

Family Income



The total family income is the income received by all members of that family aged 15 and over, from all sources, during the calendar year preceding the census (i.e. 2005). The sources include employment income, income from government, dividends, interest, retirement pensions, alimony, child support and scholarships.

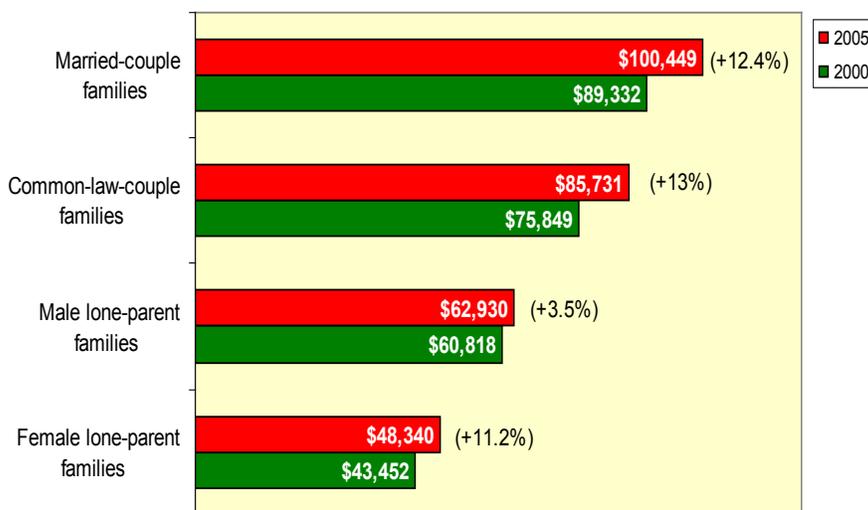
In 2005, married-couple families have the highest median family income of over \$100,000. It is nearly double the median family income of lone-parent families (\$51,100). The income of common-law-couple families is about 85% of the married-couple families. Median family income is the dollar amount which divides the families into two halves; the incomes of the first half are below the median, while those of the second half are above the median. It is less sensitive to extremely low and high income values which are included in the calculation of average family income.

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Between 2000 and 2005, all family types experienced an increase in median family income. The common-law couple families had the highest increase of 13% followed closely by the married-couple families (12.4%). The lowest increase (3.5%) is the male-lone parent families.

There is still an income gap between male lone-parent families and female lone-parent families. However, between 2000 and 2005, the median income of female lone-parent families increased by over 10% as compared to 3.5% for male lone-parent families. As a result, the income gap has narrowed somewhat. In 2000, the median income of female lone-parent families is about 71% of its male counterpart. In 2005, that percentage has increased to 77%.

**Median Family Income by Family Type
Region of Halton, 2000 and 2005**

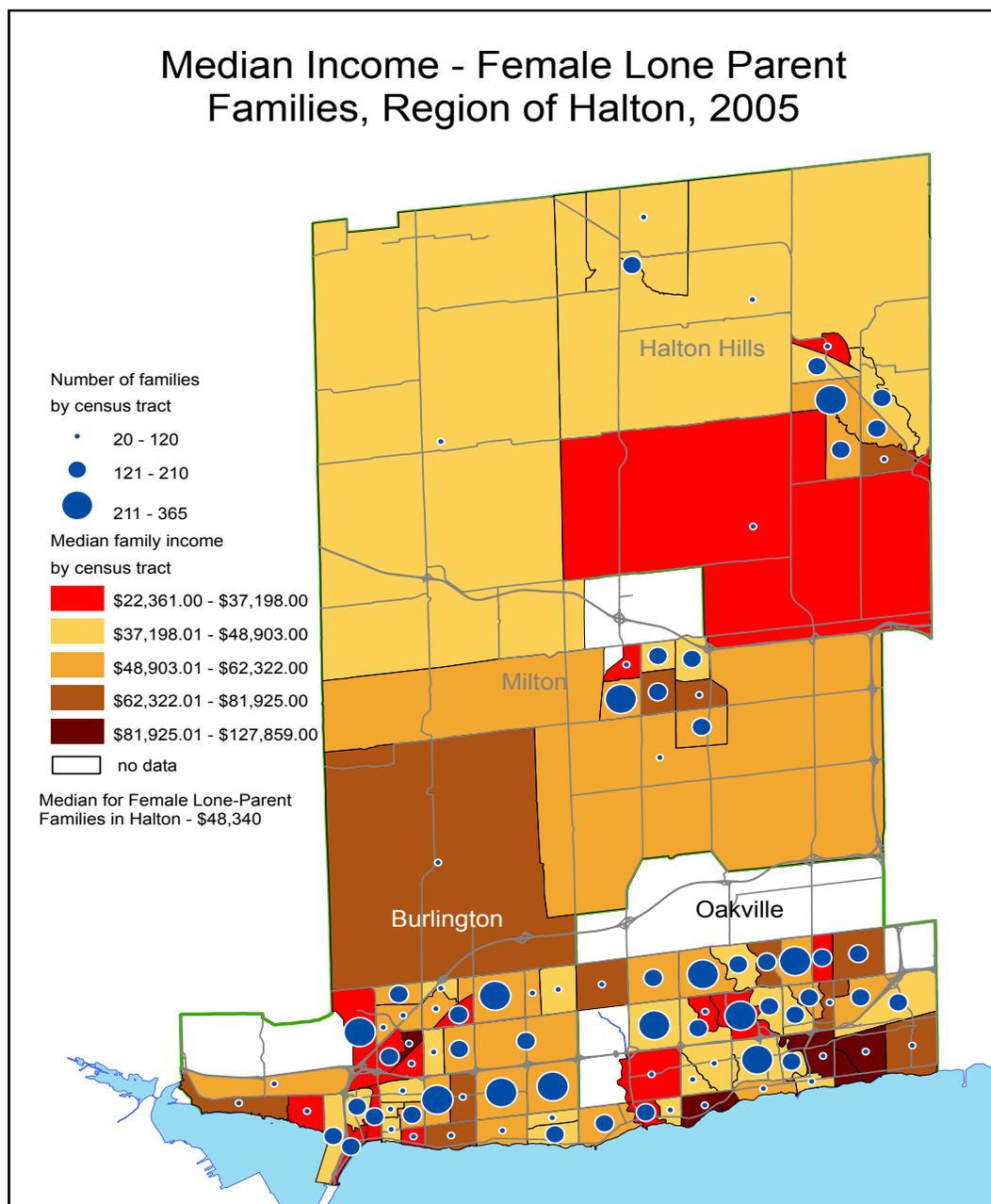


Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 and 2006 Censuses

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Female Lone-Parent Family Income

Female lone-parent families make up 10% of all families in Halton. Within Halton, Burlington had the lowest median income for female lone-parent families at \$46,279, about \$2,000 below that of the region. In addition, there are many areas (shaded in red) with median family income less than \$37,198. On the other hand, a few areas in Oakville have median income for female lone-parent families above \$81,925. The median family income in one of the census tracts is above \$125,000. However, the number of female lone parent families with high income is relatively small.



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

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