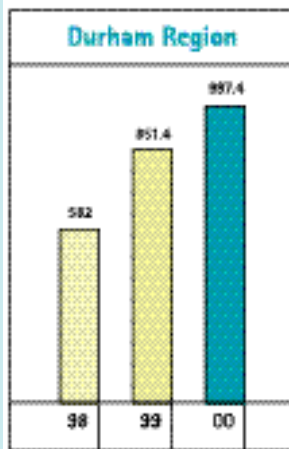


## Environmental Scan | (continued)

Total building permit values have increased substantially in each of the past three years. In 1998, the value of all building permits issued in Durham Region was \$582 million. This increased to \$851.4 million in 1999 and again to \$997.4 million in 2000.

The recent provincial announcement regarding the protection of Oak Ridges Moraine lands may result in significant growth in north Pickering over the next few years.

**Total Building Permit Values**  
In Millions 1998 - 2000



## Education

The Durham District School Board and the Durham Catholic District School Board administer 143 elementary and 26 secondary schools. The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud and the Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest also operate 40 schools in Durham Region. In addition there are over 34 privately run schools in Durham Region for a combined total of 243 schools and a total enrolment of nearly 116,000 students.

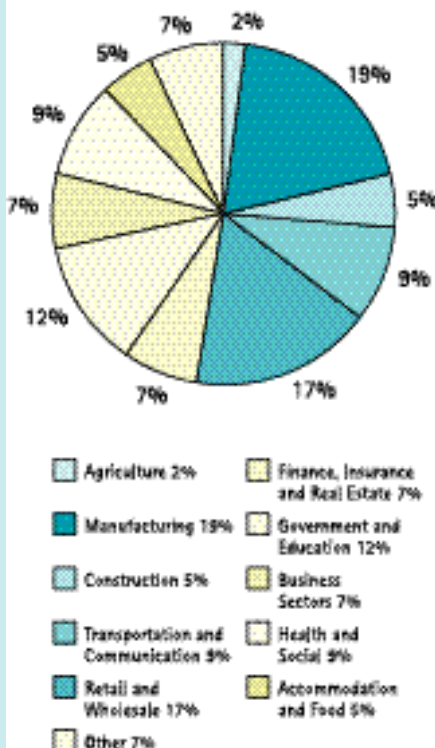
The Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology operates three campuses and two educational facilities in Durham Region and offers a wide variety of programs to 5,200 full-time and 22,970 part-time students. The recently announced Ontario Institute of Technology (O.I.T.) – Ontario's newest university – is scheduled to open its doors to students in the Fall of 2003.

## Employment

The top ten employers located in Durham Region according to Human Resources Development Canada in October 2001 were:

COMPANY	HEADQUARTERS LOCATION	NUMBER OF F.T. EMPLOYEES
General Motors of Canada	Oshawa	11,849
Ontario Power Generation	Pickering	6,000
Durham Board of Education	Whitby	5,000
Lakeridge Health Corp.	Oshawa	3,430
Ontario Ministry of Finance	Oshawa	2,710
Regional Municipality of Durham	Whitby	2,500
Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board	Oshawa	1,750
Ontario Power Generation	Clarington	1,612
Durham College of Applied Arts	Oshawa	1,500
ACSYS Technologies	Oshawa	1,486

**EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY**  
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## Emerging | Developments

**Growth** - The decision by the Province of Ontario to stop residential development on the Oak Ridges Moraine may have a significant impact on growth patterns in Durham Region. If lands in north Pickering receive this residential construction overflow, the population of Pickering potentially could double from 90,000 to 180,000 over the course of several years.



Durham's strategic location, access to markets and attractive and safe communities will continue. The extension of Highway 407 through Durham Region and the new Carruthers Creek interchange on Highway 401 in Ajax will also facilitate more industrial, commercial and residential growth.

**O.I.T. and Durham College** - Ontario's newest university, the Ontario Institute of Technology (O.I.T.), has been announced by the Province of Ontario and it will be located beside the Oshawa campus of Durham College. Although an estimated 600 students will enter the university in the fall of 2003, the O.I.T. business plan calls for 6,500 students by the end of the decade. The combined university and college by 2010 will have an estimated 15,000 full-time students and over 50,000 part-time students.

**I.T.E.R.** - Durham Region is competing to host this exciting international project designed to develop the fusion process into a practical source of energy. If approved in July 2002, the

International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (I.T.E.R.) would create an estimated 500 to 700 engineering, technical and scientific jobs at a site adjacent to the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

**Pickering Airport** - Transport Canada was successful in having extensive federal lands in north Pickering zoned for use as a future airport. The Greater Toronto Airports Authority has been asked to commence a preliminary review on the Pickering lands to determine if an airport is suitable. This review is scheduled to be complete by 2005 at which time Transport Canada will decide within 18 months on the future of the 10,000 acres northwest of Brougham.

**Provincial Infrastructure** - The opening of the new Lindsay Super Jail (the Central East Correctional Centre) and the subsequent closing of the Whitby Jail will have an impact on the cost and time involved in transporting criminals to and from Durham Region. Also, the possibility of a centralized courthouse facility in Durham Region will affect local policing operations.

**G.M. Regional Design Centre** - In June of 2001, General Motors of Canada Limited officially opened the new Canadian Regional Engineering Centre in Oshawa, a full-scale design facility employing 270 people. The facility includes a Global Collaboration Centre that enables local engineers to tap into an international G.M. engineering network in real time via a cinema-sized computer screen.



*Sources of information in this section are: Durham Region, Statistics Canada and Human Resources Development Canada.*