

Issue Cluster	Page Number in Report	Geography	Date of Report	Report Source	Data	Text for Report	Link	Page Number
Regional Statistics	8	Both		Grey Bruce Health Stats	The entire population of Grey Bruce resides either in rural areas or small population centres. Our population is older than that of Ontario, and growing at a slower rate.	Grey and Bruce Counties are a unique region of Ontario with a largely rural population and several urban areas	https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/healthstats/Who-We-Are/Community-Description	
Regional Statistics	8	Both	April 27, 2022	Statistics Canada	Population 2021: Grey County 100,905 Bruce County 73,396	In 2021, Grey County had a population of 100,905 and Bruce County had a population of 73,396	https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tb1/en/tv.action?pid=981000401&geocode=A000235	
Regional Statistics	8	Both	April 27, 2022	Statistics Canada	Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021:	Between 2016 and 2021, the population of The Blue Mountains had increased by 34%, Southgate has increased by 19% and Saugeen Shores has increased by 16%	https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tb1/en/tv.action?pid=981000401&geocode=A000235	
Regional Statistics	8	Grey	July 14, 2021	Grey County	Grey's permanent population is expected to increase by approximately 23,810 people between 2021 and 2046.	Grey County's permanent population is expected to increase by approximately 23,810 people between 2021 and 2046	https://docs.grey.ca/share/public?nodeRef=workspace://SpaceStore/a6df39a7-b37c-410c-ae66-91ac3d073e69	Pg. 13
Regional Statistics	8	Both	April 27, 2022	Statistics Canada	Total private dwellings 2021: Grey County 50,183 Bruce County 42,592	In 2021, Grey County reported 50,183 private dwellings and Bruce County reported 42,592 private dwellings	https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tb1/en/tv.action?pid=981000401&geocode=A000235	
Regional Statistics	8	Owen Sound-Port Elgin	2021	U-Haul	2021 U-Haul Top 25 Canadian Growth Cities - 9. Owen Sound-Port Elgin, ON	In 2021, Owen Sound-Port Elgin was ranked ninth on the U-Haul Top 25 Canadian Growth Cities	https://www.uhaul.com/Articles/About/Canada-Migration-Trends-Alberta-Is-Top-Growth-Province-Of-2021-26382/	
Definitions	8	Both		Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Core Housing Need Status: A household is said to be in core housing need if its housing falls below at least one of the adequacy, affordability or suitability, standards and it would have to spend 30% or more of its total before-tax income to pay the median rent of alternative local housing that is acceptable (meets all three housing standards). Adequate housing are reported by their residents as not requiring any major repairs. Affordable dwellings costs less than 30% of total before-tax household income. Suitable housing has enough bedrooms for the size and make-up of resident households, according to National Occupancy Standard (NOS) requirements.	The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation defines a household as being in Core Housing Need if "its housing falls below at least one of the adequacy, affordability or suitability, standards and it would have to spend 30% or more of its total before-tax income to pay the median rent of alternative local housing that is acceptable (meets all three housing standards)". Adequate housing is reported by their residents as not requiring any major repairs. Affordable dwellings* cost less than 30% of total before-tax household income. Suitable housing has enough bedrooms for the size and make-up of resident households, according to National Occupancy Standard (NOS) requirements.	https://cmhc.beyond2020.com/HICDefinitions_EN.html	
Affordability and Availability	11	Owen Sound	November 2020	The City of Owen Sound	In the public survey posted on the City's website, 36% of respondents identified providing affordable housing options as one of their top concerns.	When Owen Sound surveyed the public through its website, 36% of respondents identified affordable housing as one of their top concerns.	https://www.owensound.ca/en/city-hall/resources/Documents/Planning/Official-Plan/Official-Plan-Update/Housing--Affordability-Discussion-Paper-November-2020.pdf	Pg. 11
Affordability and Availability	11	Both	January 7, 2022	Realtors Association Grey Bruce Owen Sound	The more comprehensive annual average price was \$650,944, a significant increase of 35.2% from all of 2020.	In 2021, The Realtors Association Grey Bruce Owen Sound report the comprehensive annual average price was \$650,944, a significant increase of 35% from all of 2020.	https://www.ragbos.com/realtors-association-of-grey-bruce-owen-sound-home-sales-sent-new-full-year-record-in-2021/	
Affordability and Availability	11	Both	2021	Community Safety & Well-Being Planning: The Municipalities of Bruce and Grey	Compared to Ontario and Canada, this region has more owned dwellings and fewer rental dwellings.	Compared to Ontario and Canada, Grey and Bruce Counties have more owned dwellings and fewer rental dwellings.	https://cswbp-brucegrey.ca/sites/default/files/cocoon/cswbp-final-aoda-v2.pdf	Pg. 29
Affordability and Availability	11	Owen Sound	November 2020	Housing and Affordability: City of Owen Sound Official Plan Update Discussion Paper Two	Over 40 percent of homes in Owen Sound are rented which represents more than double that of Grey County as a whole.	More than 40% of homes in Owen Sound are rented. This rate is double that of Grey County as a whole.	https://www.owensound.ca/en/city-hall/resources/Documents/Planning/Official-Plan/Official-Plan-Update/Housing--Affordability-Discussion-Paper-November-2020.pdf	Pg. 9
Affordability and Availability	11	Ontario	April 12, 2021	RBC Royal Bank	Non-homeowners under 40: I have given up on the dream of home ownership. (Strongly/Somewhat Agree) Ontario: 39%	According to a recent poll by RBC, over a third of non-home owners in Ontario under 40 have said they have given up on ever owning a home.	https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/are-canadians-dreaming-of-owning-a-home-it-s-complicated-rbc-poll-867206771.html	
Affordability and Availability	11	Both	January 2020	Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force Impact Report	1 in 4 households are not affordable, and more than 1 in 7 residents live in low income homes.	One in four households in Grey and Bruce Counties are not affordable, and more than one in seven residents live in low-income homes.	https://povertytaskforce.files.wordpress.com/2020/04/bgptf_impact-report_2020_final-2-.pdf	P. 9
Affordability and Availability	11	Bruce		Bruce County Housing and Homelessness Plan Update 2019 - 2023	29% of all renters are in core housing need.	In Bruce County, 29% of all renters are in core housing need.	https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/sites/default/files/file-upload/human-services/Housing%20%26%20Homelessness%20Update%20WEB_0.pdf	P. 8
Affordability and Availability	11	Both	March 2020	Violence Prevention Grey Bruce	HOUSING Waitlist for subsidized housing 1,679	Between April 2019 and March 2020, the waitlist for subsidized housing was 1,679 in Grey and Bruce Counties.	http://violencepreventiongreybruce.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/18-2480-BBW_Infographic_Grey_Bruce_2019_2020_A.pdf	Pg. 1
Housing and Equity	17	Both	October 2019	RentSafe Equip Research Team	People with minimum wage, part-time and/or temporary employment and those on social assistance struggle to pay rising rental rates, which compromises their ability to pay for food, Hydro and other basic needs.	People with minimum wage, part-time and/or temporary employment and those on social assistance struggle to pay rising rental rates, which compromises their ability to pay for food, hydro, and other basic needs.	https://povertytaskforce.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/were-all-neighbours_rentsafe-final-report_oct-2019.pdf	P. 19

Housing and Living Standards	22	Bruce Grey Huron Perth	February 2021	Four County Labour Market Planning Board	Respondents were also asked about the extent to which COVID-19 was impacting key household considerations. As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, the following percentage of respondents are somewhat or significantly more worried about their ability to: 37% pay my rent or mortgage. 42% pay my monthly bills. 40% have enough food for me and/or my family.	As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, respondents to a Four County Labour Market Board survey said that were somewhat or significantly more worried about their ability to pay their rent or mortgage (37%), their monthly bills (42%), or have enough food for themselves or family (40%).	https://www.planningboard.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/COVID-19-Survey-Phase-1-Report-FINAL.pdf	Pg. 9
Housing and Living Standards	22	Grey		Live Grey Discussion Paper	Affordable housing and addressing homelessness are major considerations in providing community health, economic vitality and reducing public costs on health care and emergency services.	Affordable housing and addressing homelessness are major considerations in providing community health, economic vitality and reducing public costs on health care and emergency services in Grey County.	https://docs.grey.ca/share/s/zDfTK9oRQDymQxKxDo3YcQ	Pg. 15
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Bruce	October 18, 2021	Bruce County Homelessness Enumeration	Forty-nine percent (49%) of respondents identified as having a Medical Illness or Condition - Thirty-eight percent (38%) of respondents identified as having a Physical Limitation - Thirty-eight percent (38%) of respondents identified as having a Learning or Cognitive Limitation - Sixty-seven percent (67%) of respondents identified as having a Mental Health Concern - Twenty-one percent (21%) of respondents identified as having a Substance Misuse/Use concern	A homelessness enumeration project took place in Grey and Bruce Counties on October 18, 2021. Respondents reported the following contributing factors: 39% in Grey and 49% in Bruce identified as having a Medical Illness or Condition, 37% in Grey and 38% in Bruce identified as having a Physical Limitation, 44% in Grey and 38% in Bruce identified as having a Learning or Cognitive Limitation, 58% in Grey and 67% in Bruce identified as having a Mental Health Concern, 50% in Grey and 21% in Bruce identified as having a Substance Misuse/Use concern	https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/news/2022-jan-13/bruce-county-homelessness-enumeration-results	
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Grey	October 18, 2021	Grey County Homelessness Enumeration	Contributing factors that increase vulnerability and need when experiencing homelessness: 39% of respondents identified as having a Medical Illness or Condition - 37% of respondents identified as having a Physical Limitation - 44% of respondents identified as having a Learning or Cognitive Limitation - 58% of respondents identified as having a Mental Health Concern - 50% of respondents identified as having a Substance Misuse/Use concern	A homelessness enumeration project took place in Grey and Bruce Counties on October 18, 2021. Respondents reported the following contributing factors: 39% in Grey and 49% in Bruce identified as having a Medical Illness or Condition, 37% in Grey and 38% in Bruce identified as having a Physical Limitation, 44% in Grey and 38% in Bruce identified as having a Learning or Cognitive Limitation, 58% in Grey and 67% in Bruce identified as having a Mental Health Concern, 50% in Grey and 21% in Bruce identified as having a Substance Misuse/Use concern	https://council.grey.ca/meeting/getPDFRendition?documentObjectid=2ea2276a-98c5-4b41-bf1b-8d1b54a00577	Pg. 79
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Bruce	October 18, 2021	Bruce County Homelessness Enumeration	Bruce County staff and service providers were in contact with 77 residents who were experiencing homelessness on October 18, 2021.	142 households in Grey County and 77 households in Bruce County indicated they were experiencing homelessness on October 18, 2021.	https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/news/2022-jan-13/bruce-county-homelessness-enumeration-results	
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Grey	October 18, 2021	Grey County Homelessness Enumeration	Grey County received a total of 142 submissions from households indicating they were experiencing homelessness on October 18, 2021. 74 of the respondents, or 52% indicated they have been without safe, permanent housing for more than 6 months this meets the definition for what is referred to as chronic homelessness.	142 households in Grey County and 77 households in Bruce County indicated they were experiencing homelessness on October 18, 2021.	https://council.grey.ca/meeting/getPDFRendition?documentObjectid=2ea2276a-98c5-4b41-bf1b-8d1b54a00577	Pg. 78
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Both	2020-2021	YMCA Annual Report	Emergency Shelter: 8,029 nights of emergency shelter were provided in 2020-2021 for vulnerable individuals in Grey Bruce, an increase from 2,731 nights in 2019-2020.	8,029 nights of emergency shelter were provided in 2020-2021 for vulnerable individuals in Grey and Bruce Counties, an increase from 2,731 nights in 2019-2020.	https://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/YMCAOSGB_AnnualReport_2020-2021.pdf	Pg. 8
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Both	2021	Food Dashboard	2021: 171162 Kilograms of Food Distributed to 16504 Households Total	171,162 kgs. 171,162 kilograms of food was distributed (27% increase over 2020) to 16,504 households through food banks in Grey and Bruce Counties in 2021. This would be 10,764 grocery bags of food.	https://www.foodbrucegrey.com/all-dashboards	
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Both	January 31, 2022	United Way of Bruce Grey	Food Banks: 171162 Kilograms of Food Distributed 27% Increase Over 2020	171,162 kgs. 171,162 kilograms of food was distributed (27% increase over 2020) to 16,504 households through food banks in Grey and Bruce Counties in 2021. This would be 10,764 grocery bags of food.	https://www.facebook.com/UnitedWayBruceGrey/photos/a.10150093486982970/10159650897832970/	
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Owen Sound	October 2019	RentSafe Equip Research Team	For much of the low-income rental housing in Owen Sound, the onus of bringing unhealthy conditions to light and advocating for remediation lies with tenants who may be, for various reasons, already vulnerable or marginalized.	For much of the low-income rental housing in Owen Sound, the onus of bringing unhealthy conditions to light and advocating for remediation lies with tenants — who may be, for various reasons, already vulnerable or marginalized.	https://povertytaskforce.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/we-are-all-neighbours-rentsafe-final-report_oct-2019.pdf	P. 26
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Both	October 2019	RentSafe Equip Research Team	Infestations, mould and general disrepair are the most frequently reported habitability concerns.	Infestations, mould, and general disrepair are the most frequently reported concerns about rental units according to the Grey Bruce Health Unit.	https://povertytaskforce.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/we-are-all-neighbours-rentsafe-final-report_oct-2019.pdf	P. 6
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Both	2020-2021	YMCA Annual Report	9,284 meals were delivered to individuals and families sheltered in motels by our YMCA Housing Program staff along with community partners.	YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce Housing Program staff, along with community partners, delivered 9,284 meals to individuals and families sheltered in motels in 2020-2021.	https://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/YMCAOSGB_AnnualReport_2020-2021.pdf	Pg. 8
Housing and Wellbeing	26	Both	October 2019	RentSafe Equip Research Team	Each year the Y finds emergency housing for thousands of people in the region (2,365 in the 2017-2018 fiscal year) via a network of connections to shelters, motels, rooming houses, and short-term rentals.	Each year the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce finds emergency housing for thousands of people in the region (2,365 in the 2017-2018 fiscal year) via a network of connections to shelters, motels, rooming houses, and short-term rentals.	https://povertytaskforce.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/we-are-all-neighbours-rentsafe-final-report_oct-2019.pdf	Pg. 20

Additional Resources

Video Library

Video Source	Title	Video Link
CPHE	My voice is power	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFjQ9JfFo
YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce	Tenant Voices 2017	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOr-OHF0woU&t=368s
Workforce BGHP (Four County Labour Market Planning Board)	Precarious Living Series	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwpZiX003eEMNUzVMMBx-Rw