

Business Establishments - Industry Sectors



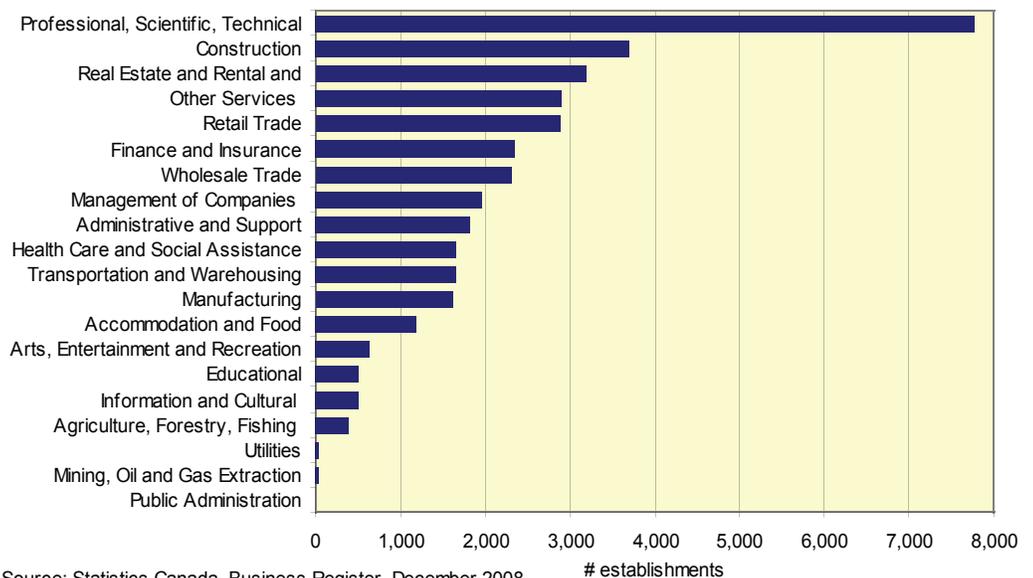
In December, 2008, there were over 37,000 business establishments operating in Halton. The number of business establishments is derived from the information on business number registration collected by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). It includes all Canadian businesses which meet at least one of the three criteria: submit an employee payroll to CRA; have a minimum of \$30,000 annual sales revenue; or are incorporated under a federal or provincial act and have filed a federal corporate income tax form within the past three years.

The most dominant industry sector by the number of establishments is the professional, scientific and technical services industry group. About one-fifth, or 7,800 businesses are engaged in the professional, scientific and technical services which include accounting/ payroll/ bookkeeping, architecture, engineering, specialized design, computer systems design, management, scientific and technical consulting, scientific research and advertising, marketing research activities. Over 80% of the establishments are located in the two urban municipalities, Oakville and Burlington (49% and 31% respectively).

About 33% of the establishments in the professional, scientific and technical services maintain an employee payroll from which employment size ranges can be assigned. About 78% of these establishments have four or less workers. Fourteen establishments have over 100 employees. There are no establishments with over 500 workers.

About 1,000 establishments in the manufacturing industry maintain an employee payroll. Eighty-seven establishments have over 100 employees of which eight have over 500 workers.

**Business Establishment by Major Industry Sectors
Halton Region, December 2008**



Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register, December 2008

Goods/Services Producing Sectors

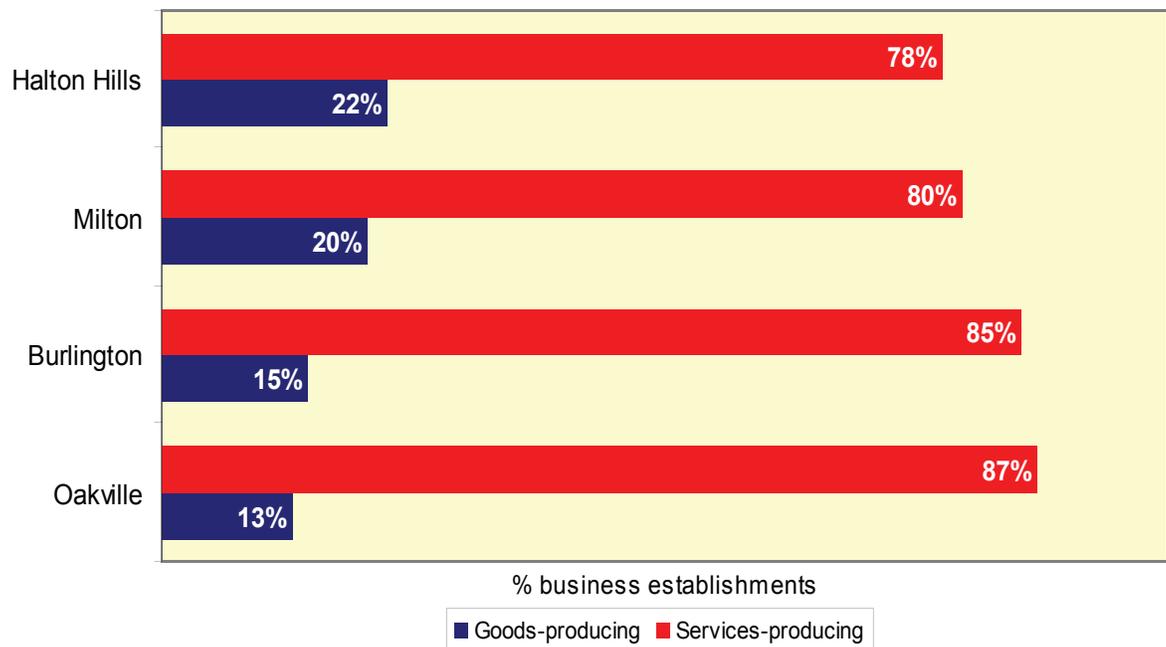
The business establishments can also be grouped into goods-producing and services-producing sectors.

Goods-producing industries which include 5 major industry groups are primarily associated with the production of goods such as growing of crops, generation of electricity, the manufacturing of computers. However, these sectors may also produce some services such as pest control services, plumbing services, land subdivision, house-painting or support services for mining operations.¹

There are 15 major industry groups in the services-producing sector.

The two urban municipalities, Burlington and Oakville, have a higher proportion of services-producing business establishments than the rural municipalities. On the other hand, over one fifth of the business establishments in both Milton and Halton Hills are engaged in goods-producing.

**Proportion of Business Establishments by Sectors
Halton Region, December 2008**



Source: Statistics Canada. Business Register. December 2008

¹ Industry Canada, Canadian Industry Statistics, December 2008, < http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cis-sic.nsf/eng/h_00007.html>