

Voter Turnout – Halton Federal Electoral District (FED)

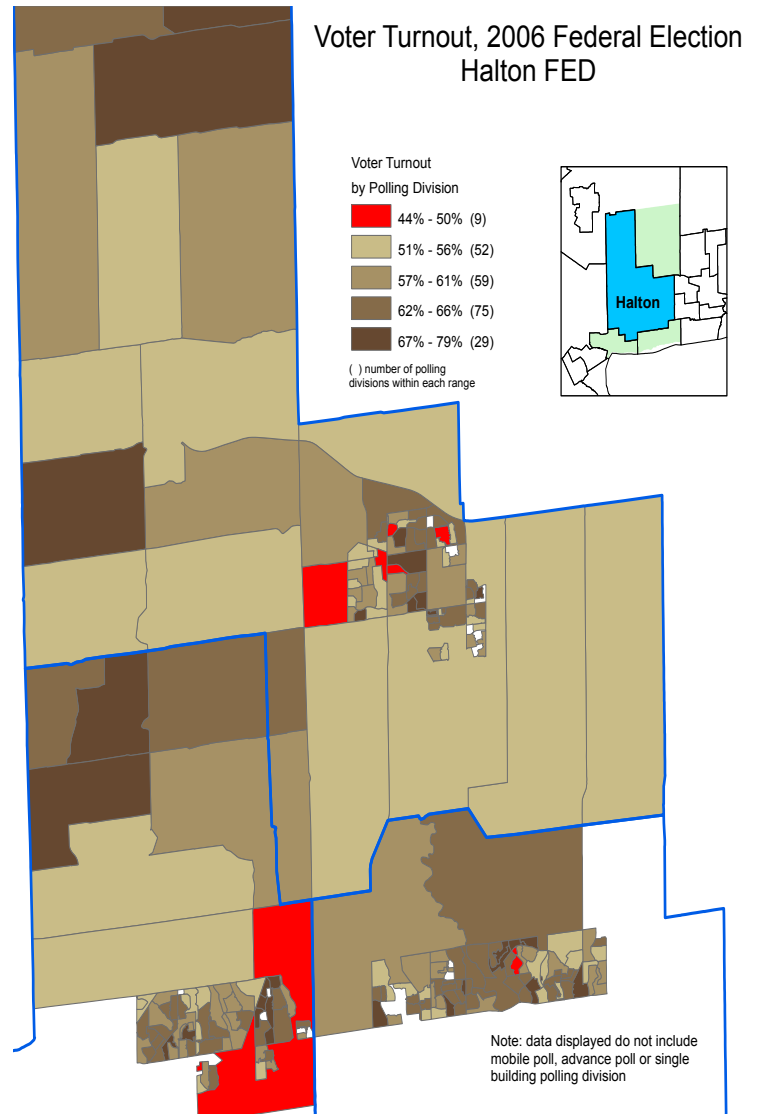


Voting in a government election is an indication of citizens' interest and engagement in the political process. It also serves as a vehicle for citizens to voice their opinions on government policies and positions. In general, as indicated by voter turnout rates, Canadians are more engaged in federal elections than provincial/territorial and municipal elections.

Prior to the 2004 federal election, voters in the Halton Region were divided among four Federal Electoral Districts (FEDs), namely, Burlington, Halton, Oakville and Ancaster–Dundas–Flamborough–Aldershot. Following the Representation Order of 2003, not only have the boundaries of the FEDs changed, but part of the northern portion of the region became part of a new FED (Wellington–Halton Hills).

In the last federal election, held on January 23, 2006, over 70% of all eligible voters in the Halton Region cast their ballots. This was higher than the provincial average of 66.6%. The voter turnout was slightly higher in the urban FEDs than in those in the rural portion of the region.

The Halton FED includes not only the Town of Milton but also portions of the City of Burlington and the Town of Oakville.



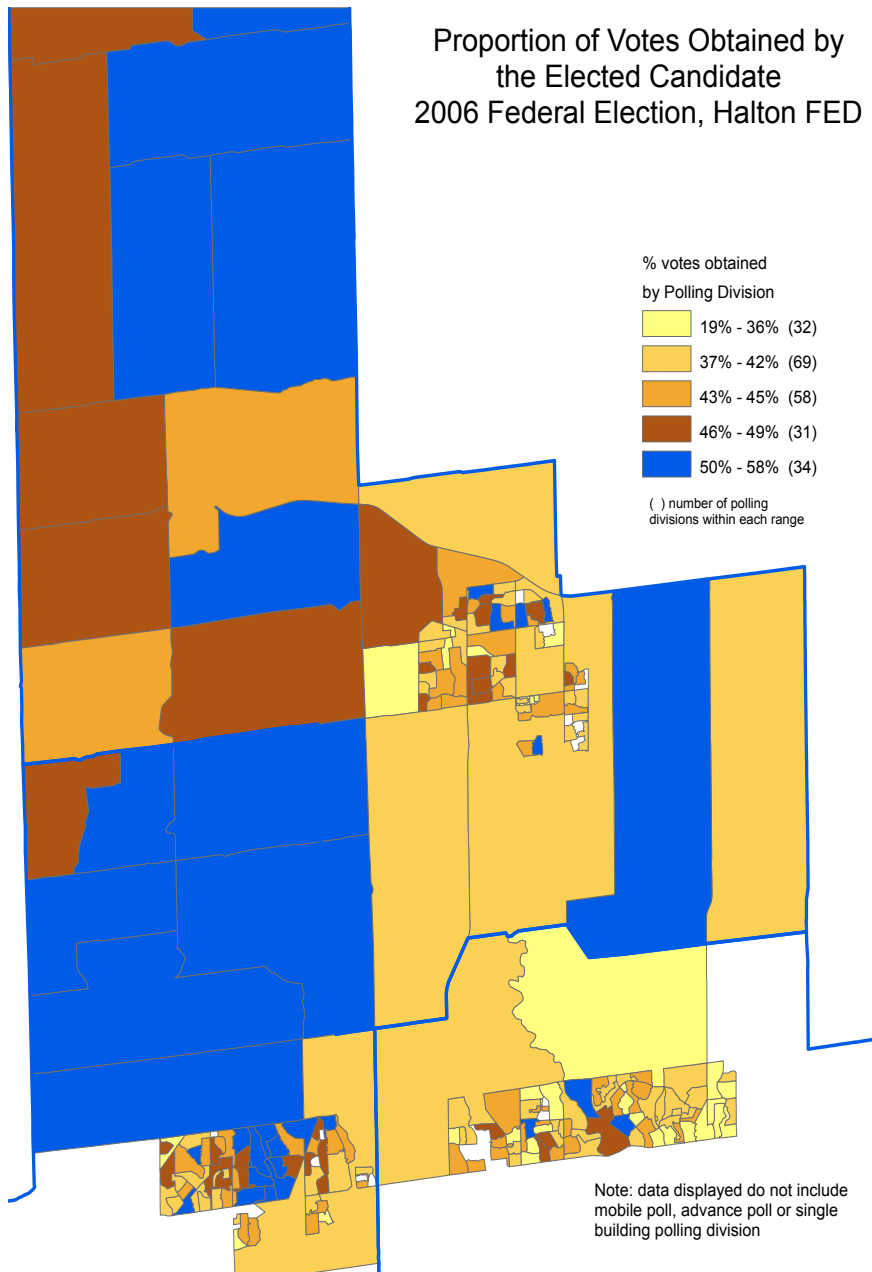
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The voter turnout rate for Halton FED was 70%; however, as shown on the first map, there are significant variations at the polling division level. A polling division has an average of 375 electors. A total of nine polling divisions (shaded in red) had a turnout rate of 50% or below; i.e., only half or fewer of eligible voters cast their ballots in those polling divisions. Most of the polling divisions with low turnout were located in the urban areas of the Town of Milton, City of Burlington and the Town of Oakville. The highest turnout rate at the polling division level was 79%.

Proportion of Votes Obtained by the Elected Candidate
2006 Federal Election, Halton FED



The candidate from the Conservative Party was elected. The elected candidate obtained over 30,000 votes representing 44% of all the ballots cast. There were 34 polling divisions (shaded in blue on the map to the left) in which 50% or more of ballots cast were for that candidate.

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