Community Profiles

Stoney Creek

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

These Community Profiles have been developed to aid in understanding the unique social characteristics important to, yet distinct about, each community within the City of Hamilton. This series of reports will look at a number of demographic variables across each community within the City of Hamilton. This edition focuses on the Community of Stoney Creek. The information provided can be used by community members to identify actions that might be taken to respond to changing conditions and to continue to improve city life.

On January 1 2001, the six municipalities of the Hamilton-Wentworth Region (Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Glanbrook, Hamilton, and Stoney Creek) were amalgamated into the new City of Hamilton. The former municipalities continue to hold their unique character, population and geography and are now official Communities within the City of Hamilton. The City of Hamilton now has a population of over 504,000 people, and covers a vast and diverse geographical area – from rural Flamborough to the urban centre of the former municipality of Hamilton. There is also diversity among the people who live in the City of Hamilton. A growing population, increased immigration, growing numbers of seniors and a range of incomes – from rich to very poor characterize some of the differences that exist across the new city.

(For clarity, in this report the entire City of Hamilton will always be referred by its full name. References to Hamilton will indicate the former municipality of Hamilton, now officially the Community of Hamilton within the City of Hamilton. Please see the front cover for the boundaries of all the communities within the City of Hamilton.)

The information in this report is presented in two sections. In the first section, the selected characteristics of Stoney Creek are reviewed and illustrated with charts and maps. The second section presents information about United Way agencies and clients in Stoney Creek.

The information provided in Section A of this report is primarily based on the 2006 Census of Canada (Statistics Canada), with additional data from the 1996 and 2001 Censuses used as points of comparison. Map 1 shows the roads and landmarks in Stoney Creek to help readers orient themselves for the maps throughout this document. The legends for the maps are based on the values for the entire City of Hamilton, so in some cases the legends in this report display classes that are not present on the maps for Stoney Creek. Configuring the legends in this manner was done to allow for easy comparisons of maps between different reports in this series of Community Profiles.

The data presented in Section B of this report has been provided by the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton. The number of clients shown includes information collected from those agencies that track clients by residence in each former municipality. Some agencies do not collect data by client location because of their unique service characteristics; as a result, some client data is not included in this report. Over the coming years, the SPRC will continue to work with the United Way and its agencies to develop client and community service databases to ensure the best possible report of service to the community supported by the United Way.

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1 At the time of publication of this report, Statistics Canada had not yet made available data grouped by former municipalities in the City of Hamilton. Instead, this report summarizes data from the census tracts within Stoney Creek (these combined census tracts have the exact same boundaries as Stoney Creek). However, due to rounding that Statistics Canada applies to data in each census tract, this method creates an error of approximately one half a percentage point for the data that is presented in this report, compared to the more accurate data that Statistics Canada will release at a later date.
In the coming months, the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton will be publishing a profile of the social landscape for the City of Hamilton. This report will include many of the same demographic variables as found in this Community Profile, but for the entire city and with comparisons to other cities. It is our hope that these reports will complement each other.

At the end of this report, we have included an evaluation questionnaire. We encourage readers to complete this survey to help us improve future editions of this report. Respondents will be entered in a prize draw for a $50 gift certificate for Bryan Prince Bookseller in Hamilton.

Map 1: Reference map for Community of Stoney Creek, City of Hamilton

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- Major Landmarks
- Escarpment
- Major Highways
- Major Roads
- Community Boundaries
- Census Tracts
2.1 Population

Almost one in 8 City of Hamilton residents live in Stoney Creek
At 62,290 persons in 2006, Stoney Creek is the 2nd largest community in the City of Hamilton, with 12% of the total population.

Stoney Creek is growing steadily
The Community of Stoney Creek had a population of 62,290 people in 2006, an increase of 12,322 persons since 1991 (Chart 1). The average annual growth rate over the last 15 years in Stoney Creek has been 1.5%, higher than the average of 0.7% per year for the City of Hamilton (formerly the Hamilton-Wentworth Region) for that same period. By comparison, the average annual increase in population for the province of Ontario has been 1.3% since 1991. The growth in Stoney Creek has been the most constant of all the communities.

Chart 1: Population Growth, Communities with the City of Hamilton, 1991-2006

*Please note: As stated in the Introduction, all references to “Hamilton” indicate the former municipality of Hamilton, now officially the Community of Hamilton within the new City of Hamilton. The City of Hamilton will always be referred by its full name or simply “city”.
Winona and part of Stoney Creek mountain are centres of growth in Stoney Creek

Map 2 shows that the growth is not evenly spread across Stoney Creek. Unlike the trends in Ancaster and Flamborough, where the most rapid growth is in the more densely populated parts of the community, some of the most populous parts of Stoney Creek are either growing more slowly or declining in population. For example, the most central part Old Stoney Creek has lost 5% of its population (122 fewer residents in location A). The area of Stoney Creek that gained the most residents is the easternmost part of Stoney Creek (location B), which includes Winona, This area gained 2,294 residents between 2001 and 2006, which is a 57% population increase. Stoney Creek mountain also has some areas of high growth (2,138 new residents in the southernmost area identified by location C) while a neighbouring area on Stoney Creek mountain is losing residents (56 fewer residents between Highland and Mud Streets). The growth in Stoney Creek mountain and in Winona can be attributed in large part to the high rate of new home construction in these areas.

Map 2: Population Change in Stoney Creek, 2001-2006

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Increase or decrease in the number of people in each census tract

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<td>-1156 to -251</td>
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% change in population in each census tract

- +25.0% to +85.0%
- +10.0% to +24.9%
- 0.0 to +9.9%
- -5.0% to -0.1%
- -10.0% to -5.1%

Letters indicate locations discussed in the text.

2.2 Children and Youth

More than 1 in 6 residents of Stoney Creek are children

In 2006, there were 11,320 children 0-14 years of age in Stoney Creek (Chart 2), which represents 18% of Stoney Creek's population. This is the same as the average for the City of Hamilton.
Small increases in all children and youth age groups, but fewer children per family

Between 2001 and 2006, there were 245 more children between the ages of 0 and 4 in Stoney Creek, an 8% increase (Chart 3). However, the number of children per family has decreased from 1.3 in 1996 and 2001 to 1.2 in 2006 in Stoney Creek (Chart 4). This is the same as the average for the City of Hamilton.
Chart 3: Population change by age groups, 2001-2006

- City of Hamilton
- Stoney Creek

Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, 2008

Chart 4: Number of children living at home per family, 1996-2001

Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, 2008
Children are a large proportion of residents on Stoney Creek mountain

Map 3 shows that the greatest proportion of children is found on southern Stoney Creek mountain (530 children under 15, which is 28% of residents in the area identified by location D). The Winona area also has a high number of children: 520 children aged 0-14, which is 23% of residents (location E). The northwestern parts of Stoney Creek have fewer children, ranging as low as 215 children 0-14 (11% of residents) in the sparsely populated area bordering Hamilton below Barton Street (location F).

Map 3: Children 0-14 years of age in Stoney Creek, 2006

2.3 Seniors

Stoney Creek has the second lowest concentration of seniors in the City of Hamilton

In 2006 there were 8,410 persons aged 65 and over living in Stoney Creek (Chart 5) – 3,705 men and 4,705 women. This represents 14% of the population, lower than all the other communities, except Flamborough. But the proportion of seniors in Stoney Creek is still only slightly lower than the overall average for the City of Hamilton (15%).
Downtown Stoney Creek has higher concentrations of seniors

Map 4 shows that within Stoney Creek, most seniors live in the west, particularly in the neighbourhoods bordering Hamilton both south and north of King Street (the two areas identified by location G combined have 1590 seniors, which is 27% of residents in the area). Conversely, the Winona and Stoney Creek mountain areas have much lower proportions of seniors.

Map 4: Seniors (65 and over) in Stoney Creek, 2006

Letters indicate locations discussed in the text.
The senior population is increasing in all age groups
Between 2001 and 2006 all age groups of seniors in Stoney Creek increased in population (Chart 3). The oldest age group grew most rapidly, increasing by 40% (285 additional persons for a total of 1,005 persons over age 85 in 2006). The other senior age groups increased as well, but below the average growth rate in Stoney Creek for all age groups (which was 25%). The increases in the number of seniors could be a combination of seniors moving to Stoney Creek, seniors living longer, and increases in population decades ago now being reflected in the older age groups.

Evidence that the senior population will continue to grow
The breakdown of Stoney Creek older adults (Chart 5) shows that the senior population is set to continue to grow as there are large numbers of persons aged 60-64 living in Stoney Creek in 2006 (3,135 versus 2,435 seniors aged 65-69 years). Some of these people may move away from Stoney Creek as they grow older, but the current growth rate of seniors suggests many will stay within the area.

Number of seniors living alone is increasing
Seniors living alone generally have less access to support if they face illness or disability compared to seniors living with a spouse, with family or in institutional care\(^2\). In Stoney Creek, the number of seniors living alone increased by 35% from 1996 to 2006 to a total of 1,730 persons. However, as Chart 6 illustrates, the percentage of seniors living alone in Stoney Creek was fairly stable, hovering around 21%. This is tied with Dundas for the second highest percentage in the City of Hamilton behind the Community of Hamilton (29%).

Chart 6: Seniors living alone, Communities within City of Hamilton, 1996-2006

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<th>Glenbrook</th>
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<td>2006</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>875</td>
<td>615</td>
<td>165</td>
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<td>990</td>
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<td>540</td>
<td>14,885</td>
<td>1,730</td>
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2.4 Female Lone Parents

Stoney Creek has the third highest proportion of single moms

Female lone parent-led families have traditionally reported a disproportionally high rate of poverty, reflecting the challenge of running a household and raising kids with a single income. The particular challenges that women face in the labour market has also meant that single moms are more likely to live on a low income than single dads. In 2006, Stoney Creek had the third highest proportion of families led by female lone parents at 10% (Chart 7), after Hamilton (18%) and Dundas (11%). The proportion of female lone parent-led families in Stoney Creek has been increasing at a rapid pace, and could overtake Dundas by the next census in 2011.

Chart 7: Families led by Female Lone Parents, Communities within the City of Hamilton, 1996-2006

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<td>Hamilton</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Stoney Creek</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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Higher concentration of female lone parents in western parts of Stoney Creek

The rate of female lone parent-led families varies considerably across Stoney Creek, with the highest concentrations appearing just east of Centennial Parkway near Battlefield Park (location H on Map 5) and in the most northwestern part of Stoney Creek mountain (location I). The census tract with the largest number of families led by single mothers is in the southeastern Stoney Creek mountain (240 persons in location J).
2.5 Immigrants and Visible Minorities

The proportion of Stoney Creek’s population that was born outside of Canada is increasing

Stoney Creek’s proportion of immigrants has increased slightly from 25% in 1996 to 27% in 2006 (Chart 8). Stoney Creek’s proportion of immigrants is second only to the proportion of immigrants in the Community of Hamilton (28%). In 2006, there were 16,860 immigrants in Stoney Creek, up almost a quarter since 1996, while Hamilton’s larger population of immigrants (89,765) is growing more slowly (6% increase since 1996). Stoney Creek could overtake Hamilton as the Community with the greatest proportion of immigrants by the next census in 2011. The top three regions of birth of Stoney Creek’s immigrants are Southern Europe, Eastern Europe and Northern Europe.
Stoney Creek is chosen by fewer recent immigrants as a place to live

Recent immigrants are defined by Statistics Canada as arriving in Canada in the previous five years of any given census year. Recent immigrants can be a population with high needs as they are less familiar with the community services and supports available, and often face language and labour market barriers. As Chart 9 illustrates, Stoney Creek has had a slight decline in both the percentage of its population composed of recent immigrants (from 2.5% in 1996 to 2.1% in 2006) and the actual number of recent immigrants, standing at 1,310 in 2006 (down 3% or 45 persons from 1996). The top three regions of birth of recent immigrants in Stoney Creek in the 2006 census were Southern Asia, Southern Europe and Eastern Europe.
Western Stoney Creek has highest proportions of recent immigrants
The recent immigrant population is largest in the Guernsey and Westmeria neighbourhoods (near the Stoney Creek Library) with 215 persons there (location K on Map 6). The highest proportion of the population composed of recent immigrants is in the Eastdale area (5%), located next to the Riverdale neighbourhood in the Community of Hamilton, which has the highest concentration of recent immigrants in the whole city.

Map 6: Recent Immigrants (arriving in Canada between 2001 and 2006) in Stoney Creek

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- **0 - 100**
- **101 - 250**
- **251 - 650**
- **651 - 1140**

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<td>135</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>660</td>
<td>185</td>
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<td>145</td>
<td>13,635</td>
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Stoney Creek has fallen to third place in proportion of visible minorities

The proportion of visible minorities in Stoney Creek’s population increased from 5% in 1996 to 9% in 2006, with the actual number of visible minorities more than doubling to 5,690 (Chart 10). But this growth was not enough to keep pace with Ancaster, which has now surpassed Stoney Creek, making Stoney Creek the community with the third largest proportion of visible minorities. South Asian is by far the largest visible minority group in Stoney Creek, representing 44% of the visible minority population (Chart 11).

Chart 10: Visible Minorities, Communities within the City of Hamilton, 1996-2006

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<td>Number of persons identifying themselves as visible minorities</td>
<td>1,320</td>
<td>1,850</td>
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<td>Percentage of the population living in private households</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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Chart 11: Visible Minority Groups, Stoney Creek, 2006

- **South Asian**: 44%
- **Black**: 12%
- **Chinese**: 8%
- **Southeast Asian**: 8%
- **Latin American**: 8%
- **Other**: 20%

*Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, 2008*
2.6 Incomes and Poverty

Stoney Creek has the second lowest median income

Median income is the point at which half the population earns more and half the population earns less. It is a better measure than average income as it is not inflated by a few residents earning 10 or 20 times what others in the area earn. The median income in Stoney Creek (over $30,000) is the second lowest of all the city’s communities (Chart 12), only higher than Hamilton’s (which is just over $24,000).

Chart 12: Median Individual Income (aged 15 and over), Communities within the City of Hamilton, 1996-2006

The following section of the Community Profile considers the level of poverty in the City of Hamilton based on the most commonly reported measure – Statistics Canada’s Low Income Cut-Off (LICO). The LICO measure is a relative measure of poverty introduced in Canada in 1968. When researchers or the media refers to “poverty lines” or “incidence of low-income”, they are generally referring to the LICO measure.

The LICO considers the average cost of basic necessities (including housing, food, and clothing) for different sized households in different sized communities. The measure then adds an additional 20% to determine the low-income cut-off for the specific group. A Statistics Canada survey of family expenditure in 1992 determined that the average Canadian family spent about 35% its income on food, clothing and shelter. Statistics Canada concluded that a family that spent significantly more (i.e., 20 percentage points more) of its income on essentials was living in straitened circumstances. As a result, it has adopted 55 per cent of income as the cutoff point: families that spent more than 55% of their income on essentials would have little or no income left to spend on transportation, health, personal care, education, household operation, recreation, insurance and other unexpected expenses.3

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Table 1 shows the LICO for the City of Hamilton. Please note that the LICO presented here represents before tax household incomes. The data presented were collected during the 2006 census and represent 2005 household incomes.

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**Poverty rate is decreasing**

Stoney Creek’s low income rate has seen a small decrease in its poverty rate in the 1996-2006 period going from 13% to 11% (Chart 13). This downward trend is similar to that seen in most other communities within the city.

In 2006, the poverty rate for young children in Stoney Creek was 15%, almost double the poverty rate for the general population (Chart 13). Similarly, the poverty rate for seniors in Stoney Creek (14%) is much higher than for the general population. The poverty rates for seniors and young children are the second highest after the Community of Hamilton.

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4 Statistics Canada varies its LICO calculation based on population size and density parameters for five different community sizes which they define and identify. Their definitions of urban and rural communities are different than municipal boundaries. The values in the table above are for an urban area with a population of 500,000 or more. For detailed information, please see this Statistics Canada document:

http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/75F0002MIE/75F0002MIE2006004.pdf
Chart 13: Poverty Rates (before tax), Communities within the City of Hamilton, 1996-2006

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Chart 14: Poverty Rates (before tax) for selected groups, Communities within the City of Hamilton, 2006

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Poverty rates somewhat constant across Stoney Creek
The distribution of poverty rates in Stoney Creek is fairly constant, with only a few areas significantly higher or lower (Map 7). The highest concentrations of poverty are in the areas just north of King Street in easternmost Stoney Creek near Battlefield Park (16% and 17% in the 2 census tracts identified by location M). As in other maps, mainly due to higher populations in the Stoney Creek mountain areas, the Trinity and Highland neighbourhoods in the southeastern part of Stoney Creek has the highest number of persons living below the poverty line (almost 800 in the census tract identified by location N).

Map 7: Poverty (Before Tax) in Stoney Creek, 2006

Legend

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Letters indicate locations discussed in the text.
3.1 Who is served by the United Way in Stoney Creek?

In 2007 over 8,945* individuals and families from the Stoney Creek community accessed United Way funded services.

3.2 Some examples of United Way funded services and programs accessed by Stoney Creek residents

Children and youth accessed recreational and day camp programs; counseling supports; leadership and training; good beginnings; group work; matching and mentoring. Agencies that provided these services include:

- Alternatives for Youth
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hamilton and Burlington
- Catholic Youth Organization
- Community Living Hamilton
- Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys & Girls Club
- Lake Avenue School
- Navy League
- Settlement and Integration Services Organization (SISO)
- Workers Art and Heritage Centre/ Hamilton Youth Steel Orchestra
- YMCA Hamilton/Burlington
- YWCA of Hamilton
Families and individuals accessed counseling programs and practical assistance. Agencies that provided these services include:

- Elizabeth Fry Society, Hamilton Chapter
- John Howard Society
- Schizophrenia Society of Ontario, Hamilton Chapter
- VON Hamilton

Individuals accessed information and referral services; literacy and basic skills; services for those in conflict or at risk of conflict with the law; counseling; health supports; education and awareness on violence and sexual assault; women’s transitional housing; employment services; adult health fitness and recreation; and participated in community development initiatives. Agencies that provided these services include:

- Community Information Hamilton
- Elizabeth Fry Society, Hamilton Chapter
- Hamilton Literacy Council
- Hamilton and District Ostomy Association
- John Howard Society
- Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Schizophrenia Society of Ontario
- Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton and Area
- Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton
- Volunteer Hamilton
- YWCA of Hamilton

Seniors accessed programs and services that allow them to continue to live independently, e.g. meals on wheels, homemaking, friendly visiting, telephone care, transportation, case management and information & referral; services for the hearing impaired and hard of hearing; services for the visually impaired and blind; dog therapy visits to long term care and retirement homes. Agencies that provided these services include:

- Canadian Hearing Society
- CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the blind)
- Canadian Red Cross Society
- Dundas Community Services
- St. John Ambulance
- VON Hamilton

* The numbers above include information collected by the United Way from those agencies that continue to track clients that reside in the former municipalities.
4.0 SUMMARY

This overview of key census indicators indicates that Stoney Creek faces multiple challenges and opportunities. An aging population is one trend that is constant in all parts of the City of Hamilton. In Stoney Creek, as elsewhere, the senior age groups are growing faster than the child age groups. While the growth in the youngest age groups (0-14) is higher in Stoney Creek than the average for the City of Hamilton, the average number of children at home per family in Stoney Creek has decreased slightly to 1.2 children per family, tied for second place in the city. The seniors’ population is growing rapidly, but Stoney Creek has the second lowest proportion of seniors (at 14% in 2006 - although it has the second highest population of seniors at 8,410 in 2006). The proportion of seniors living alone is now tied for second with Dundas (at 21% in 2006).

The proportion of female lone parent-led families in Stoney Creek has been increasing in every census year since 1996 and could overtake Dundas as the community with the second highest proportion of female lone parents in City of Hamilton. On the immigration side, Stoney Creek is almost tied with Hamilton for the highest proportion of residents born outside of Canada. Yet the proportion of recent immigrants choosing to live in Stoney Creek has been steadily decreasing (from 2.5% in 1996 to 2.1% in 2006).

Stoney Creek has the second lowest median income at just over $30,000, although this is still over $6,000 more than the median income in the Community of Hamilton. The poverty rate in Stoney Creek has been decreasing, now standing at 8%, dropping to third place behind Hamilton and Dundas. This represents, however, over 6,600 persons living on incomes below the poverty line. The poverty rate for both children (15%) and seniors (14%) are both higher than for the general population.

In order to respond to the community conditions outlined in this report, the United Way has established that its priorities for investment in the City of Hamilton are Poverty Prevention (children, youth and families), Strengthening Neighbourhoods (children, youth, families and individuals) and Supporting Seniors. In addition the United Way asks that submissions for funding consider how the unique challenges of women, visible minorities, recent immigrants and aboriginal groups can be addressed. In Section B, we have given a glimpse into the United Way’s system of service and the number of Stoney Creek residents that are served by a United Way funded program. The United Way’s priorities are reflected in the services and programs funded in Stoney Creek, and are an important part of the community’s response to the challenges and opportunities that Stoney Creek faces.

This picture of Stoney Creek only shows part of the issues facing this community and further investigations are necessary to identify and understand more clearly the reasons behind some of these trends. However, it is hoped that this Profile can be used a starting point for planning purposes by social service agencies, community groups and citizens.
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