# Measuring Rurality - RIO2008_BASIC: Methodology and Results 

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## Introduction and Background

The Rurality Index for Ontario (RIO) was originally developed in 1999-2000, a full report outlining the methodology and results can be found in Kralj (2000) ${ }^{1}$. The RIO measure was a response to the need for a continuous and broader measure of rurality, than was available, for policy development purposes. In particular, policies and incentives aimed at physician recruitment and retention. This original methodology was refreshed using the most recently available data in 2004, resulting in the release of the RIO2004 measure.

Since 2000, the use of RIO has grown and currently a wide variety of MOHLTC and OMA administered programs use it for determining incentive and/or bonus payment levels. Included are the following programs: Rural Medicine Investment Program, Underserviced Area Program, Locum Program, CME Program, Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA), Hospital On-Call Program (HOCC), Primary Care: rurality gradient for FHN and harmonized models and hospital premium for rural FHN and harmonized models.

Finally, it is OMA policy that RIO be employed as a tool for scaling incentive structures.

Given the wide and growing use of RIO and the availability of more recent information (i.e., Census of Canada, municipal amalgamations/boundaries), the OMA Board of Directors recommended a review of RIO in the summer of 2007. The bilateral Physician Human Resources Committee (PHRC) was given this task and proceeded to strike a working group to carry out the task. The RIO Review Working Group met between October 2007 and January 2008 to conduct the review.

The product of the review was the construction of a new measure of rurality, a new rurality index for Ontario (RIO) - RIO2008_BASIC. The use of this new measure has been supported by both the OMA and the MOHLTC.

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## Components of RIO2008_BASIC

The new RIO, RIO2008_BASIC, consists of three broad components as follows:

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\text { RIO2008_BASIC }=\text { POP+ TIME }{ }_{\mathrm{a}}+\text { TIME }_{\mathrm{b}}
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Where,
POP = Measure of community population and population density.
TIME $_{\mathrm{b}}=$ Measure of travel time to nearest basic referral centre.
TIME $_{\mathrm{a}}=$ Measure of travel time to nearest advanced referral centre.
The implicit weights or influence of each component is as follows: $\mathrm{POP}=28.6$ percent; TIME $_{\mathrm{b}}=47.6$ percent; TIME $_{\mathrm{a}}=23.8$ percent

This specification represents a measure that is analogous to earlier measures given that it is determined almost solely by geographic factors - distances/travel times. Hence, this measure is expected to remain quite stable or fixed over time.

The exact empirical specification for each of these factors is presented in Appendix 1. We see that, as was the case with the original RIO, most factors are a relative measure to the provincial median. A brief overview of each of the components is provided below.

## POP

The availability of many health services is positively or directly related to the size of the population. Also, it is a fact that rural areas are less densely populated than urban areas. As a result rural GP's may have to travel longer distances for house calls or may have responsibility for satellite clinics at large distances from their home community. This component of the RIO awards points, in a linear fashion, to communities with a population lower than 45,000 persons.

An additional 5 points can be awarded to communities based on their population density or dispersion relative to the provincial median population density. All population data and population density figures are for 2006 and provided by Statistics Canada.

## TIME $_{\mathrm{a}}$ and TIME ${ }_{\mathrm{b}}$

Distance to referral centres is an important element which impacts scope of medical practice, levels of responsibility and on-call, as well as professional and social isolation of practitioners and their families. Issues of transportation and travel times may have particular importance in rural areas. Typically, rural residents have greater transportation difficulties and often travel longer distances to receive health care. Lack
of adequate public transportation in rural areas also creates a barrier to receiving care. The transportation system available to a community determines its degree of isolation. Rural areas served by high-quality transportation corridors will typically have better access to health services. A well-developed road/highway system creates access for patients to local services and facilitates a referral system that links clinics to hospitals, and small hospitals to larger, tertiary care centres.

Basic referral centre is a minimum of Level 2 referral centre as defined by the Provincial Coordinating Committee on Community and Academic Health Science Centre Relations (PCCCAR) ["An Interim Guide for Physician Resource Planning in Ontario", October 1996, page 5-6]. That is a centre with a population greater than 10,000 with the following specialty services; GP/FP, Anaesthesia, Diagnostic Radiology, General Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Obs/Gyno, Orthopaedic Surgery, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry.

Advanced referral centre is a minimum of Level 4 referral centre as defined by PCCCAR. Additionally, Winnipeg, Manitoba was included as an advanced referral centre based on input from the OMA Section of Rural Practice. A full listing of basic and advanced referral centres is provided in the table on the following page.

Travel times, measured in minutes, were calculated using RouteView (routing and catchment analysis software), based on the quickest route via roads and highways. Routes originated and terminated at the centroid of the CSD. RouteView accounts for four different classes of road, and hence travel speeds. These are; (i) major road with default speed of $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$, (ii) regional road with default speed of $75 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$, (iii) highway with default speed of $90 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$, and (iv) expressway with default speed of $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$. When one combines these travel speeds with travel distances, the travel time measure is arrived at.

| Basic Referral Centre Listing <br> CSD_number | CSD_name | Advanced Referral Centre Listing <br> CSD_number |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3501012 | CSD_name |  |  |
| 3506008 | Ottawall | 3506008 | Ottawa |
| 3507015 | Brockville | 3510010 | Kingston |
| 3510010 | Kingston | 3520005 | Toronto |
| 3512005 | Belleville | 3521005 | Mississauga |
| 3515014 | Peterborough | 3525005 | Hamilton |
| 3518005 | Ajax | 3537039 | Windsor |
| 3518013 | Oshawa | 3539036 | London |
| 3519036 | Markham | 3553005 | Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury |
| 3519038 | Richmond Hill | 3558004 | Thunder Bay |
| 3519048 | Newmarket | n/a | Winnipeg, Manitoba |
| 3520005 | Toronto |  |  |
| 3521005 | Mississauga |  |  |
| 3521010 | Brampton |  |  |
| 3523008 | Guelph |  |  |
| 3524001 | Oakville |  |  |
| 3524002 | Burlington |  |  |
| 3525005 | Hamilton |  |  |
| 3526032 | Welland |  |  |
| 3526043 | Niagara Falls |  |  |
| 3526053 | St. Catharines |  |  |
| 3529006 | Brantford |  |  |
| 3530010 | Cambridge |  |  |
| 3530013 | Kitchener |  |  |
| 3534021 | St. Thomas |  |  |
| 3536020 | Chatham-Kent |  |  |
| 3537039 | Windsor |  |  |
| 3538030 | Sarnia |  |  |
| 3539036 | London |  |  |
| 3542059 | Owen Sound |  |  |
| 3543042 | Barrie |  |  |
| 3548044 | North Bay |  |  |
| 3553005 | Sudbury |  |  |
| 3557061 | Sault Ste. Marie |  |  |
| 3558004 | Thunder Bay |  |  |
| 3556027 | Timmins |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

## Exclusions and Final Scoring

Using the 2001 Census definitions there are approximately 580 CSDs in Ontario, for purposes of constructing the RIO2008_BASIC measure of rurality approximately 200 CSDs were excluded from the analysis. Specifically, we excluded unorganized areas, Indian reserves and settlements, and CSD's with a population of less than 500. Unorganized Areas (UNO) refers to unincorporated areas, these areas have no legal, political or jurisdictional authority. They are simply areas that do not fall into the area of an incorporated town/city/village/etc.. The inclusion of UNO's results in a great deal of data skewing and as such have been removed from analysis. Additionally, Indian settlements and reserves were excluded from the analysis since Federal government funding (not OHIP) covers medical services provided on Indian Reserves. However, provincial (OHIP) funding covers services provided to native Indians when the services are delivered off the Reserves. Finally, to further minimize any data skewing, communities with populations less than 500 persons were removed from the analysis.

## Results

The overall raw scores for RIO2008_BASIC were transformed to a 0 to 100 scale. These scores were then rounded to the nearest integer. Please remember that these scores are ordinal measures reflecting a relative ranking or rurality, rather then cardinal measures. A higher score reflects a higher degree of rurality.

Descriptive statistics on the distribution of CSD RIO2008_BASIC scores are presented in the table below.

|  | RIO2008_BASIC |
| :--- | :---: |
| N | 379 |
| Mean | 45.2 |
| Std. Deviation | 24.6 |
| Median | 42 |
| $25^{\text {th }}$ Percentile | 29 |
| $75^{\text {th }}$ Percentile | 61 |

Appendix 2 provides a listing of final scores for RIO2008_BASIC by CSD.
Appendix 3 provides a map illustrating the distribution of final RIO2008_BASIC scores across the province.

## APPENDIX 1

## RIO2008 Empirical Specifications

## TIME $_{b}=$ Measure of travel time to nearest basic referral centre

TIME $_{b}=\left[\left(T_{b}-T_{b M}\right) / T_{b M}\right] \times 10$
If TIME $_{b}>40$ then TIME $_{b}=40$.
where,
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{b}} \quad=$ Minutes of travel time to nearest basic referral centre.
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{bM}}=$ Median travel time $=49.4$ minutes.
Max. possible score = 40; Min. possible score = - 10 .

## TIME $=$ Measure of travel time to nearest advanced referral centre

TIME $_{\mathrm{a}}=\left[\left(T_{a}-T_{a M}\right) / T_{a M}\right] \times 10$
If TIME $_{a}>15$ then TIME $_{a}=15$.
where,
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{a}} \quad=$ Minutes of travel time to nearest advanced referral centre.
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{am}}=$ Median travel time $=101.4$ minutes.
Max. possible score = 15; Minimum possible score = -10.

| POP $=$ Measure of community population |
| :--- |
| $\boldsymbol{P O P}=\left[25-3.79\left(\boldsymbol{P}_{06} / \boldsymbol{P}_{M}\right)\right]+\left[5-\left(\boldsymbol{P}_{D} / \mathbf{2 2 . 6}\right)\right]$ |
|  |
| If $\left[25-3.79\left(P_{06} / P_{M}\right)\right]<0$ then set $\left[25-3.79\left(P_{06} / P_{M}\right)\right]=0$. |
| If $\left[5-\left(P_{D} / 22.6\right)\right]<0$ then set $\left[5-\left(P_{D} / 22.6\right)\right]=0$. |
| where, |
| $\mathrm{P}_{06}=$ Total population of CSD in 2006. |
| $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{M}}=$ Median population of CSDs in $2006=6,825$ persons. |
| $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{D}}=$ Median population density of CSDs $=22.6$ persons/sq.km |
| Max. possible score = 30; Min. possible score $=0$. |

## APPENDIX 2: RIO2008_BASIC listing by CSD

| CSD NUM | CSD NAME | Type | RIO2008_BASIC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3511035 | Addington Highlands | TP | 56 |
| 3539047 | Adelaide Metcalfe | TP | 40 |
| 3543003 | Adjala-Tosorontio | TP | 37 |
| 3547043 | Admaston/Bromley | TP | 52 |
| 3518005 | Ajax | T | 3 |
| 3559011 | Alberton | TP | 100 |
| 3502023 | Alfred and Plantagenet | TP | 44 |
| 3546018 | Algonquin Highlands | TP | 77 |
| 3514024 | Alnwick/Haldimand | TP | 47 |
| 3522008 | Amaranth | TP | 44 |
| 3537028 | Amherstburg | T | 20 |
| 3549019 | Armour | TP | 69 |
| 3554036 | Armstrong | TP | 84 |
| 3547002 | Arnprior | T | 32 |
| 3541043 | Arran-Elderslie | MU | 48 |
| 3540063 | Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh | TP | 58 |
| 3515003 | Asphodel-Norwood | TP | 44 |
| 3551011 | Assiginack | TP | 75 |
| 3507042 | Athens | TP | 37 |
| 3559001 | Atikokan | TP | 83 |
| 3507006 | Augusta | TP | 34 |
| 3519046 | Aurora | T | 5 |
| 3534011 | Aylmer | T | 27 |
| 3552028 | Baldwin | TP | 50 |
| 3512061 | Bancroft | T | 62 |
| 3543042 | Barrie | CY | 8 |
| 3534005 | Bayham | MU | 36 |
| 3509024 | Beckwith | TP | 31 |
| 3512005 | Belleville | CY | 6 |
| 3551021 | Billings | TP | 78 |
| 3556014 | Black River-Matheson | TP | 66 |
| 3532045 | Blandford-Blenheim | TP | 36 |
| 3557038 | Blind River | T | 78 |
| 3542045 | Blue Mountains | T | 47 |
| 3540010 | Bluewater | MU | 48 |
| 3548027 | Bonfield | TP | 50 |
| 3547035 | Bonnechere Valley | TP | 59 |
| 3544018 | Bracebridge | T | 57 |
| 3543014 | Bradford West Gwillimbury | T | 20 |
| 3521010 | Brampton | CY | 2 |
| 3529005 | Brant | CY | 16 |
| 3529006 | Brantford | CY | 3 |
| 3514004 | Brighton | MU | 39 |
| 3518039 | Brock | TP | 40 |
| 3541032 | Brockton | MU | 50 |
| 3507015 | Brockville | CY | 20 |
| 3538015 | Brooke-Alvinston | MU | 43 |


| CSD NUM | CSD NAME | Type | RIO2008_BASIC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3557021 | Bruce Mines | T | 61 |
| 3547020 | Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan | TP | 70 |
| 3549022 | Burk's Falls | VL | 63 |
| 3524002 | Burlington | CY | 2 |
| 3521024 | Caledon | T | 8 |
| 3549066 | Callander | MU | 47 |
| 3548022 | Calvin | TP | 56 |
| 3530010 | Cambridge | CY | 4 |
| 3509028 | Carleton Place | T | 24 |
| 3549036 | Carling | TP | 76 |
| 3512065 | Carlow/Mayo | TP | 69 |
| 3502044 | Casselman | VL | 39 |
| 3515013 | Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan | TP | 36 |
| 3534020 | Central Elgin | MU | 23 |
| 3510035 | Central Frontenac | TP | 44 |
| 3540025 | Central Huron | MU | 51 |
| 3551006 | Central Manitoulin | TP | 77 |
| 3512026 | Centre Hastings | MU | 39 |
| 3523025 | Centre Wellington | TP | 25 |
| 3502010 | Champlain | TP | 46 |
| 3552092 | Chapleau | TP | 87 |
| 3559024 | Chapple | TP | 100 |
| 3554044 | Charlton and Dack | MU | 83 |
| 3536020 | Chatham-Kent | MU | 11 |
| 3542037 | Chatsworth | TP | 43 |
| 3548031 | Chisholm | TP | 53 |
| 3502036 | Clarence-Rockland | CY | 34 |
| 3518017 | Clarington | MU | 10 |
| 3543005 | Clearview | TP | 37 |
| 3554008 | Cobalt | T | 74 |
| 3514021 | Cobourg | T | 34 |
| 3556042 | Cochrane | T | 69 |
| 3543031 | Collingwood | T | 37 |
| 3558019 | Conmee | TP | 40 |
| 3501012 | Cornwall | CY | 12 |
| 3514014 | Cramahe | TP | 45 |
| 3538007 | Dawn-Euphemia | TP | 45 |
| 3559040 | Dawson | TP | 100 |
| 3547096 | Deep River | T | 70 |
| 3512002 | Deseronto | T | 33 |
| 3515023 | Douro-Dummer | TP | 42 |
| 3509010 | Drummond/North Elmsley | TP | 37 |
| 3560027 | Dryden | CY | 91 |
| 3557079 | Dubreuilville | TP | 100 |
| 3534030 | Dutton/Dunwich | MU | 37 |
| 3546024 | Dysart and Others | TP | 56 |
| 3560032 | Ear Falls | TP | 100 |


| CSD NUM | CSD NAME | Type | RIO2008_BASIC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3548034 | East Ferris | TP | 45 |
| 3522001 | East Garafraxa | TP | 40 |
| 3519054 | East Gwillimbury | T | 21 |
| 3502001 | East Hawkesbury | TP | 53 |
| 3522010 | East Luther Grand Valley | TP | 45 |
| 3532038 | East Zorra-Tavistock | TP | 37 |
| 3507004 | Edwardsburgh/Cardinal | TP | 38 |
| 3507014 | Elizabethtown-Kitley | TP | 34 |
| 3557041 | Elliot Lake | CY | 71 |
| 3559019 | Emo | TP | 99 |
| 3554052 | Englehart | T | 76 |
| 3538016 | Enniskillen | TP | 40 |
| 3523017 | Erin | T | 31 |
| 3552026 | Espanola | T | 46 |
| 3543021 | Essa | TP | 29 |
| 3537016 | Essex | T | 23 |
| 3512058 | Faraday | TP | 63 |
| 3556052 | Fauquier-Strickland | TP | 86 |
| 3526003 | Fort Erie | T | 21 |
| 3559012 | Fort Frances | T | 91 |
| 3552001 | French River / Rivière des Français | M | 55 |
| 3507017 | Front of Yonge | TP | 36 |
| 3510005 | Frontenac Islands | TP | 33 |
| 3515044 | Galway-Cavendish and Harvey | TP | 50 |
| 3507024 | Gananoque | T | 32 |
| 3544065 | Georgian Bay | TP | 64 |
| 3542053 | Georgian Bluffs | TP | 41 |
| 3519070 | Georgina | T | 14 |
| 3558012 | Gillies | TP | 41 |
| 3540028 | Goderich | T | 52 |
| 3551026 | Gore Bay | T | 78 |
| 3544002 | Gravenhurst | T | 50 |
| 3547008 | Greater Madawaska | TP | 55 |
| 3511015 | Greater Napanee | T | 29 |
| 3553005 | Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury | C | 3 |
| 3558075 | Greenstone | MU | 79 |
| 3542015 | Grey Highlands | MU | 45 |
| 3526065 | Grimsby | T | 20 |
| 3523008 | Guelph | CY | 4 |
| 3523009 | Guelph/Eramosa | TP | 28 |
| 3528018 | Haldimand County | CY | 17 |
| 3524015 | Halton Hills | T | 7 |
| 3525005 | Hamilton | C | 0 |
| 3514019 | Hamilton TP | TP | 39 |
| 3542029 | Hanover | T | 45 |
| 3554026 | Harley | TP | 85 |
| 3554014 | Harris | TP | 83 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3512076 | Hastings Highlands | MU | 69 |
| 3515030 | Havelock-Belmont-Methuen | TP | 52 |
| 3502008 | Hawkesbury | T | 45 |
| 3556076 | Hearst | T | 95 |
| 3546005 | Highlands East | MU | 63 |
| 3557096 | Hornepayne | TP | 100 |
| 3547046 | Horton | TP | 47 |
| 3540046 | Howick | TP | 53 |
| 3544042 | Huntsville | T | 62 |
| 3540040 | Huron East | MU | 47 |
| 3557035 | Huron Shores | MU | 67 |
| 3541015 | Huron-Kinloss | TP | 57 |
| 3560001 | Ignace | TP | 96 |
| 3532018 | Ingersoll | T | 28 |
| 3543017 | Innisfil | T | 17 |
| 3556031 | Iroquois Falls | T | 60 |
| 3557016 | Johnson | TP | 63 |
| 3556066 | Kapuskasing | T | 84 |
| 3516010 | Kawartha Lakes | CY | 28 |
| 3549018 | Kearney | T | 76 |
| 3560010 | Kenora | CY | 80 |
| 3547033 | Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards | TP | 69 |
| 3541024 | Kincardine | MU | 52 |
| 3519049 | King | TP | 24 |
| 3510010 | Kingston | CY | 0 |
| 3537013 | Kingsville | T | 24 |
| 3554068 | Kirkland Lake | T | 70 |
| 3530013 | Kitchener | CY | 5 |
| 3559016 | La Vallee | TP | 100 |
| 3557011 | Laird | TP | 60 |
| 3544027 | Lake of Bays | TP | 76 |
| 3537064 | Lakeshore | T | 18 |
| 3538040 | Lambton Shores | MU | 38 |
| 3509039 | Lanark Highlands | TP | 43 |
| 3554062 | Larder Lake | TP | 83 |
| 3537034 | LaSalle | T | 13 |
| 3547090 | Laurentian Hills | T | 73 |
| 3547075 | Laurentian Valley | TP | 60 |
| 3537003 | Leamington | MU | 24 |
| 3507021 | Leeds and the Thousand Islands | TP | 35 |
| 3526057 | Lincoln | T | 20 |
| 3539036 | London | CY | 0 |
| 3511005 | Loyalist | TP | 24 |
| 3539060 | Lucan Biddulph | TP | 37 |
| 3557051 | Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen A | , TP | 59 |
| 3549054 | Machar | TP | 60 |
| 3560021 | Machin | TP | 100 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3547030 | Madawaska Valley | TP | 73 |
| 3512036 | Madoc | TP | 47 |
| 3549043 | Magnetawan | MU | 71 |
| 3534010 | Malahide | TP | 30 |
| 3558066 | Manitouwadge | TP | 99 |
| 3523033 | Mapleton | TP | 39 |
| 3558059 | Marathon | T | 97 |
| 3519036 | Markham | T | 2 |
| 3552013 | Markstay-Warren | MU | 44 |
| 3512046 | Marmora and Lake | MU | 52 |
| 3548021 | Mattawa | T | 55 |
| 3556077 | Mattice-Val Côté | TP | 100 |
| 3549031 | McDougall | MU | 71 |
| 3554058 | McGarry | TP | 84 |
| 3549028 | McKellar | TP | 73 |
| 3549012 | McMurrich/Monteith | TP | 73 |
| 3547003 | McNab/Braeside | TP | 38 |
| 3542047 | Meaford | MU | 40 |
| 3522019 | Melancthon | TP | 47 |
| 3507052 | Merrickville-Wolford | VL | 39 |
| 3557076 | Michipicoten | TP | 93 |
| 3539033 | Middlesex Centre | TP | 28 |
| 3543074 | Midland | T | 38 |
| 3524009 | Milton | T | 7 |
| 3546015 | Minden Hills | TP | 61 |
| 3523043 | Minto | T | 46 |
| 3521005 | Mississauga | CY | 0 |
| 3509030 | Mississippi Mills | T | 32 |
| 3522012 | Mono | T | 38 |
| 3509001 | Montague | TP | 38 |
| 3556056 | Moonbeam | TP | 89 |
| 3540050 | Morris-Turnberry | MU | 54 |
| 3522016 | Mulmur | TP | 44 |
| 3544053 | Muskoka Lakes | TP | 69 |
| 3558001 | Neebing | MU | 40 |
| 3543007 | New Tecumseth | T | 22 |
| 3519048 | Newmarket | T | 4 |
| 3526043 | Niagara Falls | CY | 8 |
| 3526047 | Niagara-on-the-Lake | T | 25 |
| 3558044 | Nipigon | TP | 58 |
| 3549071 | Nipissing | TP | 55 |
| 3528052 | Norfolk County | CY | 20 |
| 3547070 | North Algona Wilberforce | TP | 61 |
| 3548044 | North Bay | CY | 14 |
| 3530004 | North Dumfries | TP | 29 |
| 3501030 | North Dundas | TP | 40 |
| 3510045 | North Frontenac | TP | 56 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3501050 | North Glengarry | TP | 43 |
| 3507065 | North Grenville | MU | 33 |
| 3540055 | North Huron | TP | 54 |
| 3515037 | North Kawartha | TP | 55 |
| 3539041 | North Middlesex | MU | 40 |
| 3531040 | North Perth | MU | 42 |
| 3557040 | North Shore | TP | 71 |
| 3501042 | North Stormont | TP | 40 |
| 3551017 | Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islanc |  | 68 |
| 3541069 | Northern Bruce Peninsula | MU | 64 |
| 3532002 | Norwich | TP | 35 |
| 3524001 | Oakville | T | 2 |
| 3558016 | O'Connor | TP | 39 |
| 3538018 | Oil Springs | VL | 40 |
| 3558011 | Oliver Paipoonge | MU | 31 |
| 3522014 | Orangeville | T | 22 |
| 3543052 | Orillia | CY | 27 |
| 3543023 | Oro-Medonte | TP | 33 |
| 3518013 | Oshawa | CY | 5 |
| 3515005 | Otonabee-South Monaghan | TP | 39 |
| 3506008 | Ottawa | C | 0 |
| 3542059 | Owen Sound | CY | 27 |
| 3548013 | Papineau-Cameron | TP | 68 |
| 3549032 | Parry Sound | T | 65 |
| 3526028 | Pelham | T | 24 |
| 3547064 | Pembroke | CY | 51 |
| 3543072 | Penetanguishene | T | 43 |
| 3549014 | Perry | TP | 70 |
| 3509021 | Perth | T | 36 |
| 3531030 | Perth East | TP | 38 |
| 3531013 | Perth South | TP | 42 |
| 3547076 | Petawawa | T | 57 |
| 3515014 | Peterborough | CY | 11 |
| 3538019 | Petrolia | T | 34 |
| 3518001 | Pickering | CY | 5 |
| 3557019 | Plummer Additional | TP | 64 |
| 3538035 | Plympton-Wyoming | T | 36 |
| 3538031 | Point Edward | VL | 34 |
| 3526011 | Port Colborne | CY | 25 |
| 3514020 | Port Hope | MU | 36 |
| 3549060 | Powassan | MU | 51 |
| 3507008 | Prescott | T | 34 |
| 3557066 | Prince | TP | 54 |
| 3513020 | Prince Edward | CY | 28 |
| 3523001 | Puslinch | TP | 29 |
| 3512015 | Quinte West | CY | 13 |
| 3559042 | Rainy River | T | 95 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3543019 | Ramara | TP | 44 |
| 3560042 | Red Lake | MU | 98 |
| 3558041 | Red Rock | TP | 57 |
| 3547048 | Renfrew | T | 39 |
| 3519038 | Richmond Hill | T | 2 |
| 3507040 | Rideau Lakes | TP | 38 |
| 3502048 | Russell | TP | 37 |
| 3549024 | Ryerson | TP | 71 |
| 3552023 | Sables-Spanish Rivers | TP | 56 |
| 3538030 | Sarnia | CY | 10 |
| 3541045 | Saugeen Shores | T | 46 |
| 3557061 | Sault Ste. Marie | CY | 24 |
| 3558051 | Schreiber | TP | 86 |
| 3518020 | Scugog | TP | 26 |
| 3549003 | Seguin | TP | 70 |
| 3543015 | Severn | TP | 46 |
| 3522021 | Shelburne | T | 40 |
| 3558028 | Shuniah | TP | 42 |
| 3560034 | Sioux Lookout | MU | 97 |
| 3560008 | Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls | TP | 96 |
| 3515015 | Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield | TP | 32 |
| 3509004 | Smiths Falls | T | 33 |
| 3556048 | Smooth Rock Falls | T | 79 |
| 3548001 | South Algonquin | TP | 78 |
| 3541004 | South Bruce | MU | 55 |
| 3541055 | South Bruce Peninsula | T | 48 |
| 3501020 | South Dundas | TP | 40 |
| 3510020 | South Frontenac | TP | 25 |
| 3501005 | South Glengarry | TP | 40 |
| 3540005 | South Huron | MU | 40 |
| 3549056 | South River | VL | 55 |
| 3501011 | South Stormont | TP | 35 |
| 3542005 | Southgate | TP | 48 |
| 3539005 | Southwest Middlesex | MU | 40 |
| 3532012 | South-West Oxford | TP | 35 |
| 3534024 | Southwold | TP | 32 |
| 3557039 | Spanish | T | 64 |
| 3543009 | Springwater | TP | 32 |
| 3526053 | St. Catharines | CY | 6 |
| 3538003 | St. Clair | TP | 35 |
| 3557008 | St. Joseph | TP | 64 |
| 3531016 | St. Marys | T | 35 |
| 3534021 | St. Thomas | CY | 7 |
| 3552004 | St.-Charles | MU | 50 |
| 3512020 | Stirling-Rawdon | TP | 41 |
| 3511030 | Stone Mills | TP | 37 |
| 3531011 | Stratford | CY | 23 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3539015 | Strathroy-Caradoc | TP | 24 |
| 3549046 | Strong | TP | 62 |
| 3549048 | Sundridge | VL | 57 |
| 3543071 | Tay | TP | 42 |
| 3509015 | Tay Valley | TP | 44 |
| 3537048 | Tecumseh | T | 14 |
| 3548069 | Temagami | MU | 66 |
| 3558054 | Terrace Bay | TP | 92 |
| 3539027 | Thames Centre | MU | 30 |
| 3549005 | The Archipelago | TP | 74 |
| 3502025 | The Nation / La Nation | M | 40 |
| 3557028 | Thessalon | T | 62 |
| 3526037 | Thorold | CY | 23 |
| 3558004 | Thunder Bay | CY | 0 |
| 3532004 | Tillsonburg | T | 29 |
| 3554020 | Timiskaming Shores | CY | 74 |
| 3556027 | Timmins | CY | 29 |
| 3543068 | Tiny | TP | 43 |
| 3520005 | Toronto | C | 0 |
| 3514045 | Trent Hills | MU | 41 |
| 3512048 | Tudor and Cashel | TP | 54 |
| 3512030 | Tweed | MU | 45 |
| 3512001 | Tyendinaga | TP | 34 |
| 3518029 | Uxbridge | TP | 27 |
| 3556070 | Val Rita-Harty | TP | 95 |
| 3519028 | Vaughan | CY | 6 |
| 3526014 | Wainfleet | TP | 34 |
| 3538043 | Warwick | TP | 40 |
| 3543064 | Wasaga Beach | T | 34 |
| 3530016 | Waterloo | CY | 7 |
| 3526032 | Welland | CY | 7 |
| 3530027 | Wellesley | TP | 35 |
| 3523050 | Wellington North | TP | 42 |
| 3534042 | West Elgin | MU | 40 |
| 3542004 | West Grey | MU | 44 |
| 3526021 | West Lincoln | TP | 31 |
| 3548055 | West Nipissing / Nipissing Ouest | M | 45 |
| 3531025 | West Perth | MU | 43 |
| 3507033 | Westport | VL | 39 |
| 3518009 | Whitby | T | 6 |
| 3519044 | Whitchurch-Stouffville | T | 18 |
| 3557091 | White River | TP | 100 |
| 3549039 | Whitestone | MU | 73 |
| 3547056 | Whitewater Region | TP | 53 |
| 3530020 | Wilmot | TP | 26 |
| 3537039 | Windsor | CY | 0 |
| 3512054 | Wollaston | TP | 60 |


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| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 3532042 | Woodstock | CY | 18 |
| 3530035 | Woolwich | TP | 26 |
| 3532027 | Zorra | TP | 36 |

## APPENDIX 3: Maps of RIO2008_BASIC

RIO 2008_Basic, Southern Ontario


## RIO 2008_Basic, Northern Ontario



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