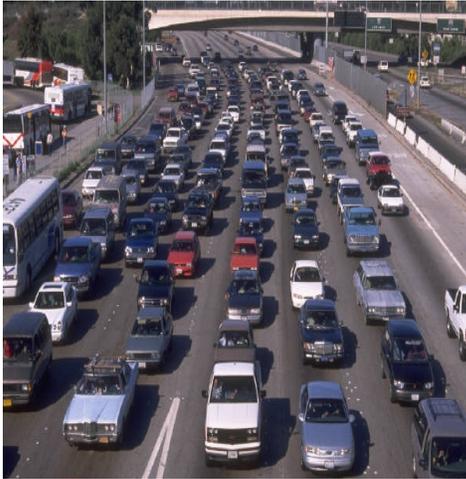


Commuting Patterns



In 2006, over 100,000 residents travelled outside of Halton to work. They are the out-commuters. Nine out of ten of the out-commuters worked in one of the neighbouring municipalities within the GTHA (Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area). Over half (51%) of them worked in the Region of Peel, over one-third (37%) in the City of Toronto and about 11% in the City of Hamilton. About 5,000 out-commuters worked in municipalities outside the GTHA.

At the same time, about 75,000 people came to Halton to work. They are the in-commuters, of whom 44% were from the City of Hamilton and 28% from the Region of Peel. Some distant in-commuters came from municipalities such as the City of Niagara Falls, Norfolk County and the City of Barrie.

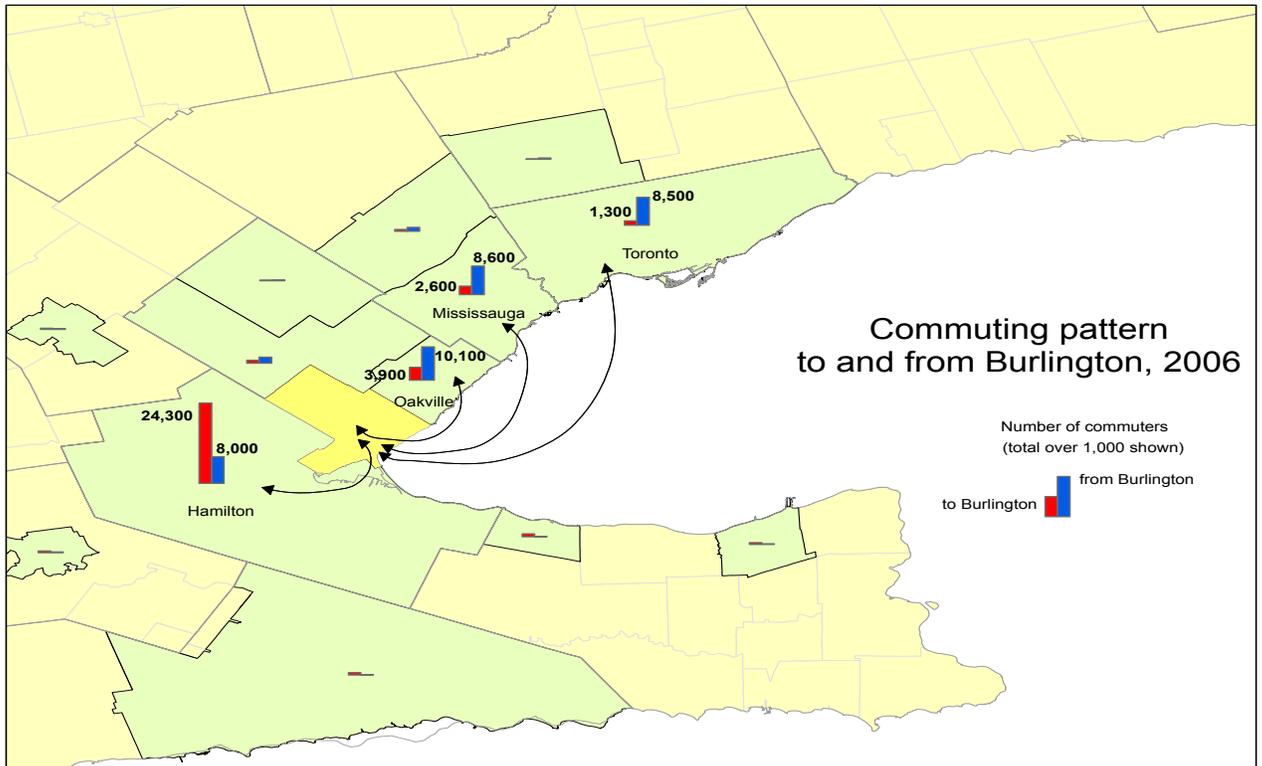
About 137,000 residents worked within Halton. A majority (70%) of them worked within their own municipality of residence. Fewer than one in five residents worked in another municipality within the region. In fact, there are four times more residents who commuted outside of the region than those who commuted within Halton.

There are some significant contrasts in intra-regional commuting pattern among the local municipalities. For example, with similar population, the City of Burlington sent two and a half times more workers to the Town of Oakville than vice versa. On the other hand, although there is a significant difference in population, the number of commuters between the two northern rural municipalities (Towns of Milton and Halton Hills) and the two southern urban municipalities (City of Burlington and Town of Oakville) is almost identical.

The City of Burlington has a west to east commuting pattern (see Map 1). About 65% of its out-commuters are destined to three eastern municipalities (the Town of Oakville, the City of Mississauga and the City of Toronto). In-commuters from those three municipalities represent less than 20% of Burlington's total. The major source of its in-commuters was the City of Hamilton, with over 24,000 Hamiltonians working in the City of Burlington.

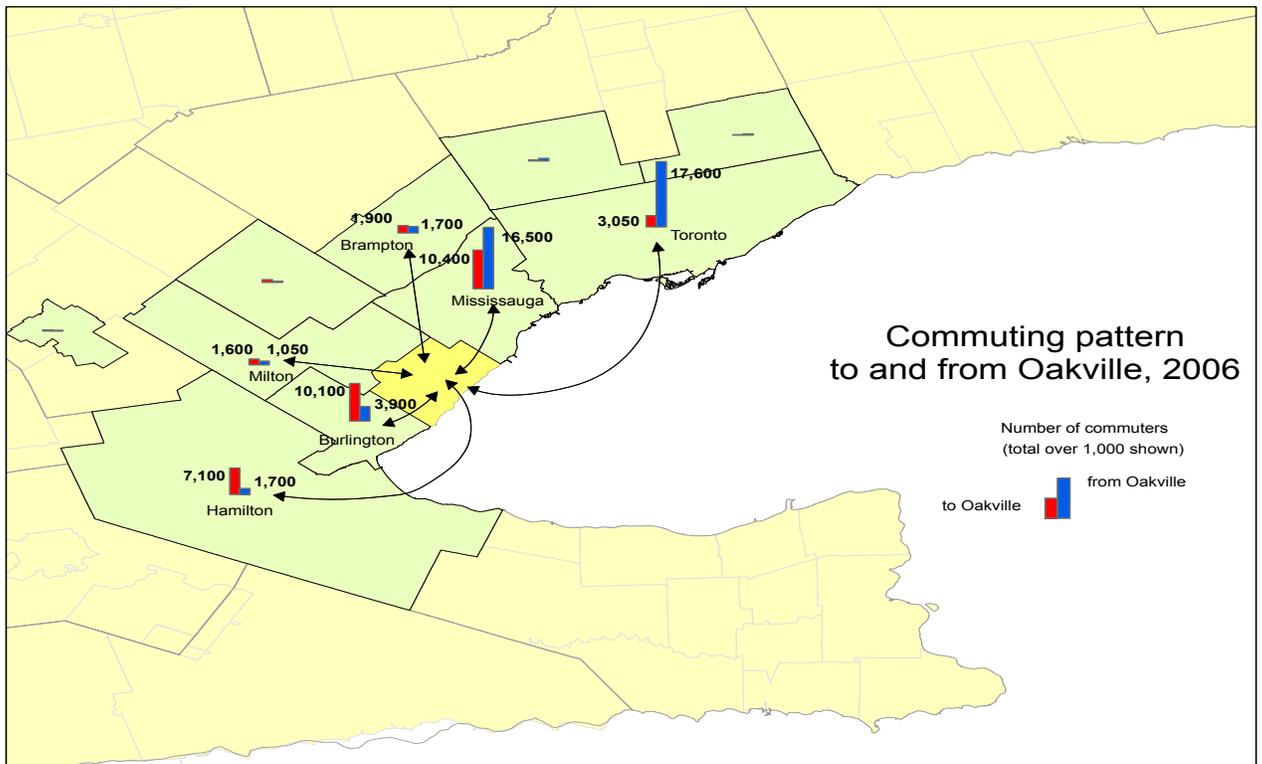
The Town of Oakville's commuting pattern also shows a west to east orientation (see Map 2). Over three quarters (76%) of its out-commuters are destined eastward to the City of Toronto and the City of Mississauga. On the other hand, over 40% of its in-commuters came from the two western municipalities (the City of Burlington and the City of Hamilton) and about 35% came from the City of Mississauga and the City of Toronto.

Commuting Patterns for Selected Municipalities



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