
SAUGEEN CITY



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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LOCATION

With a population of 82,760, the Saugeen community is a group of neighbouring towns, townships and municipalities with a shared economic base, market place, workforce, and history. Residents of the Saugeen City move freely between the towns, townships and municipalities for goods and services.



The municipalities which make up this rural city are Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Chatsworth, Grey Highlands, Hanover, Minto, South Bruce, Southgate, Wellington North and West Grey. Together, they cover an area of 4,002 square kilometres.

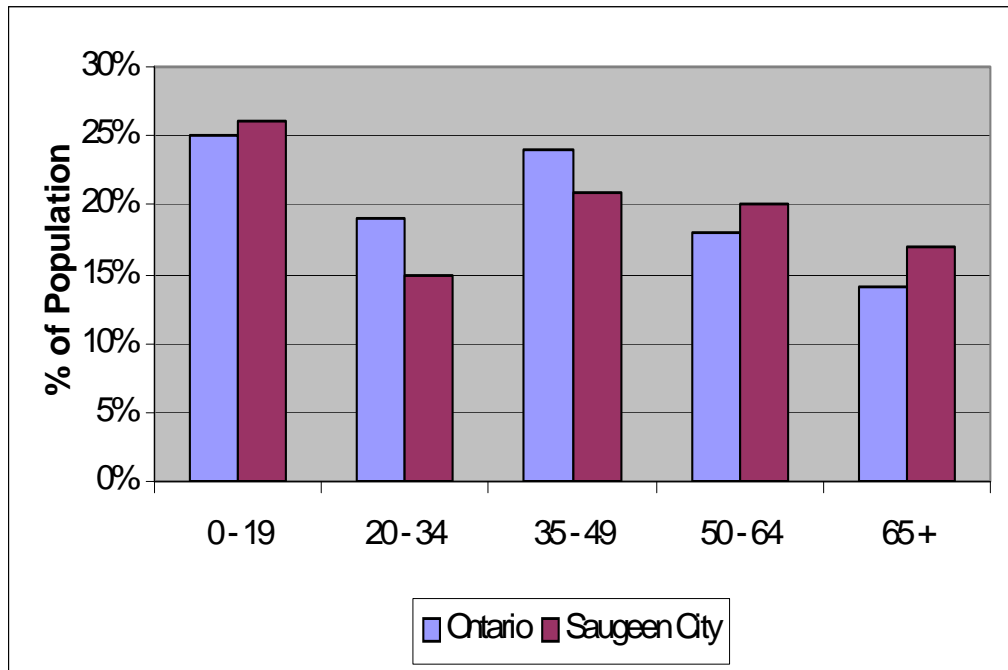
The Saugeen City straddles the Counties of Bruce, Grey and Wellington; it is well situated mid-way between the major centres of southern Ontario and popular recreational areas along the eastern shore of Lake Huron and southern Georgian Bay. It is only a 1½ to 2 hour drive from the Saugeen City to cities in Canada's "Golden Horseshoe" industrial heartland, like Toronto, Hamilton, and Kitchener-Waterloo. The City of Owen Sound offers Great Lakes port and Shipping facilities, as does the Town of Goderich situated approximately 100 kilometres to the southwest.

POPULATION

POPULATION BY FIVE-YEAR AGE GROUPS AND GENDER

Age Group	Both Genders	Male	Female
0 - 4	4,550	2,385	2,165
5 - 9	5,080	2,645	2,435
10 - 14	6,075	3,095	2,980
15 - 19	6,325	3,225	3,100
20 - 24	4,925	2,590	2,335
25 - 29	3,955	1,995	1,960
30 - 34	4,095	2,085	2,010
35 - 39	4,825	2,380	2,445
40 - 44	6,365	3,175	3,190
45 - 49	6,715	3,325	3,390
50 - 54	6,250	3,135	6,250
55 - 59	6,110	3,060	3,050
60 - 64	4,925	2,460	2,465
65 - 74	7,580	3,760	3,820
75+	6,580	2,755	3,825
Total Pop	84,380	42,050	42,330

POPULATION COMPARISON TO ONTARIO BY AGE GROUP

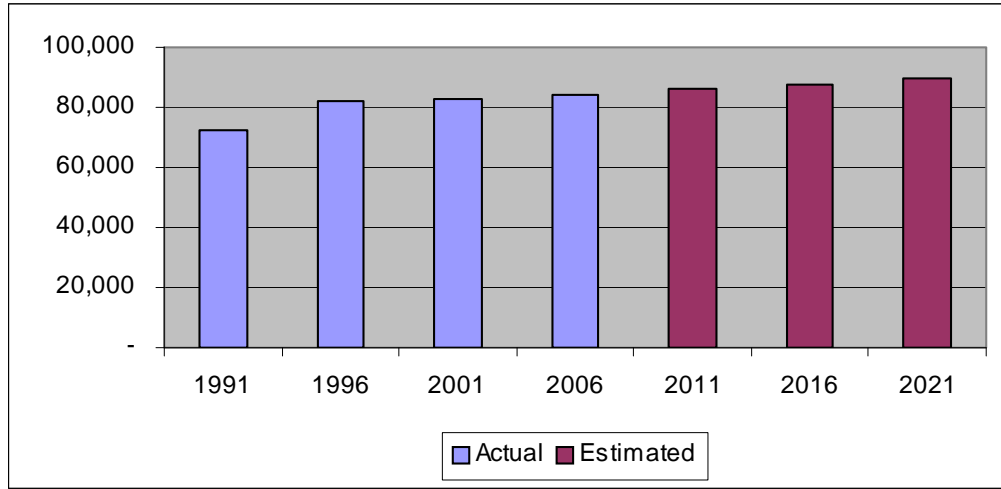


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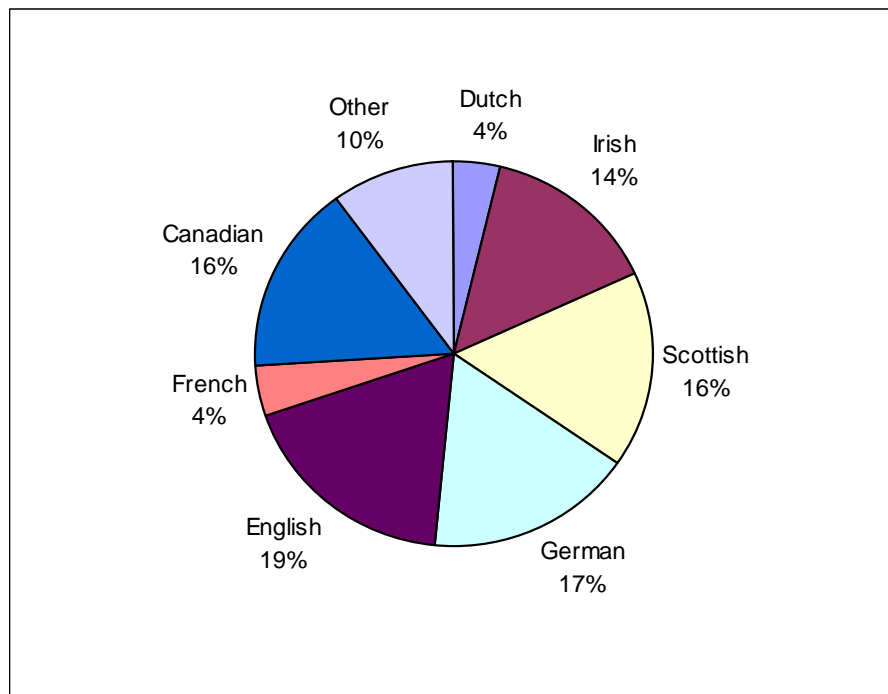
POPULATION

POPULATION GROWTH

1991.....	78,359
1996.....	81,796
2001.....	82,760
2006.....	84,380
2011.....	86,093 est.
2016.....	87,898 est.
2021.....	89,804 est.



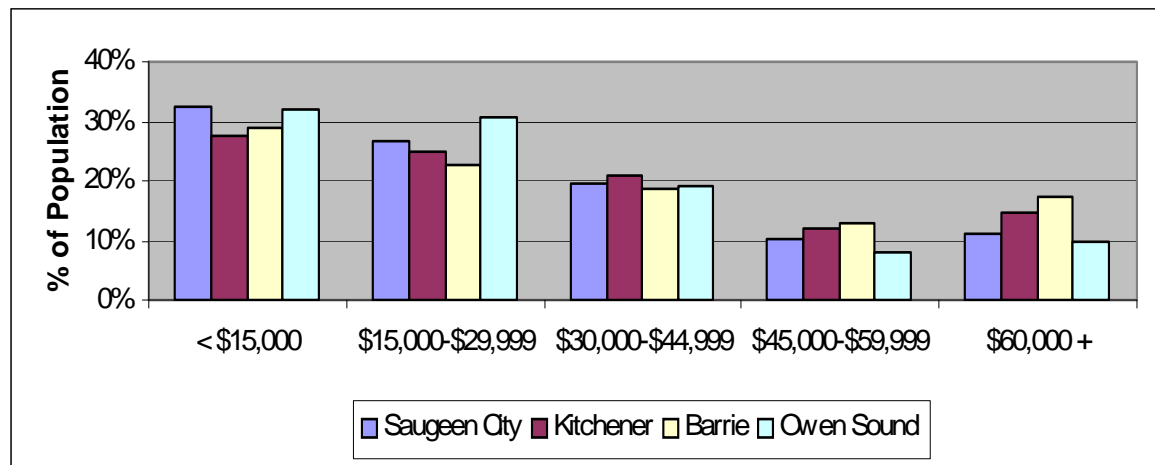
ETHNIC ORIGIN



Source: Statistics Canada 2006

BUSINESSES IN SAUGEEN CITY

Arran -Elderslie	www.arran-elderslie.com
Brockton	www.brockton.ca
South Bruce	www.town.southbruce.on.ca
Grey Highlands	www.greyhighlands.ca
West Grey	www.downtowndurham.ca
Hanover	www.hanovercanada.com
Chatsworth	www.chatsworth.ca
Minto	www.minto-chamber.on.ca
Wellington North	www.arthurchamber.ca
	www.mountforest.ca



INCOME

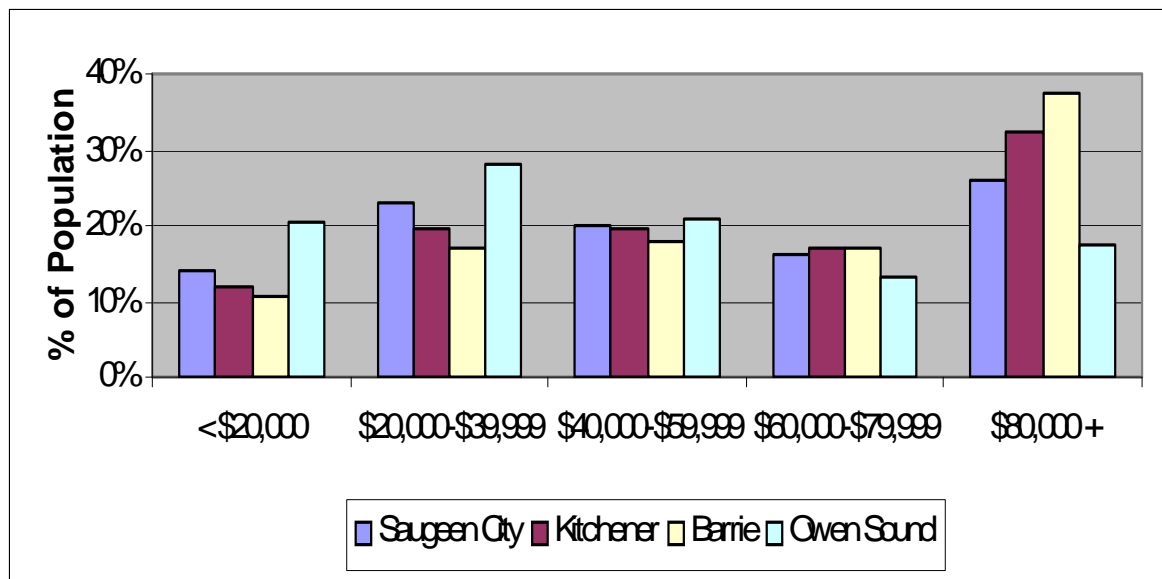
TOTAL INCOME BY GENDER AND INCOME GROUP

Income Group	Number of People					
	Male	Saugeen City		Kitchener	Barrie	Owen Sound
		Female	Total	Total	Total	Total
Under \$15,000	8,285	12,625	21,090	43,125	27,430	27,430
\$15,000 - \$29,999	7,595	9,780	17,365	39,065	21,680	5,155
\$30,000 - \$44,999	6,820	5,915	12,740	32,880	17,610	3,215
\$45,000 - \$59,000	4,600	2,115	6,730	19,230	12,135	1,365
\$60,000 and over	5,185	1,895	7,090	23,390	16,485	1,655
15+ with income	32,535	32,490	65,035	157,710	95,340	16,785
Average Income	\$36,852	\$24,279	\$30,561	\$35,648	\$35,737	\$29,093

Source: Statistics Canada 2006

HOUSEHOLD INCOME DISTRIBUTION

Income Level	Number of Households			
	Saugeen City	Kitchener	Barrie	Owen Sound
Under \$20,000	4,655	9,520	4,935	1,925
\$20,000 - \$39,999	7,425	15,460	7,955	2,620
\$40,000 - \$59,999	6,580	15,510	8,315	1,950
\$60,000 - \$79,999	5,240	13,445	7,835	1,245
\$80,000 and over	8,275	25,540	17,480	1,655
Total	32,245	79,485	46,515	9,380
Average Income	\$61,765	\$70,620	\$73,134	\$51,952



Source: Statistics Canada 2006

LABOUR

LABOUR FORCE 15 YEARS AND OVER BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS

Industry Divisions	Total	% of Workforce	
		Saugeen City	Ontario
Manufacturing	8,635	19.2	13.7
Agriculture, Forestry Fishing and Hunting	5,135	11.4	1.7
Retail Trade	4,680	10.4	10.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,425	9.8	9.3
Construction	4,060	9.0	5.8
Accommodation and Food Services	2,330	5.2	6.3
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	2,240	5.0	4.6
Transportation and Warehousing	1,830	4.1	4.7
Educational Services	2,105	4.7	6.6
Wholesale Trade	1,805	4.0	4.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,550	3.4	7.2
Administrative, Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,380	3.1	4.8
Public Administration	1,140	2.5	5.3
Finance and Insurance	870	1.9	4.8
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	810	1.8	2.1
Utilities	1,005	2.2	0.8
Information and Cultural Industries	530	1.2	2.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	390	0.9	1.9
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	115	0.3	0.4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10	0.02	0.1
Total Labour Force	45,080	100.0	100.0

LABOUR FORCE 15 YEARS AND OVER BY OCCUPATION AND GENDER

Occupation	Male	Female	Total
Management Occupations	1,895	1,145	3,105
Business, Finance and Administration Occupations	1,005	4,465	6,035
Natural & Applied Sciences & Related Occupations	1,070	305	1,380
Health Occupations	310	2,080	2,390
Social Science, Education, Government Service and Religious Occupations	575	1,870	2,435
Occupations in Art, Culture, Recreation and Sport	250	415	665
Sales and Service Occupations	3,230	6,000	9,230
Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators and Related Occupations	8,855	605	9,465
Occupations Unique to Primary Industry	3,905	1,615	5,520
Occupations Unique to Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	3,170	2,230	5,415
Total Labour Force	24,285	20,780	45,695

Source: Statistics Canada 2006

LABOUR

Occupations and Wage Rates

The following is a list of prevailing wage rates for standard occupations determined by the Service Canada for the Grey-Bruce-Simcoe-Muskoka area, as of December 31, 2007. These wage rates are to be considered as guidelines only and specific information should be obtained from individual employers. Please note that current minimum wage in Ontario may not be reflected in this data.

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Prevailing Wage Range</u>		<u>Average</u>
Accounting and Related Clerks	\$12.00	\$23.42	\$17.07
Administrative Clerks	\$11.50	\$24.31	\$16.99
Automotive Mechanical Installers and Servicers	\$8.75	\$19.50	\$12.25
Bookkeepers	\$11.00	\$20.85	\$15.38
Carpenters	\$13.00	\$30.80	\$19.91
Construction Trades Helpers and Labourers	\$12.00	\$26.80	\$17.05
Cooks	\$8.75	\$16.77	\$11.41
Data Entry Clerks	\$11.01	\$23.82	\$18.04
Dental Assistants	\$15.00	\$25.16	\$17.91
Early Childhood Educators and Assistants	\$9.25	\$20.07	\$13.60
Electricians (Except Industrial and Power System)	\$12.50	\$35.00	\$21.65
Elementary School and Kindergarten Teachers	\$18.83	\$39.16	\$28.71
Food and Beverage Servers	\$7.60	\$13.65	\$9.50
General Office Clerks	\$11.00	\$22.54	\$16.10
Heavy Equipment Operators	\$15.00	\$31.00	\$20.76
Industrial Electricians	\$20.16	\$37.00	\$25.88
Janitors, Caretakers and Building Superintendents	\$9.55	\$19.90	\$14.65
Manufacturing Managers	\$17.14	\$41.26	\$27.89
Material Handlers	\$11.50	\$20.60	\$15.53
Nurse Aides, Orderlies and Patient Service Associates	\$11.80	\$20.34	\$16.32
Plumbers	\$13.00	\$29.55	\$19.84
Receptionists and Switchboard Operators	\$10.00	\$19.08	\$13.98
Registered Nurses	\$22.50	\$40.00	\$32.12
Restaurant and Food Service Managers	\$10.72	\$20.12	\$13.72
Roofers and Shinglers	\$12.30	\$22.13	\$17.35
Secondary School Teachers	\$19.01	\$41.69	\$29.37
Shippers and Receivers	\$10.00	\$18.96	\$14.46
Truck Drivers	\$13.33	\$22.50	\$17.48
Welders and Related Machine Operators	\$12.88	\$22.53	\$17.49

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Service Canada/Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)

<http://www.ontario.ca/en/gic/004897>

Services available at this location:

1. Answers to frequently asked questions about government services
2. Referrals to government staff who can provide specialized help
3. Access to government's Internet to search programs, services or staff
4. Free government publications including Ontario Parks Guide, Fishing and Hunting Regulations, Power of Attorney Kits, etc
5. Supply of and assistance with Application Forms for government services such as Birth and Death Certificates, Health Cards, Social Insurance Numbers, etc
6. Order government publications electronically using POOL (Publications Ontario on-line), the Ontario government's virtual bookstore
7. Access to Ontario Business Connects terminals or Web site to register/renew your business name, conduct a business name search and make your applications for Retail Sales Tax permit (RST), Employer Health Tax number (EHT) and register with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)
8. Access to [Life Events](#) information packages such as Losing Your Wallet and Getting Married
9. Access to Online Government Services, including On-line Change of Address service
10. Community Information and Bulletin Board
11. File Landlord and Tenant Board applications
12. Ministry of Labour Employment Standards Claim acceptance
13. Ministry of Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife services, information and sales

For government services in Grey-Bruce call:

1 888 647-3654 Toll Free

(519) 371-6226

(519) 371-6336 Fax

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Y Employment Services

www.ymcaowensound.on.ca

The YMCA Employment Services operating locally, provides free confidential employment counselling for both youth and adults. With offices in Owen Sound, Hanover and Walkerton, the program includes:

- 1 A RESOURCE CENTRE offering free internet access, computers for word processing, job postings and newspapers.
- 2 EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLORS who are available by appointment to help people identify career goals and offer support for a job search and assistance with resume preparation.
- 3 ON THE JOB TRAINING for participants who meet program eligibility requirements.

Saugeen Business Development Centre (SBDC)

554 7th Avenue, Hanover
(519) 364-3694
www.sbdc.ca

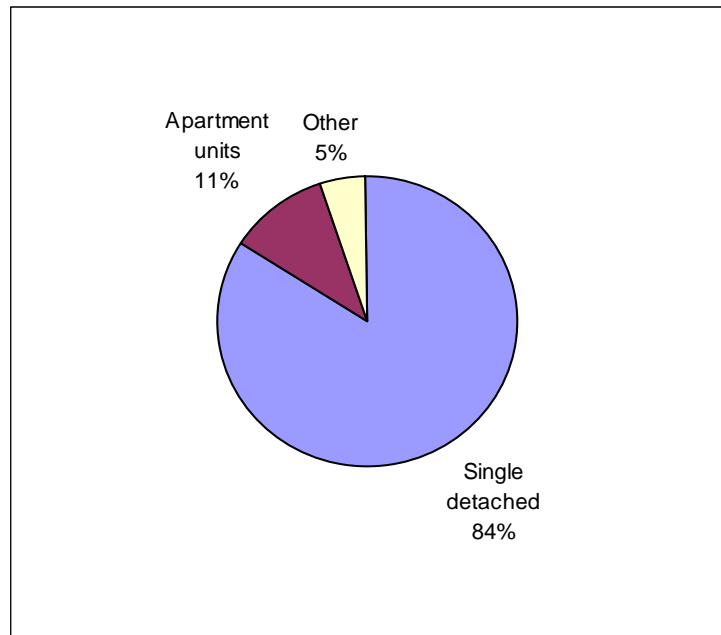
The Saugeen Business Development Centre is a federally supported not-for-profit Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) governed by volunteers in partnership with Industry Canada to help develop and diversify local economy by providing

1. Possible term loans up to \$150,000 for equipment, inventory, operating capital, etc;
2. Information related to demographics, labour market and training programs;
3. Information related to government programs and industrial sites;
4. Community Profiles on participating municipalities; and
5. Quarterly economic newsletters.

HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

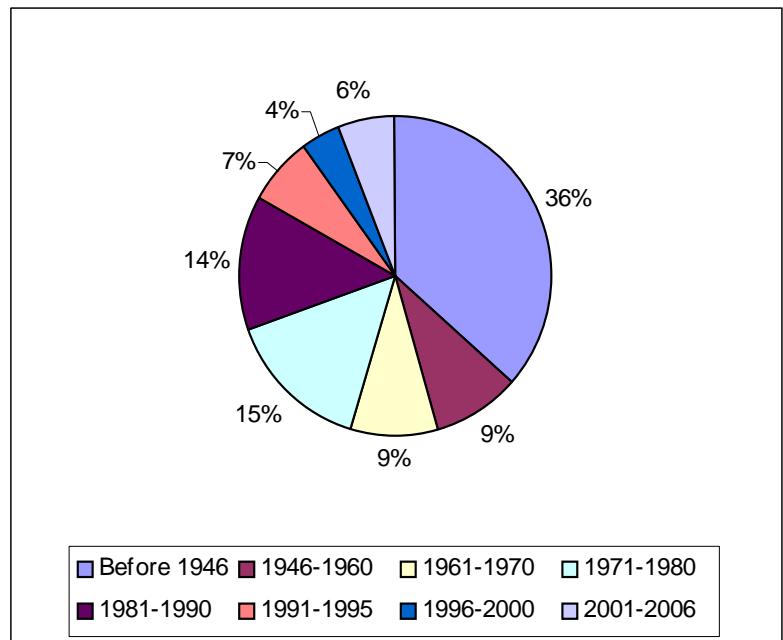
HOUSING STOCK BY STRUCTURAL TYPE

Single-Detached	27,025
Semi-Detached	570
Row-Housing	615
Apt., detached duplex	390
Apt. building 5+ storeys	1,025
Apt. building, < 5 storeys	2,165
Other single-detached house	240
Movable Dwellings	225
Total	32,245
Owned	26,290
Rented	5,960



HOUSING STOCK BY PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION

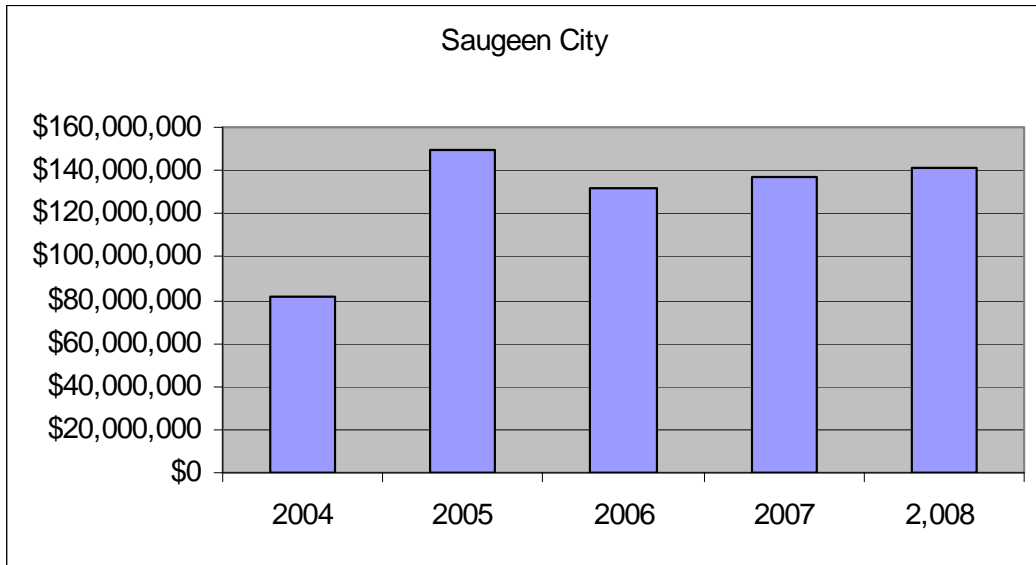
Before 1946	11,770
1946-1960	2,805
1961-1970	2,880
1971-1980	4,765
1981-1990	4,355
1991-1995	2,250
1996-2000	1,325
2001-2006	2,050
Total	32,245



Source: Statistics Canada 2006

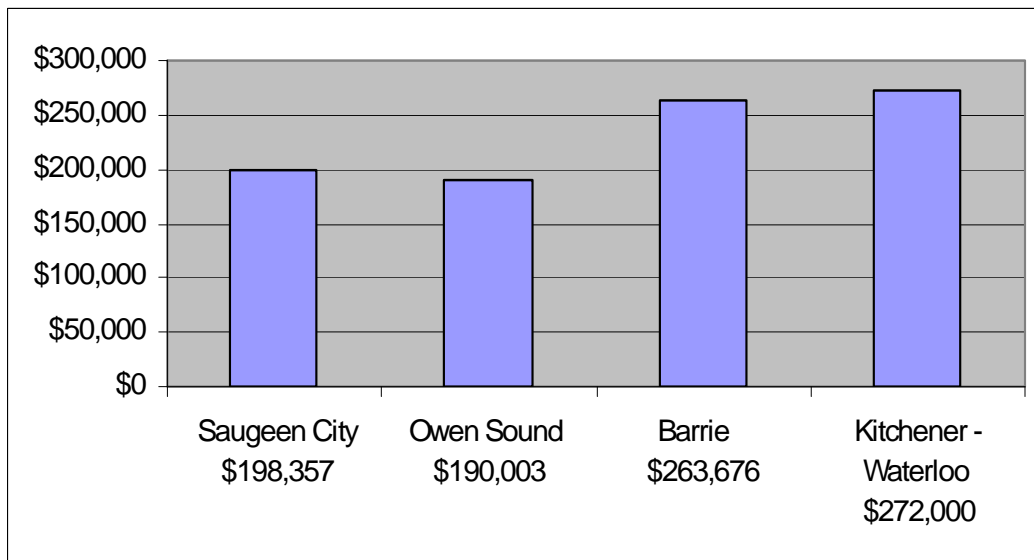
HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Building Permits



Note - 2004 data not available for Minto or Wellington North

Average Residential Selling Price



Source: **Calculation**
 from data supplied by K-W Real Estate Board, Simcoe Real Estate Board and the Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound Real Estate Board

LOCAL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Form of Government

The Saugeen City is a collection of ten municipalities. Each area has its own municipal government comprised of an elected council consisting of a Mayor and a Deputy Mayor and councillors, elected for a 3 year term.

Tax Structure

Tax information is available upon request at the respective municipal offices.

Fire Protection

All of the departments are served by volunteer firefighters operating with modern and up-to-date firefighting equipment, including all the necessary apparatus for automobile extraction plus a full compliment of self-contained breathing apparatus.

Law Enforcement

Local law enforcement is provided by a combination of municipal police services and the Ontario Provincial Police. All police officers are graduates of the Ontario Police College. The Canadian Police Information System computer allows the police to access the Toronto Vehicle Registration Bureau and the Ottawa Criminal Computer.

The Ontario Provincial Police has a local detachment located in Walkerton and is dispatched from nearby Mount Forest. The local O.P.P. patrols area highways, county roads, concession roads as well as nine villages and hamlets.

POWER AND UTILITIES

Electricity

Saugeen City is served by Hydro One and Westario Power. Rates vary according to the type of user.

Please visit the following web sites for more information on rates:

www.hydroonenetworks.cpm

www.westario.com

Fuel Oil & Natural Gas

Fuel oil is supplied to the community by Esso, Imperial Oil Ltd, North-Wellington Co-op, Petro-Canada, Shell and Sunoco located in many communities throughout Saugeen City.

Union Gas supplies various areas with natural gas. For more information, please contact Union Gas directly.

Garbage & Industrial Waste Removal

Several municipalities provide weekly or bi-weekly garbage collection to their residents, using bag tag systems. Garbage is collected by private contractors and taken to the appropriate municipal landfill site.

Recycling has been in place since the early 1990's and is collected at the curbside for many residents on a bi-weekly basis. The municipalities which do not collect curbside waste provide a depot for recyclable materials at the landfill site.

Water & Sewer

The rural areas of the Saugeen City are generally served by private wells. In the urban areas, residents are privy to a municipal water system and are billed on a monthly basis. Contact the appropriate utilities commission for water rates.

Sewage disposal in the rural areas of Saugeen City is the responsibility of each individual property owner by way of septic system. Wastewater treatment plants service Chesley, Durham, Hanover, Mildmay, and the Walkerton ward of Brockton.

INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Sites Available

The available industrial sites in the Saugeen City have excellent potential to attract new industry. The sites are highly visible, as they are located on main thoroughfares in the community. This also means that the sites are easily accessible for transportation and shipping purposes. Most sites are presently fully serviced, but where this is not the case, the sites are in close proximity to services and could easily be adapted.

Inquiries as to price per acre should be directed to the appropriate municipal office.

TRANSPORTATION

Air Transportation

The Saugeen Municipal Airport, located just outside Hanover on County Road #2, is the Saugeen community's key to the provincial airport network, offering quality service to both recreational and commercial traffic.

Runway 01/19 is approximately 4,000 feet in length and 75 feet in width. The secondary runway 09/27 is approximately 2,500 feet in length and 50 feet in width. Both runways are maintained year round and service is available 365 days of the year between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The professionally maintained runways are capable of servicing and accommodating small to midsize corporate jets and larger commuter-type turbo-prop aircraft. Charters and flight training are available as well as food and catering on Thursdays and Fridays. The Saugeen Municipal Airport also offers Canada Customs clearance on an as needed basis.

For more information, phone (519) 364-3220, or fax (519) 364-7733.

Truck Transportation

Saugeen City is well served by a number of local and international carriers.

Water Transportation

Commercial harbour facilities are located at Goderich. This harbour is open to Great Lakes shipping from mid-May to early January, depending upon prevailing ice conditions on the lakes.

Commercial harbour facilities are also situated in Owen Sound. This harbour offers between 600 and 700 metres of dockage for large lake freighters at a depth of approximately 6.5 metres. The harbour also offers grain elevator facilities and bulk cement silos with an estimated 15,000 tonne capacity. Loading equipment is generally contained on the incoming freighters, however, equipment is available in Owen Sound through a private contractor.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Chartered Banks

Saugeen City is well serviced, as many of the major banks have several locations throughout the community, including the BMO Bank of Montreal, Scotia Bank, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, RBC Royal Bank, TD Canada Trust.

Community Futures Development Corporation

The local CFDC, Saugeen Economic Development Corporation, provides financial and technical assistance to small businesses. The maximum loan is \$150,000. It is located at 554 7th Avenue, Hanover. Contact the office at (519) 364-3694, toll-free 1-866-761-7232 or visit the website at www.sbdc.ca.

Business Development Bank of Canada

The nearest branch of this organization is located in Stratford, Ontario and can be contacted by telephone at (519) 271-5650 or toll free 1-800-265-2489.

Stock Brokers

Brokerage houses serving Saugeen City are Nesbitt Burns and Gary Bean Securities Ltd., located in Hanover, and RBC Dominion Securities located in Owen Sound.

Other Financial Institutions

Offices of the Farm Credit Corporation are located in Walkerton and Owen Sound. The Saugeen Community Credit Union is located in Chesley and Durham. Desjardins Credit Union in Walkerton, Dundalk District Credit Union in Dundalk, and Meridian Credit Union in Hanover serve the Saugeen City area. In addition, Saugeen City offers a wide variety of insurance and private investment agencies.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Health Care

South Bruce Grey Health Centre - Durham (formerly Durham District Memorial Hospital) offers 19 beds and provides a number of local medical services including audiology, bone densitometry, cardiorespiratory, dermatology, diabetic education program, diagnostic imaging, ENT, geriatric assessment, healthy heart program, hearing aid testing, laboratory services, nutrition services, pastoral care, patient education and support, physiotherapy, pulmonary function and urology. Emergency services are available 24 hours.

South Bruce Grey Health Centre - Chesley (formerly the Chesley & District Memorial Hospital) offers emergency service and a variety of ambulatory health services including specialty clinics, laboratory, diagnostic, and electrodiagnostic imaging, physiotherapy and dietary counseling. Day Program supports the elderly living in their homes. Inpatient services include medical and chronic beds.

Hanover and District Hospital provides a full range of primary-care hospital services and selected secondary-care services to the population of Hanover and the surrounding rural townships including 24 hour emergency services. The day hospital program accommodates patients with ongoing service needs including food care, palliative care, enterostomal therapy and discharge planning, hydrosound tubs, track lifts and a kinesiology gym. In addition, Hanover & District offers an intensive care unit, a dialysis unit and obstetrical unit, long term care, ambulance service, diagnostic imaging and nutritional services.

The Grey-Bruce Regional Health Centre, located near Owen Sound, is the area's largest and most modernly equipped facility. This hospital serves as a base educational and training hospital and offers services associated with hospitals situated in much larger centres.

The Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Health Unit provides a variety of services to the Saugeen area, including a school health program, a dental health team, family planning, prenatal classes, nutrition and diet counselling and immunization programs.

Operating Out of Owen Sound, Para-Med Home Health Care services of Grey and Bruce counties offers private nursing, homemaking, childcare, Acquired Brain Injury Care and Life Line services. The Victorian Order of Nurses, based in Owen Sound, provides a variety of home support services including mother and infant care, palliative and supportive care, insurance services, intravenous therapy and private duty (shift) nursing. These services are rendered throughout Grey and Bruce counties.

Centre Grey Hospital, Markdale is a primary care community hospital serving about 12,000 residents as well as a large seasonal population, and is a rural site of Grey Bruce Health Services (www.gbhs.on.ca). It provides inpatient care, day surgery, out-patient emergency services, palliative care and a range of ambulatory services. There are excellent lab, diagnostic imaging, ultrasound and physiotherapy services. Visiting specialists add to the range of health services provided. Digital radiography equipment and PACS are in place. Emergency Services are available 24 hours.

Meaford's Hospital is one of six hospitals operated by Grey Bruce Health Services since a voluntary amalgamation of the northern hospitals in Grey and Bruce Counties in 1998. The hospital offers a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services in Meaford and patients can access specialty care through the integrated health care services provided by Grey Bruce Health Services to the broader region. For more information about the Meaford hospitals range of programs and services follow this link to Grey Bruce Health Services' web site at www.gbhs.on.ca.

The Louise Marshall Hospital (Mount Forest) is a community hospital with a rated bed capacity of 37 inpatient beds serving the health care needs of approximately 15,000 people within the hospital's catchment area. Located in the Town of Mount Forest, our fully accredited hospital offers a range of primary and secondary services including 24 hour emergency services, inpatient and outpatient care, specialist clinics and supportive diagnostic services. The hospital has an active staff of seven Family Practitioners as well as consulting staff in General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Radiology, Anesthesiology, Pathology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Urology, Neurology, ENT and Pediatrics. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Health Care, continued

The Palmerston and District Hospital is a community hospital with a rated bed capacity of 35 inpatient beds serving the health care needs of approximately 15,000 people within the hospital's catchment area. Located in the Town of Palmerston, our fully accredited hospital offers a range of primary and secondary services including 24 hour emergency services, inpatient and outpatient care, specialist clinics and supportive diagnostic services. The hospital has an active staff complement of six Family Practitioners as well as consulting staff in General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Radiology, Anesthesiology, Pathology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedics and ENT.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Medical Clinics

Within the area, there are many medical clinics, staffed with practising physicians and nurse practitioners. Several clinics also house dentists, optometrists, chiropractors and audiologists in order to provide a wide range of general and special care.

Retirement Homes and Communities

Bruce Lea Haven is a non-profit municipal home for the aged. It is operated, in Walkerton, by the County of Bruce and offers 158 beds for residential and extended care. Also in Walkerton is Maple Court Villa, a retirement residence.

Grey Gables, in Markdale, is a 66 bed long-term care facility owned and operated by the County of Grey. It provides nursing care, dietary services, activities, therapy, socialization and assistance to its residents to optimize the enjoyment and independence of their lives

Rockwood Terrace, in Durham, is a 100 bed long term care facility owned and operated by the County of Grey and the Province of Ontario. It offers 24-hour registered nursing supervision and medical care in a home-like setting. There is a full calendar of entertainment and special events for the residents.

There are many retirement communities and homes in the area. To name a few, Birmingham Lodge, Brittany Villa, Chatsworth Retirement, Choices Living, Country Lane Nursing Home, Chatsworth Retirement Home, Elgin Abbey, Hanover Care Centre, Maple Court Villa, Parkview Manor, Royal Terrace, Saugeen Valley Nursing Centre, Serenity, The Village Seniors' Community, West Star Development and Lodge.

Additional Community Services

Bruce, Grey and Huron Disability Transportation Network provides transportation for the physically challenged and the elderly using 14 vans and one 40 passenger bus equipped with hydraulic lifts.

Bruce, Grey and Wellington Counties operate public libraries throughout the area. Each library is home to a complete reference centre for adults and children, with access to films, foreign language publications, video cassettes and talking books.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Cultural Events

The Saugeen City is very diverse in its cultural offerings. There are several theatre groups, which perform local stage entertainment, with proceeds from these performances going toward future productions, bursaries and community projects. Various local, national and internationally renown artists have performed in the area, including the Bell Canto Singers, Saugeen Bach Music Festival and the Grey-Bruce Singers. The Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival is held each spring, in Walkerton, and provides a rich array of musical talent in piano, strings, brass, voice, and dance. There are amateur and professional categories for all ages. The festival offers participants an opportunity to perform before live audiences. The communities also offer movie theatres, art galleries and museums celebrating the region's rich agricultural heritage. See municipal websites for complete listings for the upcoming year.

Churches

The community offers a number of churches representing a wide-variety of denominations, including Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Mennonite, Missionary, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and United.

Community Service Clubs

Saugeen City is well served by a wide variety of community service organizations including, but not limited to, local chapters of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, Chambers of Commerce, the Kinsmen and Kinettes, the Knights of Columbus and Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary, the Lion's and Lioness', the Masons, the Optimists, the local Rotary Clubs, the Royal Canadian Legion and Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Special Community Events

Saugeen City offers a variety of events for all ages, including hockey and baseball tournaments, beef barbeques, fish fries, Bavarian festivals and Christmas parades. Annual fall fairs throughout the area celebrate our agricultural heritage. The Heritage Fair and the Neustadt Craft Show, held annually in November presents beautifully hand-crafted items produced by local artisans. Spring brings the annual Home and Garden Shows.

Mildmay celebrates the Annual "Hanging of the Green" Festival promoted by the local Chamber of Commerce. This event kicks-off the local merchants Christmas Season and includes a Santa Claus parade, a Children's Candle Light Parade, Carol Singing, a Family Social Night at the Community Hall and the illumination of the local Rotary Club's Christmas Decorations at Coronation Park.

Woodworking played a major role in the early development of the Saugeen Valley Area and the Annual Welbeck Sawmill Wood Show, which celebrates this heritage, is held at the Welbeck Sawmill north of Durham the second weekend in August. The show features woodworking tool and machinery exhibitors offering a wide variety of the latest workshop innovations. The show is also a exhibition of crafts ranging from furniture to wooden folk art.

Mount Forest offers a wonderful weekend for the family with their annual Fireworks Festival in August. Minto is the host of the newly introduced Canada Redneck Games, which draws visitors from across Ontario.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Recreational Facilities & Parks

The Saugeen City is home to approximately 20 community centres, all with ice arenas with seating areas and auditoriums for meetings, banquets and receptions. Numerous public swimming pools offer a full range of activities such as lane swimming, competitive swim teams, water aerobics, water safety and swimming lessons.

Residents can remain occupied with the many activities in the area, including, camping, fishing, hiking, walking, curling, tennis, figure skating, basketball, volleyball, fitness classes, weekly bingo, ball hockey, karate and tae bo. There are organized leagues for hockey, ringette, soccer and baseball.

The Saugeen River Walking Trail follows the scenic river dike system throughout Walkerton and boasts a viewing platform, canoe launches, park benches and picnic tables. In addition, Hanover's Community Trail is also open for anyone to walk or hike and enjoy the ranging scenery in and around our community.

The Durham Conservation Area, situated to the northeast of the town, stretches approximately two miles along the Saugeen River. This facility offers over 200 sites for camping or seasonal residence. The Conservation Authority offers a variety of summer activities including fishing, canoeing, swimming, horseshoes, volleyball, and also boasts an extensive hiking and nature trail system which allows users to view some of the most beautiful scenery of the Saugeen River Valley. The Conservation Authority maintains 213 acres south of the Town of Hanover as a Wildlife Sanctuary, open year round to the public.

COMMUNITY RETAIL FACILITIES

Shopping Centres

The community's shopping area contains a large number and variety of retail and service shops. Further, the Saugeen City is centrally located within a short drive on good roads to a number of regional and local shopping malls. The Heritage Place Mall on the east side of Owen Sound serves the Grey-Bruce region and is 'anchored' by Sears and Zellers. Also on the east side of the city is the Wal-Mart department store. Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo and London have regional shopping centres within a 1½ to 2 hour drive.

Department Stores

Saugeen City's immediate needs are served by Zellers and Wal-Mart in Hanover.

Grocery Stores

The Saugeen City is well served by several outlets of Food Basics, Foodland, Knechtel's Food Market, IGA, Independent Grocer, and Valu-Mart, as well as numerous farmers' markets, general stores and local produce stores.

COMMUNICATION MEDIA

Newspapers

Many local weekly papers cover news and community events throughout the Saugeen area, including Arthur Enterprise, Cargill Area News, Dundalk Herald, Flesherton Advance, Markdale Standard, Mildmay Town and Country Crier, Minto Express, Mount Forest Confederate, The Post, and Walkerton Herald Times.

In addition, the Sun Times, a daily paper published in Owen Sound, is available to the Saugeen City and has a circulation of 24,000.

A variety of national and regional papers are also available within the community, among them the Toronto Star, London Free Press and the Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Television

A Channel, broadcasting from London, covers midwestern-Ontario. CKCO TV, from Kitchener, also reports area news on a regional basis.

Kincardine Cable TV Ltd., Maitland Cable TV Ltd., Markdale Cable TV, and Persona (Eastlink) Communications offer cable television service to the urban areas of Saugeen City. Bell ExpressVu and StarChoice are also widely available throughout the area.

Radio

Bluewater Community Radio, broadcasting from Hanover on 91.3 FM serves the local area with community news and events with volunteer DJ's. Saugeen City is also served by Bayshore Broadcasting which runs CFOS 560 AM, MIX 106 (106.5 FM), Country 93 (93.7 FM), 97.7 & 98 THE BEACH, as well as CKNX 920 AM and 101.7 FM from Wingham. CBC Radio is also available on 96.8 FM.

Postal and Courier Services

The community is served by post offices located in all towns and villages throughout the area. These offices offer Priority Post, a postal courier network service offering next day delivery to points within Ontario. In addition, courier services available to the area include Canpar Transport, DHL Express Ltd., Federal Express Canada, Greyhound Courier Express, Markdale R&C Transportation, Purolator Courier, and UPS.

Internet Service Providers

The Saugeen area is well serviced by several Internet service providers including Bell Canada, Bruce Telecom, High Speed FX, HuronTel, Markdale Cable Hi-Speed Internet, Persona Internet, Rogers, and Wightman Telecom. All residents of Saugeen City have access to the Internet without having long distance charges.

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

PUBLIC

Primary Schools
Arran-Tara Elementary School (Tara)
Arthur Public School
Beavercrest Elementary School (Markdale)
Brant Township Central School (Walkerton)
Dawnview Public School (Hanover)
Dundalk & Proton Community School (Dundalk)
Egremont Community School (Holstein)
Harriston Senior Public School (Harriston)
Highpoint Community School (Dundalk)
Hillcrest Central School (Teeswater)
Holland-Chatsworth Central School (Chatsworth)
Hanover Heights Community School (Hanover)
Kenilworth Public School
Kinghurst Community School (Chesley)
Macphail Memorial Elementary School (Flesherton)
Mildmay-Carrick Public School (Mildmay)
Minto Clifford Public School (Harriston)
Mount Forest Public School
Normanby Community School (Ayton)
Osprey Central Public School (Maxwell)
Paisley Central School (Paisley)
Palmerston Public School (Palmerston)
Spruce Ridge Community School (Durham)
Sullivan Community School (Desboro)
Walkerton Public School (Walkerton)

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools (cont)

Secondary Schools
Chesley District High School (Chesley)
F.E. Madill Secondary School (Wingham) Grey Highlands Secondary School (Flesherton)
John Diefenbaker Secondary School (Hanover)
Norwell District Secondary School (Palmerston)
Saugeen District Secondary School (Port Elgin)
Walkerton District Secondary School (Walkerton)
Wellington Heights Secondary School (Mount Forest)

SEPARATE

Primary Schools
Holy Family Separate School (Hanover)
Immaculate Conception (Formosa)
Mary Immaculate (Chepstow)
Mother Teresa School (Walkerton) Notre Dame Catholic School (Owen Sound)
Sacred Heart Elementary (Mildmay)
Sacred Heart (Teeswater)
St. Basil's School (Owen Sound)
St. John Catholic School (Arthur)
St. Joseph's School (Port Elgin)
St. Mary Catholic School (Mount Forest)
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Separate School (Durham)

Secondary Schools
Sacred Heart High School (Walkerton)
St. James Catholic High School (Guelph)
St. Mary's High School (Owen Sound)

EDUCATION

Post Secondary Facilities

The nearby Owen Sound Campus of Georgian College offers a full schedule of extensive college-level education programs. This facility is at most an hour commute from Saugeen City. Universities and colleges are located in Barrie, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Toronto and Waterloo and are within a 2 hour drive from Saugeen City.