

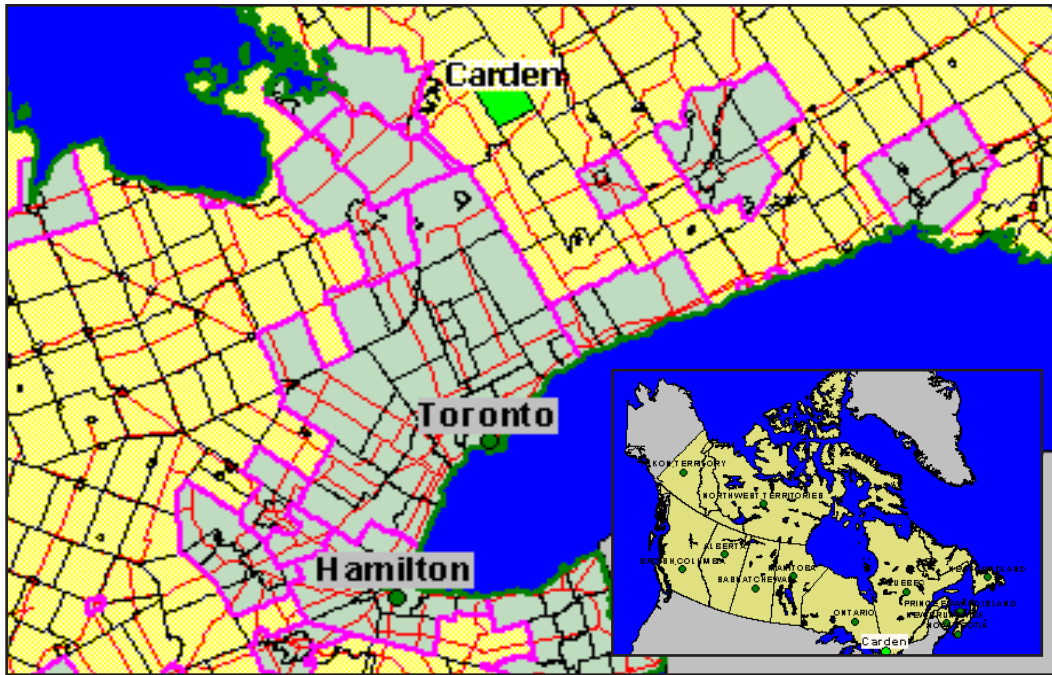
Site 16: Carden, Ontario

Carden, a former township that is now part of the new City of Kawartha Lakes, has a population of 887 permanent residents and 1,325 residents during the summer (in 1996). Carden is located North of the Region of Durham on the Southern edge of Ontario's "cottage country".

Carden has dispersed settlement patterns with pockets of summer cottages around small lakes, where conditions are poor for farming (limestone platform). The Northeastern population is drawn toward Orillia (30km) for jobs and services, while the Southwestern population

depends to some extent on Lindsay (58 km). Agriculture plays a modest to insignificant role in the community's economic activity.

Soil type and other limitations are clearly important factors in this situation. There is a growing demand for aggregate extraction, however. Otherwise, residents are employed in construction, manufacturing, trade, and other categories with the majority traveling outside the site for work. A significant number of residents are those who have retired to the area, turning their previously summer homes into permanent residences.



Maps courtesy of Statistics Canada, Geography Division, 2000

<i>Characteristics in 1996</i>	<i>Carden</i>	<i>Ontario</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Population	887	10 753 573	28 846 761
1991 to 1996 population change (%)	13.6	6.6	5.7
% of population ages 15 and over	81.4	79.4	79.5
Unemployment rate	16.3	9.1	10.1
Participation rate	59.2	66.3	65.5
% Primary industry	4.9	4.1	5.6
% Secondary industry	22.2	31.3	20
% Tertiary industry	72.8	64.6	74.4
Average number of persons in married or common-law families	3.0	3.2	3.1
Average number of persons in lone-parent families	2.6	2.6	2.6

Source: Statistics Canada

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