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**LANARK  
HIGHLANDS  
ECONOMIC  
SNAPSHOT**



**LANARK COUNTY**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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# AT A GLANCE

*Key Figures Showcasing Community  
Strength and Economic Vitality*

# 13.9%

YOUTH POPULATION

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This figure underscores a promising demographic trend in Lanark Highlands, with a significant youth segment poised to contribute to future community vitality and growth.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

# 63%



MAPLE PRODUCERS

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Lanark Highlands is home to 63% of all maple syrup producers in the county. This concentration not only bolsters the regional economy but also plays a crucial role in preserving the area's cultural identity.

Source: Industries by Business Location Size. Lightcast. May. 2024.



1,031.52 SQUARE KILOMETERS

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With a population density of only 5.6 individuals per square kilometer, Lanark Highlands offers extensive open spaces that promote a serene and spacious living environment.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

# 60.7%

WORKING-AGE POPULATION

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This statistic highlights the robust economic foundation of Lanark Highlands, with a substantial portion of its population in the working-age group.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

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# LANARK HIGHLANDS

*Explore, Expand, Experience*

Lanark Highlands is a picturesque area within Lanark County, celebrated for its expansive landscapes and robust community life. With 60.7% of its population within the working-age group, it boasts a strong labor force that drives local economic activities and community development. This rural haven not only offers serene living conditions but also a vigorous business environment with 226 active businesses, highlighting a rich blend of traditional and innovative economic sectors.

Agriculture plays a pivotal role, particularly in maple syrup production, where Lanark Highlands contributes 63% of the

county's producers, underscoring its importance in regional agriculture and as a cultural hallmark. This sector's significant contribution reflects the community's dedication to sustainable practices and economic resilience.

This region offers a serene, low-density living environment alongside a commitment to sustainable agricultural practices and economic resilience. Lanark Highlands not only preserves its picturesque rural identity but also adapts to contemporary economic needs, ensuring a balanced growth and a vibrant community life.



# Population Growth

## and Density

Lanark Highlands is witnessing a notable positive trend in population growth and housing development. From 2016 to 2021, the population of Lanark Highlands grew from 5,338 to 5,737, marking a 7.5% increase. This growth is supported by a youth population (0 to 14 years) of 795, which constitutes 13.9% of the total population, laying a solid foundation for future generational renewal. The primary segment of the population, aged 15 to 64 years, totals 3,485, representing 60.7% of the community, which supports a strong workforce essential for sustaining local economic activities and community engagements.

The region's housing development is also on the rise, with a total of 3,409 private dwellings, 2,494 of which are occupied by usual residents. With a population density of only 5.6 individuals per square kilometer spread across an extensive land area of 1,031.52 square kilometers,

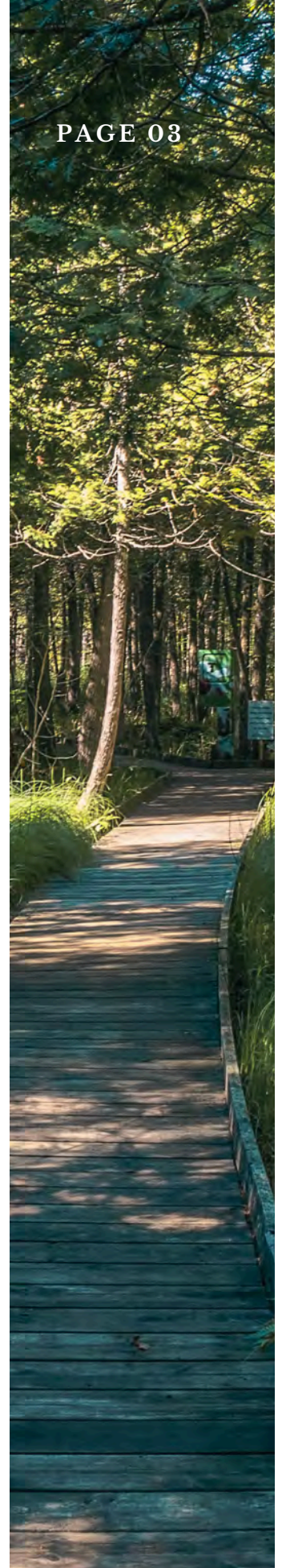
**TOTAL POPULATION 5,737**

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

## Immigration

Lanark Highlands welcomed 35 immigrants from 2001 to 2010, and after a brief hiatus with no new arrivals from 2011 to 2015, experienced a resurgence with 55 new immigrants arriving between 2016 and 2021. This highlights Lanark Highlands' continuing appeal as a desirable destination for newcomer.

Statistics Canada. 2023. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released November 15, 2023.



# Family Characteristics

Lanark Highlands demonstrates a vibrant community structure with 2,495 occupied dwellings, mainly single-family homes, supporting 1,815 census families, which include 1,615 couple families. This reflects a strong, family-oriented setting. The census data also shows 645 one-person and 55 multigenerational households, underscoring a value for both independence and extended family living. With an average family size of 2.6 and 1.7 children per family, the community's diverse living arrangements mirror national trends, contributing to its dynamic social landscape.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

# Household Income

## and Economic Well-being

Lanark Highlands features a healthy economic landscape with a robust median total household income of \$81,000 and a median after-tax income of \$71,000, highlighting the community's financial stability.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)

# Education Level

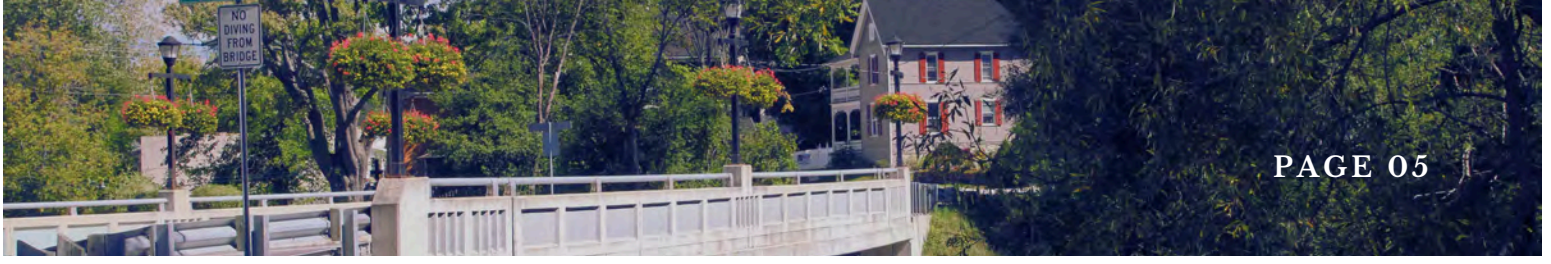
Among those aged 15 and over, 81% have achieved at least a high school diploma. This is complemented by significant advancements in higher education, where 54% of the population holds postsecondary certificates, diplomas, or degrees, indicating a commitment to higher learning.

The focus on practical education in Lanark Highlands is evident, with 8% of the population engaged in apprenticeships and trades. This practical training supports the community's economic health by providing a workforce skilled in essential, hands-on professions that are critical to local development and infrastructure.

Additionally, the community benefits from approximately 16% of residents who have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher. This level of educational achievement supports a diverse professional environment and drives innovation and economic growth in Lanark Highlands.

Source: Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population (2016-2021)





# Business Profile

The economic landscape of Lanark Highlands is vibrant and diverse, firmly rooted in both traditional industries and innovative sectors. Dominating in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting with 68 active businesses, the region showcases its dedication to sustainable practices and robust local food systems. With 88 enterprises in construction, the area is a hotbed of dynamic infrastructure development, crucial for supporting its expanding commercial and residential requirements.

The professional, scientific, and technical services sector is home to 64 businesses, illustrating Lanark Highlands' capability to draw and nurture talented professionals, which drives innovation and caters to a tech-oriented workforce. The manufacturing sector, with 17 firms, bolsters a strong industrial foundation that enhances the region's economic vitality and technological progress. The retail sector is also noteworthy, comprising 19 diverse businesses that provide an array of products and services to the community.

A distinctive aspect of Lanark Highlands is its significant role in maple syrup production, home to 63% of the county's maple syrup producers. This emphasizes its critical role in the preservation and expansion of this heritage industry.

Together, these factors contribute to a stable and dynamically growing economy, positioning Lanark Highlands as an appealing destination for living, working, and investing.

Source: Industries by Business Location Size. Lightcast. May. 2024.



# Exports

Lanark Highlands exhibits a strong economic performance with total exports nearing \$199.4 million. Manufacturing is at the forefront, contributing \$58.6 million, underscoring its critical role in the region's economy. Key sectors such as public administration and construction also make significant contributions, with exports valued at \$36.3 million and \$23.2 million, respectively, indicating robust governmental and infrastructure activities.

The professional, scientific, and technical services, alongside health care and social assistance, contribute \$14.4 million and \$12.8 million, respectively, demonstrating the region's capabilities in skilled services and essential health services. The agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting sector also makes a notable impact with \$11.8 million in exports, reflecting the importance of natural resources to the local economy.

Lanark Highlands' export data illustrates a well-rounded economic environment with various sectors contributing to regional growth and stability.

Source: Export Table. Lightcast. May. 2024.

