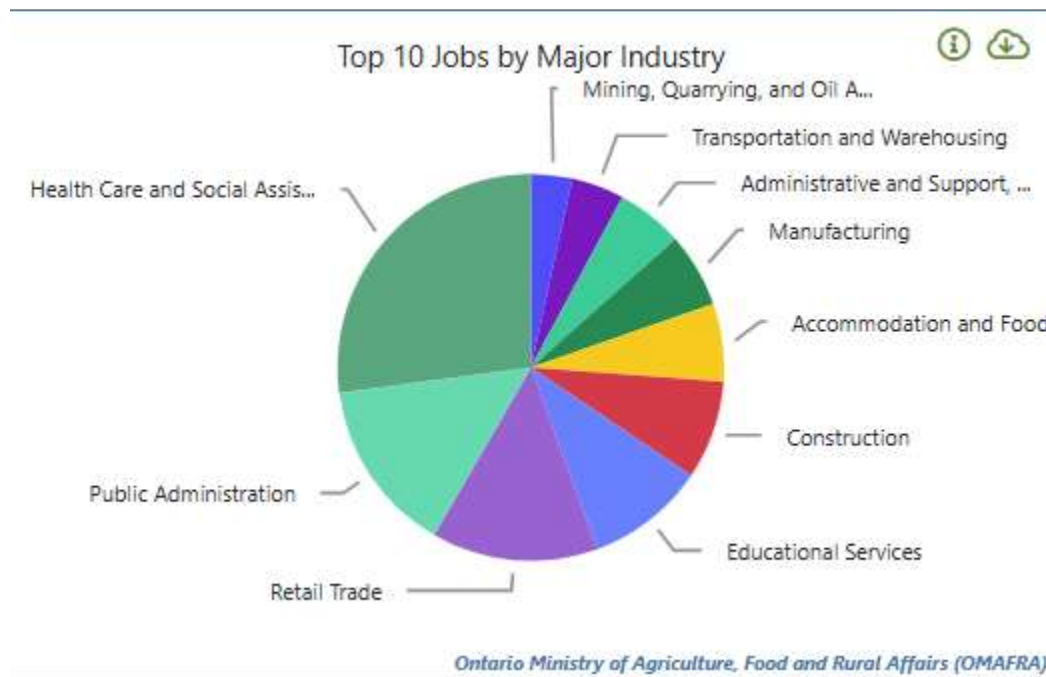
Income by Household

Household income for households	Rainy River District		Ontario	
	#	percent	#	percent
Under \$5,000	80	1.0	61515	1.1
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	0.7	30860	0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	140	1.7	63360	1.2
\$15,000 to \$19,999	195	2.3	96980	1.8
\$20,000 to \$24,999	400	4.8	186250	3.4
\$25,000 to \$29,999	310	3.7	168345	3.1
\$30,000 to \$34,999	280	3.4	158810	2.9
\$35,000 to \$39,999	315	3.8	175890	3.2
\$40,000 to \$44,999	315	3.8	182900	3.3
\$45,000 to \$49,999	305	3.7	182945	3.3
\$50,000 to \$59,999	670	8.1	370350	6.7
\$60,000 to \$69,999	625	7.5	364585	6.6
\$70,000 to \$79,999	575	6.9	350520	6.4
\$80,000 to \$89,999	530	6.4	332395	6.1
\$90,000 to \$99,999	475	5.7	310400	5.7
\$100,000 and over	3040	36.6	2455095	44.7
\$100,000 to \$124,999	970	11.7	662625	12.1
\$125,000 to \$149,999	700	8.4	500495	9.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	800	9.6	630420	11.5
\$200,000 and over	570	6.9	661550	12.0

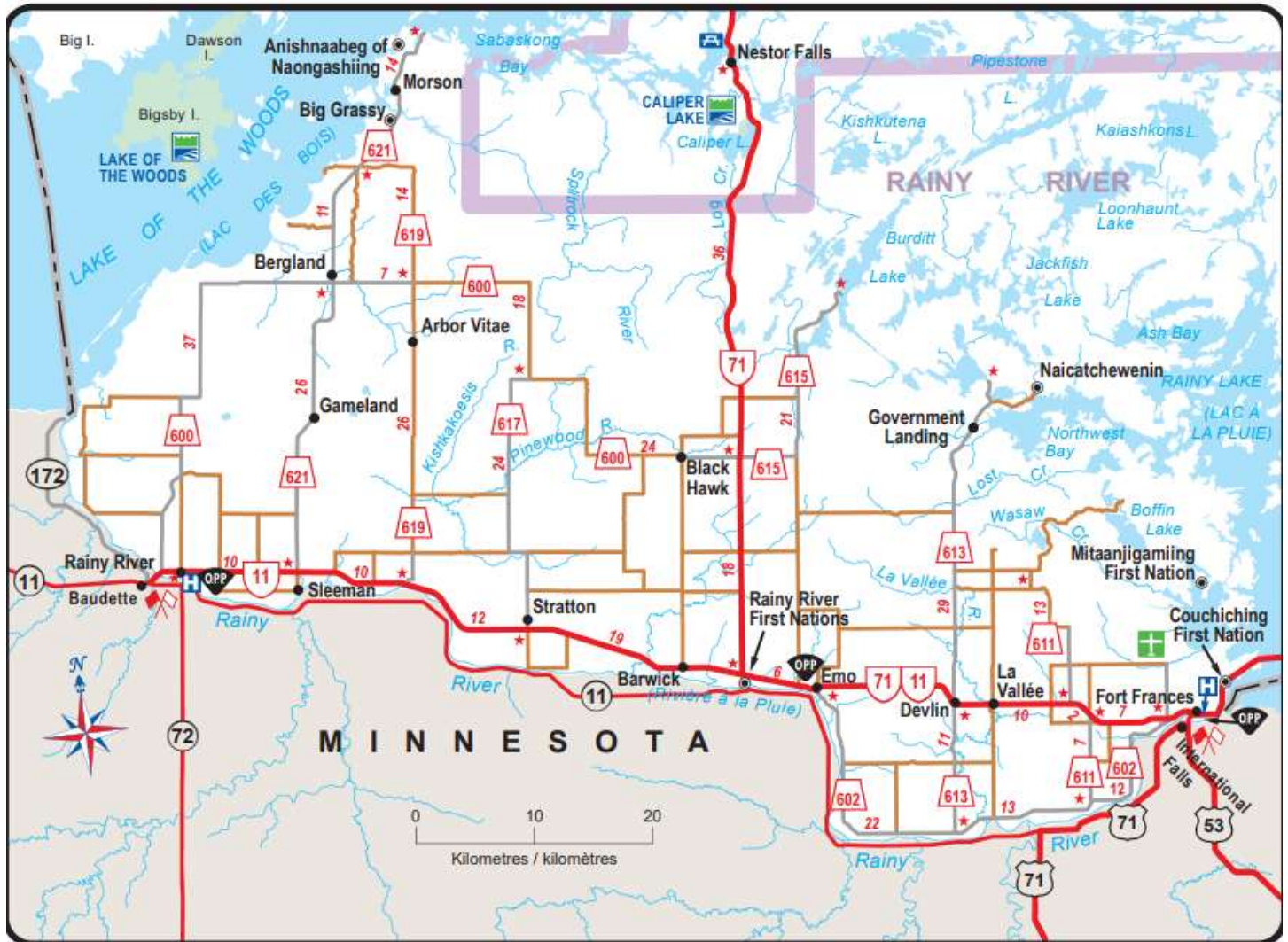
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Employment By Sector

Top Ten Industries for Employees in Rainy River District	# employees by Major Industry
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	248
Transportation and warehousing	317
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	400
Manufacturing	447
Accommodation and food services	467
Construction	592
Educational services	717
Retail trade	1001
Public administration	1045
Health care and social assistance	1945
Sources :Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	



Map



Source: Ontario Ministry of Transportation. "River River Area," Official Map of Ontario.
<https://www.ontario.ca/files/2022-03/mto-orm-rainyriverarea-2022-03-16.pdf>