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**CANADA'S BEST PLACES TO LIVE - 2018**

The Best Places to Live ranks 415 cities across the country based on ten categories: Wealth and economy, affordability, population growth, taxes, commute, crime, weather, access to health care, amenities and culture.

«Anyone looking for a great place to live in Ontario is spoiled for choice.

Fully half of the 50 best places to live in Canada are in Ontario. This is partly because it's the most populous province, but people flock there for a reason. Ontario has a strong economy, cultural amenities in Toronto and Ottawa and, of course, decent weather – for Canada.»

In 2016, Hawkesbury was ranked 311<sup>th</sup>, out of 415 cities. **In 2018, Hawkesbury is ranked 188<sup>th</sup>, out of 415 cities.**

Population: 10,419

Economic Factors

Economic region unemployment rate<sup>1</sup>: 5.1%

Average household income: \$64,815

Average value of primary real estate: \$246,528

Average rent for a two-bedroom apartment<sup>2</sup>: \$700

Property tax rate: 2%

Average annual property tax bill: \$1,516

Mobility Factors

Population that walks to work: 5%

Population that bikes to work: 0.93%

Population that takes transit to work: 1.86%

## Health, Safety and Community Factors

Doctors' offices: 22

Crime rate per 100,000 population<sup>3</sup>: 7,209

Population employed in arts and recreation: 0.4%

<sup>1</sup> As of March 2018

<sup>2</sup> Estimates used where data not available

<sup>3</sup> In area covered by local police service