

### **Labour Force Characteristics:**

Labour market statistics (1996 data) indicate that 68.7% of County residents who are in the labour force are employed in service industries, followed by 27.7% in manufacturing/construction and 3.7% in agriculture and other resource-based industries.

#### ***Labour Force Characteristics, 1996***

<b><i>Labour Segment</i></b>	<b><i>United Counties &amp; Separated Municipalities</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>	<b><i>Ontario (%)</i></b>
<i>Agriculture &amp; Other Resource-based Industries</i>	1,080	3.7%	3.2%
<i>Manufacturing &amp; Construction Industries</i>	8,490	27.7%	22.5%
<i>Service Industries</i>	20,990	68.6%	74.4%
<i>Total All Industries</i>	30,600	100%	100.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census data

Based on the Labour Force Survey conducted by Statistics Canada, the unemployment rate of Economic Region 510 (Leeds Grenville, Stormont, Prescott/Russell, Lanark and excluding Ottawa) was estimated at 7.9% in 1999, significantly higher than that of the Province at 6.6%. In 2000, the unemployment rate of Economic Region 510 dropped to 6.7% while the provincial average decreased to 5.6%. Figures in 2001 revealed a further decrease in unemployment to 6.3% and an increase in provincial averages to 6.2%. Currently, year-to-date (at January 2003) unemployment rates are 7.3% for Region 510 and 6.8% for Ontario.

### **Wage Rates & Personal Income Levels:**

Statistics Canada collects information on hourly rates for different sectors of the economy. Data is collected from employment insurance claims and job vacancy advertisements. The following shows hourly rates for selected positions in the Ontario East District.

#### ***Hourly Rates by Selected Occupations, Ontario East, 1999***

<b><i>Occupation</i></b>	<b><i>Avg. \$</i></b>	<b><i>Min. \$</i></b>	<b><i>Max. \$</i></b>
<i>Administrative Clerks</i>	\$13.57	\$11.93	\$14.33
<i>Business Services Manager</i>	\$24.88	\$14.47	\$32.69
<i>Cashiers</i>	\$8.13	\$7.19	\$9.03
<i>Chemical Plant Machine Operators</i>	\$19.38	\$15.47	\$22.40
<i>Computer Analysts</i>	\$21.46	\$15.58	\$26.07
<i>Electrical Trades</i>	\$21.56	\$15.68	\$23.08
<i>Engineers</i>	\$21.89	\$19.09	\$25.56
<i>Facility Operation Managers</i>	\$19.86	\$16.12	\$20.58
<i>Financial Managers</i>	\$23.49	\$18.95	\$25.24
<i>Food &amp; Beverage Servers</i>	\$10.26	\$8.86	\$11.64
<i>Hotel Front Desk Clerks</i>	\$8.14	\$7.31	\$8.79
<i>Industrial Mechanics</i>	\$17.91	\$16.26	\$18.63
<i>Journalists</i>	\$14.12	\$10.48	\$15.60
<i>Labourers</i>	\$14.11	\$10.70	\$15.80
<i>Machinists</i>	\$17.73	\$13.98	\$19.02
<i>Mechanical Assemblers</i>	\$12.80	\$10.85	\$14.79
<i>Registered Nurses</i>	\$15.33	\$14.80	\$16.29
<i>Retail Trade Supervisors</i>	\$12.35	\$10.20	\$14.70

Source: HRDC- Ontario East, 1999

According to the 1996 Census data, the average family income for Leeds & Grenville was \$52,031. This figure is \$7,799 lower than the Provincial family income average of \$59,830.

**Average Family Income by Township/Village, 1996**

<i>Village Names</i>	<i>2001 Census: Updated Township/Village Jurisdiction Names</i>	<i>Average Income</i>
<i>Athens</i>	<i>Athens</i>	<i>\$51,453</i>
<i>Brockville</i>	<i>City of Brockville</i>	<i>\$49,064</i>
<i>Cardinal</i>	<i>Cardinal/Edwardsburgh</i>	<i>\$45,489</i>
<i>Elizabethtown</i>	<i>Elizabethtown-Kitley</i>	<i>\$59,110</i>
<i>Front of Escott</i>	<i>Leeds &amp; 1000 Islands</i>	<i>\$54,580</i>
<i>Leeds &amp; Lansdowne</i>	<i>Leeds &amp; 1000 Islands</i>	<i>\$49,198</i>
<i>Front of Yonge</i>	<i>Front of Yonge</i>	<i>\$49,078</i>
<i>Kitley</i>	<i>Elizabethtown-Kitley</i>	<i>\$52,729</i>

Source: 2001 Census