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# **Report on Seniors**

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### Introduction

As the population in Halton ages, providing for the needs of seniors will become increasingly important to service providers. Statistics Canada defines seniors as those aged 65 and over. This report examines the population, housing, care, diversity, income, employment, education and health of seniors in Halton. It is a report within a series of nine reports that complete the *Halton Social Profile 1999*, produced by the Halton Social Planning Council.

Note that the census data only include institutional residents for age, sex, marital status and mother tongue data. All other census data do not include seniors who live in institutional collective dwellings; such as nursing homes, chronic care hospitals, and residences for senior citizens.

### Population 65+

#### Population Distribution

Eleven percent of the Halton population in 1996 is 65 years of age or older, an increase from 8.3% ten years earlier. This was an increase from 22,650 persons in 1986 to 37,435 persons in 1996. Within Halton, Burlington has the highest percentage of seniors in its population at 12.9%, followed by Oakville at 10.1%, Milton at 9.4% and Halton Hills at 9.1%.

Not only does Burlington have the highest proportion of seniors, but also it has the largest number of seniors. There are 17,650 seniors in Burlington, 12,915 in Oakville, 3,015 in Milton and 3,855 in Halton Hills.

## Population Growth

The population predictions in Table 1 are based on 1996 census data, percentage age breakdowns from the Ontario Ministry of Finance and the Region's report, *Best Planning Estimates of Population & Occupied Dwelling Units* (July 1997).

### HALTON POPULATION 65+ BY AGE GROUPS

	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-85	85-89	90+	Total 65+
1996	12,680	10,535	6,805	4,365	2,035	1,010	37,430
2001	14,127	11,764	8,790	5,255	2,827	1,099	43,862
2006	17,109	13,796	10,730	7,326	3,793	1,595	54,349
2011	22,854	16,524	12,516	8,940	5,360	2,206	68,400
2016	27,180	20,580	14,266	10,091	6,258	2,884	84,124

Source: Regional Municipality of Halton, Business Development Department.

- Table 1 Halton population 65+ by 5 year age breaks, actual 1996 and predicted 2001-2016

Similar to the rest of Canada, the population in Halton is ageing. The senior population is expected to increase more than any other age category over the next two decades. Between 1996 and 2016, the number of Halton residents who are 65 or older is expected to increase 124.8%. By 2016, it is expected that 15.6% of Halton's population will be within this age group, compared to 11.0% in 1996. The 90 and over age group is anticipated to increase the most at 185.5%. The next largest increase will be in the 85-89 year age group with an increase of 131.2%.

## Population by Age and Gender

Table 2 shows the Halton population 65 years of age and over in 1996 by gender and five-year age breaks.

### HALTON POPULATION 65+ BY GENDER AND AGE

	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	Total 65+
Male	6,170	4,660	2,835	1,660	860	16,185
Female	6,515	5,870	3,975	2,715	2,175	21,250
Total	12,685	10,530	6,810	4,375	3,035	37,435

Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census.

- Table 2 1996 Halton population 65+ by gender and five-year age breaks

The majority of seniors are female. In 1996, 56.8% of the population 65 and over are female and 43.2% are male. The gap between males and females increases with age.

The 85 and over age group consists of 71.7% female and only 28.3% male. Within Halton, the highest percentage of females 65 and older is in Milton at 57.4% and the lowest percentage is in Halton Hills at 56.0%.

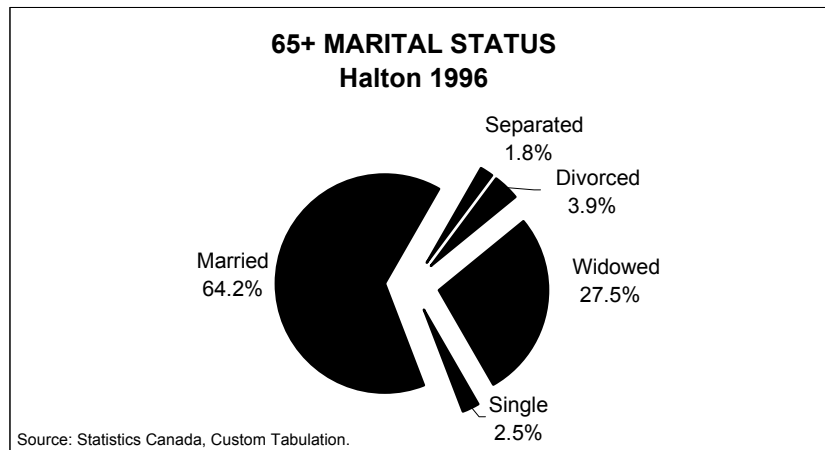
## **Implications**

- Since people are living longer and the population is ageing, the 65+ age group will become more important. Services for seniors will need to increase dramatically over the next few decades, especially in Burlington where the senior population is largest.
- Issues concerning elderly women will also become increasingly important since the majority of seniors are female.

## **Housing and Care**

### **Marital Status**

Figure 1 shows that in 1996, 64.2% of all seniors in Halton are married, 27.5% are widowed, 3.9% are divorced, 2.5% are single and 1.8% are separated. The percentages of seniors that are married and widowed are higher than the percentage for the total population 15 years old and over. The percentage of seniors that are single, separated and divorced is smaller than that for the general population.

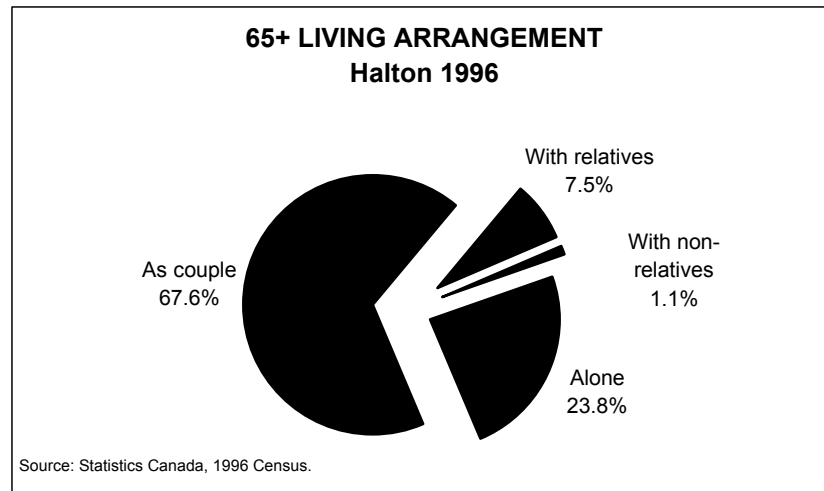


• Figure 1 1996 Halton population 65+ by marital status

In Halton, Oakville has the largest percentage of married seniors and Halton Hills has the lowest. While, Halton Hills has the highest percentage of widowed seniors and Oakville has the lowest.

### **Living Arrangement**

As seen in Figure 2, the majority (67.6%) of the population 65 and over in private households live as a couple. This increased from 1986 when 64.4% lived as a couple. In 1996, 23.8% of seniors live alone (8,430 persons). This decreased in percentage from 25.0% in 1986 but increased in number from 5,285 persons. The percentage of seniors living with relatives also decreased over the ten years from 9.3% in 1986 to 7.5% in 1996. The percentage of those living with non-relatives changed very little over the ten years with 1.4% in 1986 and 1.1% in 1996.



• Figure 2 1996 Halton population 65+ by living arrangement

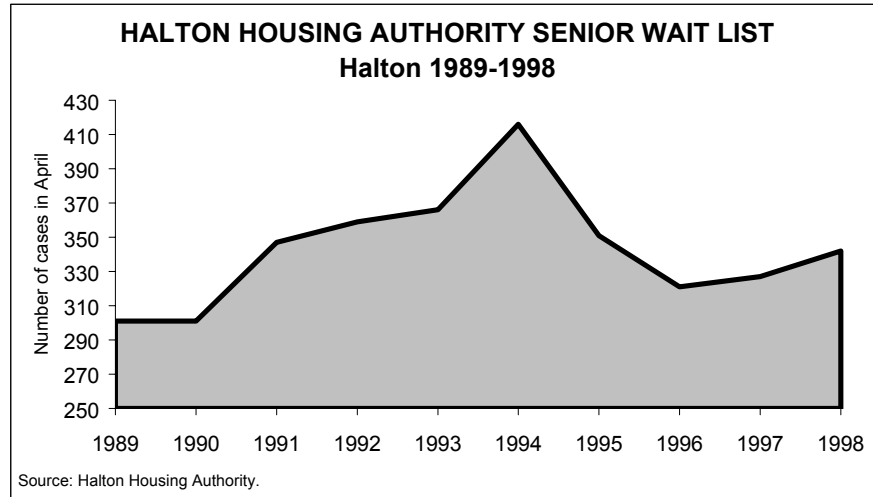
Within Halton in 1996, Oakville has the highest percentage of seniors living as a couple at 68.5% and Halton Hills has the lowest at 65.1%. Oakville also has the highest percentage living with relatives at 9.6% and Burlington has the lowest at 5.6%. Milton has the highest percentage living with non-relatives at 1.7% and Burlington again has the lowest at 1.0%. Burlington has the highest percentage of seniors living alone at 25.7% and Oakville has the lowest at 20.9%.

## Subsidized Housing

According to Halton Access to Community Housing's *The Halton Subsidized Housing Inventory Book* (July 1997), 38.3% of all subsidized housing units in Halton are for seniors. This means a housing stock of 1,828 subsidized units for seniors in Halton.

One of the largest providers of subsidized housing in Halton is the Halton Housing Authority. The Halton Housing Authority manages "rent geared to income" housing, owned by the Ontario Housing Corporation. Since the Halton Housing Authority provides half of the subsidized units for seniors, its waiting list shown in Figure 3 is an indicator of the need for subsidized housing in the region. Halton Housing Authority manages a total of 1,202 units in Halton. Most of the units are for seniors with 343 units for seniors in Burlington, 242 in Oakville, 215 in Halton Hills and 124 in Milton. The waiting lists are provided monthly by the Halton Housing Authority and show the total number of cases each month by municipality.





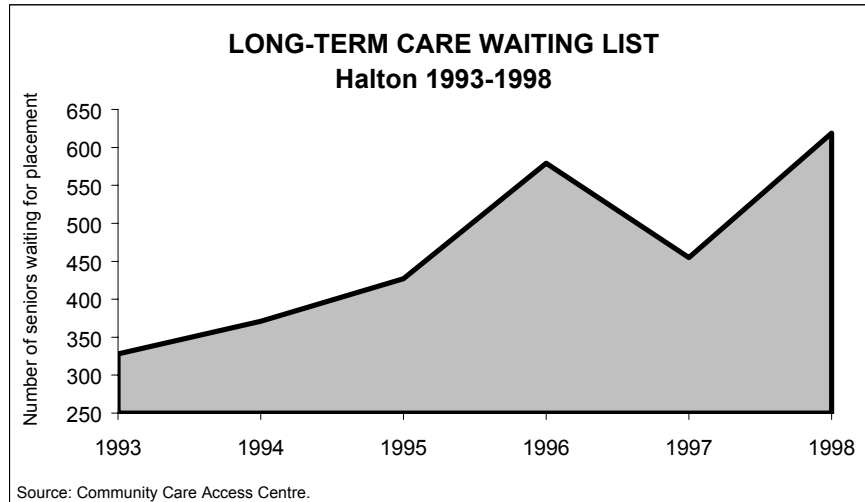
• Figure 3 Halton Housing Authority senior waiting list showing number of cases from 1989 to 1998

Seniors account for 35% of the total Halton Housing Authority waiting list between 1989 and 1998. The number of cases increased from 301 in 1989 to a peak of 416 in 1994 and decreased to 342 in 1998. However, since 1996 the number of cases on the wait list has been on the rise suggesting that the need for subsidized housing for seniors is increasing.

Of the municipalities in Halton, Burlington has the highest number of seniors on the wait list in all years except 1997 when Oakville, with the second largest number in all other years, has the highest. Halton Hills has the next largest number of seniors on the wait list in all years except 1990. In 1990, Milton and Halton Hills have the same number of cases. Milton has the least number of cases all other years.

## Long-term Care

The Community Care Access Centre keeps data on the number of seniors waiting to be placed in long-term care facilities. The number of seniors waiting for placement in homes for the aged increased from a monthly average of 328 in 1993 to 619 in 1998 as shown in Figure 4. The waiting list decreased briefly in 1997 to 455 persons when two new long-term care facilities opened.



• Figure 4 Long-term care waiting list in Halton from 1993 to 1998

## Unpaid Care for Seniors

Fifteen percent of the Halton population 15 years and older provide unpaid care to seniors in 1996. This includes care to family members in or outside the household, friends, or neighbours, but does not include voluntary work for an organization or community group. Of this 15.0%, 10.1% spend less than five hours, 2.9% spend 5 to 9 hours, and 2.0% spend 10 or more hours a week providing care. Halton Hills has the highest percentage of its population providing care to seniors at 15.8% and Oakville has the least at 14.0%. Burlington has the largest percentage that spend 10 or more hours a week caring for seniors at 2.2% and Oakville has the lowest at 1.8%.

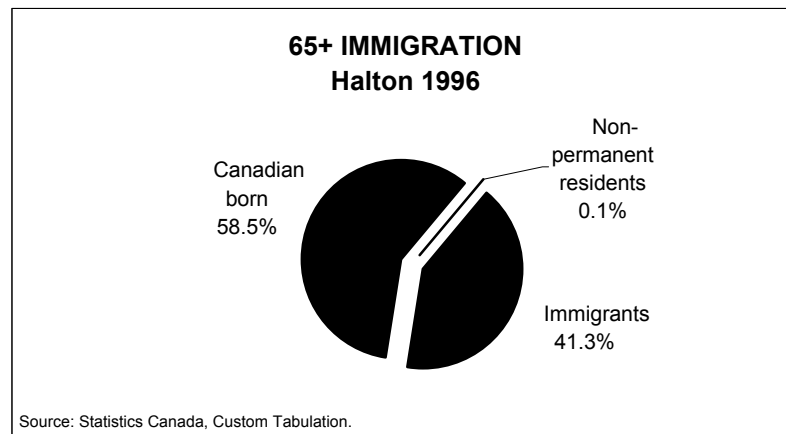
A larger percentage of females provide care to seniors than males. 17.4% of Halton females provide care and 12.4% of Halton males provide care to seniors.

## Implications

- As the population continues to grow, seniors will require more spaces in long-term care facilities and subsidized housing.

## Immigration

Figure 5 shows that in Halton, 58.9% of seniors are born in Canada (20,690 persons) and 41.3% are immigrants (14,615 persons). In Halton, Oakville has the largest percentage of immigrants at 46.6% and Halton Hills has the smallest percentage at 36.3%.



• Figure 5 1996 Halton population 65+ by immigration status

94.5% of Halton immigrants aged 65 and over, immigrated before 1986. Only 2.9% immigrated between 1986 and 1990 and 2.5% immigrated between 1990 and 1996. The largest percentage of immigrants that arrived after 1986 reside in Oakville at 8.3% compared with 4.2% in Burlington, 3.3% in Halton Hills and 2.1% in Milton.

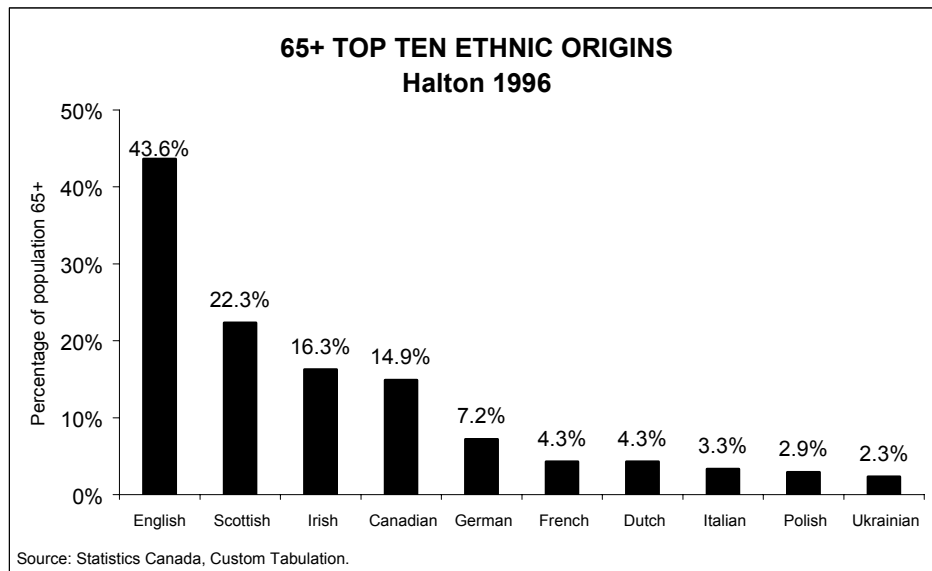
## Official Languages

In 1996, 93.1% of seniors in Halton has knowledge of English only, 0.1% has knowledge of French only, 4.8% has knowledge of both French and English and 2.0% has knowledge of neither official language. The percentage of seniors in Ontario with knowledge of neither official language is 6.5% and the percentage of seniors who are bilingual is 7.3%.

The percentage in Oakville with knowledge of neither English nor French is higher than the other municipalities in Halton at 4.4%. Oakville also has the highest bilingual population in Halton at 6.4%.

## Ethnic Origin

Figure 5 shows that in 1996 the largest percentage of seniors is of English origin at 43.6%. The next largest ethnic group in Halton is Scottish at 22.3%, followed by Irish at 16.3% and Canadian at 14.9%. Note that respondents are encouraged to indicate as many of their ethnic origins as possible, therefore, percentages add up to more than 100%. Other common ethnic origins indicated include German, French, Dutch, Italian, Polish and Ukrainian.



• Figure 6 1996 Halton population 65+ by ethnic origin

In Halton, Halton Hills has the largest percentage of English in its population and Oakville has the smallest. All of the municipalities have similar percentages of Scottish origins except Milton where the percentage is lower. Halton Hills has the largest percentage of Irish in its population and Burlington has the lowest. Milton has the highest percentage with Canadian origin and Oakville has the lowest.

## Visible Minority

In Halton, 2.9% of the population 65 and over stated that they belong to a visible minority. This is much lower than the province, which has 7.8% of seniors stating they are a visible minority. This is also much lower than the 6.7% that are visible minorities in Halton for all age categories combined.

The largest percentage, 31.4%, of seniors who belong to a visible minority in Halton stated they are South Asian. An additional 18.6% are Black and 16.2% are Chinese. All other visible minority groups account for fewer than 100 seniors each. Within Halton, Oakville has the highest percentage of visible minorities and Milton and Halton Hills both have the lowest.

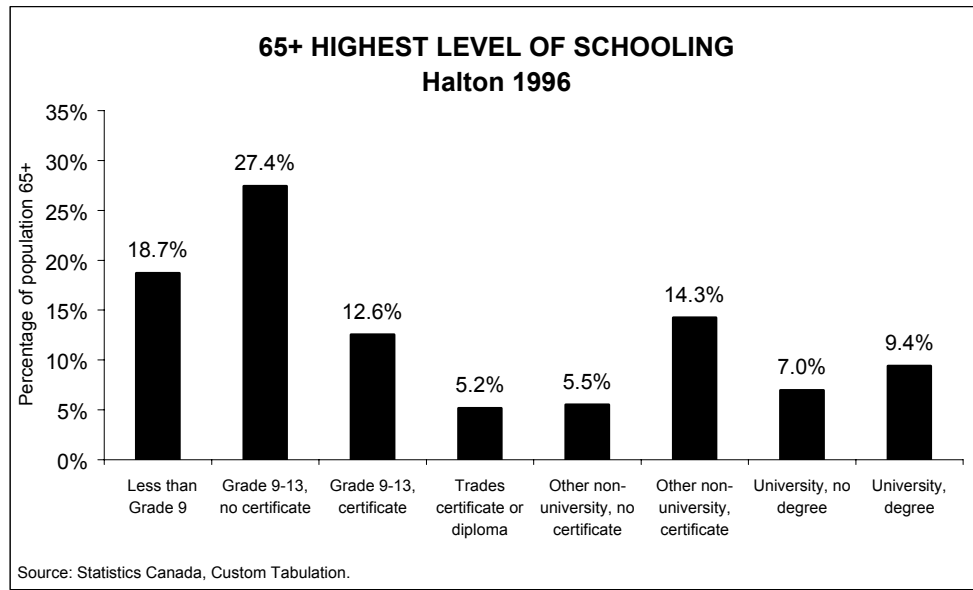
## **Implications**

- As Halton becomes more diverse and the population size grows, providing services for a diverse community will become a challenge. Compared with other age categories, seniors are less diverse, which may make it especially difficult for those that are a minority.
- Oakville is of special concern since it has the most diversity and immigrants that are more recent. Programs such as English as a Second Language will be important in lessening the isolation of seniors.
- Housing and long-term care providers for seniors will need to be aware of and accommodate the different cultural backgrounds of their residents.

## **Education**

### **Highest Level of Schooling**

Figure 7 illustrates that the highest level of schooling of the majority of seniors in Halton is a high school diploma or less. The largest percentage, 27.4%, of seniors attained an education level of grade 9 to 13 without a certificate. Compared with the other municipalities in Halton, Burlington has the lowest percentage of seniors with less than a grade nine education at 16.0% and Milton has the highest at 27.5%. Oakville has the highest percentage with a university degree at 11.7% and Halton Hills has the lowest at 4.6%.



• Figure 7 1996 Halton population 65+ by highest level of schooling

Compared with the total population 15 years of age and over, Halton seniors are more likely to have a trades certificate and are more likely to have not completed primary or secondary school. 46.1% of seniors attained less than grade nine or attained grade 9 to 13 without a diploma, whereas, only 24.7% of the total population 15 years and over did not complete high school. The general population is twice as likely to have a university degree and nearly one and half times more likely to have a non-university certificate. Overall, seniors have lower education levels than the general population 15 and over.

### **Post-secondary Qualifications**

Since most seniors did not continue their education past high school, few have post-secondary qualifications. In 1996, 41.9% of males 65 and older have a major field of study and only 26.4% of females have a major field of study.

Of those females 65 and over with post-secondary qualifications, 32.2% studied commerce, management and business administration. The second most common field of study for females is health professions, science and technology at 24.0%, followed by education, recreation and counselling at 15.3%.

For males 65 and over with post-secondary qualifications, the largest percentage studied engineering and applied science technologies and trades at 34.4%. The next most

common field of study is commerce, management and business administration at 20.8%, followed by engineering and applied science at 15.8%.

## **Implications**

- Service providers should be aware that the majority of seniors have lower education levels than the general population. This is especially true in the north of Halton and of females.

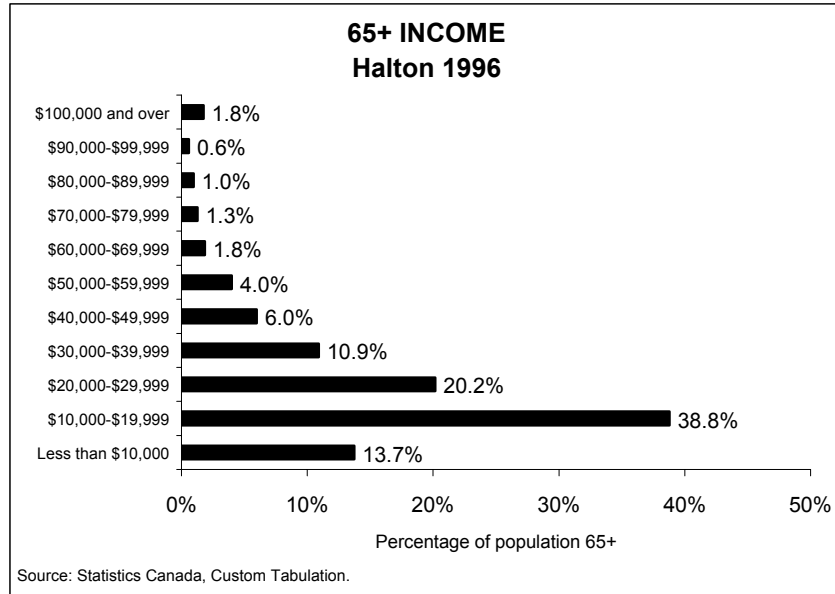
## **Employment and Income**

### **Employment**

In 1996, 10.7% of the population 65 and over in Halton is in the labour force (3,805 persons). Nearly all of the population 65 and over in the labour force is between the ages of 65 and 74. Within Halton, the highest percentage of seniors in the labour force is in Milton at 14.9% and the lowest is in Burlington at 9.6%. The unemployment rate for seniors in the labour force in Halton is 3.3%. Oakville has the highest unemployment rate for seniors in Halton at 5.2% and Milton has the lowest unemployment rate at zero percent.

### **Income**

In 1996, the majority of seniors (52.5%) have incomes less than \$20,000 a year. Within Halton, Oakville has the lowest percentage of seniors with incomes under \$20,000 at 49.4% and Halton Hills has the highest at 57.6%. Oakville has the highest percentage of seniors with incomes of \$50,000 or more at 13.4% and Halton Hills has the lowest at 6.6%. Seniors incomes are higher in the south of Halton than in the north. Figure 8 shows the percentage of seniors with incomes in each income category.



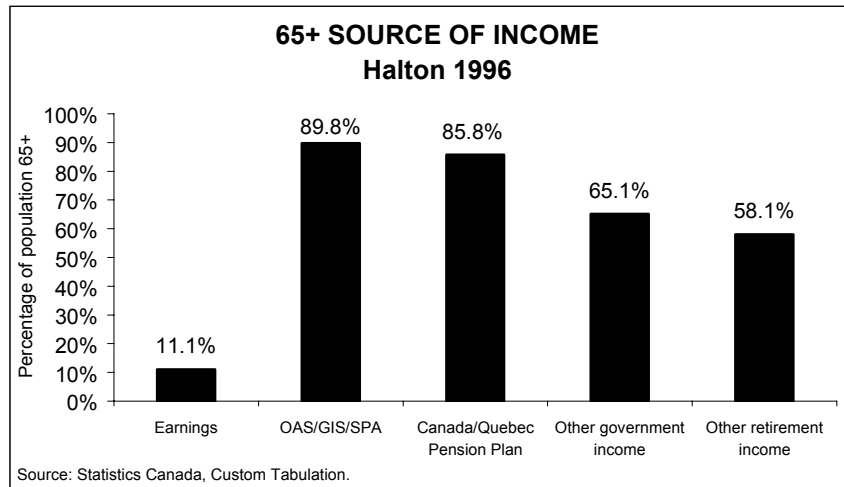
• Figure 8 1996 Halton population 65+ by income

In Halton, the average total income for seniors 65-74 years of age is \$28,356 and the average total income for seniors 75 and over is \$24,612 (including all individuals). Both average incomes for seniors are lower than that for all ages combined, which is \$35,108.

### Income Source

As shown in Figure 9, the largest income source for seniors is Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouses Allowance at 89.8%. The next largest income source at 85.8% is the Canada Pension Plan. Other sources of income are government at 65.1% and retirement income at 58.1%. Earnings account for the lowest proportion of seniors' incomes at 11.1%. Note that income sources do not add up to 100% because many seniors have more than one source of income.

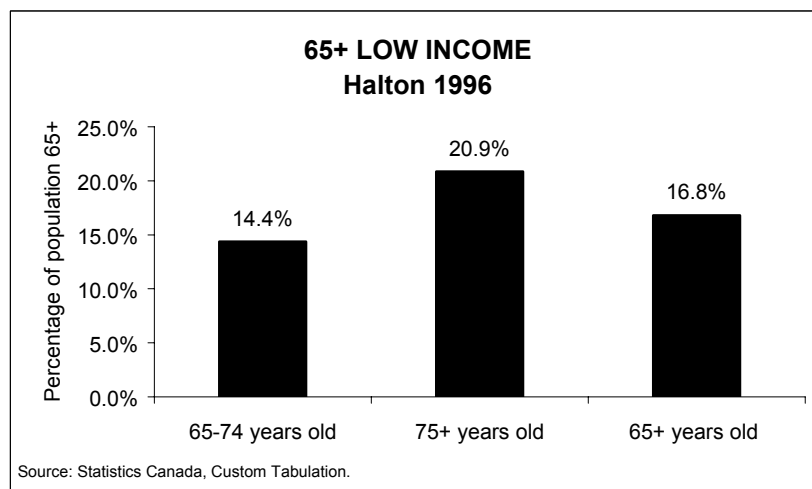




• Figure 9 1996 Halton population 65+ by source of income

## Low Income

Poverty among seniors in Ontario is a pressing issue with 16.8% of seniors living in poverty (using Statistics Canada's low income cut-off). In Halton, the percentage is a little lower with 14.7% of seniors living below the low-income cut-off (5,210 persons). However, this is much higher than the 9.3% for all ages combined in Halton. Poverty is also higher for those between the ages of 65 and 74 than for those over 74 years of age as seen in Figure 10.



• Figure 10 1996 population 65+ by incidence of low income

In Halton, Burlington has the highest poverty rate for seniors at 17.7%, followed by 14.4% in Oakville, 8.8% in Halton Hills and 5.9% in Milton.

## Implications

- Despite most seniors receiving government incomes, poverty among seniors is still an issue in Halton, especially in Burlington where the poverty rate is higher than the provincial poverty rate for seniors.
- The 65-74 year age group should be a major concern with one in five living in poverty.

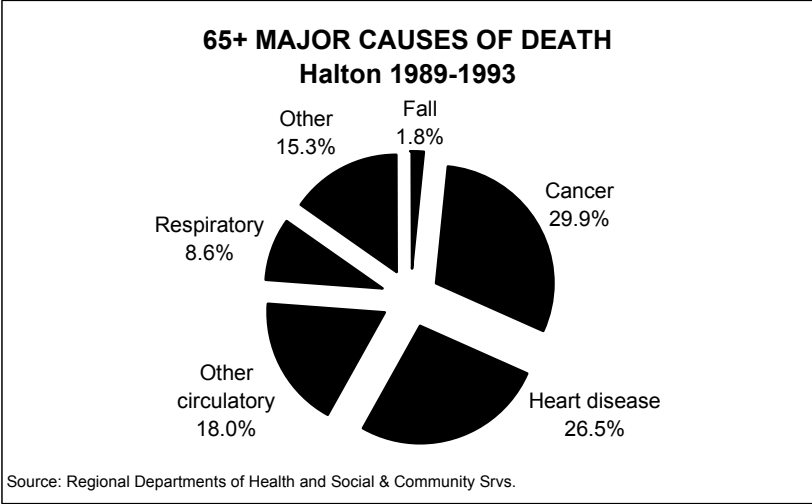
## Health

### Accidental Falls

The Regional Departments of Health and Social & Community Services provide data on injuries in their report, *Injuries to Halton Residents 1989 to 1993* (January 1996). Accidental falls are a common cause of injury to seniors. Seniors account for the majority of deaths from accidental falls (91%) with most being women 85 years of age and over (48%). Seniors also account for 48.2% of the hospital admissions from accidental falls (2,868 admissions). For seniors in Halton, the yearly rate per 1000 is highest for women 85 years of age and over at 77.7 and lowest for men 65-74 at 6.3. The average length of stay in the hospital from an accidental fall is higher for those 65 and over. The average length of stay for male seniors is 25.5 days and for female seniors is 24.8 days, whereas the average length of stay for all age categories combined is 14.6 days.

### Mortality

The Regional Departments of Health and Social & Community Services provide data on mortality in their report, *Mortality in Halton 1984 to 1993* (January 1997). The major cause of death for seniors in Halton is circulatory disease at 44.5%. This includes ischemic heart disease at 26.5% and cerebrovascular disease at 19.2% of all causes of death. Cancer is the second major cause of death at 29.9%. For males, the major causes of death from cancer are lung cancer at 9.7%, prostate cancer at 5.7% and colorectal cancer at 3.9%. For females, the most common cancers are breast cancer and lung cancer at 5.0% and 4.5% respectively. Respiratory problems account for 8.6% of all causes of death for seniors, with pneumonia accounting for 4.3% of this. Accidental falls account for 1.8% of all causes of death. The major causes of death are shown in Figure 11.



• Figure 11 65+ major causes of death in Halton from 1989 to 1998

For seniors, the average yearly mortality rate per 1000 is highest for males 80 years and above at 127.3 and lowest for females 65-69 years of age at 11.9.

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### Ontario Summary (1996 Census)

<b>Population</b>		Canadian origin	16.5%
Total 65+ population	1,334,090	Visible minority	7.8%
Percentage of total population	12.4%	Non-visible minority	92.2%
Male	42.2%	Knowledge of English only	85.4%
Female	57.8%	Knowledge of French only	0.8%
<b>Marital Status</b>		Know both English and French	7.3%
65+ population	1,242,090	Know neither English nor French	6.5%
Married	58.7%	<b>Education</b>	
Separated	2.0%	65+ population	1,240,280
Single	4.6%	Less than secondary certificate	68.9%
Divorced	4.0%	Secondary certificate	14.8%
Widowed	30.6%	Post-secondary certificate	16.3%
<b>Living Arrangement</b>		<b>Labour Force</b>	
65+ population	1,242,085	65+ population	1,240,280
As couple	63.1%	In labour force	8.8%
Alone	27.3%	Not in labour force	91.2%
With relatives	8.0%	<b>Income</b>	
With non-relatives	1.6%	65+ population	1,232,335
<b>Housing and Care</b>		Earnings	8.7%
Population 15+	8,429,210	OAS/GIS/SPA	89.4%
No hours of care	83.8%	CPP/QPP	81.5%
10+ hours of care	2.4%	Other government (including UI)	72.8%
<b>Diversity</b>		Other retirement	46.7%
65+ population	1,240,280	Low income	16.8%
Born in Canada	60.9%		
Immigrant	38.8%		
Non-permanent resident	0.3%		
English origin	33.1%		
Scottish origin	16.7%		

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### Halton Region Summary (1996 Census)

<b>Population</b>		Irish origin	16.3%
Total 65+ population	37,435	Visible minority	2.9%
Percentage of total population	11.0%	Non-visible minority	97.1%
Male	43.2%	Knowledge of English only	93.1%
Female	56.8%	Knowledge of French only	0.1%
<b>Marital Status</b>		Know both English and French	4.8%
65+ population	35,350	Know neither English nor French	2.0%
Married	64.2%	<b>Education</b>	
Separated	1.8%	65+ population	35,485
Single	2.5%	Less than grade nine	18.7%
Divorced	3.9%	Grade 9-13	40.0%
Widowed	27.5%	Trades	5.2%
<b>Living Arrangement</b>		Other non-university	19.8%
65+ population	35,340	University	16.4%
As couple	67.6%	<b>Labour Force</b>	
Alone	23.8%	65+ population	35,485
With relatives	7.5%	In labour force	10.7%
With non-relatives	1.1%	Not in labour force	89.3%
<b>Housing and Care</b>		<b>Income</b>	
HHA waitlist (1998)	342	65+ population	35,115
Long-term care waitlist (1998)	619	Earnings	11.1%
10+ hours of care	2.0%	OAS/GIS/SPA	89.8%
<b>Diversity</b>		CPP/QPP	85.8%
65+ population	35,350	Other government (including UI)	65.1%
Born in Canada	58.5%	Other retirement	58.1%
Immigrant	41.3%	Less than \$20,000	52.5%
Non-permanent resident	0.1%	\$20,000-\$50,000	37.1%
English origin	43.6%	More than \$50,000	10.5%
Scottish origin	22.3%	Low income	16.8%

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### Oakville Summary (1996 Census)

#### Population

Total 65+ population	12,915
Percentage of total population	10.1%
Male	43.6%
Female	56.4%

#### Marital Status

65+ population	12,150
Married	66.3%
Separated	1.5%
Single	2.5%
Divorced	4.1%
Widowed	25.6%

#### Living Arrangement

65+ population	12,150
As couple	68.5%
Alone	20.9%
With relatives	9.6%
With non-relatives	1.1%

#### Housing and Care

HHA waitlist (1998)	377
10+ hours of care	1.8%

#### Diversity

65+ population	12,150
Born in Canada	53.2%
Immigrant	46.6%
Non-permanent resident	0.1%
English origin	42.7%
Scottish origin	22.9%
Irish origin	16.5%

Canadian origin	13.7%
Visible minority	4.6%
Non-visible minority	95.4%
Knowledge of English only	89.1%
Knowledge of French only	0.2%
Know both English and French	6.4%
Know neither English nor French	4.4%

#### Education

65+ population	12,155
Less than grade nine	18.2%
Grade 9-13	37.0%
Trades	4.2%
Other non-university	20.7%
University	19.8%

#### Labour Force

65+ population	12,155
In labour force	11.1%
Not in labour force	88.9%

#### Income

65+ population	12,075
Earnings	11.8%
OAS/GIS/SPA	89.1%
CPP/QPP	84.9%
Other government (including UI)	65.1%
Other retirement	59.4%
Less than \$20,000	49.4%
\$20,000-\$50,000	37.2%
More than \$50,000	13.4%
Low income	14.4%

## Report on Seniors

### Burlington Summary (1996 Census)

#### Population

Total 65+ population	17,650
Percentage of total population	12.9%

Male	42.9%
Female	57.1%

#### Marital Status

65+ population	16,795
Married	64.2%
Separated	2.1%
Single	2.4%
Divorced	4.0%
Widowed	27.4%

#### Living Arrangement

65+ population	16,790
As couple	67.7%
Alone	25.7%
With relatives	5.6%
With non-relatives	1.0%

#### Housing and Care

HHA waitlist (1998)	362
10+ hours of care	2.2%

#### Diversity

65+ population	16,795
Born in Canada	60.5%
Immigrant	39.5%
Non-permanent resident	0.1%
English origin	44.0%
Scottish origin	22.3%
Irish origin	15.5%

Canadian origin	15.1%
Visible minority	2.3%
Non-visible minority	97.7%

Knowledge of English only	94.9%
Knowledge of French only	0.1%
Know both English and French	4.3%
Know neither English nor French	0.7%

#### Education

65+ population	16,870
Less than grade nine	16.0%
Grade 9-13	41.6%
Trades	5.6%
Other non-university	20.5%
University	16.3%

#### Labour Force

65+ population	16,870
In labour force	9.6%
Not in labour force	90.4%

#### Income

65+ population	16,670
Earnings	10.6%
OAS/GIS/SPA	90.4%
CPP/QPP	86.3%
Other government (including UI)	65.7%
Other retirement	59.4%
Less than \$20,000	53.2%
\$20,000-\$50,000	37.0%
More than \$50,000	9.7%
Low income	17.7%

## Report on Seniors

### Milton Summary (1996 Census)

#### Population

Total 65+ population	3,015
Percentage of total population	9.4%

Male	42.6%
Female	57.4%

#### Marital Status

65+ population	2,635
Married	61.5%
Separated	1.3%
Single	2.5%
Divorced	4.0%
Widowed	30.7%

#### Living Arrangement

65+ population	2,635
As couple	66.4%
Alone	23.3%
With relatives	8.7%
With non-relatives	1.7%

#### Housing and Care

HHA waitlist (1998)	42
10+ hours of care	1.9%

#### Diversity

65+ population	2,640
Born in Canada	63.3%
Immigrant	36.6%
Non-permanent resident	0.4%
English origin	43.4%
Scottish origin	18.8%
Irish origin	17.4%

Canadian origin	16.5%
Visible minority	1.1%
Non-visible minority	98.9%

Knowledge of English only	96.0%
Knowledge of French only	0.0%
Know both English and French	2.7%
Know neither English nor French	1.1%

#### Education

65+ population	2,655
Less than grade nine	27.5%
Grade 9-13	39.3%
Trades	5.5%
Other non-university	16.6%
University	11.1%

#### Labour Force

65+ population	2,655
In labour force	14.9%
Not in labour force	85.1%

#### Income

65+ population	2,655
Less than \$20,000	54.3%
\$20,000-\$50,000	38.5%
More than \$50,000	6.8%
Low income	5.9%



## Report on Seniors

### Halton Hills Summary (1996 Census)

#### Population

Total 65+ population	3,885
Percentage of total population	9.1%

Male	44.0%
Female	56.0%

#### Marital Status

65+ population	3,765
Married	60.0%
Separated	2.1%
Single	3.5%
Divorced	2.4%
Widowed	32.0%

#### Living Arrangement

65+ population	3,765
As couple	65.1%
Alone	25.5%
With relatives	8.4%
With non-relatives	1.1%

#### Housing and Care

HHA waitlist (1998)	116
10+ hours of care	1.9%

#### Diversity

65+ population	3,765
Born in Canada	63.7%
Immigrant	36.3%
Non-permanent resident	0.0%
English origin	44.9%
Scottish origin	22.8%
Irish origin	17.9%

Canadian origin	16.3%
Visible minority	1.1%
Non-visible minority	98.9%

Knowledge of English only	96.0%
Knowledge of French only	0.0%
Know both English and French	2.9%
Know neither English nor French	1.1%

#### Education

65+ population	3,805
Less than grade nine	26.0%
Grade 9-13	43.0%
Trades	6.2%
Other non-university	15.9%
University	9.1%

#### Labour Force

65+ population	3,805
In labour force	11.4%
Not in labour force	88.6%

#### Income

65+ population	3,805
Less than \$20,000	57.6%
\$20,000-\$50,000	35.9%
More than \$50,000	6.6%
Low income	8.8%