

Migration (2007-2012)

The net increase of population is the result of natural increase (births minus deaths) and net migration (in-migration minus out-migration). With declining birth rate, net migration plays a pivotal role in driving population growth. In its most recent population projection¹, the Ontario Ministry of Finance projected net migration to account for 73% of all population growth in Ontario over the 2013-2041 period, with natural increase accounting for the remaining 27%.



Statistics Canada compared the addresses from individual income tax returns for two consecutive years to derive the migration estimates. Between 2007 and 2012, over 150,000 people moved to Halton Region and about 106,000 people moved out. This is a net gain of over 44,000 people. Migrants might come from neighbouring municipalities, other parts/regions of Ontario, other provinces and territories, and other countries.

In/Out Migrants, Halton Region, 2007-2012						
Age	In-migrants		Out-migrants		Net-migrants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
0-17	34,991	23.1	20,299	19	14,692	32.9
18-24	12,846	8.5	12,496	11.7	350	0.8
25-44	69,064	45.6	45,374	42.5	23,690	53.1
45-64	24,121	15.9	21,132	19.8	2,989	6.7
65 yrs+	10,405	6.9	7,503	7	2,902	6.5
	151,427		106,804		44,623	

Source: Statistics Canada, 2007-2102 Taxfiler data.

The migration data were made available in five age groups. For Halton region, all age groups experienced net increases ranging from over 23,000 (25-44 years of age) to 350 (18-24 years of age). While there are some variations in percentage distribution among the age groups between in-migrant and out-migrant populations, the two major age groups are young children (0-17 years) and prime working/young families (25 - 44 years). Collectively, they represent over 86% of the total net-migrant population.

More and more young single persons and young families with or without children are moving to Halton. Although the region also gained people in the young adult age group (18-24 years of age), their number is relatively small and represents less than 1% of the total net-migrants. More seniors are also coming to Halton. They represent about 7% of net-migrants.

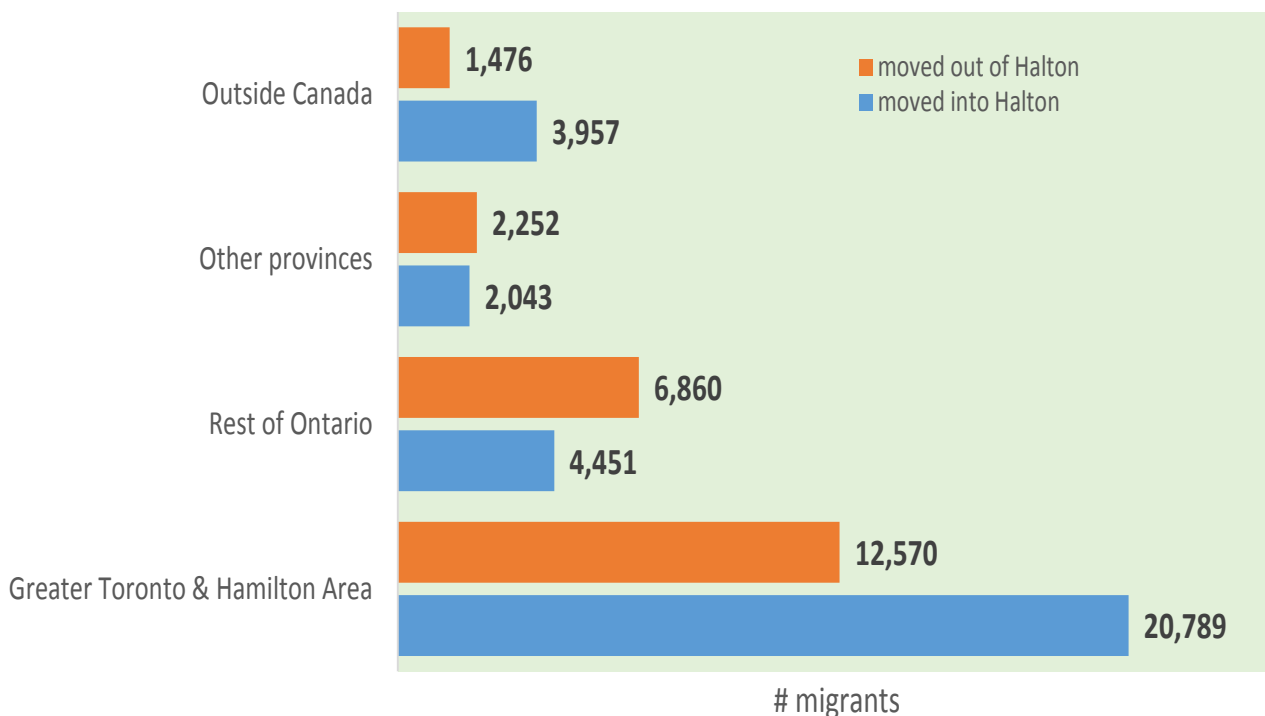
¹ Ontario Ministry of Finance, Ontario Population Projections, 2013-2041 Ontario and its 49 Census Divisions, based on the 2011 Census, Fall, 2014

Where Did Migrants Come From and Where Did They Go?

Between 2011 and 2012, over 30,000 people moved to Halton Region and over 23,000 people moved away. Two-thirds (66%) of in-migrants came from the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). Peel Region is a prime origin with over 11,000 migrants. About 14% of migrants came from other parts of the province, notably from Waterloo Region, Niagara Region and Wellington County (including the City of Guelph). About 13% came from other countries as immigrants.

The size of the out-migrant population is smaller and has a different geographic distribution pattern. Over half (54%) of the previous Halton residents (12,500 persons) moved to the rest of the GTHA. About 35% of these migrants went to Hamilton and another 30% to Peel Region. Around 30% of out-migrants settled in other parts of the province. Waterloo Region, Niagara Region and Wellington County (including the City of Guelph) are not only the major origins of migrants to Halton but also destinations of migrants from Halton. Collectively they received over 3,200 Halton residents. About 1,500 residents left the country.

Migrants to and from Halton Region, 2011-2012



Source: Statistics Canada, Migration Estimates, 2011-2012, Product #91C0025

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