



RURAL HOUSING
INFORMATION SYSTEM

IMPORTANT LOGIN NOTICE

All County RHIS logins are being retired for security purposes. Municipal staff will be required to request access to the RHIS by navigating to www.ruralontariohousing.com and clicking "Sign up Now". Their email will be verified and approved. We are working on a two step email verification and will notify you once it is in place.

Please be advised that all external municipal consultants are required to sign an NDA to access the RHIS for the sole use of their current municipal contract and it is not to be used for their other clients/purposes unless they purchase a RHIS

EOWC Data Verification and Training Session Summary

In June and July 2023, we had 8 counties, and lower tier staff who participated in the **RHIS County Data Verification Form**. Additionally in August 2023, we hosted 12 county **RHIS Data Verification and Training Sessions** that 87 staff participated in.

Our Team greatly appreciates all the RHIS data feedback gained through the review of the site by you and your staff. Review the RHIS Data updates below. If you provided missing municipal links, documents or data for the RHIS it has been added.

Do you note any data that does not align with your sources?

Make an appointment for a data review for your municipality at info@ruralontarioinstitute.ca

Overview Page

Urban Centers That Are Not Included

On the Overview page, a list of separated towns and cities that are not included in the RHIS are linked and are now listed within the data source page for easier access.

Asset Map

On the Overview page, several Municipalities identified missing local resources from their Asset Map. The provincial data sources that the RHIS is using are inclusive of all the schools, medical centres, parks and community/rec centres. Where applicable, we have added separated towns' and cities' asset data to the Overview page map up to a 1hr driving radius, as predominantly this is where high schools and hospitals would be accessed by county residents. All additional issues including incorrect boundaries, and polygon representation have been resolved.

Demographics

By Name Count

On the Demographics page, some municipalities reported varying numbers of individuals on the By Name Count. It is important that the RHIS consistently uses data supplied by the appropriate staff. Our Team has double checked the number of individuals on the By Name list with the Service Managers and it is updated on the RHIS. Please note that the By Name County value is as of the last time that the Service Manager submitted this information to the RHIS. All reported By-Name Counts will state that it was collected in each month in 2023. However, we will seek to make improvements to this data point to reflect the actual month and year it was reported.



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Economics

Income

On the Economics page, the average income for all municipalities has been checked against the census, it has been corrected. Please note that the RHIS is using LICO (Low Income Cut Offs) instead of LIM-AT (Low-income Measure - After Tax), the definition of LICO has been added to the definition pop up. Our team will work to include both data points in the future as many members are using differing income points.

Labour Force

On the Economics page, the RHIS Labour Force data is a Stats Canada data point that includes everyone 15 years and to working age in the community. Municipalities voiced that we may want to consider using a different data point to better reflect the actual workforce for a given community. Our team will look on improving this data point to show the breakdown of this total labour force number - e.g. #employed, #unemployed and # not in the labour force. We will also consider adding the participation rate and employment rate.

Housing Market

Shelter Costs

On the Housing Market page, all the shelter costs data points have been confirmed with the Census, updated and are correct. Values may be different than in the Census because in the RHIS has the separated towns removed from the County's data.

Unaffordable Housing

On the Housing Market page, all the unaffordable housing data has been broken out into more user friendly data visualizations for a better comparison. All the data points have been confirmed with the Census, updated and are correct.

Asking Rent Data

On the Housing Market page, the Asking Rent featured from the classified ads has been revisited and it is shown correctly for each individual municipality based on its municipal boundaries' geolocation using longitudes and latitudes. Your separated towns' and cities' data are not pooled into this asking rental data collection. County Asking Rental data is only the sum of their lower tiers' rental data.

Improvements: We have added the type of rental (e.g. house, basement suite, accessory building) to our Asking Rental Data available on the RHIS Housing Market page. This will provide a better understanding of the Rental Stock in the given rural municipality which is very different from typical rental stock in an urban centre. We have added our Asking Rent Collection Methodology to the RHIS Sources and Definitions page to provide more information about how this data is collected.



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Housing Supply

Number of Municipal and/or Housing Corporation Housing Units

Some members in specific municipalities flagged that their number of municipal and housing corporation housing units had not been rolled up to the county level from the lower tiers. We have ensured all housing units on the lower tiers' pages are now reflected on the County's Housing Supply page.

Core Housing Need

On the Supply Market page, the core housing data has been broken out into more user friendly data visualizations for a better comparison. All the data has been confirmed with the Census, updated and are correct.

Permits

On the Housing Supply page, the RHIS features Statistic Canada custom rural permit data reports. The RHIS' permit data is properly reflecting these Stats Canada reports for all the lower tiers and the county permit data is only the sum of its lower tiers. Our Team is happy to meet with any Building staff to conduct a permit data review to ensure the Stats Canada Permit Report is properly reflecting your municipality's permit data. Please set up a data review with our RHIS Team by contacting us at info@ruralontarioinstitute.ca.

Housing Development Incentives

Development Charges

We have been experiencing provincial changes affecting Development Charges. Any changes brought forward by municipalities have been revised on the RHIS and we will continue to monitor the situation at provincial level.

Incentives

Some counties and municipalities are still missing relevant housing development incentives and grants on the RHIS. Please contact us for the form to submit to add additional resources to this page. The RHIS Team can be reached by contacting us at info@ruralontarioinstitute.ca.

Zoning

Serviced Settlements & Multi-Dwelling Zoning Maps

On the Zoning page, the county and their lower tiers' Serviced Settlements & Multi-Dwelling Zoning Maps have been reviewed and are reflecting data where available.

Bill 23

Information about how Bill 23 affects fully serviced settlement areas has been added to the Zoning page.

Sources & Definitions

Further definition requests and/or improvements have been made to this page including core housing need, household etc.