

## Fort Erie Population Characteristics

- Highest percentage of population increase from census 2001 to 2006 of all municipalities.
- Lowest median family and individual income of all municipalities.
- Significantly lower percentage of university degree holders than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower family and individual income than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher percentage of lone parent families than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher unemployment rate than Niagara and Ontario.

	Fort Erie	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	43.1	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	43 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	9%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	6.3%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	14%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$55,333	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$24,331	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	15.5%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	1,550 17.4%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	88%	91%	86%
- French	2%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	18%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	3%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	6%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	78.5%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census

## NOTL Population Characteristics

- Oldest median and projected median age amongst all municipalities, Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher percentage of 75+ population than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher median individual and family income than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower number of lone parent families than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower unemployment rate than all other municipalities, Niagara and Ontario.

	NOTL	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	49 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	48 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	12%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	5.4%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	26%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$76,753	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$29,060	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	10.4%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	360 8.3%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	75%	91%	86%
- French	2%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	28%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	.06%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	6%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	89.6%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census

Opportunities for planning/investment:

## Niagara Falls Population Characteristics

- Highest percentage of lone parent families across all municipalities.
- Lower percentage of university degree holders than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower median family and individual income than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher percentage of income from government transfers than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher percentage of lone parent families than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower percentage of English being the mother tongue than Niagara and Ontario.

	Niagara Falls	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	41.5 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	42 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	9%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	4.3%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	14%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$61,111	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$24,614	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	14.4%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	4,725 19.9%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	78%	91%	86%
- French	3%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	20%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	2%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	8%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	72.8%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census

Opportunities for planning/investment:

## Pelham Population Characteristics

- Higher median age than Niagara and Ontario.
- Highest median family and individual income across all municipalities, Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower percentage of income from government transfers than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower number of lone parent families than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower unemployment rate than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower percentage of visible minorities.
- Higher percentage of owned dwellings.

	Pelham	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	44 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	43 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	7%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	5.8%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	16%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$85,175	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$33,238	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	8.3%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	455 9.2%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	85%	91%	86%
- French	2%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	16%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	0.5%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	2%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	89.9%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census  
Opportunities for planning/investment:

## Port Colborne Population Characteristics

- Second oldest median age, only after NOTL.
- NOTL and Port Colborne have the highest percentage of population 75+.
- Lower population growth than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower percentage of the population with a university degree than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower median family and individual income than Niagara and Ontario and the highest percentage of income from Government transfers amongst all municipalities, Niagara and Ontario.
- Highest unemployment rate amongst all municipalities, Niagara and Ontario.

	Port Colborne	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	45 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	45 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	12%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	0.8%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	6%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$59,646	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$24,444	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	16.6%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	955 17.3%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	84%	91%	86%
- French	5%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	12%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	2%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	2%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	77.4%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census

## St. Catharines Population Characteristics

- Lower population growth compared to Niagara and Ontario.
- Second highest percentage of population with a university degree of all municipalities.
- Higher percentage of lone parent families than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower percentage of English as the mother tongue than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lowest percentage of owned dwellings amongst all municipalities, Niagara and Ontario.

	St. Catharines	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	42 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	44 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	9%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	2.2%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	18%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$63,126	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$25,114	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	13.7%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	6,795 18.3%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	79%	91%	86%
- French	2%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	21%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	2%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	10%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	69.1%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census

Opportunities for planning/investment:

## Thorold Population Characteristics

- Lower population increase than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower percentage of university degree holders than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower unemployment rate than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower percentage of visible minorities than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher percentage of owned dwellings than Niagara and Ontario.

	Thorold	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	40 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	42 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	7%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	1%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	13%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$67,181	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$26,792	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	12.1%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	860 16.4%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	83%	91%	86%
- French	2%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	14%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	2%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	2%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	80.3%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census

Opportunities for planning/investment:

## Wainfleet Population Characteristics

- Lower percentage of university degree holders than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower percentage of lone parent families than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower unemployment rate than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lowest percentage of immigrants amongst all municipalities, Niagara and Ontario.
- Highest percentage of owned dwellings amongst all municipalities, Niagara and Ontario.

	Wainfleet	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	43 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	44 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	5%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	5.5%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	11%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$68,862	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$26,321	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	11.6%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	140 7.1%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	89%	91%	86%
- French	3%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	9%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	3%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	2%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	93.5%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census

Opportunities for planning/investment:

## Welland Population Characteristics

- Lower percentage of university degree holders than Niagara and Ontario.
- Lower median family and individual income than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher percentage of income from government transfers than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher percentage of lone parent families than Niagara and Ontario.
- Higher percentage of the population with French as the mother tongue than Niagara and Ontario.

	Welland	Niagara	Ontario
Median Age	42 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs
Median Age - 2012	44 yrs	43 yrs	N/A
%75+	9%	9%	6%
% Population Increase	4%	4.1%	6.6%
% University Degree	13%	16%	25%
Median Family Income	\$60,652	\$64,965	\$69,156
Median Individual Income	\$25,358	\$25,832	\$27,258
% of Family Income from Government Transfers	15.8%	13.1%	9.8%
% Full Time Workers	N/A	79%	82%
% Seniors Living Alone	N/A	30%	27%
Total lone parent families	2,630 17.8%	20,200 16.4%	540,715 15.8%
Mother Tongue			
- English	76%	91%	86%
- French	11%	1%	4%
Unemployment Rate	7.3%	6.1%	6.4%
% Immigrants	12%	18%	28%
% Aboriginal	2%	2%	2%
% Visible Minorities	4%	6%	23%
% Owned Dwellings	72.4%	75.6%	71.0%

\*Source: 2006 Census

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