

Non-English/French Speaking Residents

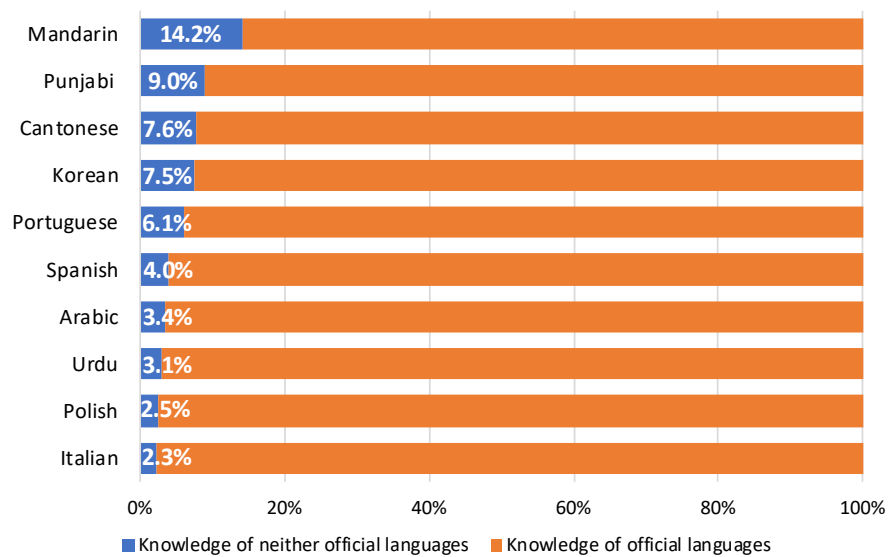
According to the 2016 Census, there were 7,000 Halton residents who do not speak English or French. This represents a 40% increase since 2011, a percentage higher than the total population growth of 9.3%.

Research¹ has shown the inability to communicate in English or French becomes a barrier to full participation in many opportunities including the labour market, education, social, civic and community activities. Furthermore, the inability to communicate in either one of the official languages affects access to public and community services. The language deficiency may also lead to social isolation and difficulty to communicate between older and younger generations when both speak different languages.

The non-English/French speaking population represents about 5% of the population with an immigrant mother tongue (see Community Lens #129 – Halton’s Mother Tongues²). Mandarin speaking residents have the highest percentage (14.2%) with no knowledge of official languages, followed by those speaking Punjabi, Cantonese, Korean and Portuguese.

Almost half (48.4%) of the non-English/French speaking population reside in Oakville. They tend to cluster in neighbourhoods (Census Tract³). In fact, seven out of eight Census Tracts (CT) with more than twice the regional average of this population group are in Oakville. Another quarter (24.5%) of this population group lives in Milton.

Proportion of Non-Official Languages Speaking Population by Mother Tongue, Halton Region, 2016



CommunityDevelopment Halton/Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census

1 Social Planning Toronto, Talking Access and Equity, A Profile of City of Toronto Residents Who Speak Neither Official Languages, July 2018

2 Community Development Halton, Community Lens #129, Halton’s Mother Tongues, September 2017

3 A Census Tract (CT) is a relatively permanent area with a population range of 2,000 to 8,000 and the greatest possible social and economic Homogeneity

Population Speak Neither Official Languages by Census Tract, Halton Region, 2016

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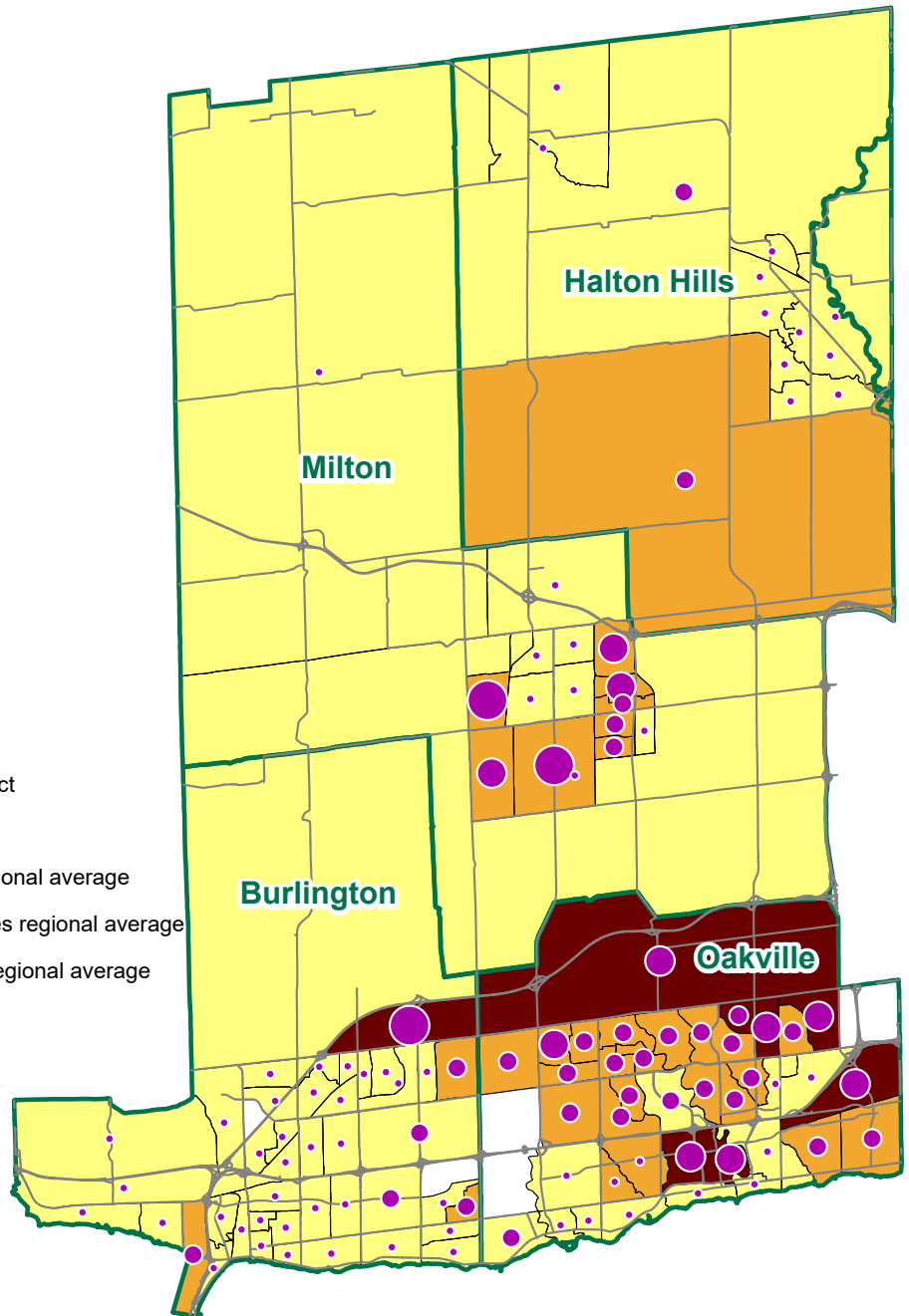
by Census Tract (CT)

- 0 - 50
- 51 - 125
- 126 - 210
- 211 - 395

% population () # Census Tract

by CT Regional average: 1.3%

- 0.1% - 1.3% (69) below regional average
- 1.4% - 2.5% (33) up to 2 times regional average
- 2.6% - 3.2% (8) > 2 times regional average
- zero or no data



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