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# Chatham-Kent

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Chatham-Kent (2011 population 103,671) is a **unitary authority** in [Southwestern Ontario, Canada](#). Mostly rural, its centres of population are [Blenheim](#), [Chatham](#), [Dresden](#), [Ridgetown](#), [Tilbury](#) and [Wallaceburg](#). Modern Chatham-Kent was created in 1998 by the [merger](#) of [Kent County](#) and its municipalities.

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## History

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## Chatham-Kent

— **Unitary authority** —

Municipality of Chatham-Kent  
Nickname(s): [The Maple City](#), [The Classic Car Capital of Canada](#), [C-Town](#)



Coordinates: 42°24′00″N 82°11′00″W﻿ / ﻿42.4°N 82.18333°W﻿ / 42.4; -82.18333

Country  Canada

Province  Ontario

County (historical)  Kent

Formed by political merger 1998

### Government

• Mayor **Randy Hope**  
• Governing body **Chatham-Kent Municipal Council**  
• MPs **Bev Shipley (CPC)**  
**Dave Van Kesteren (CPC)**  
• MPPs **Rick Nicholls (OPC)**  
**Monte McNaughton (OPC)**

### Area<sup>[1]</sup>

• Land 2,458.09 km<sup>2</sup> (949.07 sq mi)

Elevation 198 m (650 ft)

### Population (2011)<sup>[1]</sup>

• Unitary authority 103,671 (Ranked 50th)  
• Density 42.2/km<sup>2</sup> (109/sq mi)  
• Urban 44,074 (Chatham)  
10,163 (Wallaceburg)  
4,563 (Blenheim)

The former city of Chatham began as a naval dockyard in the 1790s, as it straddles the [Thames River](#). The town was named after [Chatham, Kent](#), England, which was also developed around a naval dockyard. In England, the name Chatham came from the British root *ceto* and the Old

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|----------------|--|
| Time zone      | Eastern (EST) (UTC−5)  |
| • Summer (DST) | EDT (UTC−4)  |
| Website        | <a href="http://chatham-kent.ca">chatham-kent.ca</a> <span><span><span></span></span></span> |

English *ham* thus meaning a forest settlement.<sup>[2]</sup> Following the [American Revolution](#) and the [Gnadenhutten Massacre](#), a group of [Christian Munsee](#) Indians settled in what is now Moraviantown.

In the [War of 1812](#), the [Battle of the Thames](#) took place between [Moraviantown](#) and [Thamesville](#) on October 5, 1813.

During the 19th century, the area was part of the [Underground Railroad](#). As a result, Chatham-Kent is now part of the African-Canadian Heritage Tour. Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site is a museum of the Dawn Settlement, established in 1841 by [Josiah Henson](#) near Dresden as refuge for the many slaves who escaped to Canada from the United States.<sup>[3]</sup> [John Brown](#), the abolitionist, planned his raid on the Harpers Ferry Virginia Arsenal in Chatham and recruited local men to participate in the raid. The small village of [North Buxton](#), part of the [African Canadian Heritage Tour](#), also played an important role in the [Underground Railroad](#).

Kent County consisted of the [townships](#) of [Camden](#), [Chatham](#), [Dover](#), [Harwich](#), [Howard](#), [Orford](#), [Raleigh](#), [Romney](#), [Tilbury East](#) and [Zone](#). In some of Canada's earliest post-Confederation [censuses](#), some residences in Kent County were incorrectly reported as being in [Bothwell "County"](#), which was a separate [electoral district](#) comprising parts of Kent and [Lambton](#) counties but not a distinct county in its own right.

In 1998 the [County of Kent](#) and the [city of Chatham](#) were amalgamated to form the Municipality of Chatham–Kent.

Chatham Kent has many historic festivals throughout the year such as the battle of longwoods reenactment, which takes place on Labour Day weekend at Fairfield Museum on Longwoods road.

Chatham Kent is also home to many historic buildings which are part of an annual ghost tour offered each year at Halloween. The participants go on a guided walk of downtown while the guide informs them of various ghost stories tied to the local buildings in which they pass. Chatham Kent plays host to so much paranormal activity, that numerous books have been published on it.

Chatham Kent was a major part of the underground railroad and as such hosts the Buxton Homecoming each September. This celebrates the areas rich black culture and the roots laid by early black settlers in the Buxton area.

## Communities

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The Municipality of Chatham-Kent currently consists of the communities of Appledore, Arkwood, Bagnall, Baldoon, Bates Subdivision, Bearline, Beechwood, [Blenheim](#), Botany, Bothwell, Bothwell Station, Bradley, Briarwood Estates, Cedar Springs, Charing Cross, Chatham, Clearville, Coatsworth, Croton, Darrell, [Dawn Mills](#), Dealtown, Dover Centre, Doyles, [Dresden](#), Duart, Eatonville, Eberts, Electric, Erie Beach, Erieau, Fargo Station, Fletcher, Florence, Glenwood, Grande Pointe, Guilds, Highgate, Holiday Harbour, Huffman Corners, Jeannette, Jeannette's Creek, Kent Bridge, Kent Centre, Lake Morningstar, Louisville, McKay's Corners, [Merlin](#), Mitchell's Bay, [Morpeth](#), Muirkirk, Mull, New Scotland, [North Buxton](#), North Thamesville, Northwood, Oldfield, Oungah, Ouvry, [Pain Court](#), Palmyra, Pardoville, Pinehurst, Port Alma, Port Crewe, Prairie Siding, Quinn, Raglan, Renwick, Rhodes, [Ridgetown](#), Ringold, Rondeau, Rondeau Bay Estates, Selton, Shrewsbury, Sleepy Hollow, [South Buxton](#), Stevenson, Stewart, [Thamesville](#), Thornecliffe, [Tilbury](#), Troy, Tupperville, Turin, Turnerville, Valetta, Van Horne, Vosburg, Wabash, [Wallaceburg](#), [Wheatley](#), Whitebread and Wilson's Bush.

## Geography

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At 2,458 square kilometres, Chatham-Kent is the 12th largest municipality by area in Canada and the largest in southwestern Ontario. Over 59,000 of the 110,000 residents live in the former City of Chatham. Other population centres in the municipality include [Wallaceburg](#), [Blenheim](#) and [Tilbury](#), [Ridgetown](#) and [Dresden](#).

The Lower [Thames River](#) runs through Chatham–Kent to [Lake St. Clair](#) in the west, while the [Sydenham River](#) flows through Wallaceburg and Dresden. The municipality has approximately 88 kilometres of shoreline along lake [Erie](#) and 24 kilometres along lake St. Clair.

The [Indian reserve](#) of [Bkejwanong](#) (commonly referred to as Walpole Island) borders on Chatham–Kent, whereas the Indian reserve of [Moravian 47](#) is an enclave within the city and is part of the Chatham–Kent census agglomeration and census division.

## Adjacent counties and municipalities

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- [Lambton County](#) (north and northwest)
- [Middlesex County](#) (northeast)
- [Elgin County](#) (northeast and east)
- Across [Lake Erie](#) lies [Erie](#), [Lorain](#) and [Cuyahoga](#) Counties, [Ohio](#), [US](#) (south)
- [Essex County](#) (southwest and west)
- Across [Lake St. Clair](#) lies [Macomb](#) and [St. Clair](#) Counties, [Michigan](#), [US](#) (west)

## Demographics

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## Population trends

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| V · T · E ·   | Canada census - Chatham-Kent Community Profile |   |   | [hide] |
|---|--|---|---|--------|
|   | 2011   | 2006                                    | 2001                                    |        |
| Population:   | 103,671 (-4.2% from 2006)                      | 108,589 (0.8% from 2001)                | 107,709 (-1.8% from 1996)               |        |
| Land area:  | 2,458.09 km <sup>2</sup> (949.07 sq mi)        | 2,458.06 km <sup>2</sup> (949.06 sq mi) | 2,457.97 km <sup>2</sup> (949.03 sq mi) |        |
| Population density:   | 42.2 /km <sup>2</sup> (109 /sq mi)             | 44.0 /km <sup>2</sup> (114 /sq mi)      | 43.7 /km <sup>2</sup> (113 /sq mi)      |        |
| Median age:   |  | 41.2 (males: 40.1, females:             | 38.6 (males: 37.5, females:             |        |
| Total private dwellings:  |  | 42.2)                                   | 39.5)                                   |        |
| Mean household income:  |  | 46,614                                  | 45,241                                  |        |
|   |  | \$51,081                                | \$46,517                                |        |
| References: 2011 <sup>[4]</sup> 2006 <sup>[5]</sup> 2001 <sup>[6]</sup> |  |   |   |        |

## Racial statistics

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- White: 92.7%<sup>[7]</sup>
- First Nations: 3.1%
- Black: 2.0%
- South Asian: 0.5%
- Other groups: 1.7%

## Ethnocultural statistics

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*For all groups that comprise at least 1% of the population. Note that a person can report more than one ethnic origin.*<sup>[8]</sup>

- "Canadian": 34.7%
- English: 32.9%
- French: 21.9%
- Scottish: 20.2%
- Irish: 19.1%
- German: 12.2%
- Dutch: 11.1%
- Belgian: 5.9%
- First Nations: 3.1%
- Italian: 2.1%
- Polish: 2.1%
- Ukrainian: 2.0%
- Welsh: 1.5%
- Czech: 1.4%
- Metis: 1.2%
- American (modern immigrant): 1.2%
- Hungarian: 1.2%

- Portuguese: 1.2%
- British Isles (modern immigrant): 1.0%

## Language

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Although most of the population of Chatham-Kent is English-speaking, a few of its communities and Catholic parishes were settled by francophone (French-speaking) farmers in the mid-nineteenth century. These include Pain Court, Tilbury and Grande Pointe, where French is still spoken by a significant percentage of the population. These communities are designated French language service areas under Ontario's [French Language Services Act](#).

Approximately 8,500 residents of Chatham-Kent have French as a mother tongue and 1,500 have French as their home language. [Essex County](#) also has a relatively large francophone population, especially in the municipality of [Lakeshore](#). Together, Chatham-Kent and Essex Counties make up one of the concentrations of [Franco-Ontarians](#) in the province of Ontario.

Both elementary and secondary francophone schools exist across the municipality. A French cultural organization, *La Girouette*, which is based in Pain Court, promotes French-Canadian culture and language in the area.

Knowledge of official language statistics:<sup>[9]</sup>

- English only: 92.2%
- French only: <0.1%
- English and French: 7.2%
- Neither English nor French: 0.5%

## Economy and industry

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Chatham-Kent's economy has a base in the [agricultural](#) and [automotive](#) sectors. The municipality and senior levels of government are keen to promote continuing diversification.

Located in the "industrial heartland", Chatham's roots in the automotive sector go back to [Gray-Dort Motors Ltd.](#), one of Canada's earliest automobile manufacturers. (Chatham was also the birthplace of Hank Chrysler,<sup>[10]</sup> father of [Walter P. Chrysler](#), founder of the [Chrysler](#) automobile company).<sup>[11]</sup> Other auto industry plants in the municipality include AutoLiv Canada in Tilbury (airbags), [Mahle](#) in Tilbury (emissions controls and plastics).

Blenheim is home to [RM Auctions](#), the world's largest vintage automobile auction house and [RM Restorations](#), the world's largest vintage automobile restoration company. The nickname "The Classic Car Capital of Canada" comes from the company's position in the industry and abundance of classic car events in the community.

Chatham-Kent is the headquarters for Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited (a division of [DuPont](#)), a major agricultural seed breeding and biotechnology company. In 1996, Chatham became the home of Commercial Alcohols, which is the largest [ethanol](#) plant in Canada, and one of the largest in the world. It produces ethanol for industrial, medical, and beverage uses. In January 2005, the plant was named as one of Canada's 50 best managed companies. There are plans to double the size of the current Chatham facility. The plant faced criticism in the past due to corn mash odour from its stack, but has installed technology to eliminate the problem. However, these efforts need to be readressed, due to the fact that this technology has been discovered to be faulty by many of the local residents.<sup>[12]</sup>

There are many farms in the municipality, and a number of [vineyards](#) have been opened in the last few years.

Many international workers come to Chatham-Kent, especially in the warmer seasons, to do farm labour. In the past there have been allegations of low pay and poor living and working conditions for these agricultural labourers.<sup>[13]</sup> 'El Contrato', a film by The National Film Board of Canada, addresses these issues in depth.

Chatham is home to the headquarters of [Union Gas](#), a natural gas utility and [Spectra Energy](#) company. Other energy related activities include [wind farms](#) near the shores of [Lake Erie](#).

Chatham also serves as a retail centre for the municipality and surrounding area. This has included the development of large [big-box stores](#) particularly at the north end of Communication Road in Blenheim, and at the north end of St. Clair Street in Chatham.

Mallory Industries is a third generation family owned business started in 1891 by George W. Mallory at his home in Guilds. The factory moved Blenheim in 1914 in order to secure electricity, and moved to its

current location on Communication Road south of Blenheim in 1957. Their international operations in Blenheim, ON and Sioux City, Iowa supply squeegees and wash brushes to many top retailers across North America. <sup>[1]</sup>

Thompsons Limited, formerly known as W.G. Thompson and Sons, Limited, is a third generation family owned and operated business headquartered in Blenheim serving the agricultural industry <sup>[2]</sup>. Thompsons has a network of modern elevators located across southern Ontario and the United States that receive, process and ship grain and edible beans for domestic and export markets. In addition, the regional grain handling facilities serve as retail centres for seed, fertilizer, crop protectants and other farm services. It also sells Hyland Seeds brand seed at all of its retail locations <sup>[3]</sup> as well as packages and sells edible bean products and its own popcorn.

Chatham is home to many technology companies as well. For example, Chatham Internet Access was first to provide internet access in the area. TekSavvy Solutions Inc. provides high-speed internet, telephone, and other advanced telecommunications services across Canada.

## Attractions

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Capitol theatre.

The long, white sandy beaches, the fishing, convenient water access, hiking trails and conservation areas make Erieau a popular vacation getaway.

On May 5, 2009, it was announced that the Wheels Inn would be closing and downsizing into a [Holiday Inn Express](#).

There are two [Provincial Parks](#) in Chatham-Kent, [Rondeau Provincial Park](#) and [Wheatley Provincial Park](#), and [Point Pelee National Park](#) is nearby. There are also numerous local conservation areas.

Downtown Chatham is home to the annual "Retrofest" organized by the Historic Downtown Chatham BIA, in partnership with the Kent Historic Auto Club.<sup>[14]</sup> Hundreds of classic car enthusiasts travel to Downtown Chatham to showcase their classic cars and vintage vehicles.

Downtown Chatham is also home to the Chatham Capitol Theatre, a community-based theatre that, when it opened in 1930, was the largest in the region. The current renovation of the theatre is run under the auspices of the Chatham Capitol Theatre Association, a not-for-profit corporation with registered charitable status. The theatre has recently reopened in

September 2010.<sup>[15]</sup>

Wolfe Creek BMX is a non profit BMX dirt race track located off of Creek Rd behind The Chatham Compost Depot. Wolfe Creek BMX is affiliated with American Bicycle Association (ABA) and runs sanctioned races including The Provincial Championship Series. [www.wolfebmx.com](http://www.wolfebmx.com) Local citizen Tom Maciejowski along with the help of family friends and generous volunteers and contributors are responsible for the upkeep of the facility.

## Health care

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Chatham–Kent is served by the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance. The Public General Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in Chatham were moved to a single campus in 2004, while the former Sydenham District Hospital remains in Wallaceburg. The eastern portion of the municipality is served by the Four Counties Health Services in [Newbury](#) in nearby [Middlesex County](#).

Research published in 2002 by the [Heart and Stroke Foundation](#) cited Chatham-Kent as a hotspot for [heart disease](#) in Ontario.<sup>[16]</sup> Further research is underway to determine the reasons for this and other hotspots. Chatham–Kent Public Health launched a campaign in fall 2007 to tackle other ailments prevalent throughout the community, including [asthma](#), [chronic allergies](#), [sinus problems](#), many types of [cancer](#), [diabetes](#), [inflammatory bowel disease](#), [alcoholism](#), and [obesity](#).<sup>[17]</sup>

In October 2008, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance was named one of "[Canada's Top 100 Employers](#)" by [Mediacorp Canada Inc.](#), and was featured in [Maclean's](#) newsmagazine.<sup>[18]</sup>

Chatham-Kent features one of the 14 provincial [Local Health Integration Networks \(LHIN\)](#). The Erie St. Clair (ESC) LHIN services the Chatham–Kent Community as well as Sarnia/Lambton and Windsor/Essex.

The ESC LHIN is located in the town of Chatham.

## Media

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### Television stations

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- **CHWI (CTV Two)**: a [Bell Media](#) television station. The station operates out of [Windsor](#) and has a tower in [Wheatley](#) (where it is licensed). This television station has been operating since October 19, 1993, on channel 16.
- **CKCO (CTV)**: a [Bell Media](#) television station. The station operates out of [Kitchener](#), and has offices in [London](#), Chatham, and [Sarnia](#). The station broadcasts locally on CKCO-TV-3 channel 42.

Chatham-Kent is also served by stations coming from Windsor, London, [Detroit](#), [Toledo](#), and [Cleveland](#).

### Radio broadcast stations

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- **CKSY 94.3FM**: an adult contemporary music station on the air since July 1, 1986. In 2002, CKSY swapped broadcasting frequencies with CKUE. CKSY can be heard regularly in the [Metro Detroit Area](#).
- **CKUE 95.1FM**: *The Rock*, a rock music station established on October 6, 1999. In 2002, CKUE swapped broadcasting frequencies with CKSY. CKUE operates a repeater station in [Windsor, Ontario](#), formerly on 95.1 FM (now moved to 100.7 FM), and thus the broadcast day originates from both the Chatham and Windsor studios.
- **CFCO 92.9FM and 630AM**: A news, sports, Country music station. The original AM broadcasting station was launched in 1926; the repeater FM signal, meant to improve the station's reception in office buildings in Chatham–Kent, was launched in 2000. CFCO boasts a large daytime signal that covers much of [Michigan](#), including [Metro Detroit](#), and some of [Ohio](#) and [Indiana](#) in addition to southwestern Ontario.
- **CBEE 88.1FM**: the radio rebroadcast station for CBC Radio One (CBE) out of Windsor, Ontario.
- **CKGW-FM 89.3 FM**: Christian music/news/talk station. CKGW is part of the UCB Canada family of stations. Originally planned as repeater of [Belleville's CKJJ-FM 102.3 FM](#), it was reorganized into a stand-alone station before its launch in 2007 and operates at 89.3FM. It includes some programmes from Belleville, plus local standalone programming.
- **CKXS-FM 99.1 FM**: The newest radio station in Chatham–Kent, based in [Wallaceburg, ON](#), is operated by Five Amigos Broadcasting. The station began broadcasting in October 2009, and offers an [Adult contemporary music radio format](#). It provides a minimum of 91 hours of local programming per broadcast week, with the remainder consisting of syndicated programming.

CKSY, CFCO and CKUE are owned by [Blackburn Radio](#).

### Print media

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The *[Chatham Daily News](#)* is the only daily newspaper in Chatham-Kent. There are several weeklies located in Chatham and the various communities in the municipality, including the *[Blenheim News Tribune](#)*, *[Chatham This Week](#)*, the *[North Kent Leader](#)* in Dresden, *[Ridgetown Independent News](#)*, *[Tilbury Times](#)*, the *[Wallaceburg Courier Press](#)* and the *[Wheatley Journal](#)*.

The *[Chatham Daily News](#)*, *[Chatham This Week](#)*, *[Wallaceburg Courier Press](#)*, *[Wallaceburg News](#)*, and Dresden's *[North Kent Leader](#)* are all owned by [Quebecor](#) through their [Osprey Media Group](#) and [Bowes Publishers Limited](#) subsidiaries.

### Online media

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The *[Chatham Kent Daily Post](#)*<sup>[19]</sup> is the only daily online newspaper in Chatham-Kent that provides coverage of local news, sports, entertainment, and cultural events as well as a number of regular contributing columnists. The *[Chatham-Kent Sports Network](#)*<sup>[20]</sup> is an online sports specific news source covering local sports news, scores, and highlights from each of Chatham-Kent's communities. CKSN also follows Chatham-Kent athletes who have progressed to the Junior, College, International, or Professional ranks.

## Education

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### Elementary and secondary

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There are two anglophone school boards in Chatham–Kent. These are the [Lambton Kent District School Board](#) (headquartered in Sarnia) and the [St. Clair Catholic District School Board](#) (headquartered in Wallaceburg). The LKDSB is a public school board, and consists of 13 secondary and 53 elementary schools. The St. Clair Catholic board consists of three secondary schools, one in Chatham and two in Sarnia, and 16 elementary schools. There are also independent schools, such as Wallaceburg Christian School and Chatham Christian Schools—an elementary and secondary school in the same building.

Every year in September, Chatham-Kent hosts a "Red Feather" weekend. It is a charity event in support of the local United Way, and runs from Monday-Sunday, but the weekend is the focus of the event. All of the local high schools compete in different competitions. The weekend culminates in a huge dance, but has also faced criticism from locals due to drinking, noise, drug use, and vandalism. In August 2007, the local school board revamped Red Feather due to the above mentioned problems. The traditional dance, the annual parade and broomball and other minor events, have been suspended indefinitely. Although the event has not been completely cancelled, the weekend will only be a shadow of what it once was. It is unknown whether or not it will return in the foreseeable future.

### Post-secondary

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Chatham–Kent is the home of two colleges – [St. Clair College](#) and [University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus](#), popularly known as [Ridgetown College](#).

St. Clair College is a satellite of St. Clair College of Windsor. There are two campuses located in the municipality - Thames Campus (located in Chatham) and the Wallaceburg Campus (located in Wallaceburg). More than 5,000 full time and 12,000 part time students attend the college each year.

Ridgetown College offers diplomas in [agriculture](#), [horticulture](#), and [veterinary technology](#). It was formerly known as Ontario Agricultural College and then Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology.

## Sports

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### Ice hockey

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Chatham has a team in the [Ontario Hockey Association Western Junior B](#) league:

- [Chatham Maroons](#)

There are also four teams in the [Great Lakes Junior C Hockey League](#)

- [Blenheim Blades](#)
- [Dresden Jr. Kings](#)
- [Wheatley Sharks](#)
- [Wallaceburg Lakers](#)

Other teams that take to the ice in Chatham-Kent include the Chatham Outlaws Girls Hockey Association, the Chatham AAA Cyclones, and St. Clair College Saints\* (Chatham Thames Campus).

- Currently defunct.

### Canadian football

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In 2006 Chatham entered a team into the inaugural season of the Allstar Peewee Football League, and in 2007 entered a team into the Jr. Ontario Varsity Football League.

- [Chatham–Kent Cougars](#)

### Rugby Union football

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Founded in 2001, Chatham has a rugby team in the Southwest Rugby Union:

- [Chatham-Kent Havoc](http://www.havocrugby.com/) <http://www.havocrugby.com/> 

### Association Football/Soccer

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Chatham-Kent does not have a professional or semi-pro football/soccer team, but there are many leagues for young children to adults that operate in Chatham–Kent.

## Transportation

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### Road

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Chatham-Kent is situated just off [Highway 401](#), connecting [Montreal](#), [Toronto](#), [Kitchener-Waterloo](#), [London](#), and [Windsor, Ontario](#); and [Detroit, Michigan](#) via the [Ambassador Bridge](#). Blenheim, Chatham and Wallaceburg are linked with [Sarnia, Ontario](#) and the [Blue Water Bridge](#) to the United States by [Highway 40](#).

The sections of [Highway 2](#) and [Highway 3](#) (the [Talbot Trail](#)) in Chatham–Kent were downgraded by the province in 1998, becoming local roads 2 and 3, but they remain significant through routes and are still locally known by their old names.

The first gas station in Canada to sell [E85](#) fuel to the public is located on Park Avenue East in Chatham.<sup>[21]</sup>

### Rail

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[Chatham station](#) is served by [Via Rail](#) passenger services between Toronto and Windsor, part of the [Quebec City – Windsor Corridor](#) with four trips in each direction daily, and the community is served by both the [Canadian National Railway](#) and the [Canadian Pacific Railway](#) for freight transportation.

### Bus

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*Main article: [CK Transit](#)*

Within Chatham public bus services are provided by [CK Transit](#). Chatham-Kent has an intercity [bus](#) service, also provided by CK Transit, between all communities in the municipality except Blenheim.

In addition, Chatham-Kent also has intercity [bus](#) services, with [Greyhound Canada](#) services to and from Windsor, London and Toronto, and through [Detroit, Michigan](#) to [Chicago, Illinois](#). These services stop at [Thamesville](#), Chatham and [Tilbury](#).

### Air

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There is a [municipal airport](#) located 14 km south east of Chatham featuring a 5,000-foot (1,500 m) paved, lighted runway, with refuelling facilities, tie-down services, pilot training and chartered flights. The nearest airports served by regional carriers are [Windsor](#) and [London](#).

## Famous people from Chatham-Kent

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- [Chris Allen](#) - Former NHL player with the Florida Panthers
- [Douglas Anakin](#) - won a gold medal at the [1964 Olympics](#) in the bobsled
- [Bill Atkinson](#) - former [Major League Baseball](#) relief pitcher
- [Courtney Babcock](#) - [Olympic](#) distance runner
- [Shae-Lynn Bourne](#) - championship [figure skater](#)
- [Sinead Brady](#) - Runner up in Canada's Next Top Model
- [Ernest Burgess](#) - 24th President of the [American Sociological Association](#), author and [urban sociologist](#) who is known for his groundbreaking [social ecology](#) research
- [June Callwood](#) - prominent magazine writer in the 1950s who became an Officer in the [Order of Canada](#) in 1986
- [Joseph Caron](#) - Former Canadian High Commissioner to India and former Canadian Ambassador to China and Japan
- [Chandra K. Clarke](#) - entrepreneur, published author, and humour columnist.
- [James Couzens](#) - U.S. Senator, Mayor of [Detroit](#), industrialist, philanthropist, and vice president and general manager of the [Ford Motor Company](#)
- [Robertson Davies](#) - novelist
- [Kenne Duncan](#) - western/action movie actor
- [Andy Fantuz](#) - former [CIS](#) Offensive MVP, former Slotback for the [Saskatchewan Roughriders](#) of the CFL and current Receiver for the [Chicago Bears](#) of the NFL
- [Wally Floody](#) - the "Tunnel King" from The Great Escape

- **Dave Gagner** - retired NHL hockey player and brother-in-law of Diane Gagner - former Chatham–Kent mayor
- **Frank Gross, OMC** - [philanthropist posthumously](#) awarded the [Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship](#) in 2006
- **Tracey Hoyt** - actress who plays Aurora Farqueson on the [CBC Television](#) series *The Tournament*
- **Fergie Jenkins** - [Baseball Hall of Famer](#)
- **Ryan Jones** - Former finalist of 2008 Hobey Baker Award and current member of the [Edmonton Oilers](#)
- **Paul Lachine** - Multiple Award-Winning cartoonist and illustrator.
- **Judy LaMarsh** - former Canadian [Minister of Health](#)
- **Lori Lansens** - author of *Rush Home Road* and *The Girls*
- **Victor Lauriston** - McAvee Award Winning Columnist, newspaper editor, novelist, author of *Romantic Kent*
- **John B. Lee** - Author, poet and current [Poet Laureate](#) of [Brantford, Ontario](#)
- **Doug Melvin** - [General Manager](#) of the [Milwaukee Brewers](#)
- **Harry Garnet Bedford Miner** - Victoria Cross winner during World War 1, born in Cedar Springs
- **Leah Morise** - award winning singer/songwriter
- **Dave Nichol** - award winning product marketing expert and former president of [Loblaw's](#)
- **Geoffrey O'Hara** - early 20th century composer, singer and music professor who was the writer of such popular songs as the 1918 hit K-K-K-Katy
- **Ron Pardo** - comedian and impressionist, from Pardoville
- **Doug Shedden** - professional ice hockey coach and former player
- **Glen Skov** - [National Hockey League](#) (NHL) [hockey](#) player
- **Ron Sparks** - award-winning comedian, actor and writer best known for [Video on Trial](#)
- **Joseph Storey** - Architect; designer of many local landmarks in the 1950s and 1960s
- **Shaun Suisham** - Pittsburgh Steelers kicker (formerly Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins)
- **Sylvia Tyson** - singer-songwriter, broadcaster, and guitarist who found early fame with her then-husband Ian Tyson in their folk duo [Ian and Sylvia](#)
- **Todd Warriner** - former NHL hockey player picked 4th overall in the [1992 NHL Entry Draft](#) by the [Quebec Nordiques](#)
- **Brian Wiseman** - 1999 IHL MVP [Houston Aeros](#)
- **Michelle Wright** - award winning country music singer

Kenneth Lyle "Chub" Houston (born September 15, 1953) is a retired Canadian ice hockey player.

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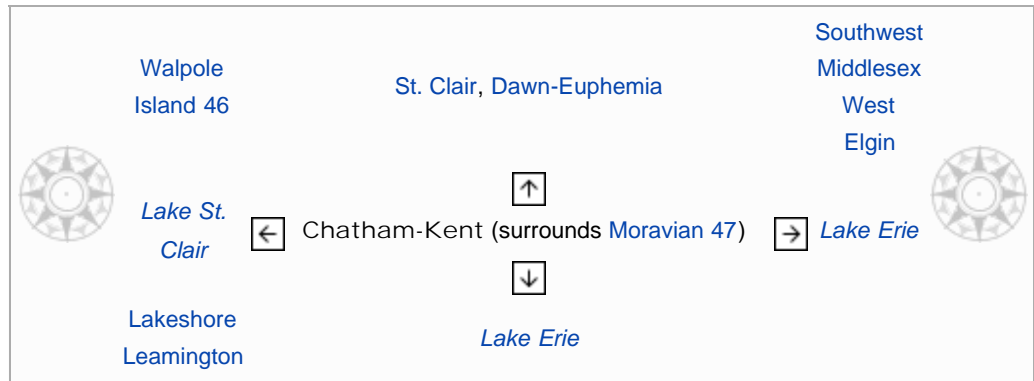
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