

Average village income \$21,023 in 1996

Well below provincial average
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You could never say the Village of Colborne underwent a population boom from 1991 to 1996. The village gained 53 people in from 1991 to 1996 according to Statistics Canada Census information. The 1996 official population for the village was 2,054.

Colborne Village and Cramahe Township officially amalgamated as one municipality January 1, 2001. Prior to 2001, the municipalities are reported as separate entities. Data collected in the 2001 census is not yet available from Statistics Canada.

Crunching the official numbers from the 1996 census, some interesting details evolve: of the 2,054 people who lived in Colborne in 1996, 1,600 were over the age of 15 years - therefore, 454 were children.

Of the adults, there were significantly more females than males: 855 females to 740 males.

Of those 15 years of age and older:

- 650 (305 male, 345 female), or 41 per cent of the adult population of the village, had no high school certificate. That is considerably higher than the Ontario average of 33 per cent of the total 8.43-million population with no high school certificate;

- 275 (105 males, 170 females) had a high school certificate;

- 120 (45 males, 75 females) had some uncompleted post secondary education;

- 460 (245 males, 220 females) had trades or non-university certificate or diploma; and

- 85 (45 males, 40 females) completed university.

Analyzing education for the population aged 25 years and over:

- 12.5 per cent has less than Grade 9;

- 61.6 had high school certificate or higher;

- 37.6 per cent had trades or non-university certificate or diploma or higher; and

- 6.3 per cent had completed university.

The income and work statistics for Colborne indicated the average income for village residents age 15 years and over was \$21,023 per year as compared to the provincial average of \$27,309. In Colborne, for the same category, the average male annual income was \$27,191 and \$15,034 for females.

In 1996, there were 810 people aged 15 years and older employed, 470 males, 345 females. However, 1,490 reported unpaid work (670 males, 825 females). For some reason, 10 people less, 1,480, reported unpaid hours of housework (665 males, 820 females). Some 340 village residents reported unpaid care of seniors (120 males, 215 females).

The 1996 Colborne unemployment rate was 10 per cent, a percentage point higher than the 9 per cent provincial unemployment rate.

A snapshot of families and their dwellings is also provided for 1996 Colborne. There were 505 married or common law families with an average of three people per family (as opposed to 3.2 across the province) and an average total income for married or commonlaw families of \$48,474.

There were 70 lone-parent families with average family size of 2.6 people and average income of \$25,598.

The village had 815 private occupied dwellings or households of which 555 were privately owned, 255 rented. The average value of the owned occupied homes was \$138,816.

And 1996 wasn't a year in which any of 54 additional residents since 1991 could be claimed. For 1996, there were 30 births and 30 deaths recorded.

Given the new Cramahe Township is formed from the amalgamated Colborne Village and former Cramahe Township, the 1996 Census gives a last opportunity for a demographic detailing of the new, larger geographic area.

Former Cramahe Township led population growth

The former Cramahe Township was easily the leader of any population growth between 1991 and 1996. The population grew by 312 people from 1991 to 1996 in the former township as compared to just 53 new faces in Colborne village.

The 1996 official population for the township was 3,420.

Crunching the official numbers from the 1996 census, some interesting details evolve: of the 3,420 people who lived in Cramahe Township in 1996, 2,635 were over the age of 15 years. Twenty-three per cent of the population, or 785 people, were children.

Of the adults, there were more males (1,345) than females (1,290).

Of those 15 years of age and older:

- 1,110 (585 male, 530 female), or 32 per cent of the adult population of the township, had no high school certificate. That is close to the Ontario average of 33 per cent of the total 8.43-million population with no high school certificate - and much lower than the 41 per cent of the Colborne Village population with no high school certificate.

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In Cramahe Township:

- 380 (210 males, 165 females) had a high school certificate;

- 235 (80 males, 160 females) had some uncompleted post secondary education;

- 705 (330 males, 375 females) had trades or non-university certificate or diploma; and

- 205 (140 males, 65 females) completed university.

Analyzing education for the population aged 25 years and over:

- 7.3 per cent has less than Grade 9;

- 59.2 had high school certificate or higher

- 37.7 per cent had trades or non-university certificate or diploma or higher; and

- 8.4 per cent had completed university.

The income and work statistics for Cramahe indicated the average income for township residents age 15 years and over was \$24,253,023 per year as compared to the provincial average of \$27,309. The average male annual income was \$30,694 and \$16,585 for females.

In 1996, there were 1,625 people aged 15 years and older employed, 960 males, 660 females. However, 2,405 reported unpaid work (1,190 males, 1,215 females). A total 2,365 reported unpaid hours of housework (1,150 males, 1,210 females). Some 445 township residents reported unpaid care of seniors (230 males, 215 females).

The 1996 Cramahe Twp. unemployment rate was 7.9 per cent, a percentage point less than the provincial 9.1 per cent unemployment rate.

In 1996, there were 920 married or common law families with an average of 3.1 people per family and an average total income of \$55,054.

There were 70 lone-parent families with average family size of three people and average income of \$27,783.

The township had 1,180 private occupied dwellings or households of which 1,075 were privately owned, only 100 listed as rented. The average value of the owned occupied homes was \$141,850.

For 1996, there were 25 births and 15 deaths recorded.

Standoff in Castleton closes roads

A Cramahe Township man was in custody awaiting a bail hearing Monday in the Ontario Court of Justice in Cobourg following a standoff with police on Friday night.

Shortly after 9 p.m. a male called 911 and reported that he was going to kill anyone who came on to his property. The caller appeared to be in a highly agitated state and refused to negotiate with police on the phone.

Shortly after this call a second 911 call was received, this time from the parents of the suspect, reporting that he had threatened death to them as well.

When threatening police, the suspect claimed to have firearms in his residence that he was prepared to use.

Patrol officers attended the scene and set up containment around the residence and evacuated the houses immediately surrounding the suspect's home to ensure the safety of the occupants.

Shortly afterward, a K-9 unit, members of the Emergency Response Team and the Tactics and Rescue Unit joined patrol officers at the scene.

After approximately three hours, discussions between the suspect and an OPP negotiator resulted in the male leaving his residence voluntarily. He was taken into custody without further incident.

Charged with Uttering a Death Threat is Mark Gaffield, age 42, of Castleton.

LECKEY, ROBERT GRIFFITHS (BUD), M.D., F.R.C.P. (C).

Suddenly on January 11th, 2002. Cherished husband of Molly (M.J. Rutherford), devoted father of Robert, Griffiths and Jane (wife of David Black), and grandfather of Melissa. Loving brother of Marion (Mrs. T.R.H. Box) and family. At Bud's request, arrangements will be private. Family and friends are invited to celebrate a life well lived. A reception will take place on Saturday, January 26th, 2002 from 12 to 3pm. at the Grafton Village Inn, Grafton, Ontario. The trees and trails of "Stabane" were Bud's passion. In honour of his memory, donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, 110 Eglinton Avenue West, Suite 400, Toronto, Ontario. M4R 1A3, 416-932-3202. Arrangements entrusted to the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King St. W., Colborne, Ontario. 905-355-2829.

CHAMBERLAIN, ELGIN ALICE

Peacefully at her home in Colborne on Thursday, January 10th, 2002. Elgin Chamberlain (nee Janaway) in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late John Brinkworth Chamberlain. Dear mother of John and his wife Ann and Richard and his wife Susann. Grandmother of Christine Homer, Craig Chamberlain (Shannon), Caroline Maslin (Matt) and Christopher Chamberlain. Sadly missed by her great-granddaughter, Melissa Homer and Melissa's father Gary. Also missed by her special friend Ken Bellamy. A Funeral Service was held at MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King St. W., Colborne, KOK 1S0 on Tuesday, January 15th at 11am. Interment Waite Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Those wishing may make a memorial contribution by cheque to the Eden United Church in Dundonald. Please direct donations to the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 204, Colborne, ON. KOK 1S0.

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