

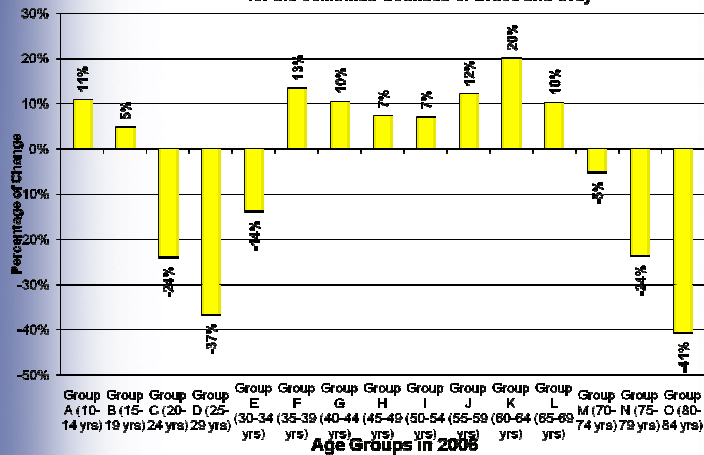


SEDC Projects

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Percentage of Change In Population by Age Groups Between 1996 to 2006
for the combined Counties of Bruce and Grey



Come Home to Work in Grey Bruce

Saugeen Business Development Corp. - Windows Internet Explorer
http://www.sbdc.ca/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are encouraged to browse this site and benefit from the wealth of new and improved content. Make sure you stop by the Resource Centre for hands on assistance and support. Business resources for the Saugeen region include the Quarterly Reports, the Saugeen City Directory and extensive Community Profiles. You will also find a good collection of studies and links and information on our services.

EVENTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

SAUGEEN COMMUNITY BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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Come home to work in Saugeen City

The Saugeen Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) is looking for people who want to come home or start a new life in the "Saugeen City." If you are interested in returning to the region now or in the future, we want to hear from you!

Our goal is to match potential new or expanding businesses in the "Saugeen City" with experienced, qualified personnel who have indicated that they wish to work in the region. We also recognize that, in many cases, this is a two person decision, so please let us know what your partner's skills are as well.

Your information will never be released to employers; we will inform YOU when we see potential matches. You may then contact the employers if you wish or hold off until you feel you are ready... but when you are ready, the "Saugeen City" is looking forward to welcoming you home.

If you are considering making your home in the "Saugeen City" now or in future, please complete the survey below.

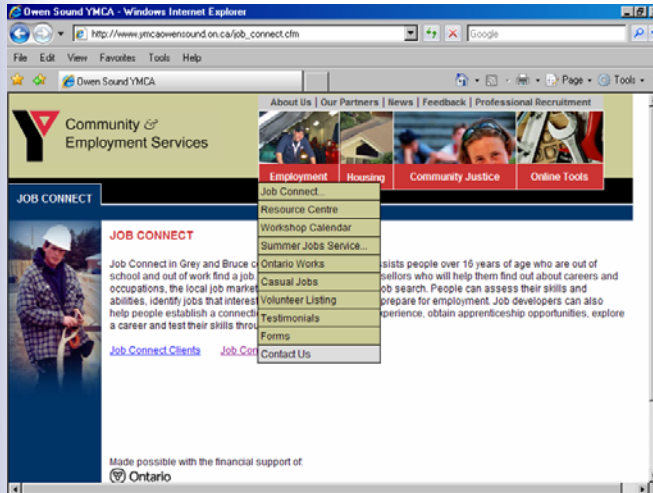
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Graduate

1. Name *

2. Address

Come Home to Work in Grey Bruce



First Time Full Time

Putting the pieces together for success



What happens on May 24th, 2008...

**Student Certifications (Bundled):
Lunch
Afternoon
Certifications**



Customer Service, Chainsaw Safety, Forklift Operator, Smart Serve, WHMIS, Landscaping, First Aid/CPR, Fall Arrest, High Five, Food Handling...



Hosted at the CAW Family Conference Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario



First Time Full Time Conference

- The students at GBSS loved the conference so much that they applauded on the bus as I got on (a **FIRST** in my teaching I might add). The applause was for all of you—they really felt that their needs were met!! They came home with a certificate, and pride in accomplishing something important. A number of my students were at-risk...yesterday was a great day for all of them. "It was worth going to school" one of them said to me. That says it all!!!

First Time Full Time Conference

- **Great everyone who helped make the Conference such a success. My students thoroughly enjoyed the day and came back raving (our guidance secretary said many of the kids came to tell her how great it was). The kids loved the venue—many kids don't get the chance to get treated like adults and to enjoy such a professional setting!!! The lunch was fantastic- the kids raved about it. Thanks again!!**

▪ KDSS

Grey Bruce Regional Skills Challenge

▪ **Tech skills challenge on today**

Posted 14 days ago

- The Secondary Technological Regional Skills Challenge is now in its fifth year. Students/ apprentices are tested in skilled challenges against industry standards and their peers. Competitions will be held on Fri., March 28 in auto service, culinary arts, electrical wiring, hairstyling, home building, small engine and welding, held at four different sites, consecutively.
- **BENEFITS:** Opportunity to demonstrate pride and support of skilled trades; Encourages young people to consider the value of a career in the skilled trades and technologies; Winners in each challenge area may progress to Ontario Skills; Partnerships with education, industry, labour and government;
- **SCHOOLS AND EDUCATORS:** Involvement of 13 area high schools and approximately 100 students, 23 judges, teachers/coaches and over 50 sponsors; Direct contact with community business and industry experts who help design and support contests; Industry gains visibility as a partner with education in supporting these competitions; This is an exciting day for all involved, with opportunity to demonstrate pride and support of skilled trades and technological careers.

Grey Bruce Regional Skills Challenge



Grey Bruce Regional Skills Challenge



Specialist High Skills Major - Agriculture

- **A new program designed for students interested in a future in agriculture that integrates:**
 - **Academic skills and knowledge**
 - **Practical work experience**
 - **Certification and training specifically related to agriculture**

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- **Currently working on a Business plan for sustainability...**
- **The agricultural community locally and beyond is very supportive of this program with donations, equipment, land, fuel, time...etc.**



FootPrints – Steps to Great Customer Service

- **This program was developed to remind youth of how to respect customers and clients.**
- **They will share stories and experiences in an interactive setting where they learn about personal boundaries.**
- **This essential building block will give attendees the confidence, experience as well as a reference for future opportunities.**
- **It will remind youth to smile, breathe, listen, and make the customer their number one priority.**

FootPrints – Steps to Great Customer Service

Footprints... Steps to Customer Service and Customer Care, a workshop sponsored in part by the Walkerton Chamber of Commerce and Saugeen Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has provided students at Sacred Heart High School with an introductory seminar on the basic tools needed for Customer Service and Customer Care.

Watch for this Certificate when hiring students

Training included:

- Importance of creating a good first impression
- Effective communication
- Telephone techniques
- Effective listening
- Included role playing and open discussion



FootPrints – Steps to Great Customer Service



SCoBE's & STARS – Business Excellence Awards



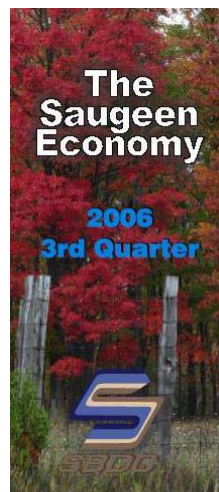
SCoBE's & STARS – Business Excellence Awards

- The *S.Co.B.E.* and STARS Awards were initiated to help recognize the excellence of businesses and entrepreneurs in the Saugeen Community in an effort to encourage community economic growth, while at the same time promoting local businesses.
- The *S.Co.B.E.'s* and STARS' have become one of the most prestigious recognitions a company can earn in this area.
- There are six Award categories - Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Entrepreneur of the Year; Customer Service Excellence Award; Corporate Citizen of the Year; Company of the Year (under 15 employees); Company of the Year (over 15 employees)

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The Saugeen Economy – Quarterly Newsletter



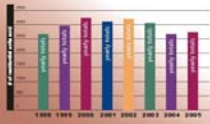
The Saugeen Economy – Quarterly Newsletter

Unemployment
Saugeen
No Surprise
At the end of March 2006, 943 persons were listed as claiming regular benefits, up 197 persons or 26.2% from March 2005. This is at the highest level since March 2004.
Comparable data for Ontario was not available.



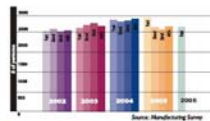
New Motor Vehicle Sales
Local Area
Somewhat Disappointing

During the first quarter of 2006, 525 new units were sold locally - down 48 units or 7.7% from the same period in 2005. By comparison, Ontario wide sales were up 0.9%.
For the full year, local sales were up 1.6% (Ontario up 3.7%).
For the first two months of 2006, 246 units were sold locally down 82 units or 48.0%. Ontario wide sales were down 4.3%. Weather conditions could well have been a factor.



Manufacturing Employment
Saugeen
Better Than Anticipated

There were 2,641 persons employed in manufacturing (21 companies) at the end of March - down 203 jobs (8.7%) from March 2005.
The loss was entirely in the furniture/wood sector.



Building Permits
Saugeen
Housing Still Good

The value of building permits issued in the first quarter of 2006 was \$8.5 million - down \$4.2 million (32.7%) from the same quarter last year.
On the new housing front, 28 permits were issued compared to 29 last year. Total of 107 units.



Real Estate Sales
Grey/Bruce/Owen Sound
Continued Good News

Total value of real estate sales in the first quarter of 2006 was \$109.0 million, up 7.2% from the same period last year. On the residential front, sales dollar were up 20.8% and the number of units sold was 471 - up 27 units (7.0%) from last year. Average selling price was \$174,100 - up 12.0% from last year.

On the Agriculture front, 41 units were sold compared to 33 last year. Average selling price was \$38,300 compared to \$270,800 last year.

Ontario-wide, the number of residential units sold in the first two months was 7,306, up 13% from the same period in 2005. Average selling price was \$277,300 - up 5.0%.



Social Assistance
Bruce/Grey/Owen Sound
Up Slightly

In the first quarter of 2006, the average caseload was 1,397. This represents an increase of 49 cases or 3.6% from the same period in 2005. The increase was in all areas.



Thank you!!!
...and just for fun while we answer questions...

- How far can a dog run into the woods?
- How many times can you subtract 5 from 25?
- Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the tallest mountain in the world?
- Two coins add up to 55 cents, but one is not a nickel. What are these coins?
- What's more powerful than God, the rich don't want it, the poor have much of it, and if you eat it you'll die?
- Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?: