

Municipal returns available for 1889 numbered Gravenhurst residents at 1935. Also listed were 13 cattle, 9 hogs, 90 horses and 0 sheep. Dominion Census takers counted 1843 human residents in 1891.

No good analysis of the birthplaces and religious affiliations of the residents of Gravenhurst was found, but it is probable that the statistics were about the same as those of the residents of the Muskoka and Parry Sound area, which were examined by Dominion Census takers in 1891. Returns show that 78% were born in Canada, and 95% of the Canadian-born were native to Ontario. Immigrants from Great Britain and Ireland constituted about 17% of the population. Of the people enumerated, 23.7% told census takers they were Church of England adherents, 23.4% claimed to be Presbyterians, 31% Methodist, and about 10% Roman Catholics. The number of Churches available for each of these denominations in the Muskoka and Parry Sound district were: Church of England, 33; Presbyterian, 33; Methodist, 45; and Roman Catholic, 8.