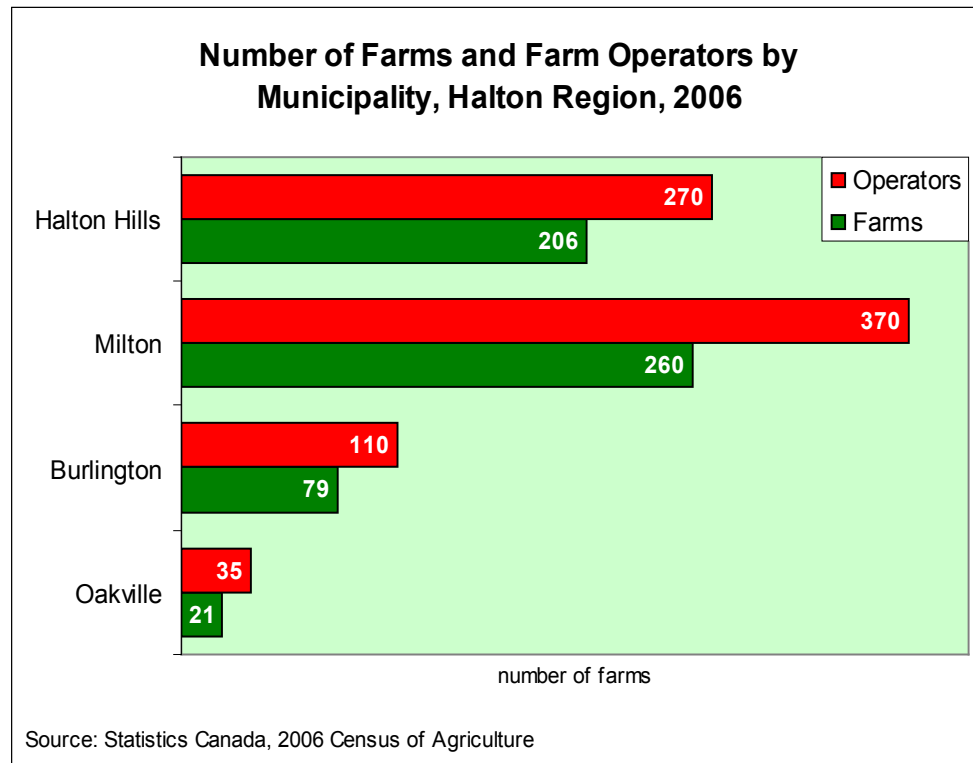


Farm Operators

In 2006, there were about 785 farm operators in Halton Region, representing those responsible for the day-to-day management decisions made in the operation of the farm.

Between 2001 and 2006, the region lost 75 farm operators and 53 farms. Over 80% of the current farm operators operate in Milton and Halton Hills.

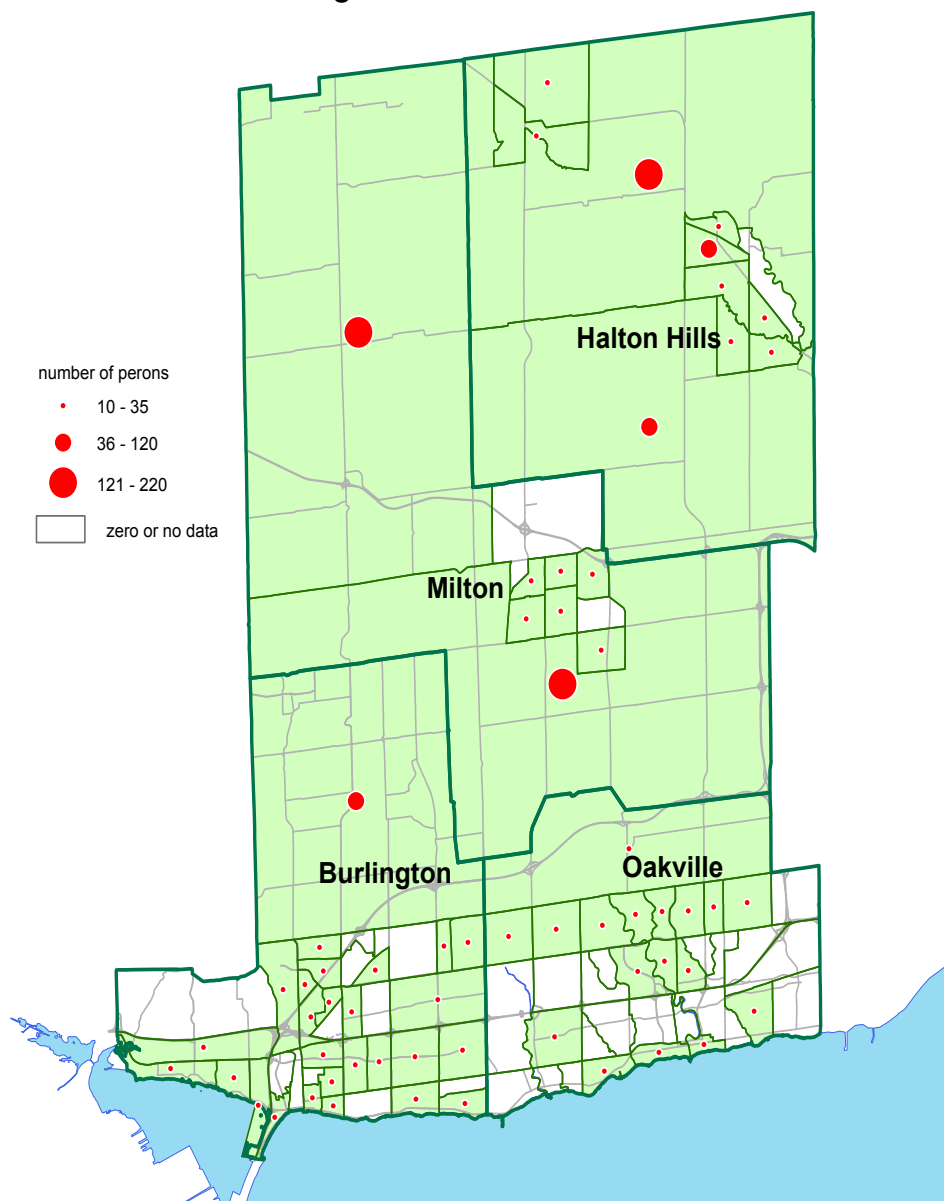
The average age of the farm operators is much older than the general population (57 years versus 38 years). They are about 4.3 and 4.9 years older than their provincial and national counterparts respectively. Over half (55%) of the operators are 55 years and over. Less than 5% are under the age of 35.



Agricultural Labour Force

The 2006 Census of Population recorded about 1,800 persons in occupations unique to agriculture. Those occupations are primarily concerned with operating farms, plant nurseries and greenhouses, landscaping, raising fish, providing services to farmers, and supervising and doing farm work except elemental labouring work done to assist other farm workers.

Labour Force in Agriculture Occupation by Census Tract Region of Halton, 2006



The size of the agricultural labour force has not changed since 2001. Its geographic distribution is not confined to the two rural municipalities. In fact, 41% of the labour force are located in the two urban municipalities of Burlington and Oakville.

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