

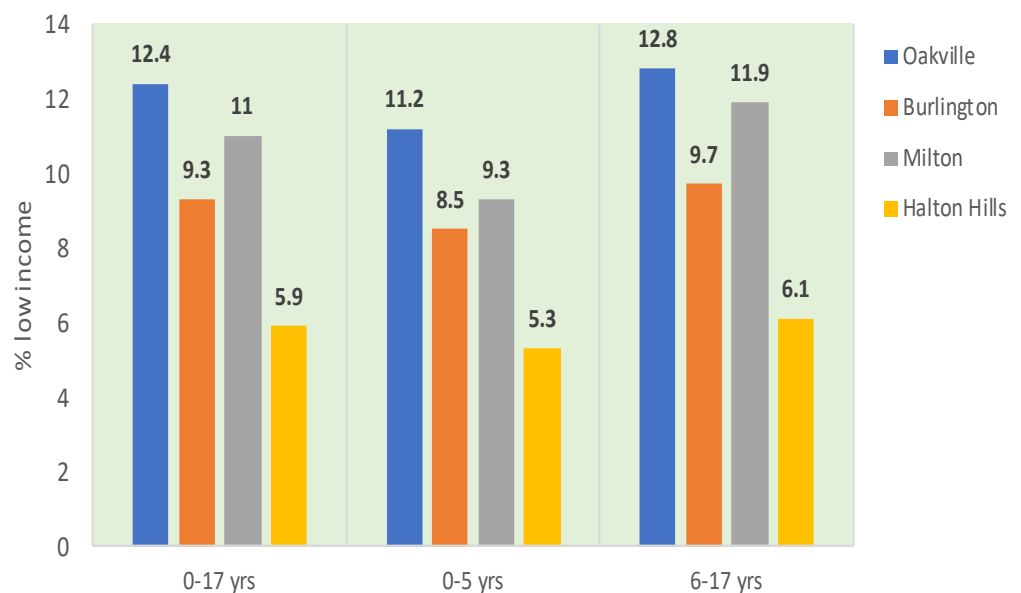
Children in Low Income Households, 2015

In Canada, the proportion of children living in low income¹ households has been falling since the mid-1990s partly due to the introduction and improvement of federal and provincial child benefit programs. In 2015, there were nearly 2.1 million (17%) children under 18 years of age living in these households.

The likelihood of children living in a low income household increases with the number of children under 18 in the family. For example, according to the 2006 Census, in a two-parent family with one child, the poverty rate is about 9%. That percentage increases to 16% when there are three or more children. In a lone-parent family situation, that percentage jumps from 30% with one child to 55% with three or more children.

In Halton, there were over 13,500 children living in low income households. Over one in ten (10.5%) children lived in poverty. Oakville has the highest percentage at 12.4% and is followed by Milton at 11%. Children between 6 and 17 years of age have higher poverty rates than their younger cohort.

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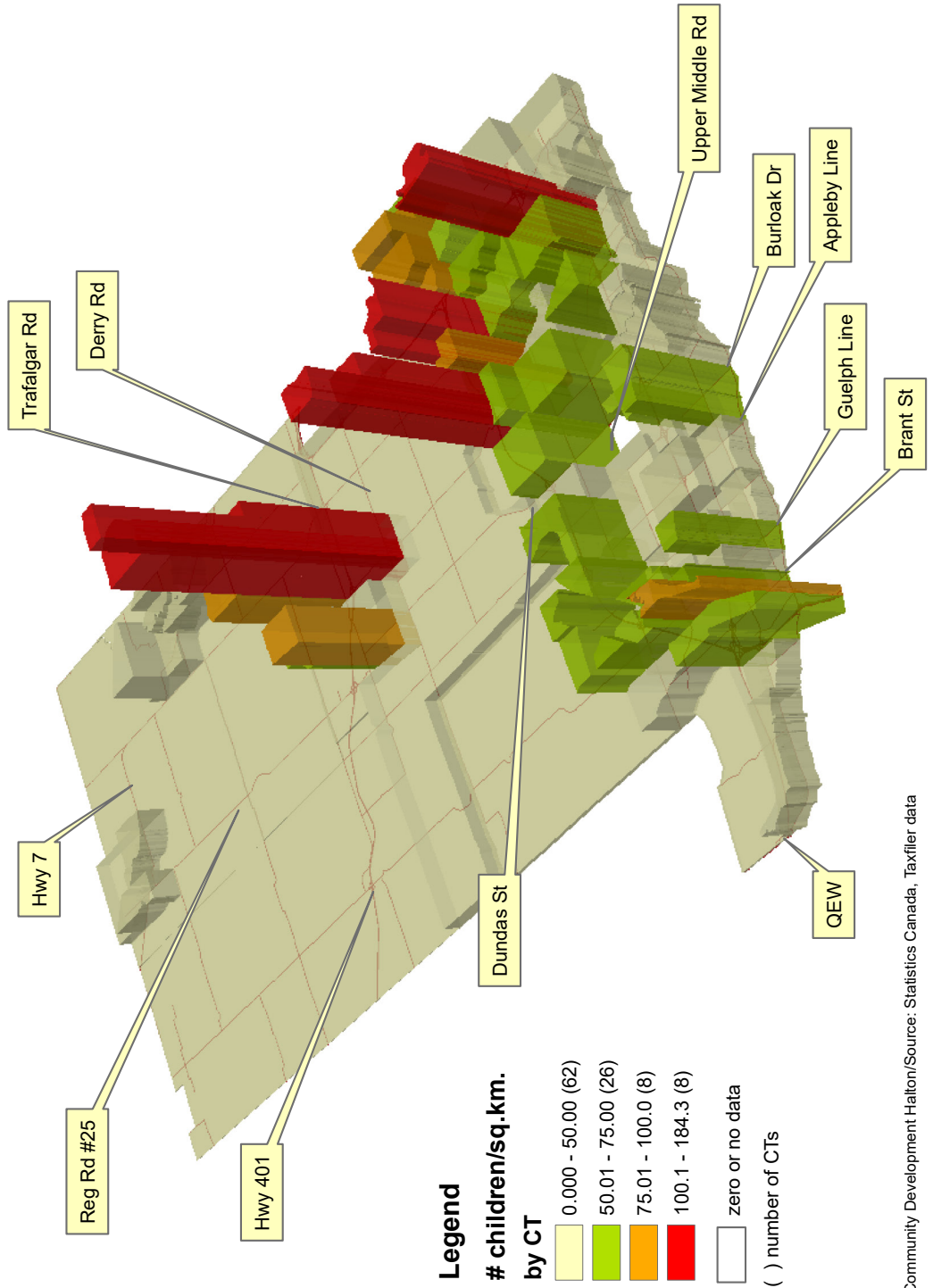
The following map shows the density of child poverty by neighbourhood (Census Tract²). Over half of the neighbourhoods have a child poverty density less than 50 children/sq. km. There is no neighbourhood in Halton Hills with poverty density higher than that. There are eight neighbourhoods with child poverty density over 100 children/sq. km. Four of these neighbourhoods are in Oakville and the other four in Milton of which one has the highest density (184 children/sq. km.). There is one neighbourhood in Burlington with a child poverty density over 75 children/sq. km.

¹ Low income as measured by After -Tax Low Income Measure (LIM-AT) which refers to a fixed percentage (50%) of median adjusted after-tax income of private households

² Statistics Canada defines a Census Tract (CT) as a relatively permanent area with a population range from 2,000 to 8,000 and the greatest possible social and economic homogeneity



Children in Low Income Household by Census Tract, Halton Region, 2015



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