

## Average Rent in 2016

Shelter costs remain the top household expenditure among Canadians. In 2015<sup>1</sup>, shelter costs accounted for 30.6% of the average household spending on goods and services in Ontario. In general, renters spent a higher percentage (31.2%) on shelter<sup>2</sup> than their homeowner counterparts (28.2%).

In 2016, there were 37,000 tenant households in Halton representing a 38% increase since 2006. Almost one in five (19%) households lives in a rented dwelling compared to 17% a decade ago. The average rent for Halton is \$1,405 per month, 27% higher than the provincial average. With the exception of Halton Hills, rents in Halton are higher than those in neighbouring municipalities.

Average rent varies significantly across neighbourhoods (Census Tracts<sup>3</sup>). It can be as high as \$2,541 or as low as \$871. The difference is almost three times. As the map on the following page shows, about 17% (6,300) households are in neighbourhoods (coloured in green) with rents more than 20% (\$878 - \$1,124) below the Halton average. Over 60% of the households are in Oakville. One of the neighbourhoods in Milton has the lowest rent.

### Average Rent of Selected Municipalities, 2016



Community Development Halton, /Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census

About 67% (24,700) households are in neighbourhoods (coloured in yellow) with rents between 20% above and 20% below the average. Over half (58%) of the households are in Burlington.

Less than 10% (3,230) households are in neighbourhoods (coloured in light blue) with rents 20% to 40% above the average. Milton has about 60% of households in this category.

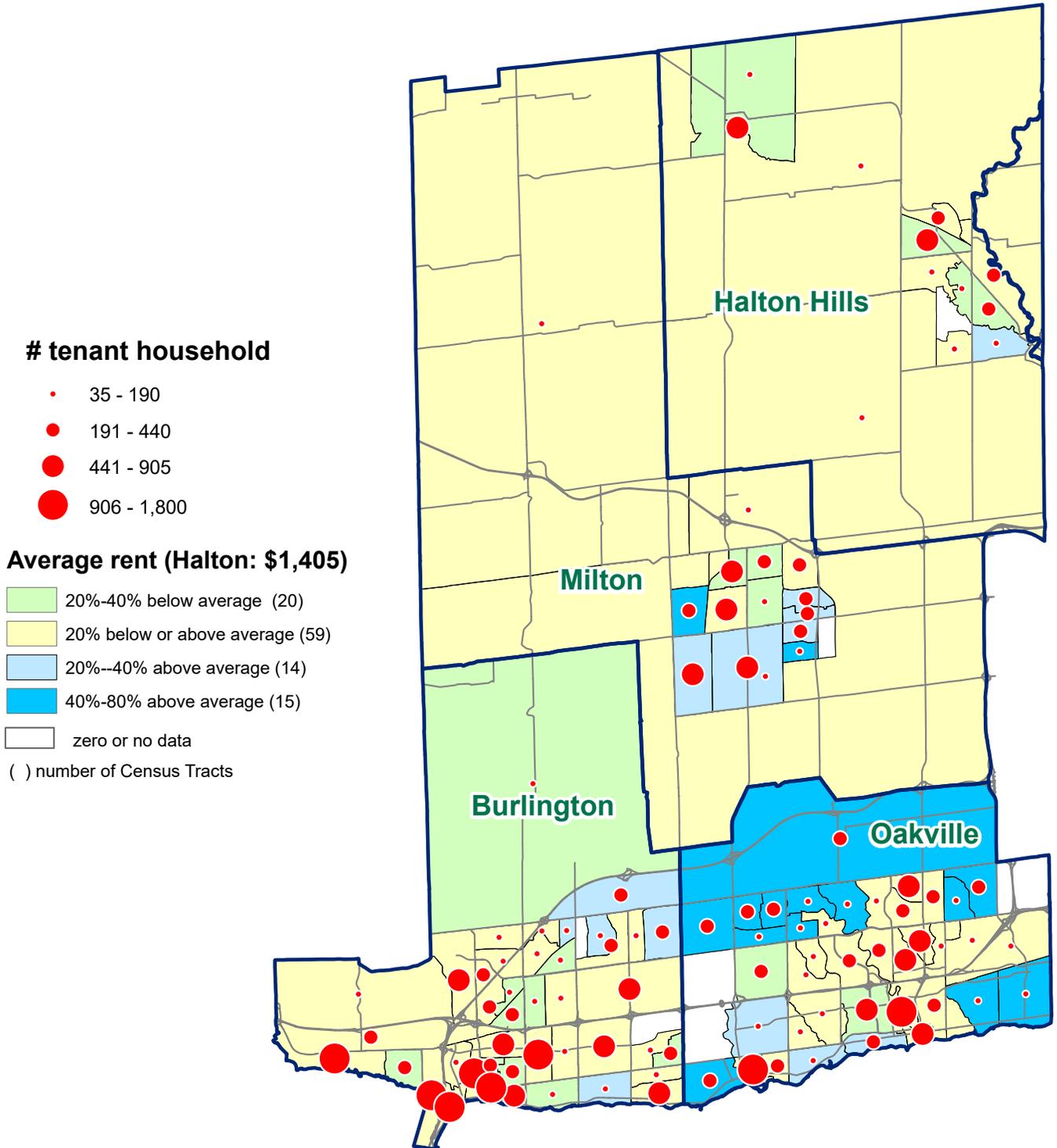
There are 15 neighbourhoods (coloured in dark blue) with an average rent 40% to 80% above the Halton average. This rent category represents 2,500 households, with the majority (84%) of these households in Oakville. The remaining 16% are in Milton.

<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada, Survey of Household Spending, 2015

<sup>2</sup> for renter households, shelter costs include, where applicable, the rent and the costs of electricity, heat, water and other municipal services.

<sup>3</sup> 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

# Tenant Household by Average Rent by Census Tract, Halton Region, 2016



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