

Appendix 1: Comparison of Walkerton and neighbouring rural towns at the time of the 2001 Census.

	<i>Walkerton</i>	<i>Listowel</i>	<i>Shelburne</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Exeter</i>	<i>Mount Forest</i>	<i>Penetanguishene</i>
<i>Town Demographics*</i>							
Population	4851	5905	4122	6293	4452	4584	8316
Age, yr, median	40	39	37	39	41	42	41
Lived at same address for at least one year (%)	92	86	86	89	89	88	83
Total Income , \$, median	21 265	24 683	21 034	25 332	24 748	20 247	20 351
Employment Rate (%)	63	64	65	66	64	57	59
<i>Availability of Healthcare</i>							
Hospital in Town	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of Hospital Beds	38	51	33	21	19	37	51
Emergency Room in Hospital	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Number of Primary Care Physicians	6	12	4	13	10	5	12
<i>Post-Secondary Education (%)*</i>							
Ages 35-44	38	41	37	43	31	33	35
Ages 45-64	31	27	30	32	39	19	33
<i>Residences by Postal Code[†]</i>							
Total Residences	3067	3633	3995	3494	2393	2869	4966
Residences on Rural Routes	1085	1148	1972	1154	256	972	1580
% of Residences on Rural Routes	35	32	49	33	11	34	32

Rural Routes: registered mailing addresses along or near well defined roads in reasonably well settled rural areas

*Data from 2001 Census; Statistics Canada

[†]Data from Canada Post