



Labour Force

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Employment & Employers in Renfrew

Whether you are looking to hire skilled and trained staff or wanting an exciting new career, the opportunities in Renfrew have never been better.

The Renfrew Industrial Commission is dedicated to making the area's economy grow and thrive.

Recent survey and research on the Town of Renfrew examined a number of parameters surrounding the local economy, including area employees, employers, career selection, training, work population demographics, education and income.

The detailed survey results revealed that:

- ▶▶ Fifty-six per cent of people aged 15 and older are in the work force in Renfrew and of those, 51 per cent are employed.
- ▶▶ Sales/service, manufacturing, health care and business are the top chosen careers.
- ▶▶ Sixty per cent of the population hold down a job within town limits, 29 per cent are employed in a different municipality and 19 per cent work in the same county.

Renfrew also has a very strong manufacturing sector with over a thousand area residents working for area industries.

Additionally, the survey showed that there were also over a thousand people working in sales and service and 725 more are employed in the trades, transport and equipment operators fields.

For those looking for employment, there is a wide variety of both skilled and non-skilled job opportunities available ranging from construction, transportation and warehousing to management, food and



From skilled trades to high tech workers, professional services, administration and retail, Renfrew has the people to meet your business and industry requirements.

beverage service, education, and other professional employment.

Currently, almost 1,500 people locally work in business, finance and administration, clerical positions or in health care.

Other career options in Renfrew include accounting, law, insurance, real estate, high tech, media and communications, hospitality, administra-

tion, child care, social services, skilled trades, general labour and much more.

There are also a number of available resources (listed below) for those looking to start a new career, become entrepreneurs, locate an industry or business in Renfrew or expand a current operation.

Further in the website, you can find

an online business directory listing all area businesses and industries. There is also a link to the Renfrew and Area Chamber of Commerce which also acts as an excellent resource.

From new entrepreneurs to established businesses, the town supports its area employees and employers with a commitment to keep the economy growing strong.

Industry and commercial development opportunities abound

Due to the continuous efforts of the Renfrew Industrial Commission (RIC), a non-profit organization that works to maintain and increase the number of jobs in town, commercial growth in Renfrew over the past few years has created hundreds of jobs and many new businesses have elected to locate here.

An independent and self-supporting corporation, the Commission is made up of a volunteer chair along with six members from the community, supported by a full-time manager.

For over 40 years, the Commission has been serving as great resource for business and industry considering locating in Renfrew. As well for those looking for space to build or re-locate, the Commission assists in finding the ideal location.

Many local jobs and businesses have thrived and survived due to the work of the Commission. The opportunity for employment in

Renfrew can be compared to that of larger cities and is on-par with that of surrounding areas as well; the vibrant downtown core has just a one per cent vacancy rate and there are numerous new businesses and franchise operations opening on or near O'Brien Road.

With a sizeable mix of many well-established businesses and industry, many more jobs are being created. Since 2004 there have been more than 100 employment opportunities open up due to the town's industrial growth.

Renfrew also offers DSL, Wireless and Fiber Optics service.

There is an abundance of land, commercial office space and fully-serviced lots available, all within easy walking distance of the downtown core. The Industrial Park, located in the east-end of town, is currently home to numerous new businesses and is expanding rapidly.

The past two years have seen a

dramatic increase in retail property development including No Frills, Canadian Tire, WalMart, Mark's Work Wear House, First Choice Haircutters, Payless Shoes, Pizza Pizza, Dominoes, and more. There are yet more businesses with building plans underway and yet more industrial, commercial and retail opportunities available.

The Commission is responsible for the development and marketing of land in the Park. For a map of available land, information on building and site availability, or to make an appointment, please look further in the web site.

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Supporting entrepreneurship, employment and career development

There are a number of services available to assist with job searching or business development in Renfrew. These include: the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation, Enterprise Renfrew County and Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC).

Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation is government-funded and invests those funds, following

set criteria in small businesses and also offers loans, advisory services and the Self-Employment Benefit Program. Find out more at www.rccfdc.org or call 613-735-3971.

Enterprise Renfrew County is the place to go if you are thinking of opening a small business or want to expand an already thriving one. Enterprise Renfrew County offers a wide range of business

solutions with one-on-one consultations, business plans, record keeping and sales and marketing. For more information call them at 613-432-6848.

The Government of Canada's human resources website, HRDC, can help with your job search, equip you with career planning skills or assist with accessing funding programs. The satellite office can be contacted at 613-432-4878.