

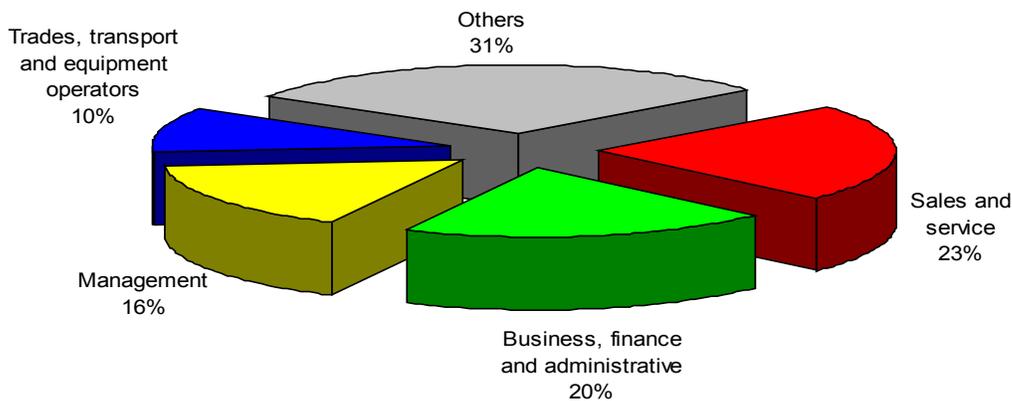
Labour Force by Occupation

Between 2001 and 2006, the labour force of Halton grew from 211,000 to 247,000. The labour force, which is defined as persons who were either employed or unemployed and looking for work during the week prior to Census Day (May 16, 2006), increased at a rate of 17%, which kept pace with the population growth.

Occupation describes the type of work an individual does in a work place. Nearly one in four (23%) of the labour force worked in the region's sales and service occupation, which employed over 57,000 people. This percentage is the same as the provincial average. On the other hand, Halton has higher proportions of the labour force working in the business, finance and administrative (20% versus Ontario's 18%), and management occupations (16% versus Ontario's 10%).



**Proportion of labour force by major occupation groups
Region of Halton, 2006**



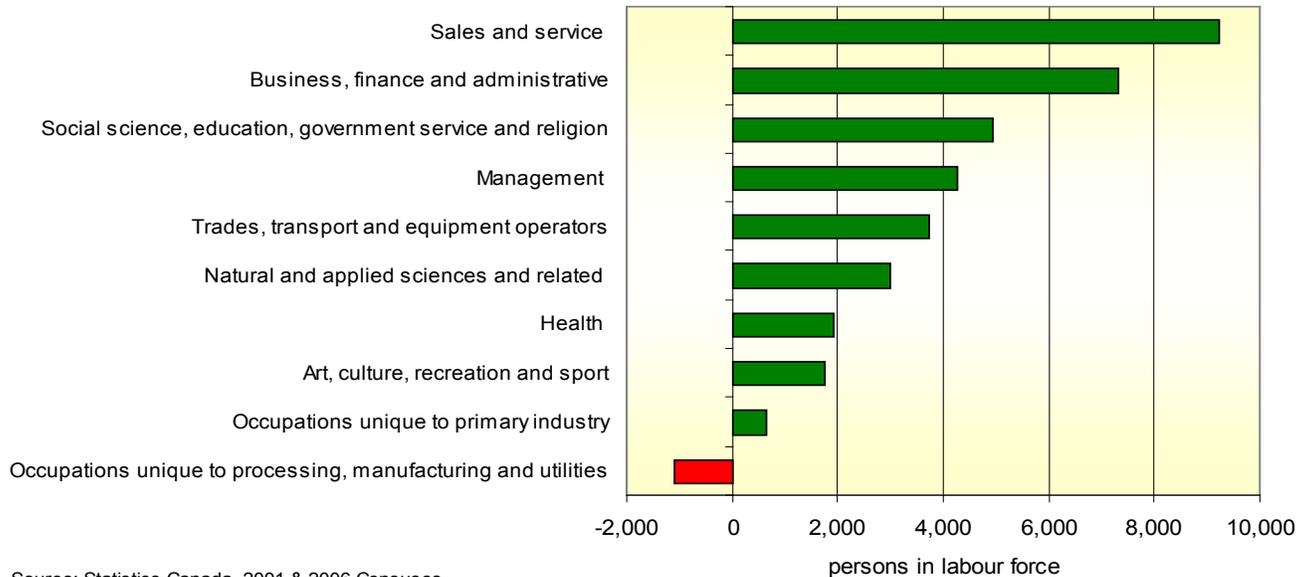
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Strong growth occurred in the sales and service, and the business, finance and administrative occupations. They accounted for nearly half (46%) of the regional increase in the number of persons in the labour force. The fastest growing occupations are the social science, education, government service and religion (30%) and the art, culture, recreation and sport (29%) groups.

The only declining occupation is the one unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities (e.g., machine operators, assemblers and labourers). It lost about 1,000 persons between 2001 and 2006.

Occupation Composition

**Change in labour force by occupation groups
(2001-2006), Region of Halton**



As seen in the industry sector, there are significant differences in labour force participation by gender among the occupations. The highest concentration of the male labour force is in the trade, transport and equipment operators occupation which accounts for 19% of the region's total male labour force. Over nine in 10 of the jobs in that occupation were held by men. On the other hand, 29% of the region's female labour force worked in the business, finance and administrative occupation. Female workers accounted for nearly 70% of that labour force. It is closely followed by the sales and service occupation at 26%. The highest proportion (80%) of female labour force is the health occupation.

**Labour force by occupations and by gender
Region of Halton, 2006**

