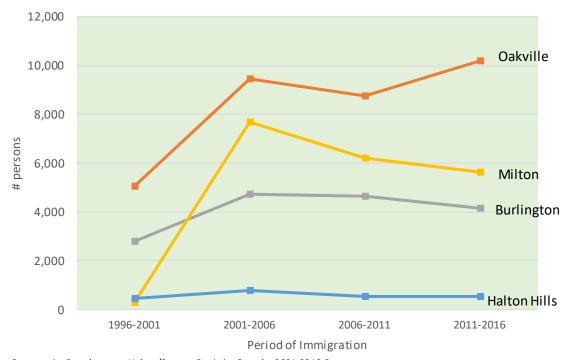


## **Newcomers to Halton 2016**

Between 2011 and 2016, Canada received over 1.2 million immigrants from countries around the world. The recent immigrants, or newcomers, represented 3.5% of Canada's population in 2016.

In the same time period, Halton welcomed 20,500 newcomers. This represents a slight increase of 1.6% over the previous period (2006-2011) compared to the provincial average of 1.9%. Halton's growth is solely driven by a 16% increase gained by Oakville. All the other three municipalities experienced decrease in the number of newcomers. Almost half (49.7%) of the newcomers to Halton settled in Oakville, followed by Milton at 27.5%, Burlington at 20.2% and Halton Hills at 2.8%.

## Recent Immigrants, Halton Region, (1996-2016)



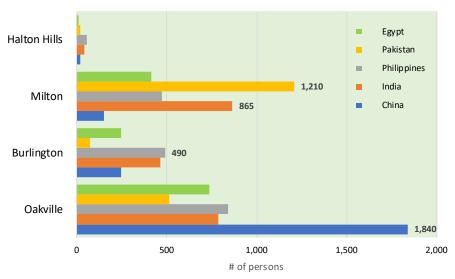
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Over two-thirds (66.6%) of recent immigrants were admitted as economic immigrants<sup>1</sup>, 27% were sponsored by family and 6% were admitted as refugees. Over 46% of the newcomers came from five countries (China, India, Philippines, Pakistan and Egypt). This composition is slightly different from that of Ontario which includes Iran instead of Egypt.

<sup>1</sup> Include immigrants who have been selected for their ability to contribute to Canada's economy through their ability to meet labour market needs, to own and manage or to build a business, to make a substantial investment, to create their own employment or to meet specific provincial or territorial labour market needs.

The newcomers from the top five countries of birth have specific geographic distribution pattern of settlement. For example, over 80% of newcomers from China chose to reside in Oakville. Over 66% of newcomers from Pakistan called Milton home. About 36% and 40% of newcomers from India settled in Oakville and Milton respectively. About 45% of those from the Philippines chose to live in Oakville.

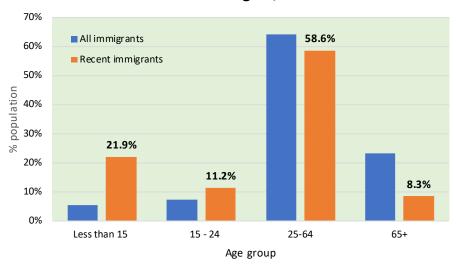
## Recent Immigrants by Top Five Countries of Birth Halton Region (2011-2016)



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The newcomers are younger. Their median age is 34.6 compared to 48.7 years for all immigrants in Halton. Over one in five (21.9%) recent immigrants is less than 15 years of age. For all immigrants, the percentage is 5.4%. On the other hand, over 23% of all immigrants are 65 years and over compared to 8.3% for recent immigrants.

## Age Distribution, Recent and All Immigrants Halton Region, 2016



Community Development Halton/Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census



