

Chapter One

Introduction



Viva bus stop at Yonge Street and Carville Road in the Town of Richmond Hill

Preface

The fifth edition of the Transportation Fact Book contains general information and statistics about the transportation system in The Regional Municipality of York as of 2013. It highlights the major aspects about road and transit infrastructure, commuter support services and programs that are built and maintained by York Region or in partnership with other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The *Transportation Fact Book* provides:

- An overview of York Region's transportation system components and their use and a context for monitoring the performance of the system components.
- Information to Regional Council, senior management, other Regional departments and the public on transportation services and programs available.
- An illustration of the policy value of data collection and the reliability and consistency of the data and collection methods used in the Region.

The *Transportation Fact Book* is organized into seven chapters to provide the reader with a series of related transportation facts and figures. Included within the chapters are:

Chapter one: Introduction - provides a general overview of The Regional Municipality of York

Chapter two: Roads and Traffic Management - provides information about the Region's transportation systems and various roadway characteristics

Chapter three: Public Transit - provides information on the public transit services and operations in the Region including York Region Transit, Viva and GO Transit

Chapter four: Active Transportation - provides information about non-motorized modes of transportation which include walking and cycling

Chapter five: Supporting Sustainable Transportation - provides information on initiatives conducted by the Region to manage travel demand during peak periods

Chapter six: Travel Demand and Trends - provides an overview of weekday travel indicators based on transportation system surveys

Chapter seven: Contact Information - provides contact information for local municipalities, transportation agencies and operators in York Region

What's new in the 2013 Transportation Fact Book

In this fifth edition, new information has been added including statistics on the initiatives that the Region and its partners implemented between 2010 and 2013. The following new information has also been added:

- 2010 Travel Time Index and Buffer Time Index comparison of arterial roads in York Region and various jurisdictions across the GTA
- York Region arterial road level of service based on travel speed
- Red light cameras in York Region
- York Region's Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- Transit Service Performance
- 2014 Annual Service Plan
- Streetscaping in York Region



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York Region Administrative Centre

York Region at a Glance

York Region is part of a broader Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). It has a two-tier municipal governance structure, with services provided by the Region and local municipal governments. Over 1.1 million people live in York Region in 2013, which encompasses 1,776 square kilometres (686 square miles), stretching from Steeles Avenue in the south to Lake Simcoe and the Holland Marsh in the north.

Figure 1 illustrates York Region and the GTA.

York Region's diverse communities, emerging urban centres, competitive

industries, diverse natural environment and strategic location in the GTHA continue to attract dynamic growth. By 2041, it is anticipated that York Region will reach 1.79 million residents and 900,000 jobs.

The existing Regional road network consists of over 3,500 lane-kilometres of urban and rural roads that carry approximately 5.7 billion vehicle-kilometres of travel annually.

For the year 2013, approximately 23 million passengers rode on York Region Transit and Viva services.

quickfacts

- Since the creation of the Region in 1971, its population has grown dramatically. In just over 40 years, the Region's population has increased more from **169,000** in 1971 to **1,130,400** in 2013
- **32 per cent increase** in population over the past 10 years from **855,100** in 2002 to **1,130,400** in 2013
- **118,400 new residents** in the past five years (average of 23,680 per year)
- **122,800 new jobs** between 2003 and 2013

Growth will continue in the future with an estimated population increase of 35 per cent (391,400 people) by 2031 to 1.5 million residents

Figure 1

York Region and the **GTA**

