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Further Information

How will Six Nations' growing population impact Grand Erie's workforce in the future?

What is being done to address the issue of Aboriginal unemployment in Canada?

What are Six Nations biggest on-reserve industries by number of employees?

What are the top occupations for Six Nations post-secondary graduates?

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Did You Know...?

During the next 10 years, 400,000 young Aboriginal Canadians will enter the labour market, helping Canada meet a long-term demand for workers. Canada's Aboriginal population is both the fastest growing and youngest segment of the nation's population, with 48 per cent of aboriginals under the age of 25.

- Six Nations on-reserve unemployment rate stood at 25.3 per cent in January 2009, more than three times the unemployment rate for Ontario as a whole. The statistic was recently released as part of a Six Nations/Haudenosaunee Labour Force Survey and is considered accurate to within three percentage points. According to 2006 census data, the unemployment rate for Aboriginal Canadians stood at 14.8 per cent.
- The Six Nations Aboriginal community has a population of almost 23,000, with about half of Six Nations members living off reserve, making it the most populated First Nations community in Canada. Estimates suggest that the Six Nations population will grow by more than 19,200 people during the next 20 years and by more than 41,500 during the next 50 years.
- Six Nations members living on-reserve earn an average income of \$27,000 a year, according to the Six Nations/Haudenosaunee Labour Force Survey. This compares to an average annual income of just under \$35,900 for non-Aboriginal Canadians.
- Among Six Nations members aged 25 and older living on-reserve, 26.7 per cent have completed a post-secondary program and 15.1 per cent have obtained a trade certificate. In Ontario as a whole, more than half of the labour force aged 25 to 64 has completed a post-secondary certificate, diploma or university degree program.
- 2001 to 2006 saw a 25 per cent increase in self employment among Aboriginal Canadians, compared to a seven per cent increase in self employment among non-Aboriginal Canadians.

Sources: Six Nations/Haudenosaunee Labour Force Survey, Grand River Employment and Training; Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada; Six Nations Lands/Membership Department.

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