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SECTOR PROFILE



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Vaughan's construction and building materials sector is integral to supporting residential, commercial and industrial building growth across Ontario and Canada. Vaughan's construction industry contributed \$4.1 billion in real GDP to Vaughan's economy in 2022.

The construction and building materials sector in Vaughan is home to many of Canada's top builders, developers, contractors and building material suppliers. This sector is supported by a large and concentrated workforce in the construction trades and engineering. The sector comprises work in residential, industrial and commercial construction at a provincial and national level.

Construction in Vaughan is supported by high economic spin-offs anchored by strong local industry verticals, including advanced manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade, professional and business services and technology.

Vaughan's Construction and Building Materials sector offers end-to-end supply chain support from the manufacturing of building materials, such as glass, steel, tile and wood products, to building design, engineering and construction.

Vaughan is a city on the rise – major residential and commercial construction projects are transforming Vaughan's skyline and establishing the city as a premier destination for businesses and talent.

In 2022, the City issued **3,200 building permits** totalling more than **\$1.75 billion** in building construction value – a significant investment into the community and directly supported by Vaughan's growing construction sector.





The Vaughan Advantage

You're in good company

Leading companies in the construction and building materials sector include Bonfield Construction, NPL Canada LTD., Condrain Company, OZZ Electric Inc., BVGlazing Systems, Modern Niagara Toronto Inc., Empire Communities and Improve, which is Canada's largest home improvement centre with over 350 showrooms.

Vaughan's construction sector is comprised of **1,630 businesses** that employ **50,000 workers**, including:

- more than **240 residential building construction companies** that employ more than **4,500 people**.
- more than **30 water, sewer line and oil and gas structure construction** companies that employ more than **2,300 people**.
- more than **260 electrical contractors, and power and communications contractors** that employ nearly **14,800 people**.
- **160 engineering and architectural service businesses** employing more than **3,300 people**.

Vaughan's building materials sub-sector is supported by more than **330 building materials businesses** that employ more than **11,800 employees**, including:

- more than **75 plastic manufacturers** that employ more than **5,200 people**.
- more than **43 glass and glass product manufacturers** that employ nearly **1,500 people**.
- more than **10 steel manufacturers** that employ nearly **720 people**.

Vaughan has a higher concentration of construction and building materials companies than the national average. Concentrations include steel product manufacturing, glass and glass product manufacturing, architectural metals manufacturing, building finishing contractors, land subdivisions and residential building construction, which all boast a location quotient* of more than 2.3.

*Location quotient (LQ) is a way of quantifying how concentrated a particular industry, cluster, occupation or demographic group is in a region compared to the nation. It can reveal what makes a particular region unique in comparison to the national average. Many economists consider an area's industry to be concentrated if its LQ is above 1.2.



TAP into a robust and skilled workforce

In 2022, Vaughan was home to nearly **345,000 residents** – that number is expected to increase by 66 per cent by 2051.

Vaughan is home to three state-of-the-art training centres operated by the College of Carpenters and Allied Trades Inc. (CCAT) and Labourers' International Union of North America (LiUNA) Local 183, delivering the most comprehensive training programs that simulate a true construction setting. These centres work to support the industry's growing labour needs and support construction projects across the province and country.

In addition to these training centres, Vaughan is also home to **15 technical and trades schools**. These schools offer training programs in a variety of fields, including electrical, plumbing, drywall acoustic mechanic and lather, logistics and more.

Seventy-three per cent of Vaughan's population over 25 years old has a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree – surpassing both the provincial (68 per cent) and national (67 per cent) average.

Vaughan's location lets you tap into:

- a labour force of **3.9 million workers**.
- the next generation of talent attending eight colleges and seven universities.

Vaughan is Transformative, Ambitious and Purpose-driven

As the go-to source for insight into Vaughan's business community, the Economic Development team can support you with business, real estate and demographic information, highly customized end-to-end site selection assistance, zoning, planning and by-law information, and more! **TAP** into your next opportunity.



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