

Seniors and Housing – Part 3



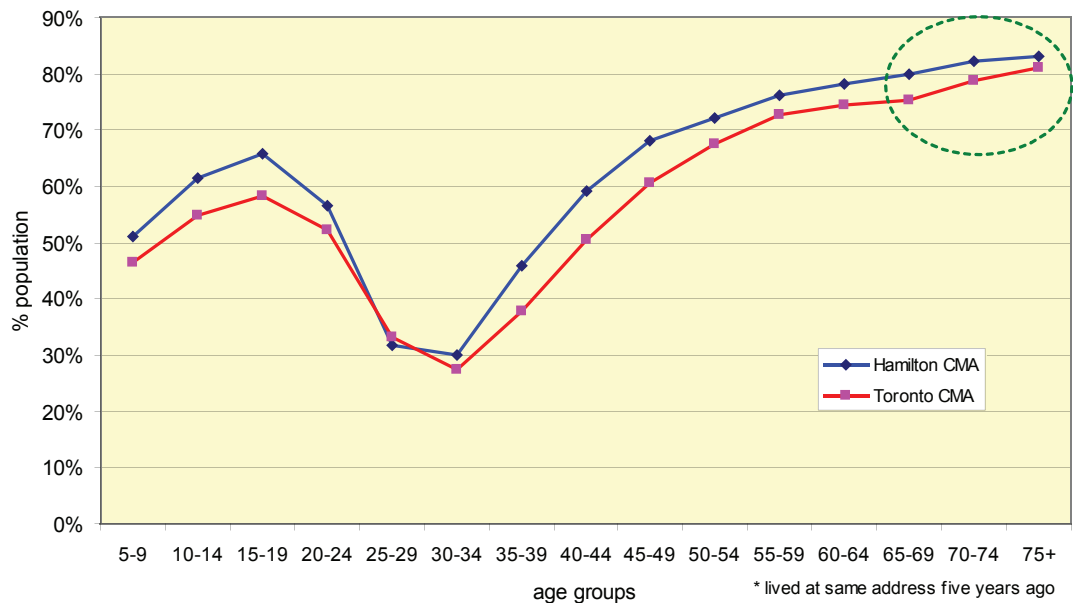
Aging in Place

People move for a combination of economic and non-economic reasons (e.g., family, employment, housing, education and others). Statistics Canada refers to people who lived at the same address five years prior to the Census as non-movers.

For the senior population, the proportion of non-movers increases as they age. Although the percentages of non-mover seniors living in the Hamilton CMA (Census Metropolitan Area) which includes the City of Burlington are slightly higher than those living in the Toronto CMA which covers the rest of Halton Region, the upward trend of seniors aging in place is evident throughout Halton.

Seniors prefer to remain in their communities as they age. Many stay in their homes and some move to another location within their community. Consequently, this mobility pattern has a bearing on the housing needs and requirements for the senior population within a community.

Proportion of non-mover* population by age groups, Toronto/Hamilton CMA, (2001-2006)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

* lived at same address five years ago
compiled by Community Development Halton

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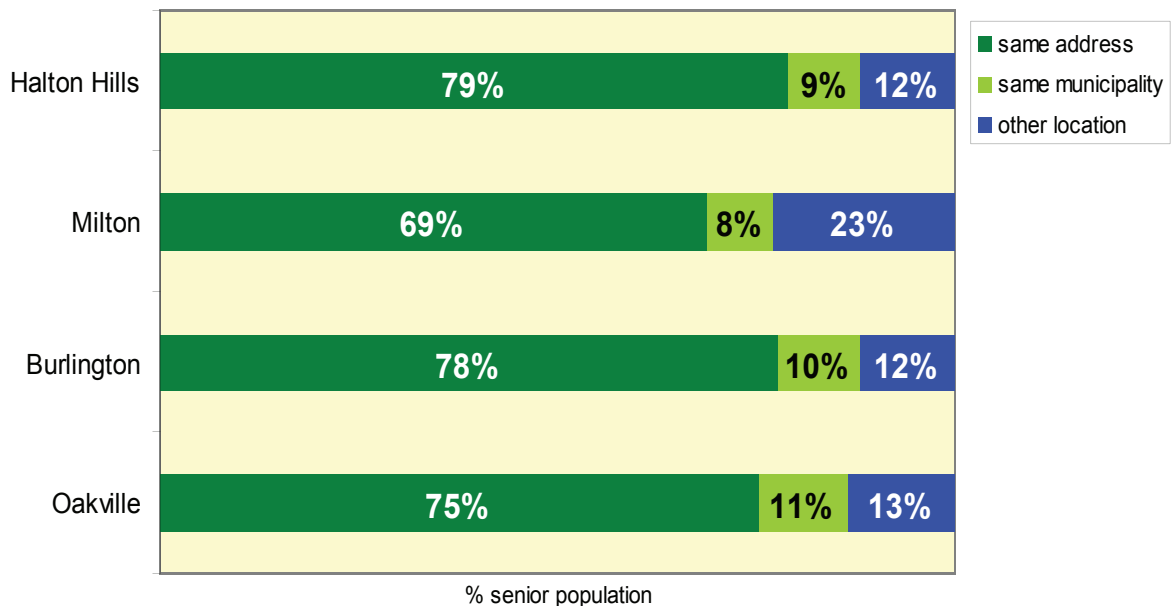
In 2006, with the exception of the seniors in Milton, three in four seniors lived at the same address as in 2001. Based on their mobility trend, more seniors are expected to age in place as they get older.

About another 10% of the seniors in Burlington, Oakville and Halton Hills moved to another address within their municipality of residence. It is most likely that they wanted to downsize to a smaller dwelling or change dwelling type (e.g., from a house to an apartment or retirement residence) but also wanted to stay in their own neighbourhood.

In general, there is a higher proportion of seniors moving in from another location than those who moved within their municipality of residence.

Seniors in Milton are more mobile than their peers in other municipalities. Over 20% of the Milton seniors moved from another location outside Milton between 2001 and 2006.

Proportion of Senior Population by Mobility Status and by Municipality, Halton Region (2001-2006)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census