

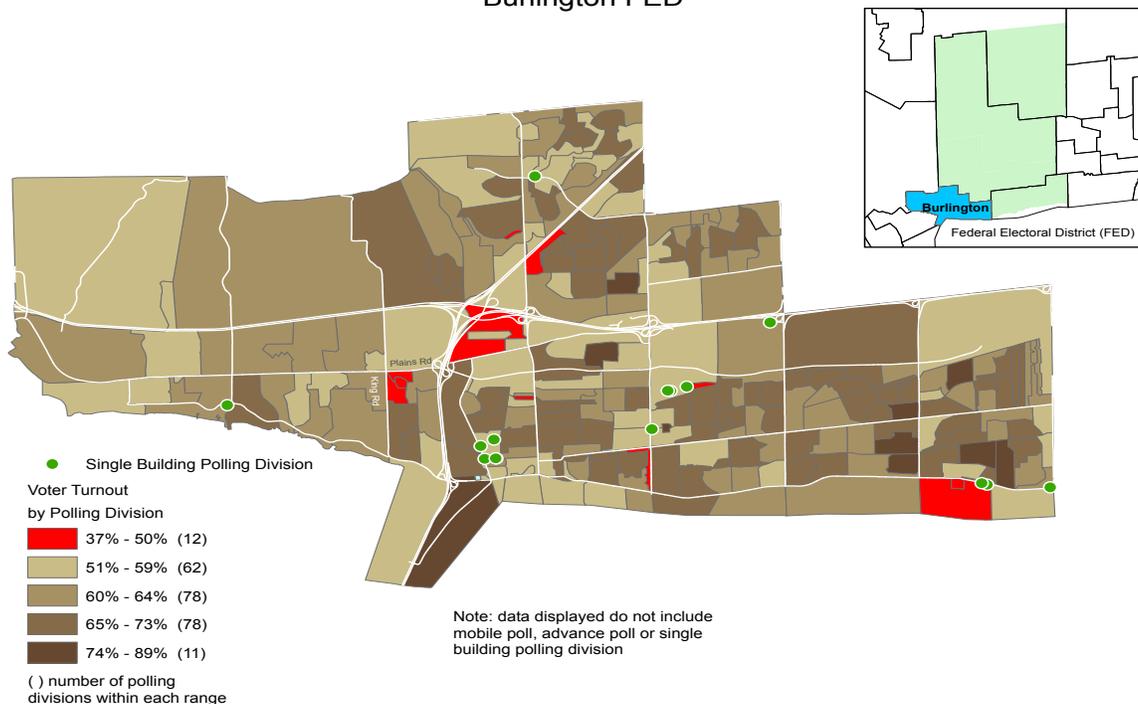
## Voter Turnout - Burlington Federal Electoral District (FED)



Voting in a government election is an indication of citizens' interest and engagement in the political process. It also serves as a vehicle for citizens to voice their opinions on government policies and positions. In general, as indicated by voter turnout rates, Canadians are more engaged in federal elections than provincial/territorial and municipal elections.

Prior to the 2004 federal election, voters in the Halton Region were divided among four Federal Electoral Districts (FEDs), namely, Burlington, Halton, Oakville and Ancaster–Dundas–Flamborough–Aldershot. Following the Representation Order of 2003, not only have the boundaries of the FEDs changed, but part of the northern portion of the region became part of a new FED (Wellington-Halton Hills).

Voter Turnout, 2006 Federal Election  
Burlington FED



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In the last federal election, held on January 23, 2006, over 70% of all eligible voters in the Halton Region cast their ballots. This was higher than the provincial average of 66.6%. The voter turnout was slightly higher in the urban FEDs than in those in the rural portion of the region.

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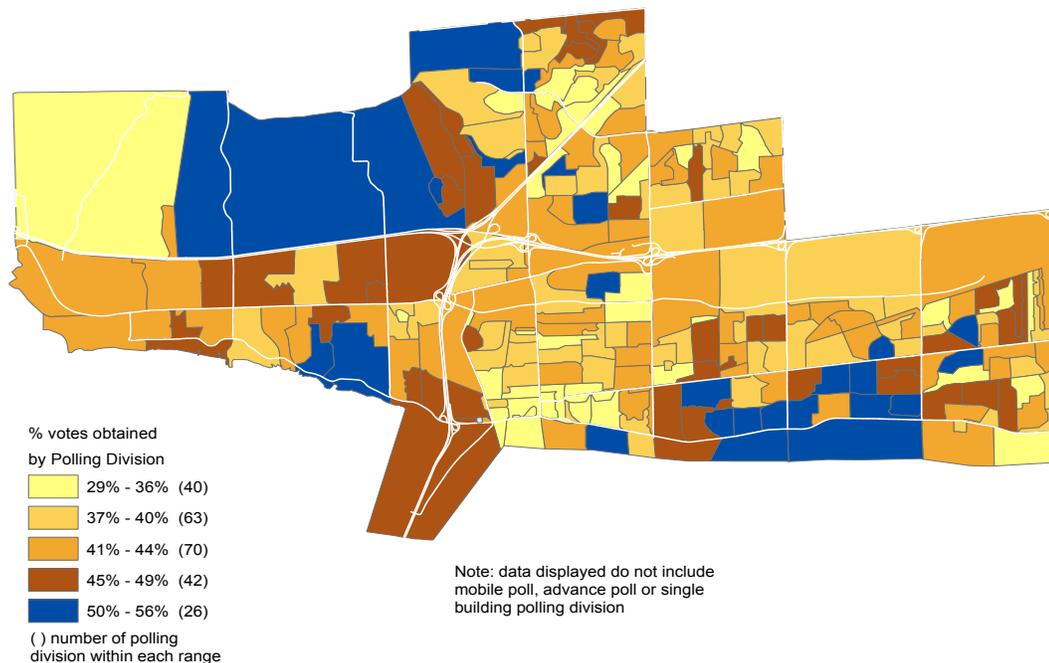
The voter turnout for Burlington FED was 73%; however, as shown on the first map, there were significant variations at the polling division level. A polling division has an average of 375 electors. A total of 12 polling divisions (shaded in red) had a turnout rate of 50% or below; i.e., only half or fewer of the eligible voters cast their ballots in those polling divisions. At one polling division located at the southeast corner of Plains Road and King Road, only slightly more than one-third of its electors exercised their voting rights.

Some of the high voting polling divisions, with above average turnout rate, were located at the eastern portion of the city. One polling division had a turnout rate of 89% – almost nine out of 10 electors voted.

A single address that contains 150 to 400 electors has its own polling division (single building polling division). There were 15 single building polling divisions (green dots). As a group, they had a higher turnout rate (75%) than the average for the Burlington FED. One single building had a turnout rate of over 87%.

The candidate from the Conservative Party was elected. The elected candidate obtained over 28,000 votes, representing 43% of all ballots cast. There were 26 polling divisions (shaded in blue in the map below) in which 50% or more of ballots cast were for that candidate.

Proportion of Votes Obtained by the Elected Candidate  
2006 Federal Election, Burlington FED



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