



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN

ONTARIO, CANADA





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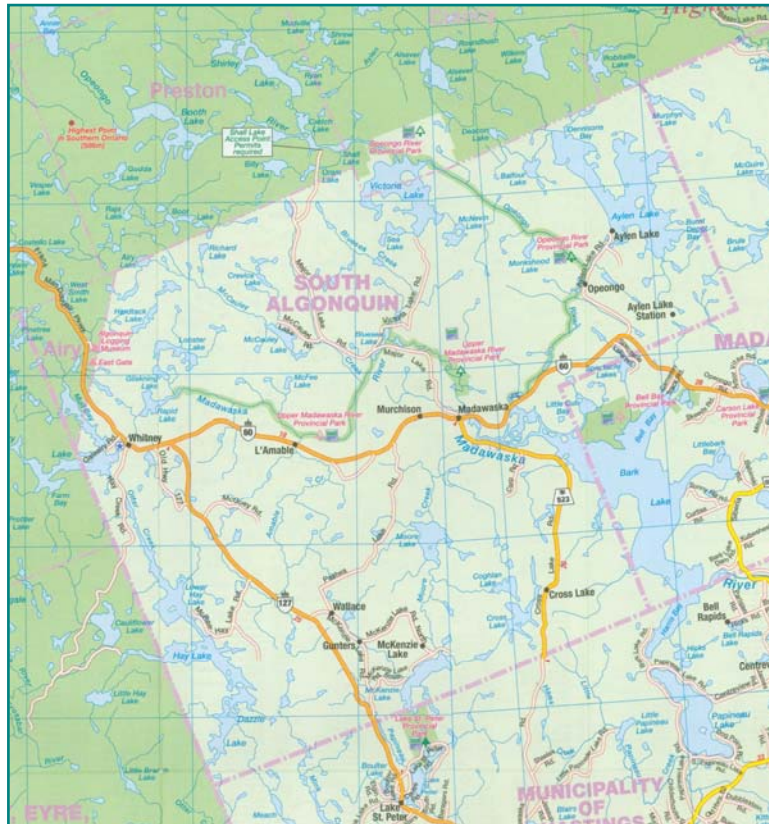
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**Note:** All statistics used in this profile represent the most recently available data. At the time that this profile was completed, not all data from the 2006 Census was released, and in these instances the most recent data available, from 2001, was used in its place. Data from censuses that predate the incorporation of South Algonquin are much more difficult to acquire, since the Township was created only in 1998 and limited information is available about several of the former townships that existed before this date.



## Location

The Township of South Algonquin is located in North-eastern Ontario, directly adjacent to the world famous Algonquin Provincial Park. It is accessed from the east and west by Highway 60 and from the south by Highways 127 and 523. It is part of the District of Nipissing, which stretches northwest past and including North Bay.



Ministry of Transportation Ontario, 2001

### Distance and Travel Times to Nearby and Major Urban Centres

	Kilometres	Time (hours)
Huntsville	126	1.5
Kingston	237	3.5
Montreal	420	5
North Bay	250	3.5
Ottawa	223	3
Peterborough	170	2.5
Toronto	307	4



## Climate and Environment

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### Temperature °C

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	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Maximum	-6	-3	2	11	19	23	26	25	19	12	4	-3
Minimum	-18	-17	-9	-1	5	9	12	11	6	1	-4	-14
Mean	-12	-10	-3	4	12	16	19	18	13	6	0	-9

The Weather Network, 2007

### Precipitation

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	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Rain (mm)	7	10	29	51	69	87	74	76	79	70	45	15
Snow (cm)	52	42	35	12	1	0	0	0	0	2	24	62
Total (mm)	49	47	61	62	70	87	74	76	79	72	67	70
Snow Cover(cm)	31	34	10	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	7	24

The Weather Network, 2007

The weather statistics displayed here represent the mean value of each meteorological parameter for each month of the year. The sampling period for this data covers 30 years from 1961 to 1990.

### Physical Resources in the Community

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The physical resources within the Township are comprised mainly of forested areas as well as numerous small bodies of water. The forestry industry within the Township depends heavily on sources of timber found in Algonquin Park where old-growth forests of hardwood sugar maple, yellow birch and hemlock are selectively logged. The two main forestry companies that make up the industry within the Township are McRae Mills Limited and Murray Brothers Lumber Company Limited.

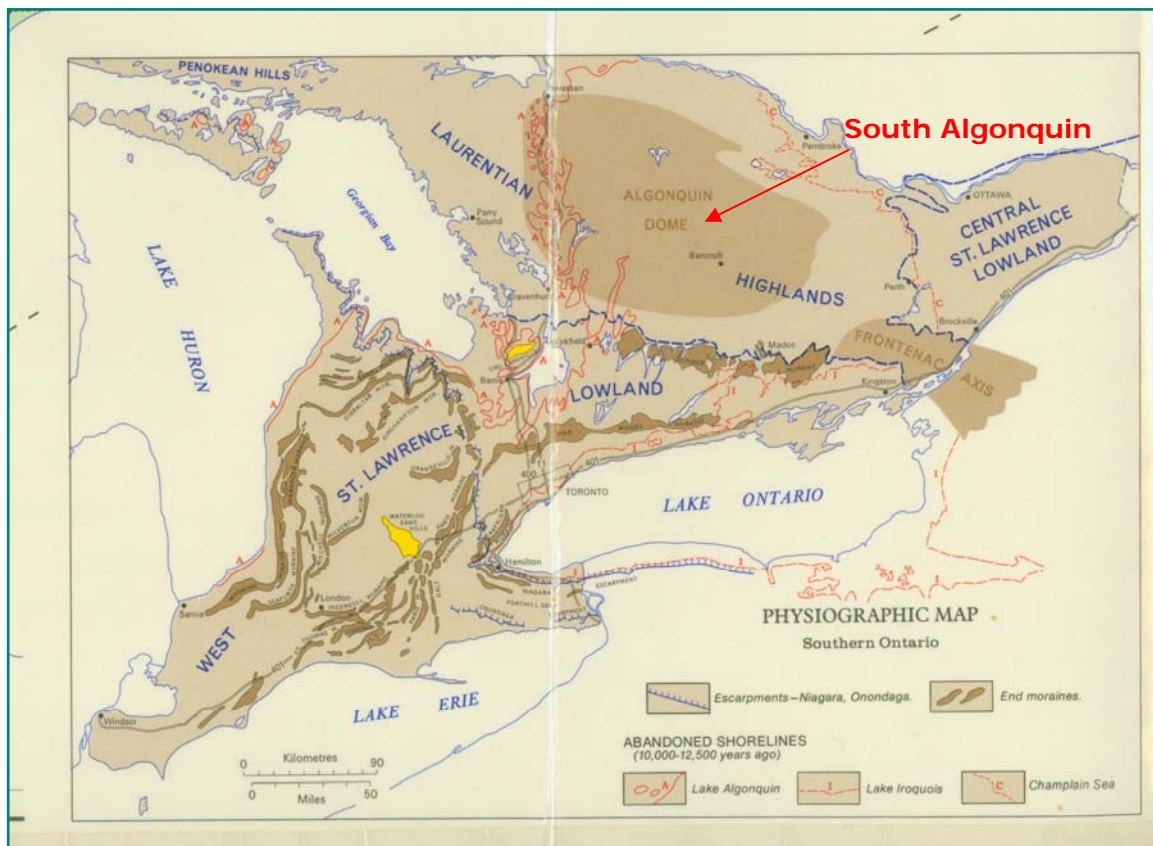
Agriculture and other resource-based industries make up approximately 49% of the total labour force within the Township. Currently, Algonquin Park is the only provincial park within Ontario to allow logging. In the last year, the Ontario Parks Board has recommended an expansion of 54% of the park to be turned into protected areas.<sup>1</sup> This may threaten the logging industry within several small communities, including the Township of South Algonquin.

<sup>1</sup> Ancient Forest, 2007, <http://www.ancientforest.org/algonquin.htm>



Small bodies of fresh water within the Township sustain healthy aquatic environments that support recreational fishing during the tourist season.

The vegetation is supported by the large amounts of water in the area, supplied by lakes and rivers. South Algonquin is also located on the Canadian Shield, meaning the earth is very rocky and not very fertile. All of these factors give South Algonquin a natural landscape that is typical of Northern Ontario and to a lesser extent Eastern Ontario.



### **Availability and Suitability of the Land**

Crown land accounts for approximately 87% of Ontario's total area. Crown land is defined as land that is controlled and administered by the provincial or federal governments. Approximately 80% of the land within the Township of South Algonquin is crown land therefore development generally cannot take place within these areas. Other specified areas are being considered as nature reserves as threatened species inhabit these areas.



## **Management of Waste and Litter**

Waste management within the Township is comprised of landfills in Whitney and Madawaska. Waste and litter is picked up from within the community and brought to the site during busy summer months. During the winter, when tourism is slower, residents bring their waste to specified areas as drop off points once per week. The capacity of the landfills is expected to be sufficient for the next 20 years. Monitoring wells for the landfill exist in both Whitney and Madawaska. Currently, there is no recycling program in place within the Township. However neighbouring communities have successfully implemented such programs, thus suggesting that South Algonquin could potentially introduce one as well. From a cost effectiveness perspective, this may perhaps best be pursued in the form of a partnership with one or more nearby municipalities.





## Population

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The population of South Algonquin is typical of most small, rural municipalities in Ontario, because of both the relatively low population and demographic composition as well. The large number of part-time residents and retirees combined with the high out-migration of young people puts a focus on those who do not reside permanently in South Algonquin as well as full-time residents.

### Population and Dwelling Counts (2006)

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Population	1253
Total private dwellings	1201
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents	573
Land area (square km)	871.31
Population density per square km	1.4

Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

This table points out that South Algonquin is a large area with relatively few people living in it. Most of the Township is designated crown land, but there are still large numbers of rural dwellings. The number of 'Total private dwellings' and 'Private dwellings occupied by usual residents' (i.e. full-time residents) indicates a large population of cottagers. By subtracting the latter statistic from the former, it can be seen that there are 628 dwellings occupied by part-time residents, more than usual residents. Based on these statistics, only 47.7% of the dwellings in South Algonquin are permanent residences, compared to 91.6% of dwellings in both Ontario and Canada.



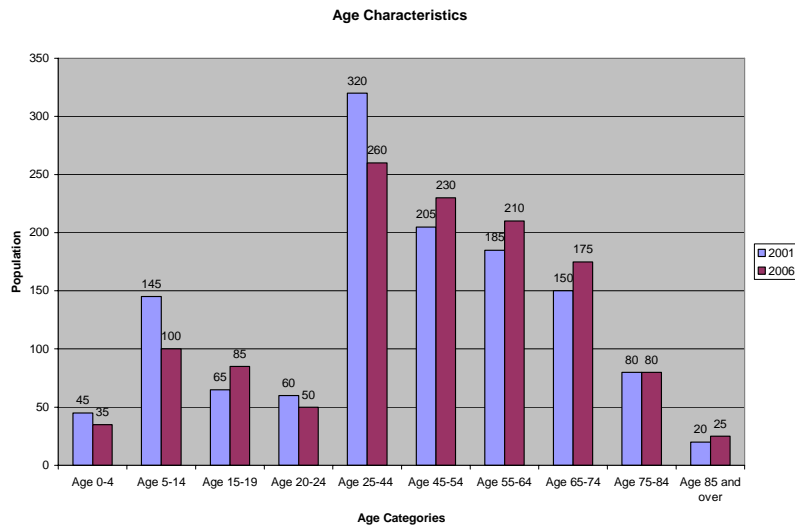


## Population by Age (2006)

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	% of Total Pop
Total - All persons	650	605	1250	100%
Age 0-4	15	15	35	2.8%
Age 5-9	25	15	45	3.6%
Age 10-14	30	30	55	4.4%
Age 15-19	50	40	85	6.8%
Age 20-24	25	25	50	4.0%
Age 25-29	15	25	40	3.2%
Age 30-34	25	25	45	3.6%
Age 35-39	40	40	80	6.4%
Age 40-44	55	45	95	7.6%
Age 45-49	70	45	110	8.8%
Age 50-54	65	55	120	9.6%
Age 55-59	55	70	120	9.6%
Age 60-64	50	45	90	7.2%
Age 65-69	45	45	90	7.2%
Age 70-74	45	40	85	6.8%
Age 75-79	30	30	55	4.4%
Age 80-84	15	15	25	2.0%
Age 85+	5	15	25	2.0%

Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

The largest age groups are middle-aged, and there is a much smaller number of children and school-aged adults.



Statistics Canada, 2001 and 2006 Census

Data from the last two censuses (2006 and 2001) show a significant population decline among people under the age of 45. Every age group 45 and over has seen an increase, or is the same as five years ago. These statistics mean that South Algonquin has a rapidly aging population.





### Legal Marital Status (2006)

	Total	Male	Female
Total - Population 15 years and over	1115	575	540
Never legally married (single)	280	170	110
Legally married (and not separated)	615	310	305
Separated, but still legally married	45	30	20
Divorced	75	45	30
Widowed	95	75	25

Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

### Aboriginal Population (2001)

	Total	% Pop
Total - All persons	1265	100%
Aboriginal identity population	195	15.4%
Non-Aboriginal population	1070	84.6%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

### Visible Minority Status (2001)

	Total	% Pop
Total population by visible minority groups	1265	100%
Visible minority population	10	0.8%
Southeast Asian	10	0.8%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

South Algonquin is not a very racially diverse community as the Census indicates that there is only one small group that is non-Caucasian and non-Aboriginal.

### Immigration Characteristics (2001)

	Total	Male	Female	% Pop
Total - All persons	1265	605	660	100%
Canadian-born population	1220	590	640	96.4%
Foreign-born population	40	15	30	3.2%
Immigrated before 1991	35	10	20	2.8%
Immigrated between 1991 and 2001	0	10	10	0.0%
Non-permanent residents	0	0	0	0.0%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census



### **Mobility Status - Place of Residence 1 Year Ago (2001)**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>% Pop</b>
Total population 1 year and over	1260	600	660	100%
Lived at the same address 1 year ago	1180	555	625	93.7%
Lived within the same province/territory 1 year ago, but changed address	70	45	30	5.6%
Lived in a different province/territory or country 1 year ago	0	0	0	0.0%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

### **Mobility Status - Place of Residence 5 Years Ago (2001)**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>% Pop</b>
Total Population 5 years and over	1215	575	640	100%
Lived at the same address 5 years ago	940	430	505	77.4%
Lived within the same province/territory 5 years ago, but changed address	255	135	120	21.0%
Lived in a different province/territory or country 5 years ago	25	10	10	2.1%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

### **Religion (2001)**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Pop</b>
Total - Religion	1265	100%
Catholic	665	52.6%
Protestant	480	37.9%
Christian, n.i.e.	20	1.6%
Muslim	10	0.8%
No religious affiliation	100	7.9%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

The general population of South Algonquin follows religions that are traditionally common in Canada.

### **Places of Worship**

Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
Madawaska (613) 756-3504

St. Anthony's Anglican Church  
Whitney (613) 756-3504



St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church  
Whitney, On K0J 2M0

(613) 637-2175

St. Matthew's Parish Catholic Church  
Highway 60 Madawaska, On K0J 2M0

(613) 637-2175

St. Paul and St. James United Church  
Madawaska

(613) 338-2175





## Economy

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South Algonquin's economy is one that is primary-resource based, with the logging industry providing, both directly and indirectly, the majority of the jobs in the area. This industry provides many jobs working both in the logging fields, and also the local mills. There is also a tourism sector aided by the Township's proximity to Algonquin Park.

### Jobs by Industry (2001)

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Industry	Total	% of Total Labour Force
Total - Experienced labour force	605	100%
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	45	7.4%
Manufacturing and construction industries	200	33.1%
Wholesale and retail trade	45	7.4%
Finance and real estate	10	1.7%
Health and education	25	4.1%
Business services	65	10.7%
Other services	215	35.5%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

### Jobs by Occupation (2001)

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Occupation	Total	% of Total Labour Force
Total - Experienced labour force	605	100%
Management occupations	95	15.7%
Business, finance and administration occupations	65	10.7%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	10	1.7%
Health occupations	0	0.0%
Social science, education, government service and religion	10	1.7%
Art, culture, recreation and sport	0	0.0%
Sales and service occupations	175	28.9%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	175	28.9%
Occupations unique to primary industry	40	6.6%
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	45	7.4%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census



## Earnings in 2000

	Total	Male	Female
All persons with earnings (counts)	635	360	275
Average earnings (all persons with earnings (\$))	24691	33322	13417
Worked full year, full time (counts)	260	170	90
Average earnings (worked full year, full time (\$))	32333	41643	14134

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

## Income in 2000

According to the 2001 Census, there were approximately 1000 South Algonquin residents aged 15 years and over who reported an income in the year 2000; the mean income of this group was \$20,817. Of the total income reported by these individuals, 61.5% came from employment earnings, 21.6% came in the form of government transfers and 16.8% came from other sources (Statistics Canada, 2001 Census).

## Labour Force Indicators (2001)

Total Population	South Algonquin	Ontario	Canada
Participation rate	58.1%	67.3%	66.4%
Employment rate	47.6%	63.2%	61.5%
Unemployment rate	18%	6.1%	7.4%
Males	South Algonquin	Ontario	Canada
Participation rate	68.3%	73.4%	72.7%
Employment rate	57.4%	69.1%	67.2%
Unemployment rate	14.5%	5.8%	7.6%
Females	South Algonquin	Ontario	Canada
Participation rate	49.5%	61.5%	60.5%
Employment rate	39.4%	57.6%	56.1%
Unemployment rate	22.2%	6.5%	7.2%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

By comparing the labour participation rates of South Algonquin to those of the province and country as a whole, it is evident that there is a significant retired population in the Township. The unemployment rates are cause for concern, especially for females, for whom the rate is more than three times the provincial and national averages.





### Presence of Jobs in South Algonquin (2001)

Industry	Jobs	% of Jobs	Labour Force	% of Labour Force
Total Jobs	560	100%	515	100%
<b>Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
Forestry and Logging	45	8.0%	30	5.8%
Logging	40	7.1%	30	5.8%
Support Activities for Forestry	10	1.8%	0	0.0%
<b>Construction</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>12.6%</b>
Prime Contracting	15	2.7%	50	9.7%
Engineering Construction	0	0.0%	40	7.8%
Construction Management	10	1.8%	10	1.9%
Trade Contracting	10	1.8%	15	2.9%
Building Interior Finishing Work	10	1.8%	15	2.9%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>40.2%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
Wood Product Manufacturing	210	37.5%	70	13.6%
Sawmills and Wood Preservation	210	37.5%	70	13.6%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	10	1.8%	10	1.9%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	10	1.8%	0	0.0%
Office Furniture (including Fixtures) Manufacturing	10	1.8%	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Building Material and Supplies Wholesaler-Distributors	10	1.8%	0	0.0%
Lumber, Millwork, Hardware and Other Building Supplies Wholesaler-Distributors	10	1.8%	0	0.0%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
Food and Beverage Stores	15	2.7%	25	4.9%
Grocery Stores	15	2.7%	25	4.9%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	10	1.8%	15	2.9%
Sporting Goods, Hobby and Musical Instrument Stores	10	1.8%	10	1.9%
Book, Periodical and Music Stores	10	1.8%	0	0.0%
Department Stores	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
<b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
Rail Transportation	0	0.0%	25	4.9%
Truck Transportation	10	1.8%	25	4.9%
General Freight Trucking	10	1.8%	15	2.9%



Industry	Jobs	% of Jobs	Labour Force	% of Labour Force
<b>Information and Cultural Industries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	10	1.8%	15	2.9%
Depository Credit Intermediation	10	1.8%	10	1.9%
<b>Real Estate and Rental and Leasing</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Lessors of Real Estate	10	1.8%	0	0.0%
<b>Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
Administrative and Support Services	15	2.7%	15	2.9%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	15	2.7%	15	2.9%
<b>Educational Services</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Educational Services	10	1.8%	10	1.9%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	10	1.8%	10	1.9%
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
Hospitals	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
Individual and Family Services	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
<b>Arts, Entertainment and Recreation</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Heritage Institutions	20	3.6%	0	0.0%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>27.2%</b>
Accommodation Services	65	11.6%	95	18.4%
Traveller Accommodation	60	10.7%	85	16.5%
RV (Recreational Vehicle) Parks and Recreational Camps	10	1.8%	15	2.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	45	8.0%	40	7.8%
Full-Service Restaurants	45	8.0%	40	7.8%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
Private Households	10	1.8%	0	0.0%
<b>Public Administration</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
Federal Government Public Administration	0	0.0%	10	1.9%
Federal Protective Services	0	0.0%	15	2.9%
Provincial and Territorial Public Administration	30	5.4%	0	0.0%
Local, Municipal and Regional Public Administration	20	3.6%	10	1.9%

**Jobs** - number of people employed by local industries; workers may or may not be residents of the municipality.

**Labour Force** - number of local residents employed in the sector, whether or not they work in the municipality.

Source: Rural Economic Development Data & Intelligence, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 2007



## Local Services

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The Township of South Algonquin has some businesses to serve local residents and tourists alike. These businesses offer common items, such as groceries, gas, served meals and liquor. Because Whitney is bordered by Algonquin Park to the west, the town is usually seen as the last place to stop for supplies, by visitors to the park coming from the east. Madawaska is the only other community within the Township that offers any essential services.

There are however some important services that are not available in South Algonquin, which forces residents to travel elsewhere. Residents need to travel to nearby Barry's Bay, Huntsville or Bancroft to have access to services such as hospitals, banks and hardware stores.







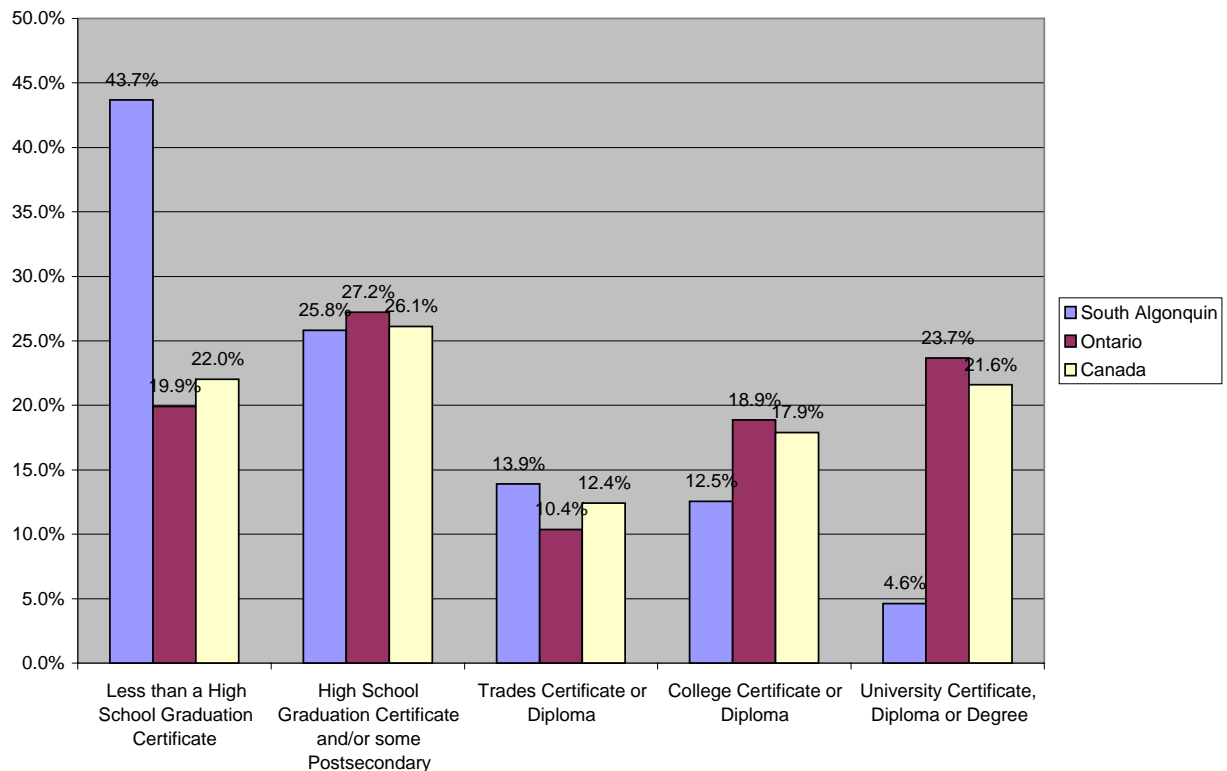
# Education

## Highest Level of Schooling Ages 20-64 (2001)

Level of Education	South Algonquin		Males		Females	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Total	759	100%	380	100%	355	100%
Less than a High School Graduation Certificate	330	43.7%	160	42.7%	155	39.8%
High School Graduation Certificate and/or some Postsecondary	195	25.8%	65	17.3%	125	32.1%
Trades Certificate or Diploma	105	13.9%	70	18.6%	25	6.4%
College Certificate or Diploma	95	12.5%	60	16.0%	40	10.3%
University Certificate, Diploma or Degree	35	4.6%	25	6.7%	10	2.6%

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

## Highest Level of Education, Ages 20-64



Statistics Canada, 2001 Census



## **Schools**

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Airy and Sabine School District Area Board  
C5, Whitney, ON K0J 2M0

(613) 637-2971

St. Martin Catholic School  
1 Post St, Whitney, ON K0J 2M0

(613) 637-2720

Madawaska Public School  
Madawaska, ON K0J 2C0

(613) 637-2939

Whitney Public School  
Whitney, ON K0J 2M0

(613) 637-2171



## **Public Libraries**

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South Algonquin Public Library Madawaska Library – Madawaska

(613) 637-1099

South Algonquin Public Library Post Memorial Branch – Whitney

(613) 637-5471





## Housing

### Occupied Private Dwelling Characteristics (2006)

	Total
Total private dwellings occupied by usual residents	570
Single detached houses - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	93.9
Semi-detached houses - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	4.4
Row houses - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	0
Apartments, duplex - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	0
Apartments in buildings with fewer than five storeys - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	1.8
Apartments in buildings with five or more storeys - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	0
Other dwellings - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	1.8
Number of owned dwellings	510
Number of rented dwellings	60
Number of dwellings constructed before 1986	440
Number of dwellings constructed between 1986 and 2006	125
Dwellings requiring major repair - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	14
Average number of rooms per dwelling	6.4
Dwellings with more than one person per room - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	0

Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

The overwhelming majority of dwellings in South Algonquin are single-detached houses owned by the occupants. There is not much in the way of alternative or social housing. According to the 2001 Census, the average dwelling was worth \$114,322.





## Condition of Dwellings (2001)

Period of Construction	Dwellings Built		Regular Maintenance Only	Minor Repairs	Major Repairs
Total	555	100%	260	195	100
1945 or before	100	18.0%	25	35	40
1946-1960	120	21.6%	65	25	30
1961-1970	80	14.4%	25	40	10
1971-1980	130	23.4%	65	55	10
1981-1985	30	5.4%	15	10	10
1986-1990	55	9.9%	40	15	0
1991-1995	25	4.5%	20	0	0
1996-2001	15	2.7%	0	10	0

Statistics Canada, 2001 Census





## Communications and Media

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### Postal Service

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ALL STAR RESTAURANT & VARIETY (800) 267-1177  
MADAWASKA PO, HWY 60, MADAWASKA ON K0J 2C0

WHITNEY PO (800) 267-1177  
GD, WHITNEY ON K0J 2M0

### Telephone

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Bell Canada (800) 668-6878

Bell Mobility (800) 667-0123

### Newspapers

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Barry's Bay This Week (613) 756-2944

Bancroft This Week (613) 332-2002



## Key Contacts

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The Township of South Algonquin  
Box 240  
Madawaska, ON  
K0J 2C0  
(613) 637-2650  
southalgonquin@xplornet.com  
www.township.southalgonquin.on.ca

Algonquin Park  
Algonquin Provincial Park  
P.O. Box 219  
Whitney, ON  
K0J 2M0  
(705) 633-5572  
info@algonquinpark.on.ca  
www.algonquinpark.on.ca

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