

COMMUNITY PROFILE - GILLIES, ONTARIO

POPULATION

Census	1996	2001	2006
	497	522	544

LABOUR FORCE INFORMATION

Wage rates for persons in various occupations (production/and or clerical) living or working in the region (2005 Ontario Wage Cost Review).

Hourly Wage Rates Occupation

Average

Administrative Assistant	\$13.40
Customer Service Rep.	\$16.71
Computer programmer	\$21.00
Data Entry Operator	\$14.00
Production Gen. Labour	\$16.00
Machinist – General	\$24.00
Shipper/Receiver	\$17.00

Average Annual Wage (2001)

Gillies: \$43,806 or
Ontario: \$47,299

Labour Force Data (2006)

- Labour Force: 305 (68%)
- Employed Labour force: 240 (79%)
- Unemployed: 70 (23%)

Employment Data (2006)

- Agr. \$ Resource-based Ind: 30 (10%)
- Manufacturing & Construct: 35 (12%)
- Service Industries: 230 (78%)

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Public and private Schools: Type

No.

Elementary (public)	1
Elementary (separate)	1
within 35 km. busing available	
High School (public + separate)	3
within 35km. busing available	

Percentage of population 15 years and over (in 2006):

- completing High School: 73.3%
- with trades or certificate: 13.3%
- college & university degrees: 21.2%

Technical College: (within 35 km)

Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology: 3,200 full time & 17,000 P/T

University: (within 35 km)

Lakehead University: 8,000 full time and 2,500 part time students

LICENSED DAYCARE FACILITIES

Little Lions Waldorf Day Care- After school program located in elementary school

Rural Family Resource Centre – Short term child care, playgroup (within 12 km)

HEALTH FACILITIES

NorWest Community Health Unit – mobile unit servicing rural areas

Hospitals:

Thunder Bay Regional Hospital (within 35 km) provides comprehensive health care delivery through 1,933 staff and 250 physicians.

Total number of beds is 375. Thunder Bay is also the major referral center for Northwestern Ontario.

RECREATION FACILITIES

Indoor Facilities (within 35 km):

- Curling Club Hall - seats 250 people with 4 sheets (within 16 km)
- NorWest Arena –seats 600 people in bleachers (within 12 km)

Parks and Outdoor Facilities:

- Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park,
- Softball fields (within 20 km)
- Cross-country and downhill ski trails (within 20 km)
- Swimming pools, tennis courts, walking/ hiking trails, snowmobile/ATV trails (within 35 km)
- Several resorts with camping/fishing/hunting areas (within 20 km)

Remarks: The Township of Gillies has extensive, well-used and well-maintained recreational facilities for year-round enjoyment, including Gillies Community Centre, the Hymers Museum and Hymers Agricultural Fair

CLIMATE

Gillies has a continental climate modified by the large body of water from Lake Superior. Key climate indicators for NWO are:

- Mean winter temperature: -16.3 C
- Mean summer temperature: +15.6 C
- Mean annual snowfall: 268.7 cm
- Mean annual rainfall : 813 cm

HOUSING & LANGUAGE

Percentage of privately owned homes: 90%
Provincial average is 71%

Number of persons per household: 2.7
Ontario average: 2.6

- Highway 17 - a national highway, provides an excellent thoroughfare for private automobile transportation
- Bus and private taxi service is also available on Highway 17

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Township of Gillies is serviced by many forms of transportation:

- Railway - CNR & CPR mainline (within 35 km)
- Thunder Bay International Airport - 35 km east of Gillies, is the third busiest airport in Ontario, and provides air service to over half a million passengers a year.
- Keefer Terminal – Ocean Port Facility (within 35 km)

Several trucking companies provide local, regional, national and international services.

UTILITIES

Electricity: Hydro One

Natural Gas: No natural gas, but delivery of fuel and propane is available

Water: Being mainly a rural area, water is provided by private wells, with homes built on large lots

Sanitary Sewer: Private septic systems

Telephone: Service provider - TBayTel

- Electronic switching equipment
- Linked to fiber optics/digital microwave network
- Internet access: dial-up modem & DSL

MISCELLANEOUS

Community Facilities (within 10 km)

- Number of churches or religious organizations: 5
- Number of hotels/motels: 4 + B&B
- Post office: Local post office with 24-hour express delivery
- Purolator Courier

Communications

- **Television** - CBC Toronto, TVO English and French, CJFD Thunder Bay
- **Radio** - CBQ 88.3 Thunder Bay, CJSD 94.3 FM, 91.5 FM CKPR, HOT 105 FM KIXX, Magic 99.9 FM,

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