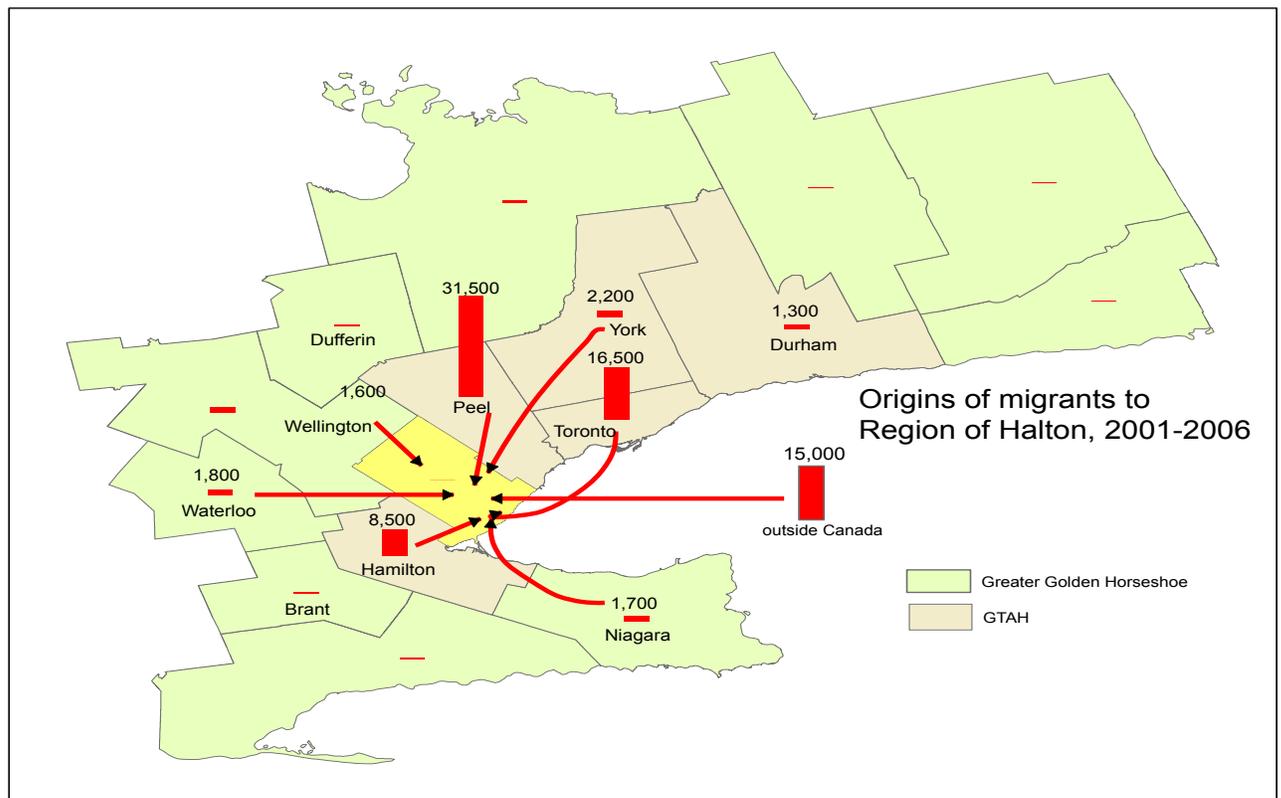


## Migration Pattern

Over 96,000 people moved to the Region of Halton, and about 48,000 people moved away, between 2001 and 2006. They are the migrants. For every person who left the region, the region gained two persons. This ratio is higher than in 1996 and 2001 (1:1.85). About 15,000 migrants are from outside Canada.

Excluding migrants from abroad, about 75% of the migrants came from municipalities within the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton (GTAH). About 9% came from the rest of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH). The Region of Peel is the top origin of migrants. Over 31,000 previous residents of Peel are now living in the region and they represent over one-third (38%) of the migrants. Another 20% of the migrants came from the City of Toronto. On the other hand, only about 10% of the migrants came from the neighbouring City of Hamilton.

Halton has also attracted a greater number of migrants from some out-of-province municipalities than from some nearby municipalities. For example, about 1,200 migrants came from Greater Vancouver and more than 1,000 from the Calgary Region as compared to 300 from the County of Dufferin and 400 from the County of Brant.



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## Out Migration

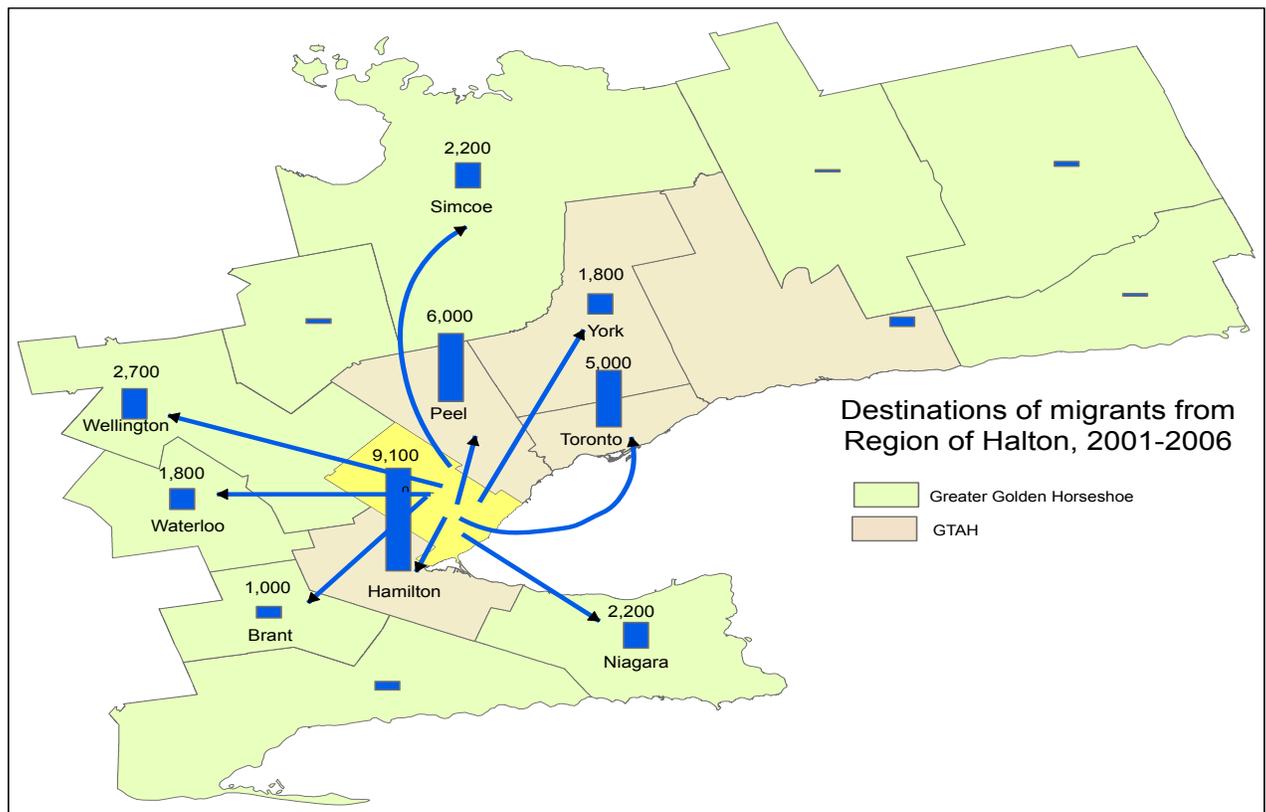
There are many reasons why people leave their communities. Seeking affordable housing is often cited as one of the main reasons for those who migrated to neighbouring municipalities. The out-migration pattern may reveal some of the imbalance between housing availability and affordability.

The out-migration pattern does not mirror the in-migration pattern for Halton. Fewer than half (48%) of out-migrants moved to areas within the GTA. The City of Hamilton is the top destination and it accounts for nearly one-fifth (19%) of the migrants from Halton. About one in four of the migrants settled in the GGH outside the GTA. Other significant destinations are the Counties of Wellington and Simcoe, Regions of Niagara and Waterloo.



Interestingly, the region had nearly the same number of in-migrants from other provinces as out-migrants to other provinces. Calgary Region is the top out-of-province destination.

Since the census did not track people who left the country, there is no information on migration destinations outside Canada.



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