

Oxford Counts

2001 Census - Income and Educational Counts



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Income data for Oxford County is divided into two measures I) Total Income and ii) Employment Income. The 'Low-Income Cut-Offs' prepared by Statistics Canada are also presented for information.

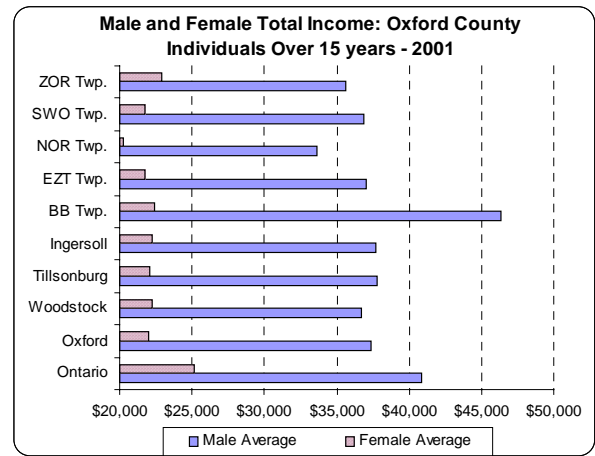
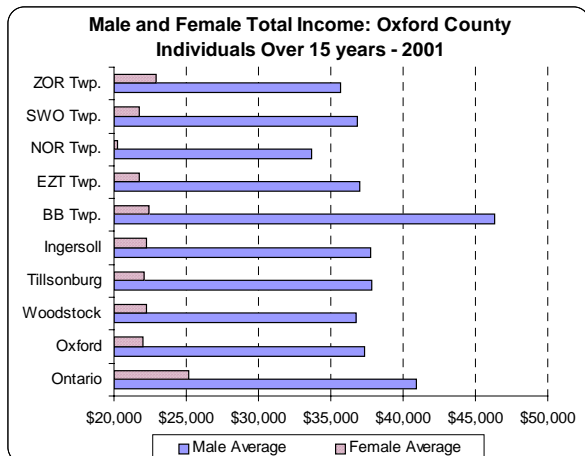
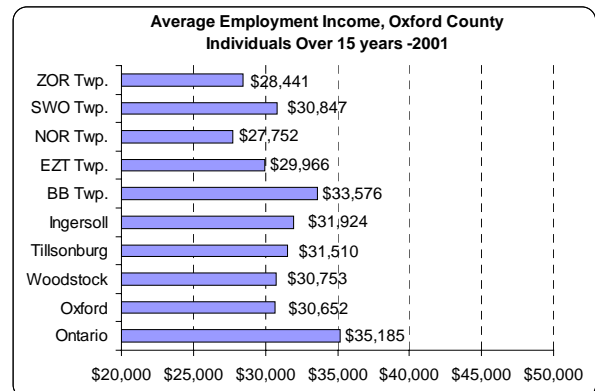
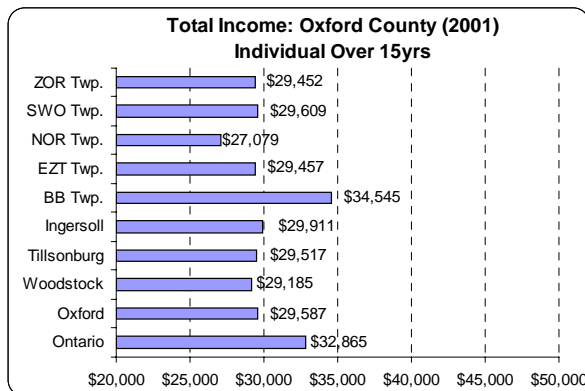
i) **Total Income** refers to the total income received from the following sources during calendar year 2000 by persons 15 years of age and over: wages and salaries (total); net farm income; net non-farm income from unincorporated business and/or professional practice; Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Canada Pension Plan, Unemployment Insurance; retirement pensions, RRSPs, RRIFFs, dividends, interest on bonds, other investment income, and other money sources.

The 2001 data shows that Blandford-Blenheim Township has the highest average total income at \$34,545 while Norwich Township has the lowest at \$27,079. The Oxford average total income is \$29,587, versus the Ontario average of \$32,865.

ii) **Employment Income** refers to total income received by persons 15 years of age and over during the calendar year 2000 as wages and salaries, net income from non-farm incorporated business and/or professional practice and net farm self-employment income.

Blandford-Blenheim Township has the highest average employment income at \$33,576 with Norwich Township the lowest at \$27,752. The Oxford average employment income for all ages is 30,652 versus the Ontario average of \$35,185.

Total and employment income averages for the County are below the Ontario average in most municipalities, for both male and females. Blandford-Blenheim Township did exhibit a higher average total income, as well as higher counts for both male employment income and total income. Disposable income, as a percent of total income may be as high as anywhere else in the province due to a lower cost of living as indicated in the Low Income Cut-Off matrices.



Low Income Cut-Offs (LICOs)

Measures of low income known as low income cut-offs (LICOs) were first introduced in Canada in 1968.

Data indicates that Canadian families spent, on average 34.7% in 1992 of their income on basic necessities of food, shelter, and clothing. It was estimated that families spending 54.7% or more on their income on the basic necessities (food, shelter, and clothing) would be in 'strained' circumstances. Low Income Cut-Offs for 2001 are presented in Table 1. These values recognize family size and area of residence and are adjusted according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Table 1: LICOs for Economic Families & Individuals, 2001

Family Size	Size (population) of area residence		
	30,000 to 99,999 Woodstock	Small urban regions Tillsonburg/Ingersoll	Rural Twps. (farm and non-farm)
1	\$12,904	\$11,791	\$10,201
2	\$15,745	\$14,388	\$12,448
3	\$19,915	\$18,198	\$15,744
4	\$24,804	\$22,665	\$19,609
5	\$27,722	\$25,332	\$21,917
6	\$30,640	\$27,999	\$24,225
7+	\$33,558	\$30,666	\$26,533

Source: Statistics Canada (2004). Low income cutoffs from 1994-2003.
Income Statistics Division
Available Online: <http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/downpub/research.cgi>

Education

The data for the 15-24 age cohort on school attendance shows that, all municipalities in the county with the exception of Zorra Township are lower than the Ontario average for school attendance. However, 49.3% of those 20 years of age and over have some form of higher education through trades training or college/university degrees, diplomas or certificates.

The 'Major Field of Study' refers to the predominant discipline or area of learning or training of a person's highest post secondary degree, certificate or diploma.

The major field of study classification structure consists of 10 broad or major categories.

The largest male category in the County is applied science technologies and trades, with other popular categories including commerce, management and business administration, as well as agricultural, biological, nutritional, and food sciences. The largest female categories in the County are health professions, sciences and technologies; commerce, management and business administration; and educational, recreational and counselling services.

