

## Low Income Visible Minority Population



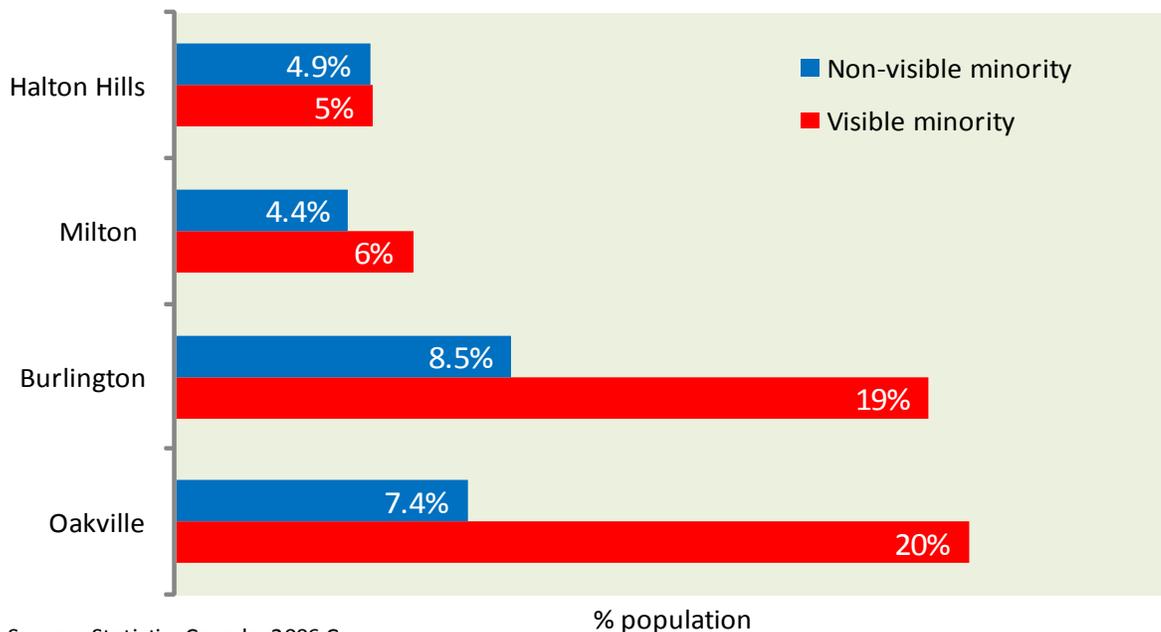
In 2005, there were approximately 37,000 low income residents in Halton Region representing about 8.5% of the total population. The prevalence of low income, which is the percentage of families or individuals (15 years+) who spent 20% more than the average on food, shelter and clothing, varies among population subgroups.

In Halton, the visible minority population is one of the population subgroups with high prevalence of low income. Its poverty rate (17%) was more than double that of its non-visible minority counterparts (7%). One in six visible minority persons in Halton

lived in low income in 2005.

Although the visible minority population accounts for 13% of Halton's total population, they are over-represented in the low income population. The low income visible minority group represents over 26% of the total low income population. In other words, one in four low income individuals in Halton is a visible minority

### Prevalence of low income, visible/non-visible minority population, Halton Region, 2005



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

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Visible minority individuals living in Oakville and Burlington are more likely to be low income than their peers living in Milton and Halton Hills. For example, about one in five visible minority persons in Oakville and Burlington lived in poverty, accounting for 38% and 20% of Oakville's and Burlington's low income population respectively.

Although, only 6% of Milton's visible minority population lived in poverty, they represented about one-fifth of the town's low income population.

The low income visible minority population has a different age distribution than non-visible minority low income populations. The most noticeable difference is in the age group under 15 years. About one-third (32%) of visible minority children lived in poverty compared to one-fifth (21%) of their non-visible minority peers.

On the other hand, the low income senior visible minority population represents less than 5% of the population compared to 16% for the non visible minority population.

### Age distribution of low income visible/non visible minority population, Halton Region, 2005

