

LOGISTICS IN DURHAM REGION



WHAT IS LOGISTICS?

The Logistics Sector refers to the businesses involved in controlling inventory, scheduling and overseeing transportation, and working with wholesalers, retailers and brokers to move goods to where they can be sold. It includes two main subsectors:

1. warehousing and storage
2. transportation (truck, rail, air, water, pipeline, passenger transportation, postal services, couriers and messengers).

WHY IS DURHAM REGION IMPORTANT TO THE LOGISTICS SECTOR?

Durham Region's transportation and warehousing sectors are growing faster than other regions of Canada. The Region is home to the Oshawa Municipal Airport, the Port of Oshawa, rail lines owned by both Canadian National Railway (CNR) and Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), and four major 400-series highways. This provides easy access to areas like Toronto, Montreal, and New York.



HOW ARE GOODS SHIPPED IN DURHAM REGION?

Most freight in Durham Region is carried by truck, with almost 8,000 commercial vehicles passing through the Durham Region on the 401 each year. The Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority records more than 70 cargo vessels each year, and the proposed international airport in Pickering would increase shipping by air.

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HOW IS E-COMMERCE IMPACTING LOGISTICS?

A dramatic rise in online shopping means instead of shipping goods to stores, many goods are being shipped directly to people's front doors. To meet this demand, we need new distribution centres, enhanced warehouse technology and automation, and more delivery services.



WHAT KINDS OF JOBS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOGISTICS SECTOR?

Across Canada there are more than 27,000 unfilled jobs in warehousing and transportation. To help the Logistics Sector meet current demands and grow in the future, more people are needed in these jobs:

- Engineering Technician
- Forklift Operator
- Freight Control Clerk
- Loss Prevention and Safety Manager
- Material Handler
- Mechanical Engineer
- Storekeeper and Parts Clerk
- Warehouse Inventory Auditor, Manager, Order Picker and Worker

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR A CAREER IN WAREHOUSING OR TRANSPORTATION?

Contact the Literacy Network of Durham Region to learn about free programs where you can upgrade your skills and work towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or General Educational Development (GED) certificate. When you are ready for further education, Ontario Tech University and Durham College offer programs to help you prepare for a professional career in logistics.

