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Diversity Report

Halton Social Profile 1999

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Introduction

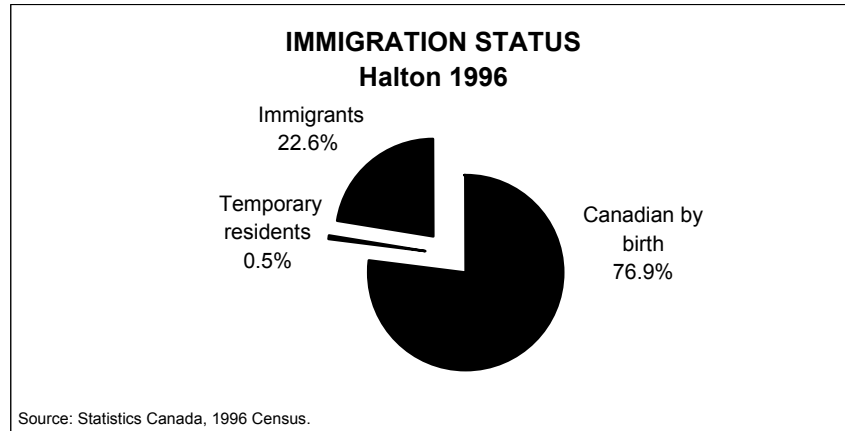
This report examines immigration, language, ethnicity, and visible minorities. Note that this is one report in a series of nine that complete the Halton Social Profile 1999. Information includes 1986, 1991 and 1996 census data from Statistics Canada.

Immigration

Immigrant Population

The immigrant population in Halton increased from 62,320 in 1986 to 76,290 in 1996. This is an increase of 22.4%. The total population in Halton increased at a slightly faster rate, therefore, the proportion of immigrants within the total population decreased slightly over the ten years from 23.1% in 1986 to 22.6% in 1996. In comparison, 25.6% of the Ontario population are immigrants in 1996.

All four municipalities experienced a decrease in the proportion of immigrants. In Halton, Oakville has the highest percentage of immigrants, followed by Burlington, Milton and then Halton Hills with the lowest. In 1996, 27.9% of the Oakville population are immigrants compared to 16.3% of Halton Hills' population. Figure 1 shows the immigration status of Halton residents in 1996.



• Figure 1 Immigration status of Halton residents in 1996

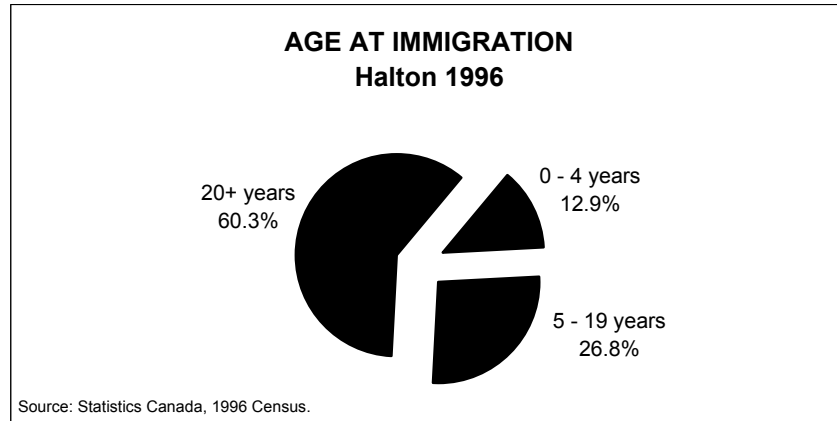
In 1996, 94.5% of Halton residents have Canadian citizenship while 5.5% have a non-Canadian citizenship. The proportion with citizenship other than Canadian decreased from 6.1% in 1986 and 6.5% in 1991. In Halton, Oakville has the highest percentage of residents with citizenship other than Canadian at 7.4%. Milton has the lowest at 3.9%.

Those who are Canadian by birth account for the largest percentage of Halton residents. In 1996, 76.9% of Halton residents are born in Canada. This remained the same as in 1986. In Halton, Halton Hills has the largest percentage of Canadian born residents at 83.4% and Oakville has the smallest at 71.1%.

Non-permanent residents account for 0.5% of the Halton population in 1996. This decreased from 0.7% in 1991. Again, Oakville has the highest percentage with 0.9% non-permanent residents and Milton and Burlington both have the lowest with 0.2%.

Age at Immigration

Figure 2 shows that the majority of immigrants in Halton (60.1%) were 20 years of age or over when they immigrated to Canada. The second largest age group is 5-19 years at 26.8%, followed by 0-4 years at 13.1%. In comparison, 62.1% of immigrants in Ontario were 20 years of age or over, 28.0% were 5 to 19 years of age and 9.9% were zero to four years of age when they immigrated to Canada.

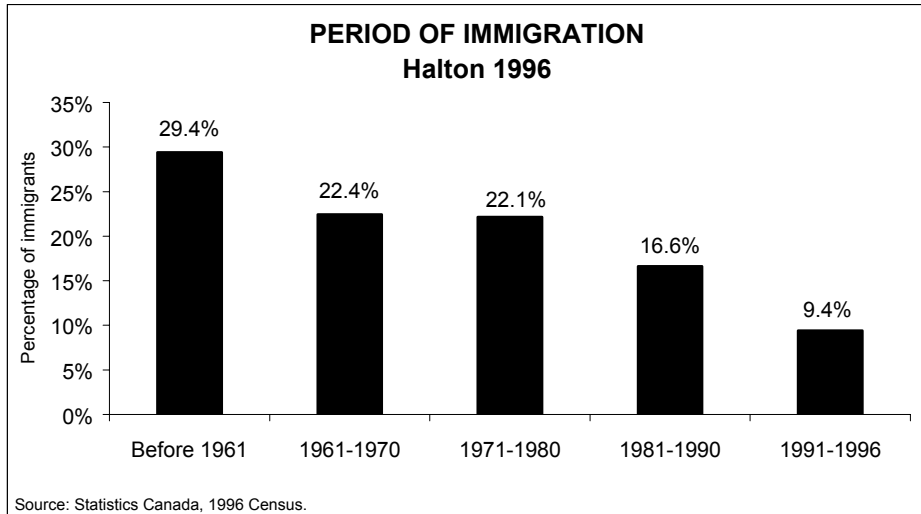


• Figure 2 Age at immigration of Halton immigrants in 1996

In Halton, Oakville has the smallest percentage of immigrants who were under 5 years old when they immigrated to Canada at 12.3% and Milton has the largest percentage at 14.2%. Halton Hills has the largest percentage of immigrants who immigrated when they were between five and 19 years of age with 29.8% while Oakville again has the smallest with 26.1%. Oakville has the biggest percentage of immigrants who were over 19 when they immigrated to Canada at 61.2% and Milton has the lowest at 55.8%. Immigrants in south Halton tend to immigrate at an older age than immigrants in north Halton.

Period of Immigration

The largest percentage of immigrants in Halton arrived before 1961 at 29.4% (22,430 persons) as displayed in Figure 3. All Halton municipalities experienced this trend except Oakville where the largest percentage of immigrants arrived between 1971 and 1980 at 24.1%. In comparison, only 21.6% of immigrants in Ontario immigrated before 1961 and the largest percentage (22.0%) immigrated between 1981 and 1990. In Halton, only 9.4% of immigrants arrived between 1991 and 1996 compared with 20.7% in Ontario.



• Figure 3 Period of immigration of Halton immigrants in 1996

In Halton, Oakville has a lower percentage than the other municipalities of immigrants who arrived before 1961 at 22.6%. Halton Hills has the highest percentage arriving before 1961 at 38.1%.

Of the four municipalities in Halton, Oakville has the largest percentage of recent immigrants – 11.2% of immigrants to Oakville arrived between 1991 and 1996. Milton has the lowest percentage of recent immigrants at 5.9%.

Place of Birth

The largest number of immigrants to Halton originated from the United Kingdom. They account for 34.5% of all immigrants in Halton (26,310 persons). Halton has a much larger percentage of immigrants from the United Kingdom compared to Ontario, where only 13.6% are from the United Kingdom. A large number of immigrants from the United Kingdom live in Burlington, representing 40.8% of Burlington’s immigrant population. They also account for 39.8% of immigrants to Halton Hills, 37.6% to Milton and 28.0% to Oakville.

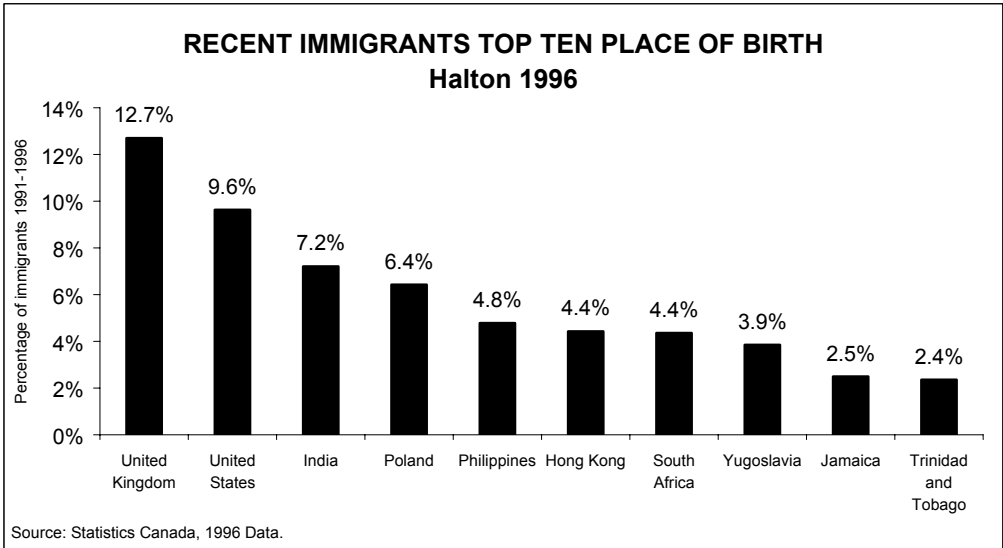
The second largest group of immigrants came from the United States, accounting for 5.4% of all immigrants to Halton. There are 4,120 immigrants in Halton from the United States.

Other common places of birth include Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Poland, and India. There are over 2,000 Halton residents born in each of these countries. The Netherlands and Germany are two of the most predominant places of birth in all

municipalities except Oakville. Nearly half of the immigrants from the Netherlands live in Burlington. They account for the second largest immigrant population in Burlington at 14.8%. Oakville has higher percentages of immigrants from Portugal (7.0%) and Italy (6.3%). The majority of immigrants to Halton, from Portugal and Italy, live in Oakville. Oakville, which has the largest immigrant population, also shows the most diversity. Milton also has a large Italian immigrant population with 10.3%.

Recent Immigrants

Between 1991 and 1996, 7,005 persons in Halton immigrated to Canada from another country. The majority, 3,930 persons, lives in Oakville. Burlington has 2,300 recent immigrants, Halton Hills has 460 immigrants and Milton has 315 immigrants who came to Canada between 1991 and 1996. Figure 4 shows the percentage of recent immigrants in Halton for the ten most common places of birth.



• Figure 4 Top ten places of birth of Halton immigrants who immigrated to Canada between 1991 and 1996

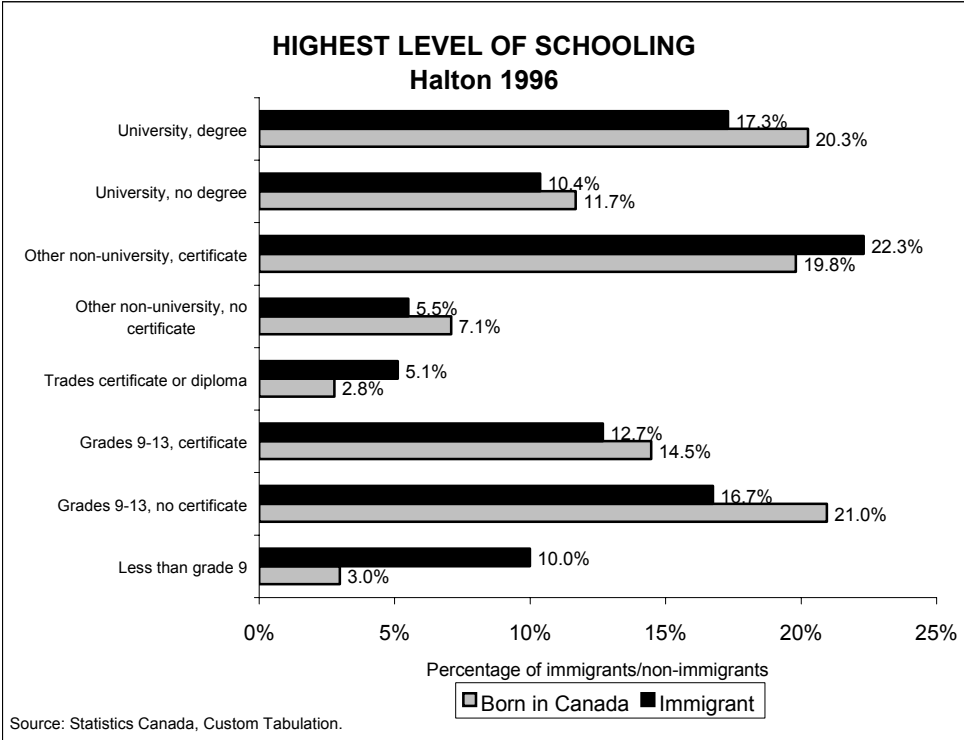
The largest percentage of immigrants between 1991 and 1996 in Halton came from the United Kingdom at 12.7%, compared to 2.3% in Ontario. The most common place of birth of recent immigrants in Ontario is Hong Kong at 9.1%. All Halton municipalities, except Milton, have the largest percentage of their recent immigrants born in the United Kingdom. Halton Hills has the highest percentage of its population from the United Kingdom at 28.3% and Oakville has the lowest at 10.4%. In Milton, the largest proportion of recent

immigrants is from the United States at 19.0%. The United States accounts for the second largest percentage of recent immigrants in Halton.

The third largest group of recent immigrants came from India at 7.2% of immigrants to Halton between 1991 and 1996. A large proportion of recent immigrants to Burlington came from India at 11.5%. None immigrated to Milton.

Highest Level of Schooling of Immigrants

As illustrated in Figure 5, compared to Halton residents born in Canada, a higher proportion of immigrants have a non-university certificate, a trade certificate and a university certificate. In addition, a higher proportion of immigrants stated less than grade nine as their highest level of schooling. Compared to Canadian born residents, a lower proportion of immigrants have a university education with and without a degree, a non-university education without a certificate, and a grade 9-13 education with and without a certificate.



• Figure 5 Highest level of schooling of immigrants and non-immigrants in Halton in 1996

Of the municipalities in Halton, Oakville has the highest percentage of immigrants with a university degree or higher at 20.6% and Halton Hills has the lowest at 12.4%. Milton has the highest percentage of immigrants with less than grade 9 as their highest level of schooling at 11.1% and Burlington has the lowest at 8.8%.

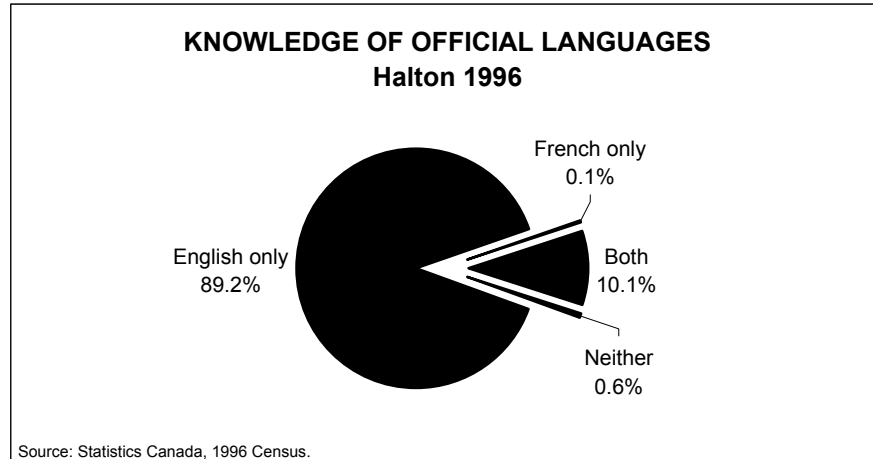
Implications

- Service providers should be aware that although the United Kingdom and the United States are still the two most common places of birth of immigrants, they do not account for as large a percentage of immigrants as they did before. There has been a rise in immigrants from non-European countries, such as India.
- Service providers need to be aware of the differing education levels of immigrants compared to the rest of the population. Lower levels of education of immigrants will increase the need for literacy and training programs.

Language

Official Languages

Of the two official languages in Canada, 10.1% of the Halton population (34,115 persons) has knowledge of both as shown in Figure 6. The majority of the population (89.2%) has knowledge of English only, 0.1% has knowledge of French only and 0.6% has knowledge of neither official language (1,945 persons). Halton has a higher percentage with knowledge of English only than Ontario with 85.7% and a smaller percentage for all other categories.

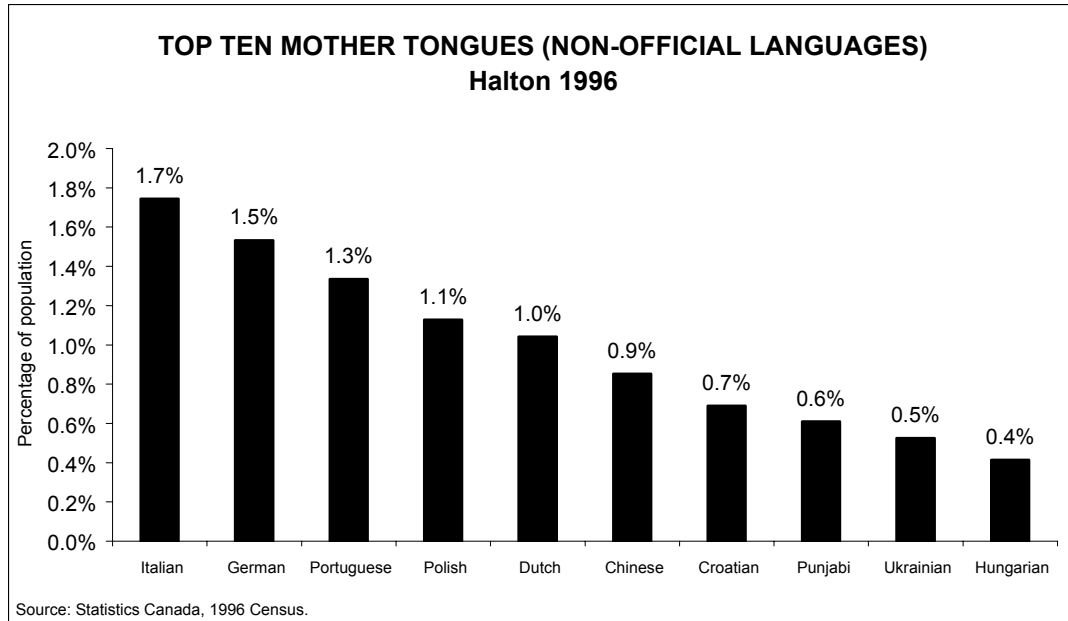


• Figure 6 Knowledge of official languages in Halton in 1996

In Halton, Halton Hills has the largest percentage that has knowledge of English only at 91.6% and Oakville has the least with 87.1%. Oakville has the largest bilingual population and the largest population with knowledge of neither official language. One percent of Oakville residents knew neither official language compared to 0.3% of residents in both Milton and Halton Hills. In Oakville, 11.8% of residents are bilingual, compared with 8.0% of Halton Hills' residents.

Mother Tongue

Fourteen percent of the population in Halton has a mother tongue other than English or French, compared to Ontario with 21.3%. Figure 7 shows that the most common mother tongues in Halton are (in order) Italian, German, Portuguese, Polish, Dutch, Chinese, Croatian, and Punjabi.



• Figure 7 Top ten mother tongues other than English and French in Halton in 1996

In 1986, 87.6% of Halton's population stated English is their mother tongue while 10.7% stated a non-official language is their mother tongue. Non-official languages became more prevalent over the ten years. By 1996, only 84.2% state English is their mother tongue and 14.0% state a non-official language.

Italian is the most common mother tongue other than English or French in Halton – 1.7% of the total population in Halton speaks Italian. In Halton, Oakville has the highest percentage of people who speak Italian at 2.6% and Halton Hills has the lowest at 0.9%.

The next most common mother tongue other than English or French in Halton is German. In Halton, 1.5% of the total population speaks German. All of the municipalities have 1.5% of the population who speak German, except Milton, which has a slightly higher percentage of 1.7%.

In Halton, 1.3% of the population state that Portuguese is their mother tongue. Oakville has the highest percentage with Portuguese as their mother tongue at 2.6% and Milton has the lowest at 0.2%.

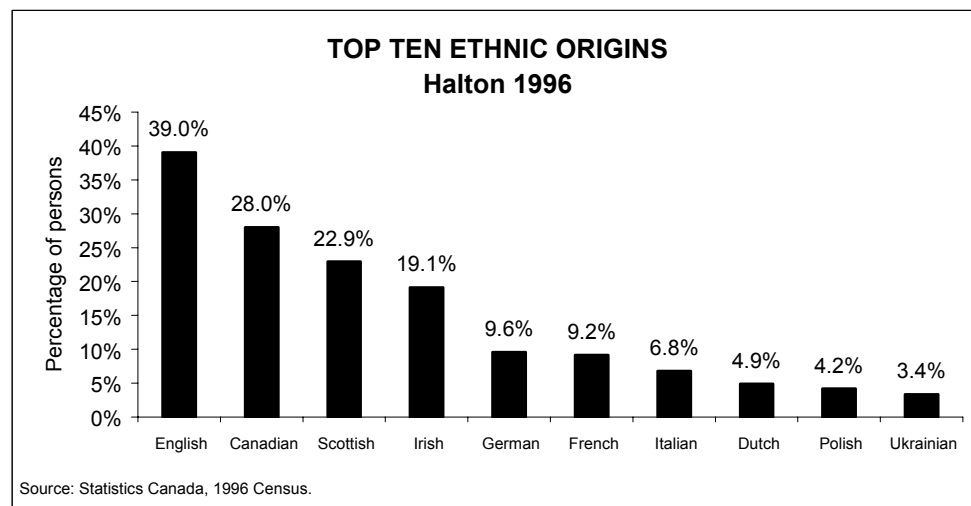
Implications

- As non-official languages become more common, there will be increasing demands on English as a Second Language (ESL) services and language instruction for newcomers (LINC).

Ethnicity

Ethnic Origin

In Halton, the most common ethnic origin is English. Thirty-nine percent of Halton residents stated English as their ethnic origin as displayed in Figure 8. Note that the data include both single and multiple responses therefore the total adds up to more than 100%. The second most common ethnic origin is Canadian at 28.0%, followed by Scottish at 22.9% and Irish at 19.1%. Other common ethnic origins stated in Halton are German, French, Italian, Dutch, Polish and Ukrainian.



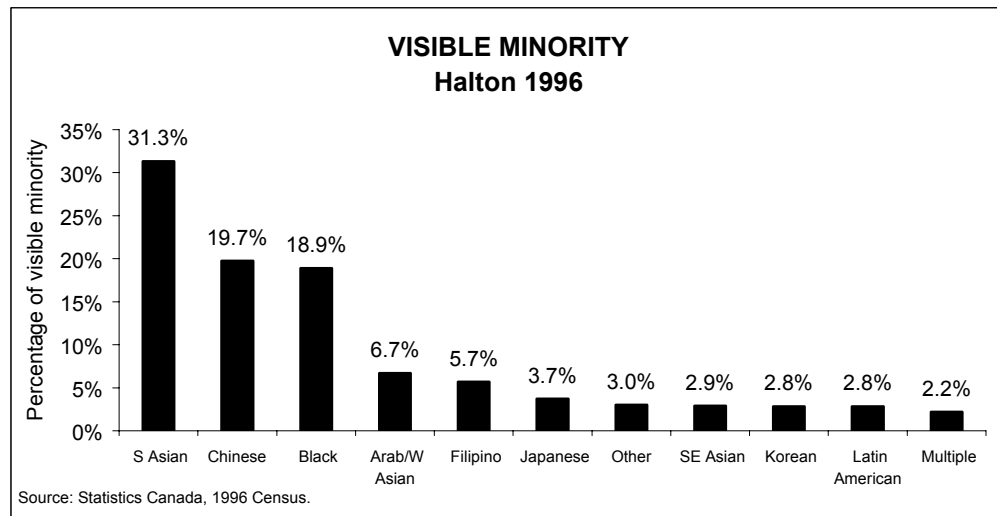
• Figure 8 Top ten ethnic origins in Halton in 1996

Milton has the highest percentage of residents that identified English as their ethnic origin at 41.2% and Oakville has the smallest percentage at 36.1%. Halton Hills has the largest percentage of residents of Canadian origin at 35.3% and again Oakville has the smallest at 24.3%. Burlington has the largest percentage of Scottish at 23.9% and Oakville has the smallest at 21.5%. Halton Hills has the largest percentage of Irish at 20.3% and Oakville has the smallest at 18.1%. Compared with the other municipalities in Halton, Oakville has

more diversity in that it has lower proportions of British, Canadian, Scottish and Irish, and has higher proportions of less common ethnic origins.

Visible Minority

Compared to Ontario in 1996 with 15.8%, Halton has a smaller percentage of visible minorities. In Halton, 6.7% of residents state that they are a visible minority (22,585 persons), 0.4% are aboriginal (1,270 persons) and 92.9% are not a visible minority (312,660 persons). In Halton, Oakville has the largest percentage of visible minorities at 10.4%. Halton Hills, with 2.7%, has the lowest percentage of visible minorities. Figure 9 shows the percentage of visible minorities that belong to each group.



• Figure 9 Visible minority groups in Halton in 1996

The largest percentage of persons belonging to a visible minority in Halton is south Asian at 31.3%. This is higher than the 23.2% that are south Asian in Ontario. Of the four Halton municipalities, Oakville has the largest percentage of south Asians at 33.1% and Halton Hills has the lowest at 25.1% of all visible minorities there.

The second most common visible minority group in Halton with 19.7% is Chinese. Chinese is the most common visible minority in Ontario at 23.3%. In Halton, Milton has the largest percentage with 23.0% while Halton Hills only has 11.7%.

The third largest visible minority group in Halton is black, with 18.9% of visible minorities belonging to this group. In Ontario, 21.2% of the visible minorities are black. In Halton, Milton has the largest percentage at 30.0% and Oakville has the smallest at 17.0%.

Implications

- Changes in language and cultural backgrounds of visible minority immigrants is occurring as the source of immigrants shifts from the United Kingdom and Europe to the Far East, Caribbean, Latin America and Africa. This will have a major impact on the need for settlement services, language and cultural translation capacities in agencies and in cultural sensitivity training for service providers.
- “Mainstream” organizations need to increase their capacity to respond effectively and sensitively to the needs of a changing ethnic population. This will require the availability of cultural and language interpretation and multilingual resource materials as well as providing employee training in cultural sensitivity.

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Ontario Summary (1996 Census)

Immigration

Pop. excluding institutional residents	10,642,790
Born in Canada	73.7%
Immigrant	25.6%
Non-permanent	0.7%
Canadian citizenship	92.2%
Non-Canadian citizenship	7.8%

Age at Immigration

Immigrant population	2,724,490
0-4 years of age	9.9%
5-19 years of age	28.0%
20+ years of age	62.1%

Period of Immigration

Immigrant population	2,724,490
Before 1961	21.6%
1961-1970	16.5%
1971-1980	19.2%
1981-1990	22.0%
1991-1996	20.7%

Immigrant Place of Birth

Immigrant population	2,724,485
United Kingdom	13.6%
Italy	8.1%
Poland	4.5%
Hong Kong	4.4%
India	4.4%

Recent Immigrant Place of Birth

No. of recent immigrants 1991-1996	562,985
Hong Kong	9.1%
China	7.4%
India	6.8%

Philippines	6.8%
Sri Lanka	6.7%

Knowledge of Official Languages

Pop. excluding institutional residents	10,642,790
English only	85.7%
French only	0.4%
Both English and French	11.6%
Neither English nor French	2.3%

Mother Tongue

Pop. excluding institutional residents	10,642,790
English	71.5%
French	4.4%
Non-official language	21.3%

Ethnic Origin

Pop. excluding institutional residents	10,642,790
English	29.0%
Canadian	25.4%
Scottish	17.7%
Irish	16.2%
French	12.5%

Visible Minority

Visible minority population	1,682,045
Chinese	23.2%
South Asian	23.2%
Black	21.2%
Arab/West Asian	7.0%
Filipino	7.0%
Latin American	5.1%
South-East Asian	4.5%
Korean	2.1%
Japanese	1.4%
Other/Multiple	5.2%

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Halton Region Summary (1996 Census)

Immigration

Pop. excluding institutional residents	337,445
Born in Canada	76.9%
Immigrant	22.6%
Non-permanent	0.5%
Canadian citizenship	94.5%
Non-Canadian citizenship	5.5%

Age at Immigration

Immigrant population	76,035
0-4 years of age	12.9%
5-19 years of age	26.7%
20+ years of age	60.1%

Period of Immigration

Immigrant population	76,285
Before 1961	29.4%
1961-1970	22.4%
1971-1980	22.1%
1981-1990	16.6%
1991-1996	9.4%

Immigrant Place of Birth

Immigrant population	76,290
United Kingdom	34.5%
United States	5.4%
Italy	5.2%
Germany	4.8%
Netherlands	4.4%

Recent Immigrant Place of Birth

Recent immigrants 1991-1996	7,005
United Kingdom	12.7%
United States	9.6%
India	7.2%

Poland	6.4%
Philippines	4.8%

Knowledge of Official Languages

Pop. excluding institutional residents	337,445
English only	89.2%
French only	0.1%
Both English and French	10.1%
Neither English nor French	0.6%

Mother Tongue

Pop. with single response	334,010
English	84.2%
French	1.9%
Non-official language	14.0%

Ethnic Origin

Pop. excluding institutional residents	337,445
English	39.0%
Canadian	28.0%
Scottish	22.9%
Irish	19.1%
German	9.6%

Visible Minority

Visible minority population	22,660
South Asian	31.3%
Chinese	19.7%
Black	18.9%
Arab/ West Asian	6.7%
Filipino	5.7%
Japanese	3.7%
South-East Asian	2.9%
Korean	2.8%
Latin American	2.8%
Other/Multiple response	5.2%

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Oakville Summary (1996 Census)

Immigration

Pop. excluding institutional residents	127,520
Born in Canada	71.1%
Immigrant	27.9%
Non-permanent	0.9%
Canadian citizenship	92.6%
Non-Canadian citizenship	7.4%

Age at Immigration

Immigrant population	35,485
0-4 years of age	12.3%
5-19 years of age	26.1%
20+ years of age	61.2%

Period of Immigration

Immigrant population	35,630
Before 1961	22.6%
1961-1970	21.9%
1971-1980	24.1%
1981-1990	20.2%
1991-1996	11.2%

Immigrant Place of Birth

Immigrant population	35,630
United Kingdom	28.0%
Portugal	7.0%
Italy	6.3%
United States	5.2%
India	4.1%

Recent Immigrant Place of Birth

Recent immigrants 1991-1996	3,930
United Kingdom	10.4%
United States	10.3%
Hong Kong	6.4%

South Africa	6.4%
India	5.5%

Knowledge of Official Languages

Pop. excluding institutional residents	127,520
English only	87.1%
French only	0.1%
Both English and French	11.8%
Neither English nor French	1.0%

Mother Tongue

Pop. with single response	125,950
English	78.7%
French	19.9%
Non-official language	19.3%

Ethnic Origin

Pop. excluding institutional residents	127,520
English	36.1%
Canadian	24.3%
Scottish	21.5%
Irish	18.1%
German	9.0%

Visible Minority

Visible minority population	13,260
South Asian	33.1%
Chinese	22.3%
Black	17.0%
Filipino	6.3%
Arab/West Asian	5.5%
Japanese	3.2%
South-East Asian	3.0%
Latin American	2.6%
Korean	2.3%
Other/Multiple response	4.5%

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Burlington Summary (1996 Census)

Immigration

Pop. excluding institutional residents	136,040
Born in Canada	78.9%
Immigrant	20.8%
Non-permanent	0.2%
Canadian citizenship	95.6%
Non-Canadian citizenship	4.4%

Age at Immigration

Immigrant population	28,255
0-4 years of age	13.3%
5-19 years of age	26.2%
20+ years of age	60.3%

Period of Immigration

Immigrant population	28,315
Before 1961	34.4%
1961-1970	22.2%
1971-1980	21.0%
1981-1990	13.9%
1991-1996	8.4%

Immigrant Place of Birth

Immigrant population	28,320
United Kingdom	40.8%
Netherlands	14.8%
United States	5.2%
Germany	5.1%
Poland	4.9%

Recent Immigrant Place of Birth

No. of recent immigrants 1991-1996	2,300
United Kingdom	13.0%
India	11.5%
Poland	8.9%

United States	8.3%
Philippines	6.7%

Knowledge of Official Languages

Pop. excluding institutional residents	136,035
English only	90.1%
French only	0.1%
Both English and French	9.5%
Neither English nor French	0.4%

Mother Tongue

Pop. with single response	134,670
English	86.5%
French	2.0%
Non-official language	11.5%

Ethnic Origin

Pop. excluding institutional residents	136,040
English	41.2%
Canadian	32.1%
Scottish	23.7%
Irish	20.2%
German	10.6%

Visible Minority

Visible minority population	6,990
South Asian	30.0%
Black	19.0%
Chinese	15.7%
Arab/West Asian	8.8%
Filipino	4.7%
Japanese	3.6%
Korean	3.6%
South-East Asian	3.5%
Latin American	3.3%
Other/Multiple response	7.8%

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Milton Summary (1996 Census)

Immigration

Pop. excluding institutional residents	31,640
Born in Canada	82.5%
Immigrant	17.3%
Non-permanent	0.2%
Canadian citizenship	96.1%
Non-Canadian citizenship	3.9%

Age at Immigration

Immigrant population	5,460
0-4 years of age	14.2%
5-19 years of age	26.2%
20+ years of age	60.3%

Period of Immigration

Immigrant population	5,470
Before 1961	36.7%
1961-1970	23.6%
1971-1980	20.7%
1981-1990	13.2%
1991-1996	5.9%

Immigrant Place of Birth

Immigrant population	5,470
United Kingdom	37.6%
Italy	10.3%
Germany	7.1%
United States	6.8%
Netherlands	6.8%

Recent Immigrant Place of Birth

No. of recent immigrants 1991-1996	315
United States	19.0%
United Kingdom	15.9%
Trinidad and Tobago	9.5%

Poland	7.9%
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Knowledge of Official Languages

Pop. excluding institutional residents	31,640
English only	90.9%
French only	0.1%
Both English and French	8.8%
Neither English nor French	0.3%

Mother Tongue

Pop. with single response	31,460
English	89.3%
French	1.1%
Non-official language	9.6%

Ethnic Origin

Pop. excluding institutional residents	31,640
English	41.2%
Canadian	32.1%
Scottish	23.7%
Irish	20.2%
German	10.6%

Visible Minority

Visible minority population	1,215
Black	30.0%
South Asian	25.5%
Chinese	23.0%
Arab/West Asian	7.0%
Japanese	6.6%
Filipino	4.9%
Korean	1.2%
Latin American	0.0%
South-East Asian	0.0%
Other	1.2%

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Halton Hills Summary (1996 Census)

Immigration

Population excluding institutional residents	42,245
Born in Canada	83.4%
Immigrant	16.3%
Non-permanent	0.3%
Canadian citizenship	96.0%
Non-Canadian citizenship	4.0%

Age at Immigration

Immigrant population	6,835
0-4 years of age	13.3%
5-19 years of age	29.8%
20+ years of age	56.9%

Period of Immigration

Immigrant population	6,870
Before 1961	38.1%
1961-1970	24.7%
1971-1980	17.8%
1981-1990	12.3%
1991-1996	7.0%

Immigrant Place of Birth

Immigrant population	6,870
United Kingdom	39.8%
Netherlands	9.8%
Germany	6.8%
United States	6.0%
Portugal	4.4%

Recent Immigrant Place of Birth

No. of recent immigrants 1991-1996	
United Kingdom	460
Poland	8.7%
India	5.4%

United States	4.3%
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Knowledge of Official Languages

Pop. excluding institutional residents	42,245
English only	91.6%
French only	0.0%
Both English and French	8.0%
Neither English nor French	0.3%

Mother Tongue

Pop. with single response	41,930
English	89.3%
French	1.8%
Non-official language	9.0%

Ethnic Origin

Pop. excluding institutional residents	42,245
English	40.9%
Canadian	35.3%
Scottish	23.7%
Irish	20.3%
German	10.2%

Visible Minority

Visible minority population	1,195
Black	28.5%
South Asian	25.1%
Chinese	11.7%
Japanese	7.1%
Arab/West Asian	7.1%
Filipino	5.9%
Korean	5.9%
Latin American	5.0%
South-East Asian	1.3%
Multiple response	2.1%