HOMETOWN TRIVIA · GRAY, ME

How well do you know Gray?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

1. About how many people lived in Gray in 1950?

A. 640
B. 1,600
C. 3,700

2. Gray's Pennell Institute dates back to about which year?

A. 1906
B. 1836
C. 1876

3. Did Gray have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

A. More in 1960
B. More in 2020

4. Between 2010 and 2020, did Gray grow or shrink?

A. It grew
B. It shrank

How well do you know Gray?

5. Which county is Gray in?

A. Cumberland County
B. Somerset County
C. Kennebec County

REMEMBER WHEN · GRAY

Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- In 1950 about 1,600 people lived in Gray. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Gray's Pennell Institute dates back to 1876. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Gray go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Gray like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?
- What did a loaf of bread or a gallon of gas cost when you first went shopping on your own?

WORD SEARCH · GRAY

Around Gray

P I C N I C E G W D B L A Y C
A B I D R R N E T R O L L E Y
R O S I G D Y D T O B E T C D
A P A N D R E M L M S U A G P
D N A E A A S H A A T E U T D
E U C R O B O O Y I U A O Y O
I F B I V P O R T N M S E I B
V I T E N T E S M S E P H Y A
L R Y E E K N N A T S E G R N
I E N N A I E H N R E T V O D
N H F B I C E C R E A M O Y S
P O S T O F F I C E L T R O T
K U T Y F A N L N T D L S Y A
T S O G R A Y E G Y D D S H N
S E E E F A O Y M A N S E T D

- ☐ BAKERY
- ☐ BANDSTAND
- ☐ DINER
- ☐ FIREHOUSE
- ☐ GRAY
- ☐ ICECREAM
- ☐ INSTITUTE
- ☐ LIBRARY
- ☐ MAINSTREET
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PENNELL
- ☐ PICNIC
- ☐ POSTOFFICE
- ☐ TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. 1,600 The 1950 census counted 1,631 people in Gray.

Sources: https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1960/pc-s1-supplementary-reports/pc-s1-9.pdf · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gray,_Maine

2. 1876 Gray's Pennell Institute dates back to 1876.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q23302875 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennell_Institute

3. More in 2020 Gray counted 2,184 people in 1960 and 8,269 in 2020.

Sources: https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1960/pc-s1-supplementary-reports/pc-s1-9.pdf · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gray,_Maine

4. It grew Gray counted 7,761 people in 2010 and 8,269 in 2020.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gray,_Maine

5. Cumberland County Gray is in Cumberland County, Maine.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q3448132

Word search answers. Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

P	I	C	N	I	C	E	G	W	D	B	L	A	Y	C
A	B	I	D	R	R	N	E	T	R	O	L	L	E	Y
R	O	S	I	G	D	Y	D	T	O	B	E	T	C	D
A	P	A	N	D	R	E	M	L	M	S	U	A	G	P
D	N	A	E	A	A	S	H	A	A	T	E	U	T	D
E	U	C	R	O	B	O	O	Y	I	U	A	O	Y	O
I	F	B	I	V	P	O	R	T	N	M	S	E	I	B
V	I	T	E	N	T	E	S	M	S	E	P	H	Y	A
L	R	Y	E	E	K	N	N	A	T	S	E	G	R	N
I	E	N	N	A	I	E	H	N	R	E	T	V	O	D
N	H	F	B	I	C	E	C	R	E	A	M	O	Y	S
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