Characteristic	Amherst Island			Loyalist Township			Ontario			Canada		
POPULATION BREAKDOWN	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
All Persons	400	200	195	14,550	7,570	6,980	10,753,575	5,257,910	5,495,665	28,846,760	14,170,025	14,676,735
Average Age of Population	42.8	43.1	42.4	35.8	34.6	36.3	35.8	34.7	36.9	35.8	34.7	36.8
EDUCATION (25 years & older)												
% of Pop with less than Grade 9	8.6%	14.3%	6.9%	7.2%	7.8%	6.9%	11.7%	11.0%	12.3%	13.8%	13.4%	14.3%
% of Pop with High School certificate	75.9%	75.0%	79.3%	73.3%	72.2%	74.5%	69.4%	70.4%	68.4%	67.2%	67.9%	66.5%
% of Pop with non-University diploma	50.0%	64.3%	37.9%	46.1%	48.0%	44.2%	45.9%	49.1%	43.0%	44.2%	47.0%	41.7%
% of Pop with University completed	22.4%	28.6%	13.8%	12.0%	12.8%	11.2%	18.8%	20.5%	17.2%	17.4%	18.6%	16.3%
INCOME (15 years & older)												
Average Total Income - 1995	$27,864	$31,966	$23,014	$25,054	$30,332	$19,542	$27,309	$33,599	$21,048	$25,196	$31,117	$19,208
EMPLOYMENT												
Primary: Agriculture/Resource Based	40	25	10	210	145	55	170,430	117,720	52,710	802,330	588,130	214,200
Secondary: Construction/Manufacturing	10	10	0	1,285	1,055	225	1,212,995	906,560	306,435	2,862,195	2,178,150	684,045
Tertirary: Service	170	100	65	5,620	2,735	2,980	4,017,975	1,870,035	2,147,935	10,653,020	5,002,210	5,650,810

A SNAPSHOT OF AMHERST ISLAND FROM THE 1996 CENSUS

The above data is taken from the 1996 Census information available on the Stats Canada web site. That is, except for Loyalist Township which didn't exist in 1996. This information has been roughly calculated using Amherst Island, Bath and Ernestown data. A word of warning.... the Loyalist Township information should be considered an approximation only.... it does seem to be a pretty fair representation though.

One further point to make is that some information just doesn't add up (ie Amherst Island's population of 400 isn't the sum of 200 males and 195 females). The reason... well, you would have to ask Stats Canada about that. What they do say is that they employ random rounding and they use area suppression to protect the privacy of individuals. So, if there were only a few of a specific recognizable category, Stats Canada might not even report them in the publicly available charts.

So, what can we glean from the table above...
– *Amherst Island is significantly older* ...exactly 7 years older... than Loyalist as a whole, or either of Ontario or Canada. The Loyalist Township average ages are remarkably close to those of Ontario or Canada. If we had the same population distribution as these other areas, we would have upwards of 31 more children under 15 years old (or upwards of 15 more kids between 5 and 14).
– *Men are both worse and better educated* than any of the larger population groups. There is a higher percentage with no high school and there is a higher percentage with high school through university. *Women are better educated through the end of high school* but then fall behind a little when compared to Loyalist, Ontario or Canada. Both men's and women's data probably reflects Amherst Island's dual nature of being a long established farming community where education was a luxury and a newer bedroom community.

– *Total income for Amherst Island shows for males, females and combined total to be above that of Loyalist, Ontario or Canada.* It was a surprise to see that Loyalist income is below that of Ontario but very close to that of Canada as a whole.
– The employment picture is also skewed when it comes to Amherst Island. We have 18.2% of the population over 14 years old employed in primary industries (mainly agriculture). By the way, this employment data was measured for one week only (early in May of 1996) and may not accurately reflect the whole year. Loyalist comes a lot closer to the Ontario and Canadian averages but with somewhat higher service industry participation and lower primary and secondary (manufacturing and construction). Even as is, it is well worth remembering that farming is a major employer on the Island (even if it is merely a shadow of its former self).
Well, I thing that is enough for now.... you can cipher your own results from the data above.