

New website promises economic, social data on your hometown

If your hometown is in Northern Ontario

about 17 hours ago by: Northern Ontario Business Staff



SUDBURY — The [Northern Policy Institute](#) (NPI) and its partners have launched a new online database that compiles data on economic and social indicators for Northern Ontario communities.

Community Accounts – accessible at npi.communityaccounts.ca – aims to encourage the sharing of information and provide communities with “a greater understanding of their local area and Northern Ontario as a whole,” according to the NPI.

The project is a partnership between Northern Policy Institute, North Superior Workforce Planning Board (NSWPB), your Local Employment Planning Council (LEPC), the Social Planning Council of Sudbury and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA).

“Community Accounts provides users with a single, comprehensive source of community, regional, and provincial data that would normally be too expensive to obtain, not readily available, or too time-consuming to retrieve and compile,” said NPI president and CEO, Charles Cirtwill.

“This information will allow even the data novice to build an enriched and evidence-based understanding of their hometown.”

Visitors using the website can find information on topics such as income, education, health and employment.

Information is retrievable according to two economic regions, 11 districts, 278 Census subdivisions, 144 municipalities, 118 First Nations, 16 unorganized Census subdivisions, and the province over census years 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016.

In the coming months, community profiles will be added focusing on the Indigenous and Francophone populations.

In order to ensure Community Accounts features the most complete data sets possible, organizations are urged to share information by emailing data@northernpolicy.ca, or by joining the list of partners.

— *NorthernOntarioBusiness.com*