

## Aboriginal Identity Population



According to Statistics Canada, Aboriginal identity population refers to those persons who reported identifying with at least one Aboriginal group, that is, North American Indian, Métis or Inuit, and/or those who reported being a Treaty Indian or a Registered Indian, as defined by the *Indian Act* of Canada, and/or those who reported they were members of an Indian band or First Nation.

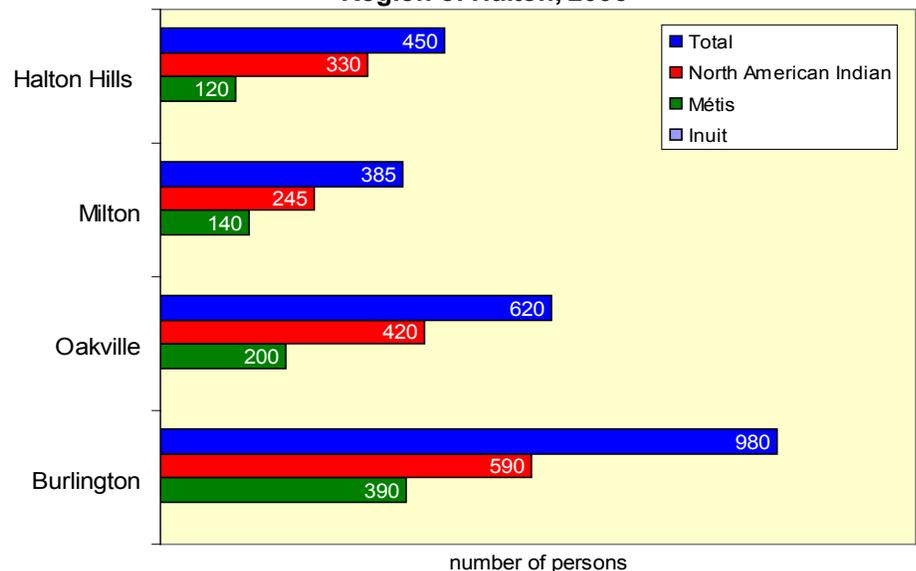
In 2006, there were about 2,600 residents of the Region of Halton who identified themselves as an Aboriginal person. The Aboriginal population has grown faster than the non-Aboriginal population. Between 1996 and 2006 it has doubled, almost four times faster than the 29% rate of growth for the non-Aboriginal population.

Although the North American Indian group is still the largest Aboriginal population group in the region, its dominance has decreased from 79% to 65% during the last decade (1996-2006). The Métis population has more than tripled its size from 240 persons to 850 persons. The rapid growth of the Métis population can be attributed to higher birth rates and an increasing tendency for people to identify themselves as Métis. The 2006 Census did not enumerate any Inuit population in the region.

In general, the Aboriginal population is considerably younger than the non-Aboriginal population. For example, the median

age of the Aboriginal people in the City of Burlington is 30 years as compared to 40.3 years for the non-Aboriginal population. The proportion of female Aboriginal people (55%) is higher than for non-Aboriginal people (51%). In the Town of Halton Hills, the ratio of female Aboriginal people to their male counterpart is almost two to one.

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Region of Halton, 2006**

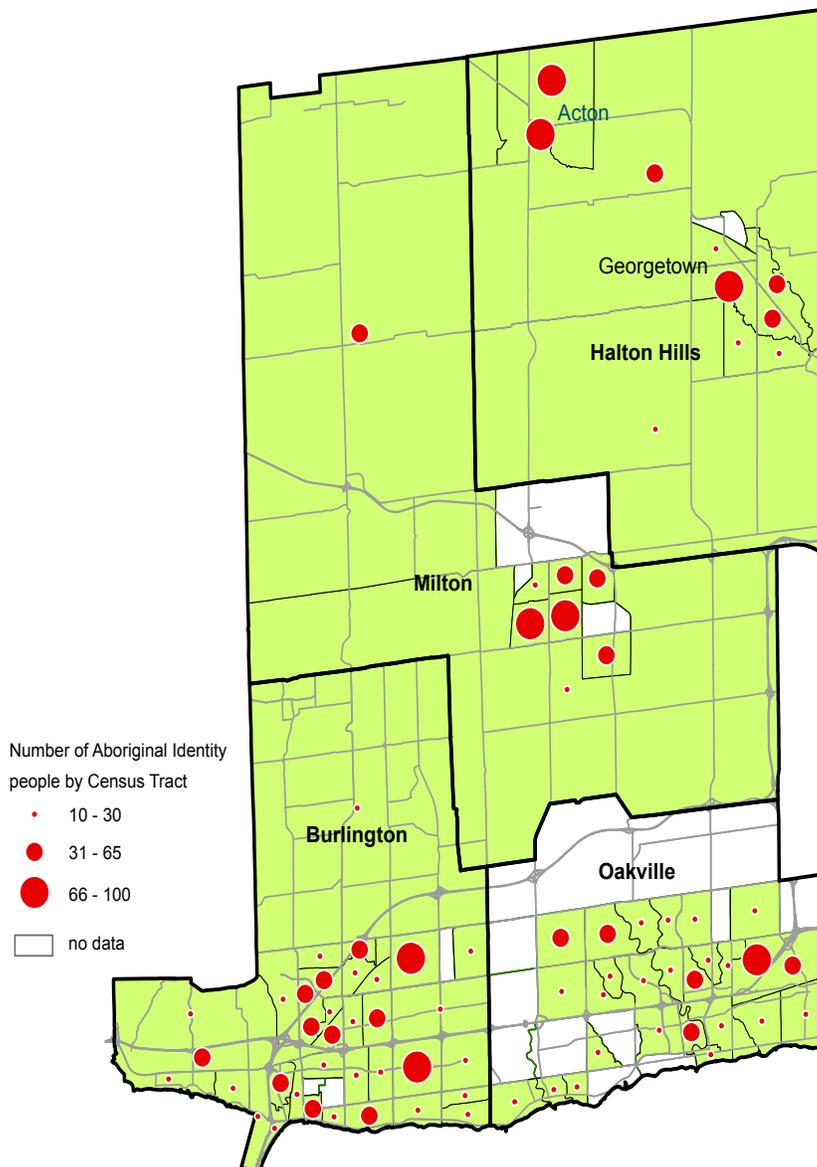


Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

# Aboriginal Distribution

Both the City of Burlington and the Town of Halton Hills have a larger share of the region's Aboriginal population than they do of the non-Aboriginal population. The Town of Halton Hills accounts for 13% of Halton's non-Aboriginal population and 18% of the Aboriginal population.

## Aboriginal Identity Population Region of Halton, 2006



The map shows the distribution of Aboriginal identity population by Census Tract. A census tract as established by Statistics Canada is a relatively permanent area with a population range of 2,500 to 8,000 and the greatest possible social and economic homogeneity.

The City of Burlington has more census tracts with 31-65 and 66-100 Aboriginal peoples than does the Town of Oakville. In the Town of Milton, there are more Aboriginal people living in the established areas than the newly developed ones. Most of the Aboriginal people in the Town of Halton Hills live in Acton and Georgetown.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census, DMTI Spatial

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