



Introduction

This report presents a geographic description for the Timiskaming Health unit catchment area. In Ontario, Health Unit catchment areas can differ from Districts and such is the case in Timiskaming. The geographic makeup of the Timiskaming Health Unit area is important to understand when providing or accessing Timiskaming Health Unit programs and services and when reading other Timiskaming Health Stats reports.

Geographic description

The Timiskaming Health Unit catchment area is located in Northeastern Ontario and covers 14,125 square kilometers (Figure 1).¹

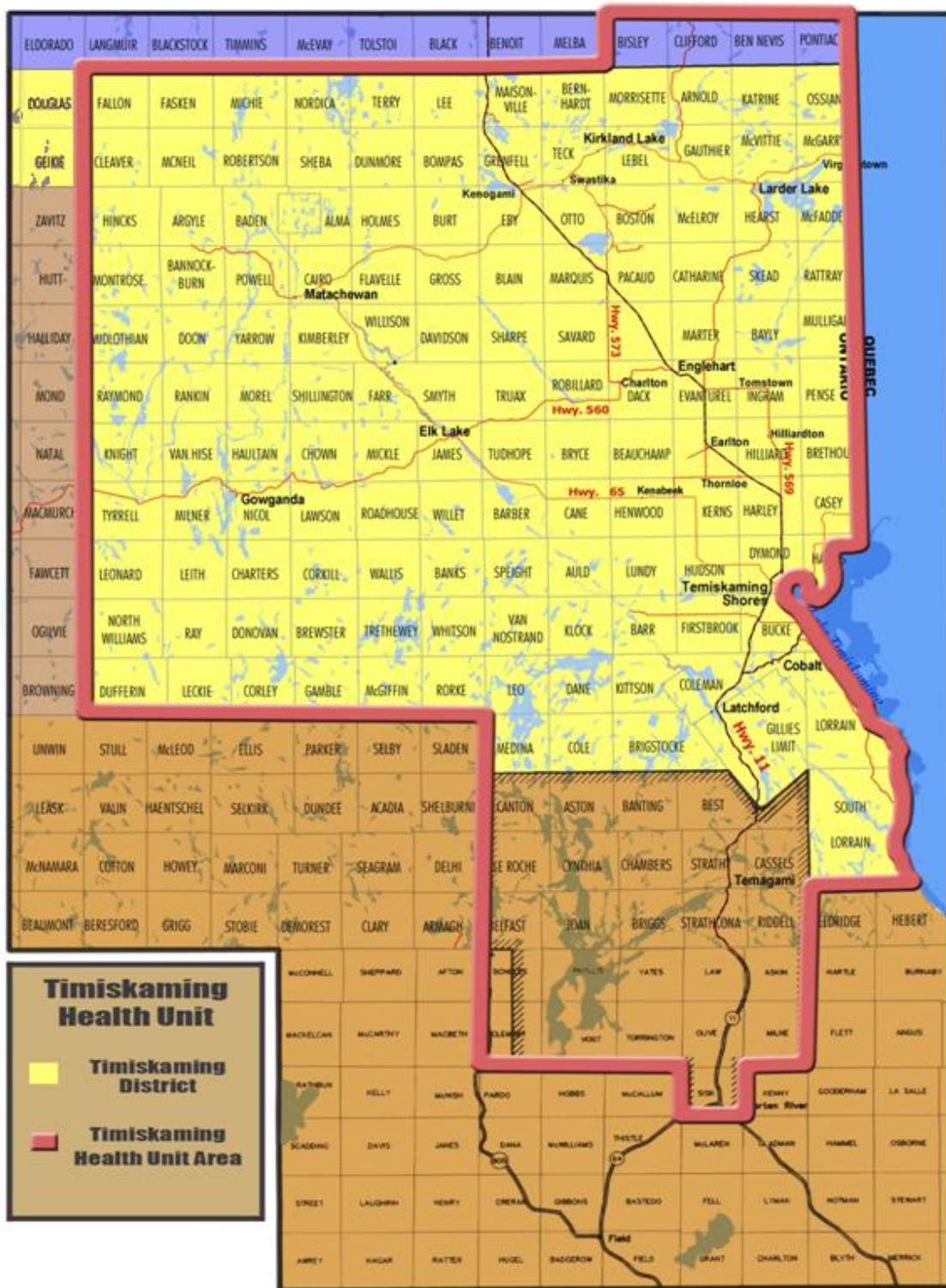
The Timiskaming Health Unit's boundaries are not the same as the Timiskaming District. When compared to the District of Timiskaming, the Health Unit boundaries also include the municipality of Temagami and the following townships: Ben Nevis, Bisley, Clifford, Pontiac, Clement and Scholes.² Furthermore, the health unit catchment area does not include the following

Timiskaming District townships: Childerhose, Douglas, Doyle, Fripp, Geikie, Hillary, McArthur, McKeown, Musgrove, Pharand and Reynolds (Figure 2).²

Figure 1: Map of Ontario with Timiskaming Health Unit area boundaries outlined



Figure 2: Timiskaming Health Unit boundaries.



As of 2011, the Timiskaming District has a population density of 2.5 people per square kilometer which is quite sparse compared to an urban area like Toronto which has a population density of 4,150 people per square kilometer.³

The Timiskaming Health Unit area is designated as a ‘sparsely populated urban-rural mix’ as it consists of a wide variety of community sizes. The largest community in the Timiskaming Health Unit area is Temiskaming Shores with a population of 10,400 people followed by Kirkland Lake with a population of 8,133.³ The next largest communities by size are considerably smaller: Englehart with a population of 1,519 and Cobalt which consists of 1,133 people.³ The remaining areas have lower population sizes and consist of small municipalities, a village, Indian reserves and townships (Table 1). Figure 3 is a map of the population distribution in the Timiskaming District (cautionary note that it is not health unit area).⁴

About this data source

The Census is a mandatory survey that collects demographic and linguistic information on all permanent and non-permanent people living in Canada at the time of the Census. The Census undercounts groups such as the homeless and aboriginal people on reserves and both undercounts and overcounts may occur in young adults and those with two residences. Statistics Canada makes adjustments to account for discrepancies in coverage.

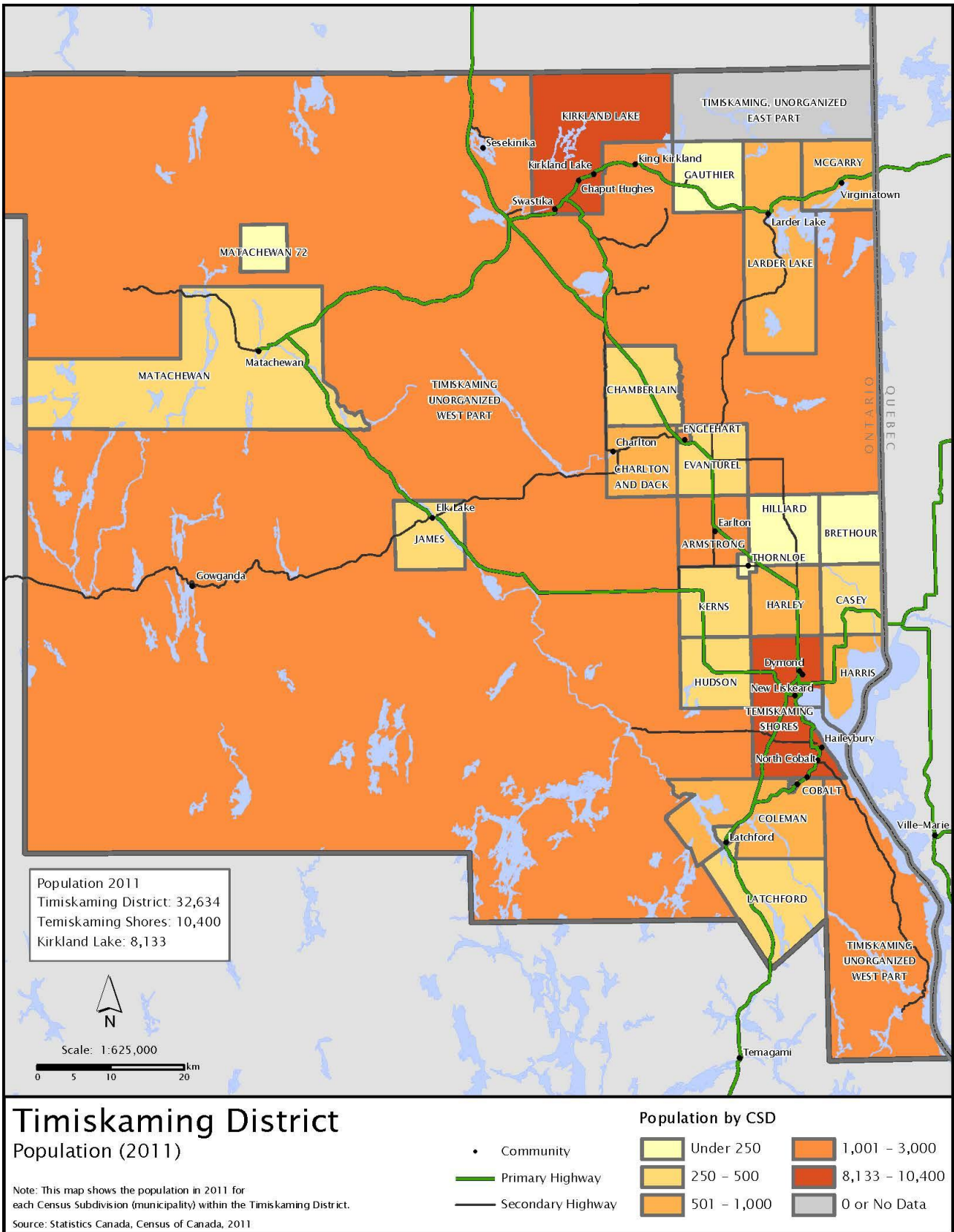
The census is conducted every five years and data in this report will be updated in 2018 pending the release of new 2016 Census data.

Table 2: Timiskaming Health Unit communities and population counts.³

Community Name	Population
City	
Temiskaming Shores	10,400
Town	
Kirkland Lake	8,493
Englehart	1,519
Cobalt	1,133
Latchford	387
Municipality	
Temagami	840
Charlton and Dack	671
Village	
Thornloe	123
Indian reserve	
Matachewan 72	83
Bear Island	‡
Organized townships	
Armstrong	1,216
Larder Lake	684
Coleman	597
McGarry	595
Harley	539
Harris	523
Hudson	476
Evanturel	452
James	424
Matachewan	409
Casey	374
Kerns	359
Chamberlain	297
Hilliard	204
Brethour	129
Gauthier	123
Unorganized	
Timiskaming Unorganized West	2,925
Timiskaming Unorganized East	0

‡ Band councils did not give permission to conduct the census in this community

Figure 3: Timiskaming District population distribution.



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