
MUNICIPALITY OF WEST GREY



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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LOCATION

The Municipality of West Grey is located in southwestern Grey County, and is an amalgamation of the former Townships of Bentinck, Glenelg, Normanby, the Town of Durham and the Village of Neustadt. The Municipality is a short drive on excellent roads from Owen Sound, the Grey-Bruce region's largest urban centre, and the larger urban areas of Southwestern Ontario.



Highway Distances from the Municipality of West Grey to Major Centres (in kilometres and miles)

	km	miles
Windsor/Detroit...	380	235
Sarnia/Port Huron...	245	150
London.....	180	110
Kitchener.....	100	60
Hamilton.....	140	85
Fort Erie/Buffalo...	235	145
Toronto.....	170	105
Oshawa.....	215	135
Ottawa.....	570	355
Montreal.....	715	445

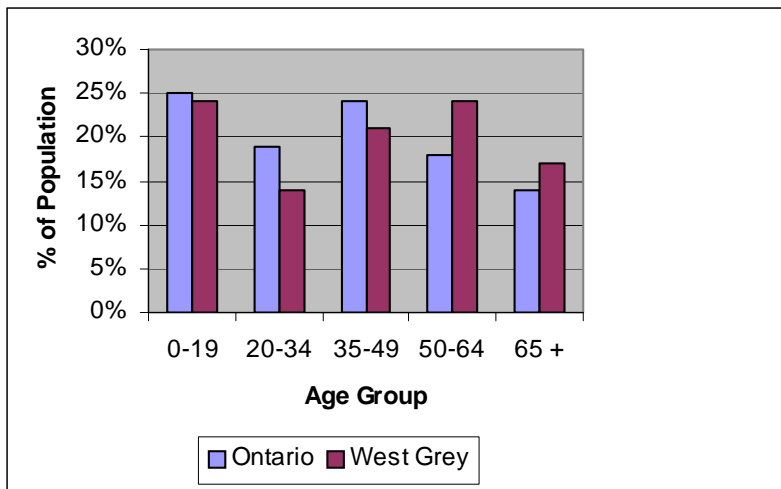
West Grey is well situated mid-way between the major centres of southern Ontario and popular recreational areas along the eastern shore of Lake Huron and southern Georgian Bay. It is only a 1½ to 2 hour drive from the Municipality to cities in Canada's "Golden Horseshoe" industrial heartland, like Toronto, 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	570	330	240
5 - 9	710	370	340
10 - 14	825	425	400
15 - 19	855	460	395
20 - 24	620	325	295
25 - 29	495	240	255
30 - 34	565	290	275
35 - 39	680	325	355
40 - 44	885	470	415
45 - 49	1,005	485	520
50 - 54	985	515	470
55 - 59	1,060	505	555
60 - 64	835	430	405
65 - 74	1,200	630	570
75+	885	395	490
Total Pop	12,190	6,190	6,005

POPULATION COMPARISON TO ONTARIO BY AGE GROUP

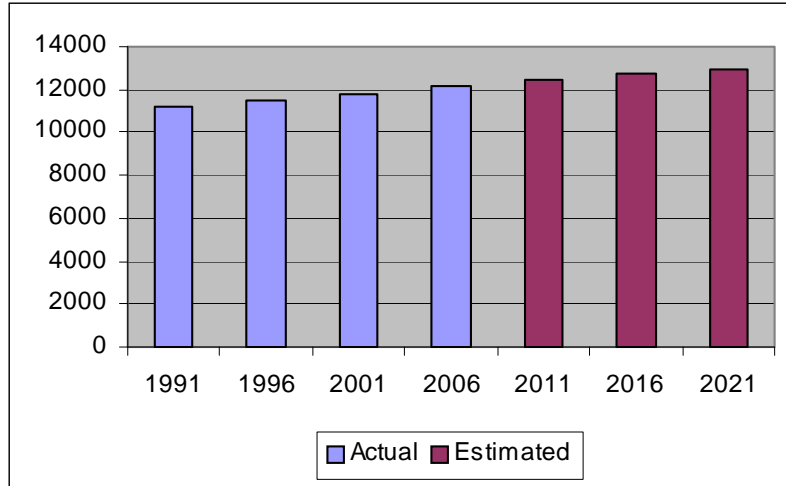


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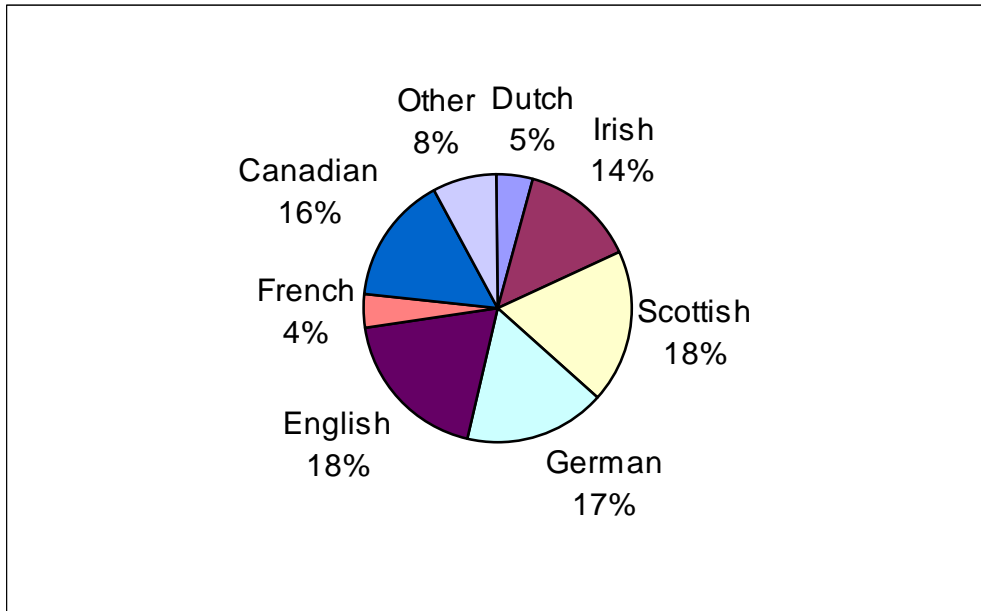
POPULATION

POPULATION GROWTH

1991.....	11,240
1996.....	11,499
2001.....	11,741
2006.....	12,190
2011.....	12,447 est.
2016.....	12,708 est.
2021.....	12,976 est.



ETHNIC ORIGIN

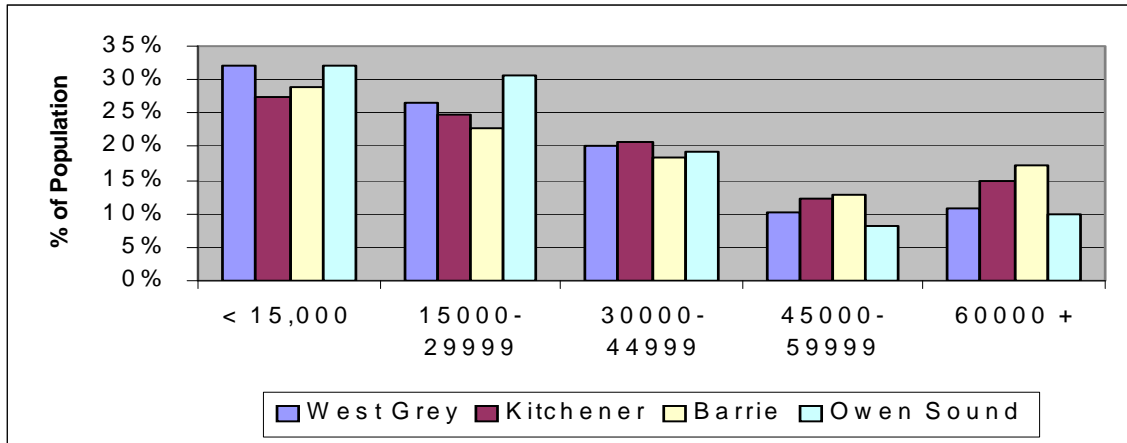


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INCOME

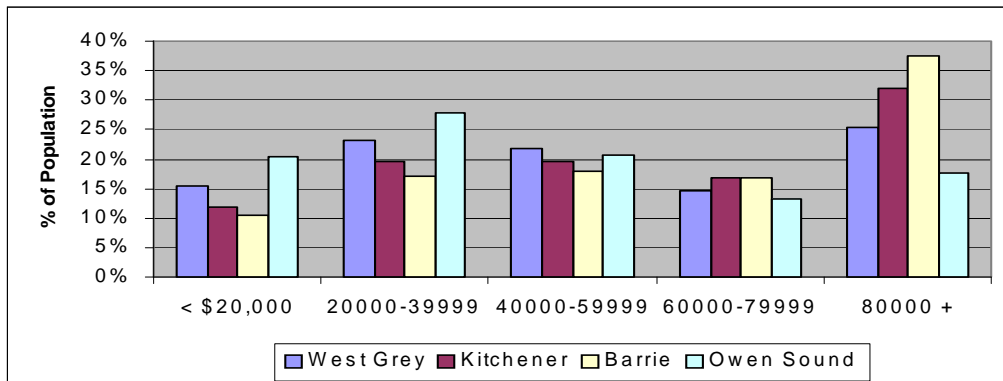
TOTAL INCOME BY GENDER AND INCOME GROUP

Income Group	Number of People					
	Male	West Grey Female	Total	Kitchener Total	Barrie Total	Owen Sound Total
Under \$15,000	1,260	1,825	3,090	43,125	27,430	5,390
\$15,000 - \$29,999	1,155	1,395	2,555	39,065	21,680	5,155
\$30,000 - \$44,999	1,030	910	1,940	32,880	17,610	3,215
\$45,000 - \$59,999	630	340	970	19,230	12,135	1,365
\$60,000 and over	765	265	1,035	23,390	16,485	1,655
15+ with income	4,855	4,735	9,595	157,710	95,340	16,785
Average Income	\$35,299	\$24,181	\$29,810	\$35,648	\$35,737	\$29,093



HOUSEHOLD INCOME DISTRIBUTION

Income Level	Number of Households			
	West Grey	Kitchener	Barrie	Owen Sound
Under \$20,000	725	9,520	4,935	1,925
\$20,000 - \$39,999	1,090	15,460	7,955	2,620
\$40,000 - \$59,999	1,025	15,510	8,315	1,950
\$60,000 - \$79,999	690	13,445	7,835	1,245
\$80,000 and over	1,195	25,540	17,480	1,655
Total	4,725	79,485	46,515	9,380
Average Income	\$60,366	\$70,620	\$73,134	\$51,952



Source: Statistics Canada 2006 Census

LABOUR

LABOUR FORCE 15 YEARS AND OVER BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS

Industry Divisions	Total	% of Workforce	
		West Grey	Ontario
Manufacturing	1,430	21.5	13.7
Agriculture, Forestry Fishing and Hunting	830	12.5	1.7
Retail Trade	670	10.1	10.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	645	9.7	9.3
Construction	590	8.9	5.8
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	340	5.1	4.6
Transportation and Warehousing	260	3.9	4.7
Accommodation and Food Services	340	5.1	6.3
Educational Services	245	3.7	6.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	260	3.9	7.2
Wholesale Trade	225	3.4	4.7
Finance and Insurance	110	1.7	4.8
Administrative, Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	205	3.1	4.8
Information and Cultural Industries	80	1.2	2.6
Public Administration	155	2.3	5.3
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	110	1.7	2.1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	30	0.5	1.9
Utilities	95	1.4	0.8
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0.0	0.1
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	10	0.2	0.4
Total Labour Force	6,650	100.0	100.0

LABOUR FORCE 15 YEARS AND OVER BY OCCUPATION AND GENDER

Occupation	Male	Female	Total
Sales and Service Occupations	450	830	1,285
Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators and Related Occupations	1,305	80	1,385
Occupations Unique to Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	555	420	975
Occupations Unique to Primary Industry	555	270	830
Business, Finance and Administration Occupations	165	635	800
Management Occupations	280	170	450
Social Science, Education, Government Service and Religious Occupations	65	265	330
Health Occupations	50	290	340
Natural and Applied Sciences and Related Occupations	115	10	120
Occupations in Art and Culture	40	85	125
Total Labour Force	3,585	3,060	6,650

Source: Statistics Canada 2006 Census

LABOUR

OCCUPATIONS AND WAGE RATES

The following is a list of prevailing wage rates for standard occupations determined by 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.

Occupation	Prevailing Wage Range		Average
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

BUSINESSES IN WEST GREY

To view the Municipality of West Grey business directory, please visit their web site at www.westgrey.com.

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

YMCA 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)

544 7th Avenue, Hanover
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www.sbdc.ca

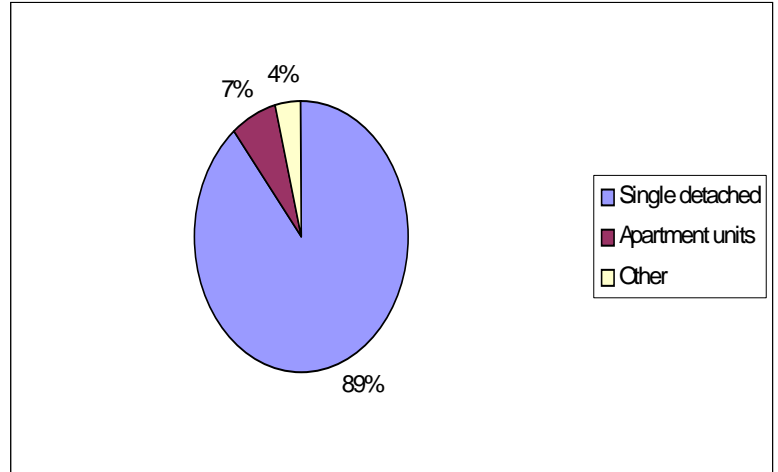
The Saugeen Business Development Centre is a federally supported not-for-profit Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) governed by volunteers in partnership with Industry Canada to help develop and diversify local economy by providing

- 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

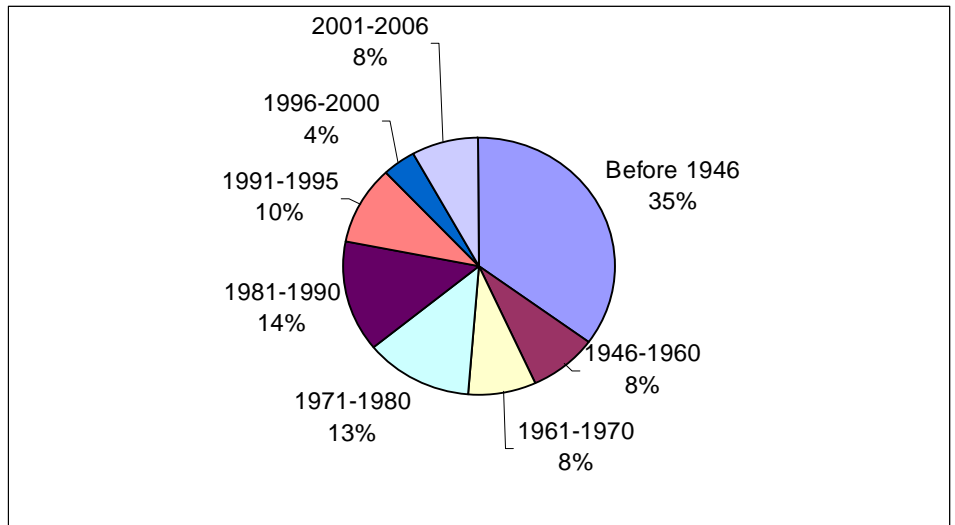
HOUSING STOCK BY STRUCTURAL TYPE

Single-Detached	4,225
Semi-Detached	45
Row-Housing	55
Apt., detached duplex	75
Apt. building <5 storeys	245
Apt. building, >5 storeys	0
Other single-detached house	5
Movable Dwellings	70
Total	4,715
Owned	3,985
Rented	740



HOUSING STOCK BY PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION

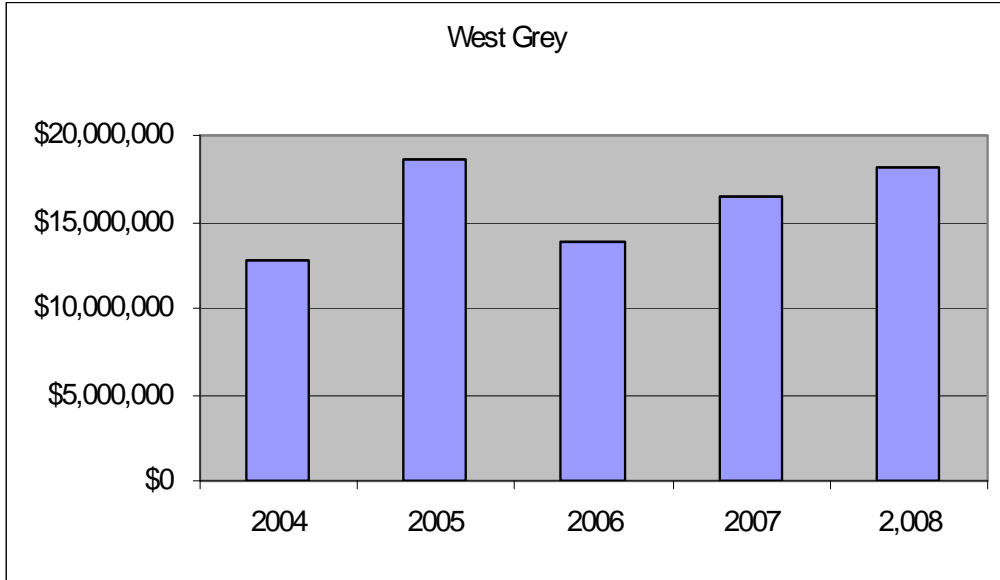
Before 1946	1,650
1946-1960	380
1961-1970	380
1971-1980	610
1981-1990	655
1991-1995	465
1996-2000	195
2001-2006	385
Total	4,725



Source: Statistics Canada 2006 Census

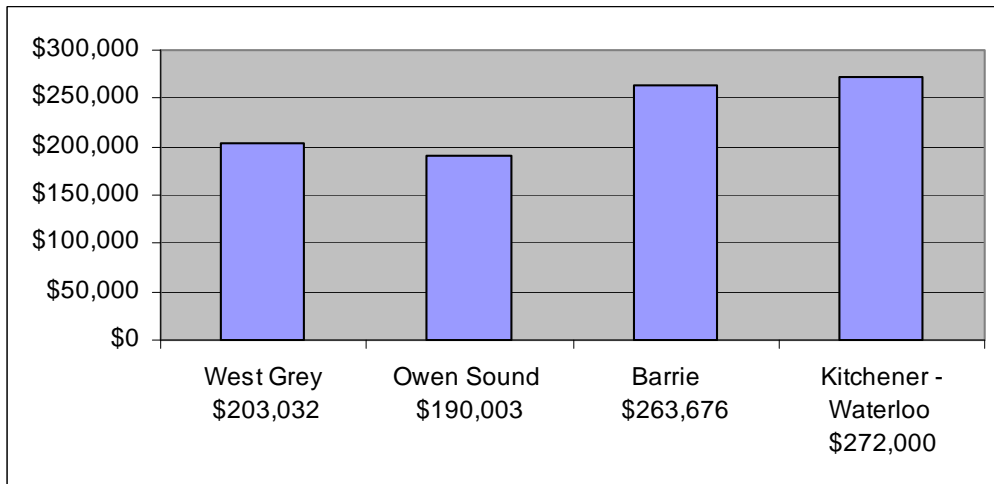
HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

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

West Grey is governed by an elected council consisting of a Mayor, a Deputy Mayor, and seven councillors, for a three year term. Council meets twice a month to consider municipal business. Day-to-day operations of the municipal offices is carried out by staff appointed by the council.

Tax Structure

Tax information is available upon request at the municipal office at 369-2200.

Fire Protection

The municipality is serviced by seven fire departments, of which two are municipally owned, three departments are jointly funded with other municipalities, and the Municipality pays fire service levies to two other municipalities. All of the departments are well equipped with various devices including pumpers, a 75-foot tower and pumper/rescue trucks, and are manned by volunteers from the communities. Additional equipment includes Jaws of Life apparatus, breathing apparatus, water rescue vehicles and confined space and high angle rescue apparatus.

The departments have an aggressive Fire Prevention Program and provide the public with information, have open houses and provide the schools with safety seminars and fire drills.

All departments within the West Grey region hold practices twice a month and specialty practices vary with the individual departments.

Police Protection

The Municipality of West Grey operates its own police force. Police services are overseen by an independent Police Services Board.

POWER AND UTILITIES

Electricity

The municipality is serviced by two power utilities, Westario Power and Hydro One. Rates vary according to the type of user. Please contact the utility companies or visit their web sites for the current rates.

For Hydro One, www.hydroonenetworks.com

For Westario, www.westario.com

Water & Sewer

The urban areas are serviced by municipal water and sewer systems. Please contact the municipality for rates and fees. The rural areas are serviced by private wells and septic systems.

Fuel Oil & Natural Gas

Fuel oil is supplied to the Municipality by North Wellington FS, Chalmers Fuels and others located in many communities in West Grey. Natural gas is supplied to the area by Union Gas.

Garbage Removal and Recycling

Private contractors collect garbage once a week in the former town of Durham, and bi-weekly in the rest of West Grey. Blue box collections are on a bi-weekly basis in West Grey, by private contractor.

INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Sites Available

For information on available industrial land in the Municipality of West Grey, please contact the municipal office at (519) 369-2200.

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.

Truck Transportation

West Grey is well served by a number of local and international carriers, including Bierworth Transport and Fess Transport

Water Transportation

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

West Grey provides the service of several of the major banks, including the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce with branches in Durham, Chesley and Hanover. The Royal Bank has three branches in the area, in Ayton, Durham and Hanover. There are branches of the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Nova Scotia in Hanover. The TD Canada Trust branch can be found in Hanover.

Community Futures Development Corporation

The local CFDC, the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation, 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 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.

Financial Planning Consultants

Several financial planning consultants can be found in the area. Hanover offers several such advisors including Wilkinson Financial, Freedom 55 Financial, Larry Grummett Insurance Broker Ltd, Investment Planning Counsel, Investor's Group Financial Services and Meridian Credit Union Limited.

Stock Brokers

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

Other Financial Institutions

The Saugeen Community Credit Union is located in the hamlet of Elmwood and Durham. Offices of the Farm Credit Canada are located in Walkerton and Owen Sound. Meridian Credit Union Limited can be found in Hanover. In addition, there is 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. It 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.

Retirement Homes and Communities

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. Serenity and Abbeyfield House, in Durham and Ayton Residential Lodge are also available in the municipality.

Outside the municipality, there are presently three retirement communities in Chesley, Brittany Villa, Elgin Abbey and Parkview Manor. Located in Hanover is the Hanover Care Centre and The Village Seniors' Community.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Medical Clinics

The Durham Medical Group and the Bluewater Physiotherapy clinic serve the needs of the community area, plus a number of physicians in the general area to round out services and special care. In addition, there are chiropractor and dental services in the area.

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. Please call 519-881-2504 for more information.

There are several public libraries in the area. The Durham, Elmwood, Hanover, Neustadt and Normanby libraries are a part of the Grey County Library system. 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.

Special Community Events

West Grey offers a variety of events for all ages, including hockey and baseball tournaments, beef barbeques, fish fry's, 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 and the Herb Fair in Durham.

Woodworking played a major role in the early development of the Saugeen Valley Area and the Welbeck Woodcrafters' Expo. The show features woodworking tool and machinery exhibitors offering a wide variety of the latest workshop innovations.

Cultural Events

The Saugeen area 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.

Community Service Clubs

West Grey 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, the Lion's and Lioness', Masons, Optimists, the Royal Canadian Legion and Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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.

Recreational Facilities & Parks

West Grey's organized recreational needs are largely serviced by the communities of Durham, Ayton, Markdale, Neustadt, and Hanover. Each of these communities offers a Community Centre complex and numerous organized sports teams for all ages. The development of the Durham Community Activity Centre provides residents with a full range of services, such as extensive selection of weight and aerobic training equipment, toning tables for passive exercise, whirlpool tub and spa, tanning bed, aerobic fitness classes, all under the supervision of trained and enthusiastic instructors.

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 and extensive trails systems for snowmobiling and walking. Allan Park offers a variety of trails year round for hiking and cross country skiing.

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 and volleyball. This area 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. Further, the Conservation Authority maintains 213 acres just south of Hanover as a Wildlife Sanctuary, open year round to the public.

COMMUNITY RETAIL FACILITIES

Shopping Centres

The community's shopping areas contain a 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.

Department Stores

West Grey's immediate department store needs are served by Wal-Mart and Zellers.

Grocery Stores

The residents of West Grey are well served by several grocery outlets including Granny's General Store in Ayton, L&M Food Mart in Durham, the Elmwood Grocery and Variety, and Granny's in Neustadt, as well as numerous farmers' markets and local produce stores.

COMMUNICATION MEDIA

Newspapers

The Post covers news and events from the Durham, Chesley, Hanover and Walkerton areas. The Markdale Standard is published weekly.

In addition, the Sun Times, a daily paper published in Owen Sound, is available to the municipality.

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 broadcasts from London. CKCO TV, from Kitchener, also reports area news on a regional basis.

Persona Communications offers cable TV service to select areas of West Grey.

Telephone

Bell Canada and Wightman Telephone Company service the West Grey area. Both have the technology and communication infrastructure to compete nationally and internationally.

Radio

The municipality 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 and Courier Services

The community is served by several post offices located in Ayton, Chesley, Durham, Elmwood and Hanover. These offices offer Priority Post, a postal courier network service offering next day delivery to points within Ontario. Courier services available to the area include Federal Express Canada and Purolator Courier and both offer local, national and international service.

Internet Service Providers

The area is well serviced by several Internet service providers including Bell Canada and Wightman Telecom.

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

PUBLIC

Primary Schools
Beavercrest Community School (Markdale)
Spruce Ridge Elementary School (Durham)
Normanby Community School (Ayton)

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)

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

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 a 50-minute commute from West Grey.

Universities and colleges are located in Barrie, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Toronto and Waterloo and are within a 2 hour drive from West Grey.