

Low Income Youth Population

In 2005, there were about 106,000 residents under the age of 18 living in Halton Region. They represent about 24% of the total population. In terms of financial well-being, this group is worse off than the total population. One in ten youth lives in poverty compared to 8.5% for the general population. They live in low income families.

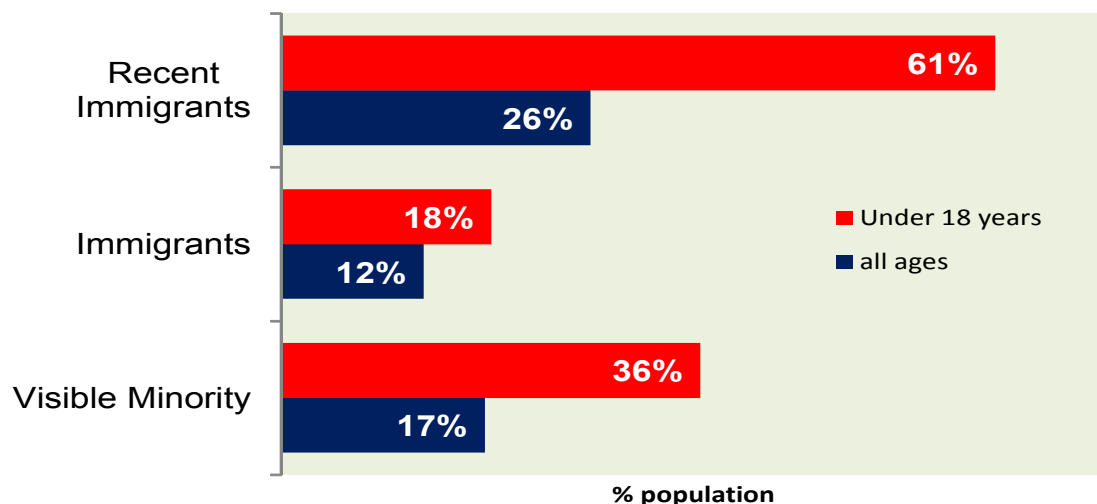
The majority (83%) of the low income youths lived in the two urban municipalities, Oakville and Burlington. There are twelve (12) Census Tracts with over 20% of the youth population living in poverty. One Census Tract in Burlington recorded the highest poverty rate of 34%. Over one in three youth lived in low income.



As reported in Community Lens #48 and 49, the poverty rates of recent immigrants and visible minority groups are higher than the general population. Youth belonging to the three population groups (i.e. recent immigrants, immigrants and visible minority) are far more likely to be poor than their other age cohorts.

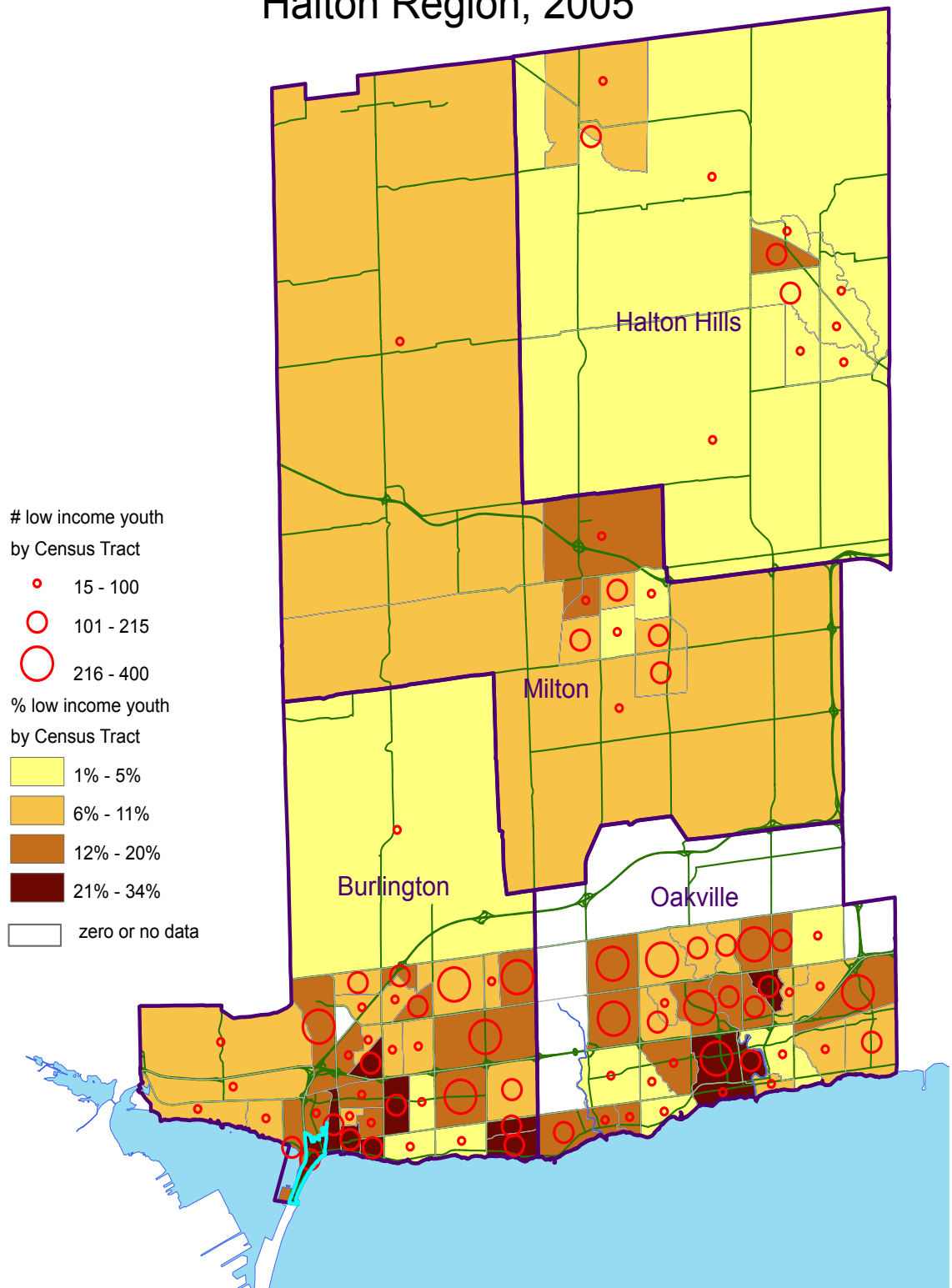
More than half (61%) of the youth arriving in Canada between 2001 and 2006 (recent immigrants) lived in poverty. Over one in three visible minority youths lived in low income.

Prevalence of Low Income among Youth, Selected population groups, Halton Region, 2005



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

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