
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHGATE



COMMUNITY PROFILE



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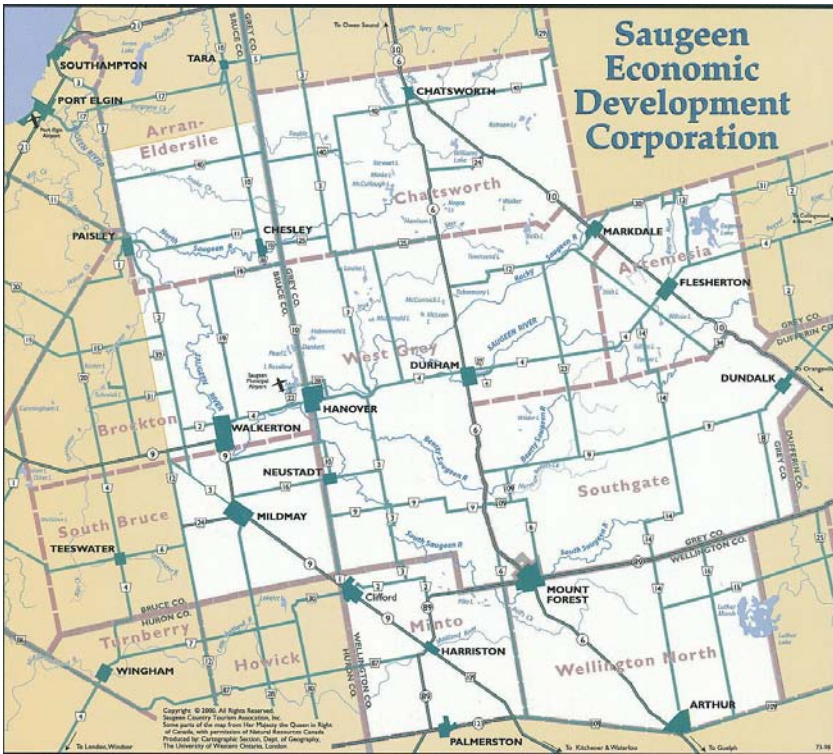
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LOCATION

The Township of Southgate is located in south-eastern Grey County, adjoining Wellington and Dufferin County. The Township contains some of the best farmland the County has to offer. Southgate Township is a short drive on excellent roads from Owen Sound, the Grey-Bruce Region's largest urban centre, but still close to the southern centres of Guelph and Orangeville.



Distances from the	Highway		Township of to Major
	km	miles	
Barrie	80	50	
Fort Erie/Buffalo .	210	130	
Guelph	64	40	
Hamilton	115	70	
Kitchener	75	45	
London	155	95	
Montreal	690	430	
Orangeville	45	28	
Oshawa	190	120	
Ottawa	545	340	
Owen Sound	48	30	
Sarnia/Port Huron .	220	135	
Toronto	145	90	
Windsor/Detroit . .	355	220	

Agriculture is the largest industry in Southgate. All family owned and operated, both small and large, our farms are very productive. Our Mennonite brethren, who have migrated from Waterloo, use very modern and efficient technology. Soils have been drained and barns doubled in size. The modern farm practices contrast with their frugal lifestyle, including buggy and bicycle transportation to town.

Naturally, good agriculture has attracted farm machinery dealers, farm supply outlets and market opportunities including mills, elevators and abattoirs.

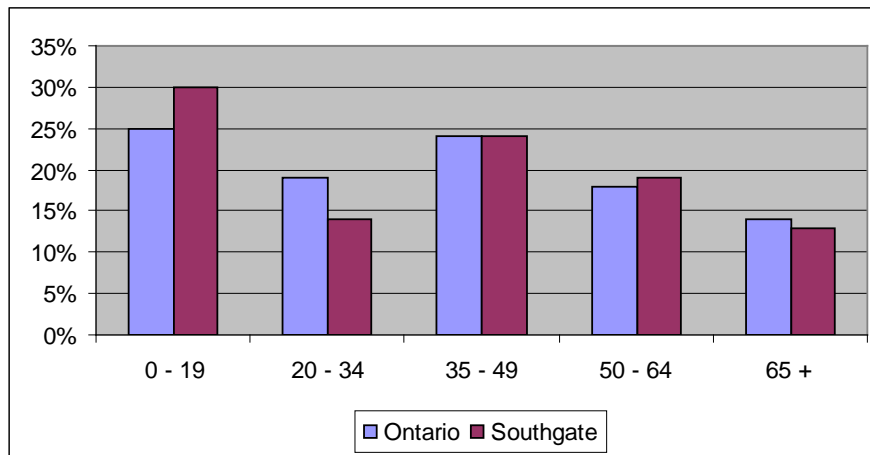
The Township of Southgate is within one hour's drive of Highways #400 and #401, the Province's main controlled-access thoroughfare and link between major centres in Canada and the United States. The City of Owen Sound offers Great Lakes port and shipping facilities.

POPULATION

POPULATION BY FIVE-YEAR AGE GROUPS AND GENDER

Age Group	Both Genders	Male	Female
0 - 4	425	220	205
5 - 9	525	300	225
10 - 14	615	330	285
15 - 19	620	305	315
20 - 24	360	180	180
25 - 29	315	155	160
30 - 34	340	175	165
35 - 39	490	245	245
40 - 44	645	305	340
45 - 49	585	325	260
50 - 54	515	260	255
55 - 59	435	205	230
60 - 64	390	190	200
65 - 74	545	285	260
75+	370	195	175
Total Pop	7,165	3,680	3,490

POPULATION COMPARISON TO ONTARIO BY AGE GROUP

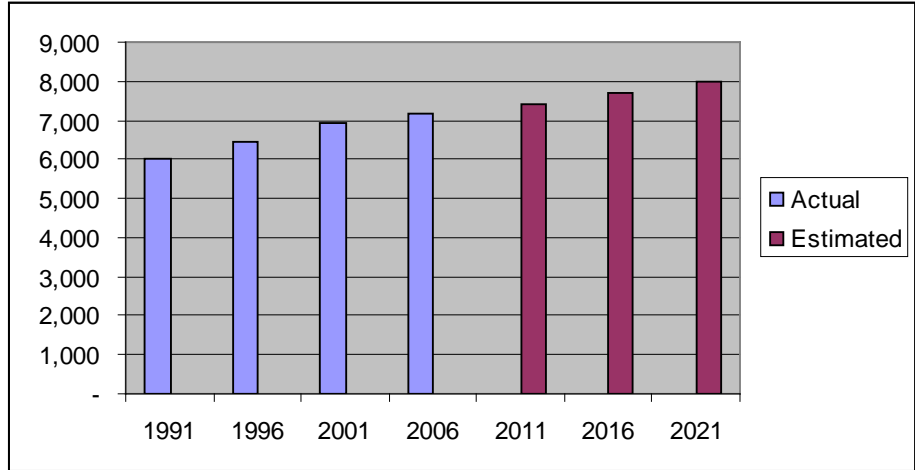


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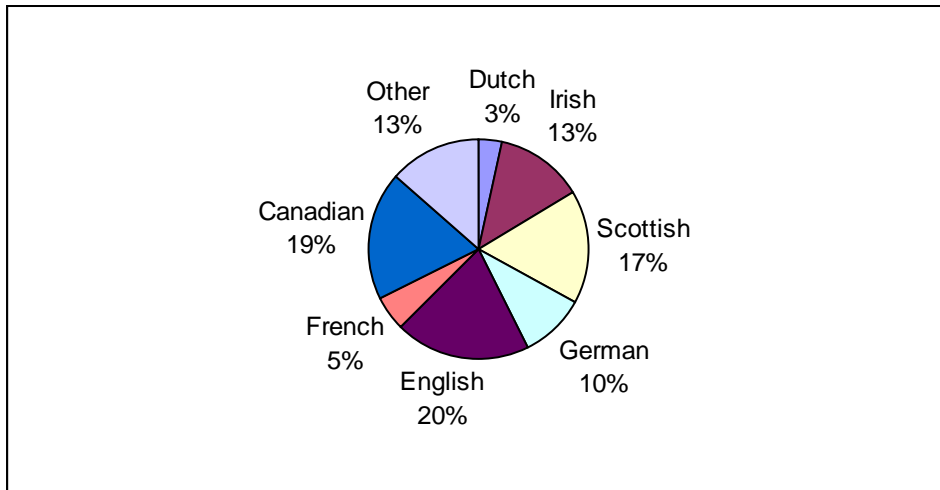
POPULATION

POPULATION GROWTH

1991.....6,012
1996.....6,449
2001.....6,907
2006.....7,165
2011.....7,433 est.
2016..... 7,710 est.
2021.....7,998 est.



ETHNIC ORIGIN

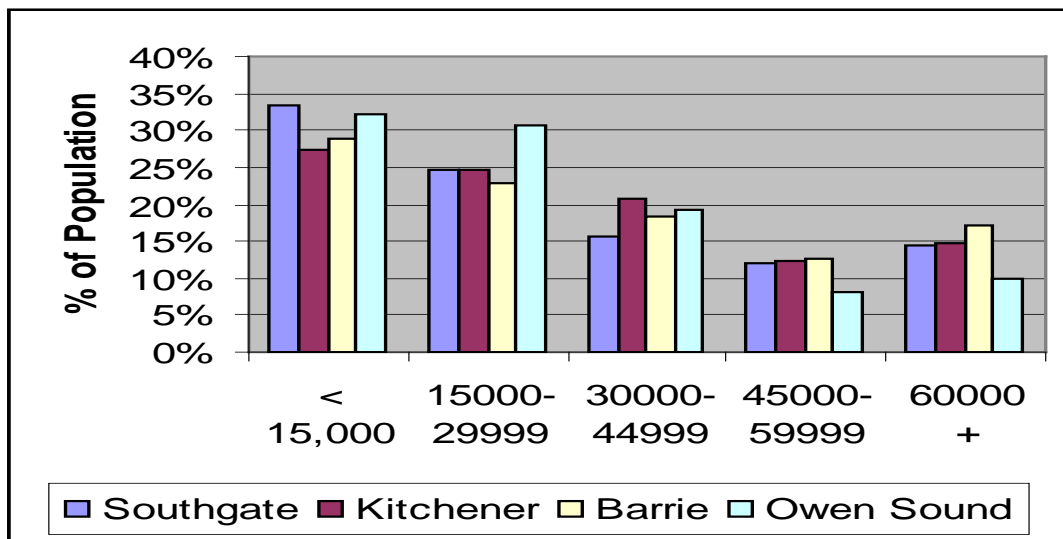


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INCOME

TOTAL INCOME BY GENDER AND INCOME GROUP

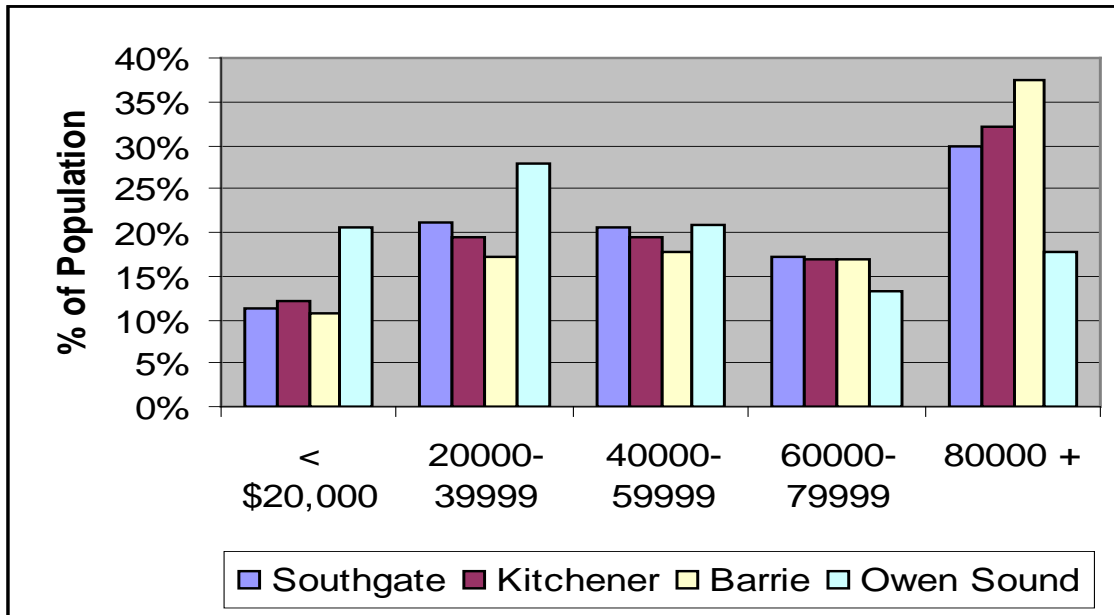
Income Group	Number of People						
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Under \$15,000	625	1,145	1,785	43,125	87,005	27,430	5,390
\$15,000 - \$29,999	655	665	1,320	39,065	64,835	21,680	5,155
\$30,000 - \$44,999	435	405	840	32,880	48,190	17,610	3,215
\$45,000 - \$59,999	470	165	640	19,230	26,640	12,135	1,365
\$60,000 and over	545	215	765	23,390	29,520	16,485	1,655
15+ with income	2,735	2,605	5,345	157,710	256,190	95,340	16,785
Average Income	\$39,662	\$24,463	\$32,248	\$35,648	\$31,001	\$35,737	\$29,093



Source: Statistics Canada 2006

HOUSEHOLD INCOME DISTRIBUTION

Income Level	Number of Households				
	Southgate	Kitchener	London	Barrie	Owen Sound
Under \$20,000	285	9,520	9,965	4,935	1,925
\$20,000 - \$39,999	540	15,460	17,760	7,955	2,620
\$40,000 - \$59,999	525	15,510	19,240	8,315	1,950
\$60,000 - \$79,999	440	13,445	17,215	7,835	1,245
\$80,000 and over	765	25,540	27,570	17,480	1,655
Total	2,560	79,485	91,750	46,515	9,380
Average Income	\$67,250	\$70,620	\$69,121	\$73,134	\$51,952



LABOUR

LABOUR FORCE 15 YEARS AND OVER BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS

Industry Divisions	Total	% of Workforce	
		Southgate	Ontario
Manufacturing	1,010	26.7	13.7
Agriculture, Forestry Fishing and Hunting	425	11.2	1.7
Construction	395	10.4	5.8
Retail Trade	270	7.1	10.9
Transportation and Warehousing	180	4.8	4.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	260	6.9	9.3
Accommodation and Food Services	170	4.5	6.3
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	200	5.3	4.6
Administrative, Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	115	3.0	4.8
Educational Services	135	3.6	6.6
Wholesale Trade	155	4.1	4.7
Public Administration	115	3.0	5.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	130	3.4	7.2
Information and Cultural Industries	25	0.7	2.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35	0.9	1.9
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	75	2.0	2.1
Finance and Insurance	60	1.6	4.8
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0.0	0.4
Utilities	10	0.3	0.8
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10	0.3	0.1
Total Labour Force	3,785	100.0	100.0

LABOUR FORCE 15 YEARS AND OVER BY OCCUPATION AND GENDER

Occupation	Male	Female	Total
Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators and Related Occupations	810	95	910
Sales and Service Occupations	190	480	670
Occupations Unique to Primary Industry	345	110	455
Business, Finance and Administration Occupations	110	380	490
Occupations Unique to Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	290	260	555
Management Occupations	100	75	175
Health Occupations	10	140	150
Natural and Applied Sciences and Related Occupations	110	30	140
Social Science, Education, Government Service and Religious Occupations	65	95	155
Occupations in Art and Culture	35	45	85
Total Labour Force	2,065	1,715	3,785

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:

- Answers to frequently asked questions about government services
- Referrals to government staff who can provide specialized help
- Access to government's Internet to search programs, services or staff
- Free government publications including Ontario Parks Guide, Fishing and Hunting Regulations, Power of Attorney Kits, etc
- Supply of and assistance with Application Forms for government services such as Birth and Death Certificates, Health Cards, Social Insurance Numbers, etc
- Order government publications electronically using POOL (Publications Ontario on-line), the Ontario government's virtual bookstore
- 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)
- Access to [Life Events](#) information packages such as Losing Your Wallet and Getting Married
- Access to Online Government Services, including On-line Change of Address service
- Community Information and Bulletin Board
- File Landlord and Tenant Board applications
- Ministry of Labour Employment Standards Claim acceptance
- 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:

- a) A RESOURCE CENTRE offering free internet access, computers for word processing, job postings and newspapers.
- b) 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.
- c) ON THE JOB TRAINING for participants who meet program eligibility requirements.

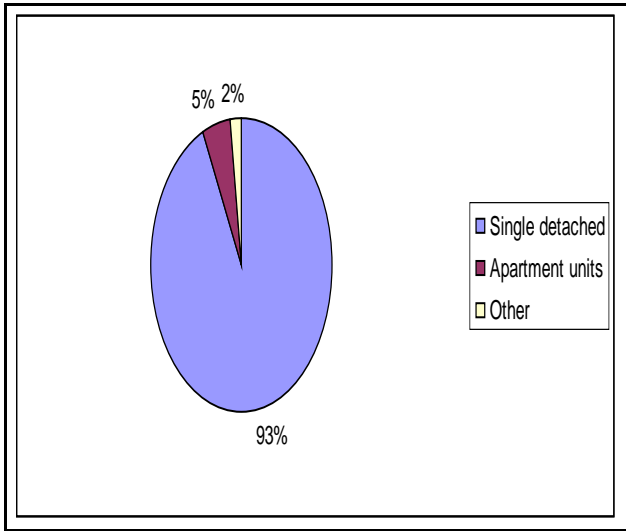
Saugeen Business Development Centre (SBDC) 554 7th Avenue, Hanover
(519) 364-3694
www.sbdc.ca

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

- a) possible term loans up to \$150,000 for equipment, inventory, operating capital, etc;
- b) information related to demographics, labour market and training programs;
- c) information related to government programs and industrial sites;
- d) Community Profiles on participating municipalities; and
- e) quarterly economic newsletters.

HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

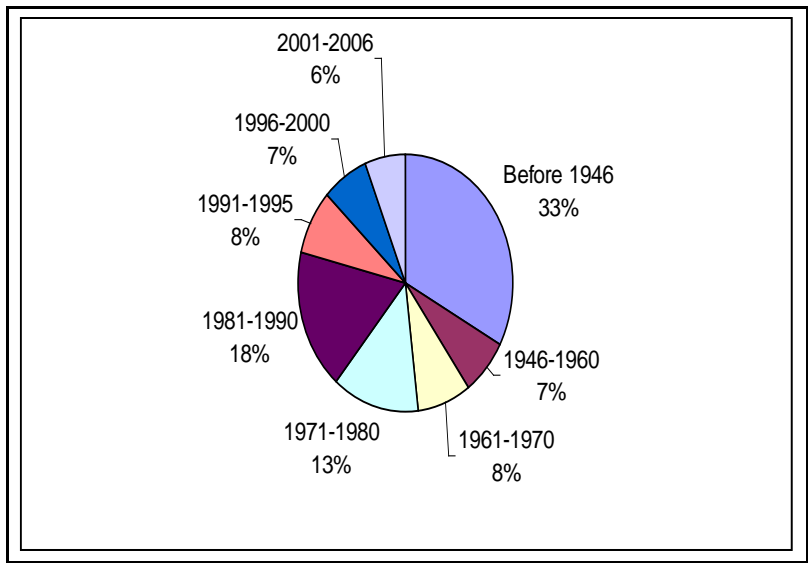
HOUSING STOCK BY STRUCTURAL TYPE



Total	2560
Single-Detached	2385
Semi-Detached	25
Row-Housing	5
Apartment, detached duplex	10
Apartment units, less than 5 storeys	125
Apartment units, more than 5 storeys	0
Other Single-Detached House	5
Movable Dwellings	10
Owned	2,255
Rented	305

HOUSING STOCK BY PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION

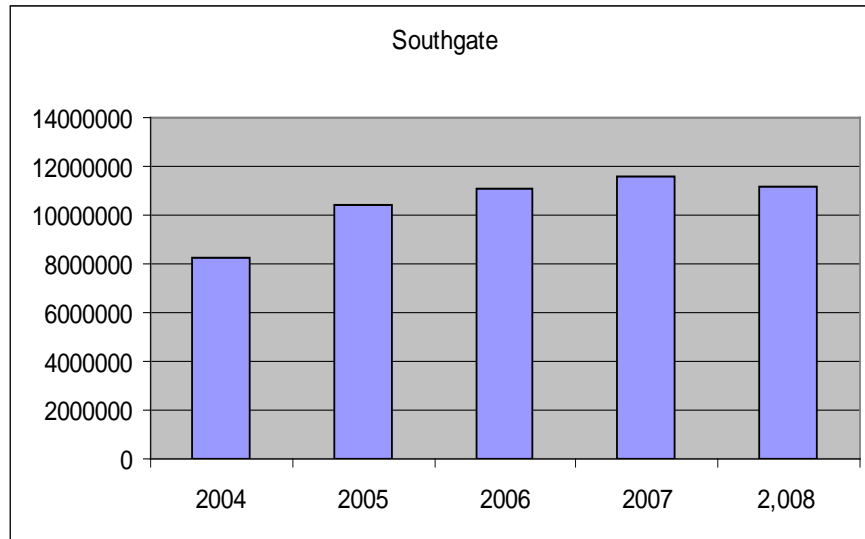
Before 1946	850
1946-1960	170
1961-1970	215
1971-1980	320
1981-1990	460
1991-1995	215
1996-2000	190
2001-2006	145
Total	2,560



Source: Statistics Canada 2006

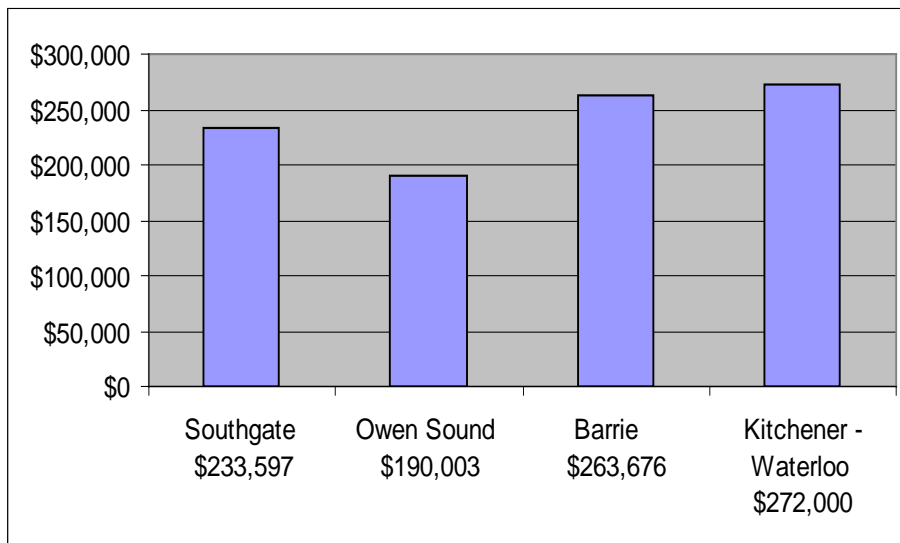
HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Building Permits



Source: Survey of Municipal Offices

Average Residential Selling Price for 2008



Source: K-W Real Estate Board, Simcoe Real Estate Board and the Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound Real Estate Board

LOCAL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Form of Government

An elected council consisting of five Councillors, a Mayor and a Deputy Mayor, elected for a three year term, governs the Township of Southgate. Staff appointed by Council carries out day-to-day operation of the municipal offices. The Township prepares an annual budget and financial statement which is available to taxpayers and other interested parties upon request.

Tax Structure

For further information, please contact the Municipality at (519) 923-2110.

Law Enforcement

The Township of Southgate provides policing services to our residents through a policing contract with the Ontario Provincial Police. As part of the requirement of providing policing, the Province of Ontario also mandates that the municipality must have a municipal Police Services Board. The Township of Southgate Police Services Board consists of five members.

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Township of Southgate Administrative Office on the third Tuesday of every other month starting at 7 pm. Any change that occurs in scheduled meeting dates will be advertised on the Website and at the Southgate municipal office.

Fire Protection

The Township of Southgate is serviced by the Dundalk and District Fire Department and purchases fire protection services from Durham and Mount Forest for the northern and western portions of the township.

POWER AND UTILITIES

Water & Sewer

Water and sewer services are largely privately installed and maintained by property owners in the rural areas. However, in Dundalk, municipal services are available. For further information, please contact the Municipality at (519) 923-2110.

Garbage & Industrial Waste Removal

Southgate has a modern three-stream waste collection system (ie. recycling, organic and residual waste). The residents and businesses of Southgate receive weekly curbside collection.

Natural Gas

Union Gas supplies natural gas to Dundalk and a small portion of the rural areas bordering Mount Forest and Dundalk.

INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Sites Available

Serviced Industrial Lands Available for Development

FOR SALE: 136 ACRE PARCEL- INDUSTRIAL ZONED
PRIME ECO-PARK LOCATION
FULL MUNICIPAL SERVICES AT LOT LINES
2 ACRE LOT INCREMENTS – MIN 2 ACRE PURCHASE
RAIL SERVICE AND LOW COST ELECTRICAL ENERGY MAY BE READILY
AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE

COST: \$35,000 PER ACRE

For more information or to purchase land in the eco-park contact Mr. Henry Micek, Economic Development Officer by telephone at 519-923-2145 or e-mail hmicek@town.southgate.on.ca

Industrial / Commercial Opportunities

Privately owned Industrial / Commercial Land is available within Dundalk's established Industrial Park. Local realtors' contact information is available through the Southgate Economic Development Office located in Dundalk.

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 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.

The Toronto Pearson International Airport is a short 1 ¼ hour drive from Dundalk via Highway 10.

Truck Transportation

Southgate is well served by a variety of independent transport carriers, including Steinman Transportation Ltd. in Hanover and T.D. Smith Transport in Mount Forest.

Water Transportation

Commercial harbour facilities are located at Goderich, approximately 100 km southwest of Southgate. 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.

Harbour facilities are also available at nearby Collingwood.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Chartered Banks

Southgate Township is situated among a number of urban communities offering branches of all major Canadian chartered banks. Dundalk has a branch of CIBC located in the village. Mount Forest offers branches of the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia and TD Canada Trust. Durham provides branches of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and a Royal Bank. The Town of Hanover offers branches of the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Royal Bank of Canada and the TD Canada Trust. Nearby, Ayton offers a branch of the Royal Bank.

Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDC)

The local CFDC, the Saugeen Business Development Centre, provides financial and technical assistance to small businesses. The maximum loan is \$150,000. It is located at 544 7th Avenue, Hanover. The phone number is (519) 364-3694. Or visit the website at www.sbdc.ca

Business Development Bank of Canada (formerly FBDB)

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

Stock Brokers

The nearest brokerage houses available to Southgate Township and surrounding area are Nesbitt Burns and Gary Bean Securities Ltd., located in Hanover, and RBC Dominion Securities located in Owen Sound.

Other Financial Institutions

The Dundalk District Credit Union in Dundalk and the Saugeen Community Credit Union, with branches in Durham and Holstein, serve Southgate. Farm Credit Canada has offices in both Walkerton and Owen Sound.

In addition, Southgate Township and surrounding communities offer a wide variety of insurance and private investment agencies. Various other financial agencies and organizations located in nearby urban communities are readily available to the Municipality of Southgate.

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.

Centre Grey Hospital, Markdale is a primary care community hospital with 24-hour emergency service. 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.

The Louise Marshall Hospital 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.

The Grey-Bruce Regional Health Centre, located near Owen Sound, is the areas largest and most modernly equipped facility. This hospital offers over 400 beds and serves as a base educational and training hospital. The Regional Health Centre offers services associated with hospitals situated in much larger centres.

The Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Health Unit provides a variety of services to Southgate Township and surrounding communities, including a school health program, a dental health team, family planning, prenatal classes, nutrition and diet counselling and immunization programs as well as Care Partners.

Para-Med Home Health Care services all of Grey and Bruce counties. Operating out of Owen Sound, Para-Med offers private nursing, homemaking, childcare, Acquired Brain Injury Care and Life Line services. The Victorian Order of Nurses, also 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. Ambulance service is available in Dundalk and Mount Forest.

Medical Clinics & Dental Offices

The Dundalk Medical Centre services part of the township. Shelburne is home to various health professionals, including general practitioners and dentists. Medical clinics can be found in Durham, Mount Forest and Hanover. Each of these towns offer dental professionals as well.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Retirement Homes and Communities

Markdale is home to Grey Gables, a full service nursing home. Hanover offers two full-service nursing homes, Hanover Care Centre and The Village Seniors' Community. Located in Mount Forest are Birmingham Retirement Community and Saugeen Valley Nursing Centre. 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 calender of entertainment and special events for the residents. Serenity and Abbeyfield House, in Durham and Ayton Residential Lodge are also available to the municipality.

Churches

The Township offers many churches catering to all denominations.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Cultural Facilities and Events

While close to major league events in Guelph, Kitchener, Hamilton and Toronto, Southgate has its own cultural activities. The Dundalk Dance Association has showcased Canadian dance since 1957. Dundalk and Mount Forest host two of the longest running Fall Fairs in Ontario. Dundalk has an active Little Theatre Group as well as Lasard Productions, both of which provide live theatre in the newly renovated Town Hall Theatre. Dundalk, Durham and Mount Forest have local libraries which are part of their respective County Library Systems. Holstein is home to the Holstein Drama Group, the Spring Maple Fest and famous non-motorized Santa Claus Parade.

In addition, surrounding communities offer residents and visitors alike a wide variety of social and cultural activities and facilities. Hanover offers a movie theatre. Art galleries and museums celebrate the region's rich agricultural heritage. These communities also offer a host of other organizations and societies dedicated to various social and cultural pursuits, including theatre groups, community orchestras and bands and historical societies.

The nearby City of Owen Sound, the area's largest urban centre, offers excellent social and cultural facilities not often found in a community of this size. Facilities include the Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery, Grey Roots Museum & Archives, the Marine-Rail Museum and the Billy Bishop Heritage Home. All of these facilities, and more, are within a short drive from the Township of Southgate.

Community Service Clubs and Youth Groups

The Township is well served by the Knights of Columbus, the Masonic Lodge in Dundalk, Optimists, Royal Black Knights, Lions and Lioness clubs. Other familiar community-based service clubs are found in nearby local urban centres.

Youth groups available to the Township and surrounding communities include Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, Brownies, Guides and the 4H Club.

Recreational Activities and Facilities

Dundalk, Holstein and Mount Forest serves much of the township's recreational needs. An arena, public swimming pool, several parks and playgrounds can be found in Dundalk. The communities of Hanover, Durham and Mount Forest each provide additional facilities, including a community centre complex and numerous organized team sports for all ages. Some of these activities include minor hockey and baseball, figure skating, aerobics, swimming and tennis. The Southgate area's natural setting is ideal for other recreational activities such as cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. In addition, there are 2 golf courses and a golf driving range located in the Township.

The Saugeen Conservation Authority maintains a number of conservation areas along the Saugeen River. The Durham Conservation Area, situated just northeast of the Town of Durham, stretches approximately two miles along the Saugeen River. This facility offers two camping areas consisting of over 200 sites. The Conservation Area offers a variety of summer activities including fishing, canoeing, swimming, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball. This area also boasts hiking and nature trails which wind past some of the most beautiful scenery of the Saugeen River Valley. Allan Park Conservation Area also offers extensive hiking and cross-country ski trails, fishing and picnic grounds. Further, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority maintains 213 acres just south of the Town of Hanover as a Wildlife Sanctuary.

COMMUNITY RETAIL FACILITIES

Shopping Centres

The Township of Southgate is centrally located and within a short drive of a number of regional and local shopping centres. The downtown areas of Dundalk, Durham, Mount Forest, and Shelburne offer a wide variety of retail and personal service outlets. The Township 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. In addition, Southgate is within an hours drive of Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph, all of which have regional shopping centres.

Department Stores

The Township of Southgate is within a short drive to a number of communities which provide a variety of junior and discount department stores. Nearby Mount Forest, Durham and Hanover offer several stores including Zellers, Walmart and others.

Grocery Stores

Southgate Township's grocery shopping needs are met by a number of rural general stores and IGA, in Dundalk. In addition, Mount Forest IGA, No Frills and Ingredients Bulk and Frozen Foods are located in Mount Forest. L&M Food Market can be found in Durham. Hanover and Orangeville offer a wide range of retail and wholesale grocery stores, including Food Basics, Foodland and Independent Grocers.

COMMUNICATION MEDIA

Newspapers

Residents of Southgate Township have a number of local weekly publications available including the Dundalk Herald, the Flesherton Advance and the Mount Forest Confederate. The Post is a free publication reporting community news and is published in Hanover. In addition, the Sun Times is published daily in Owen Sound.

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

Television

A-Channel, broadcasting from London and Barrie and CKCO TV, from Kitchener, report area news on a regional basis.

Radio

Southgate Township is 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 & Courier Services

The Township of Southgate is served by post offices located in the communities of Dundalk, Durham, Holstein and Mount Forest. These offices offer Priority Post, a postal courier network service offering next day delivery to points within Ontario.

Courier services available to the Township include Federal Express Canada and Purolator Courier. Both of these agencies offer local, national and international service.

Internet Service Providers

The area is well serviced by several Internet service providers including Bell Sympatico and Wightman Internet. All residents of Southgate Township have access to the Internet without having long distance charges.

EDUCATION

Primary & Secondary Schools

PUBLIC

Primary Schools
Dundalk & Proton Community School
Spruce Ridge Elementary School (Durham)
Egremont Community School (Egremont)
Highpoint Community School (Dundalk)
MacPhail Memorial Elementary School (Flesherton)
Mount Forest Public School (Mount Forest)

Secondary Schools
Grey Highlands Secondary School (Flesherton)
John Diefenbaker Secondary School (Hanover)
Wellington Heights Secondary School (Mount Forest)

SEPARATE:

Primary Schools
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Separate School (Durham)
St. Mary Catholic School (Mount Forest)

Secondary Schools
St. Mary's High School (Owen Sound)

PRIVATE:

Schools
Arbor Glen Private School

Post Secondary Facilities

The nearby Owen Sound Campus of Georgian College offers a full schedule of extensive college-level education programs. This facility is within a 45-minute commute from Southgate Township. Universities and colleges in Barrie, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Toronto and Waterloo are within a 2 hour drive from the Township of Southgate.