

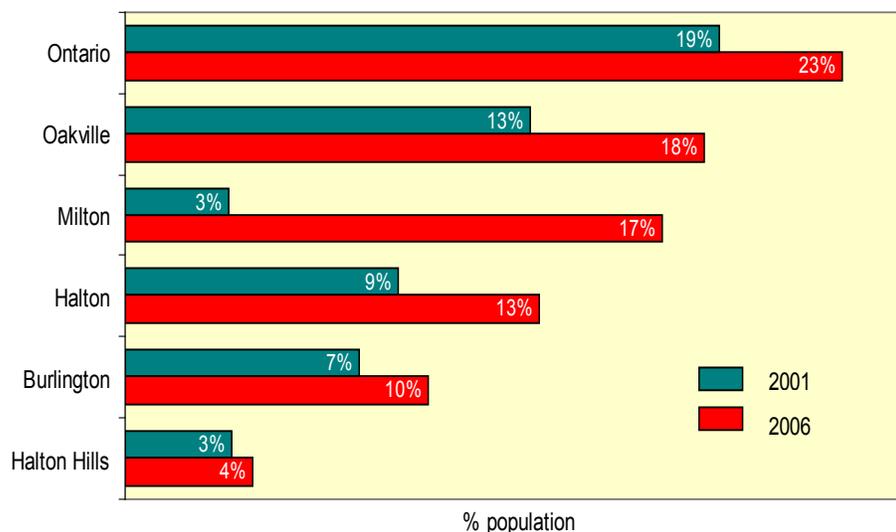
Visible Minority

In 2006, there were more than 5 million individuals who belonged to a visible minority group in Canada; they accounted for 16% of the total population. Visible minorities as defined in the Employment Equity Act are “persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.”

Although the proportion of Halton’s population that is made up of visible minorities is below the Ontario average (23%), the proportions for both Oakville and Milton are higher than the national average. Between 2001 and 2006, the region’s visible minority population increased by 76%. This was about four and half times faster than the 17% growth rate of the total population. In fact, the growth rates of the visible minority population in each of the area municipalities surpass those of the total population. The Town of Milton, the fastest-growing community in Canada, experienced a 780% increase of its visible minority population. It is now home to over 9,000 individuals of that population sub-group.



**Proportion of visible minority population
Region of Halton, 2001 and 2006**



Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 and 2006 Censuses

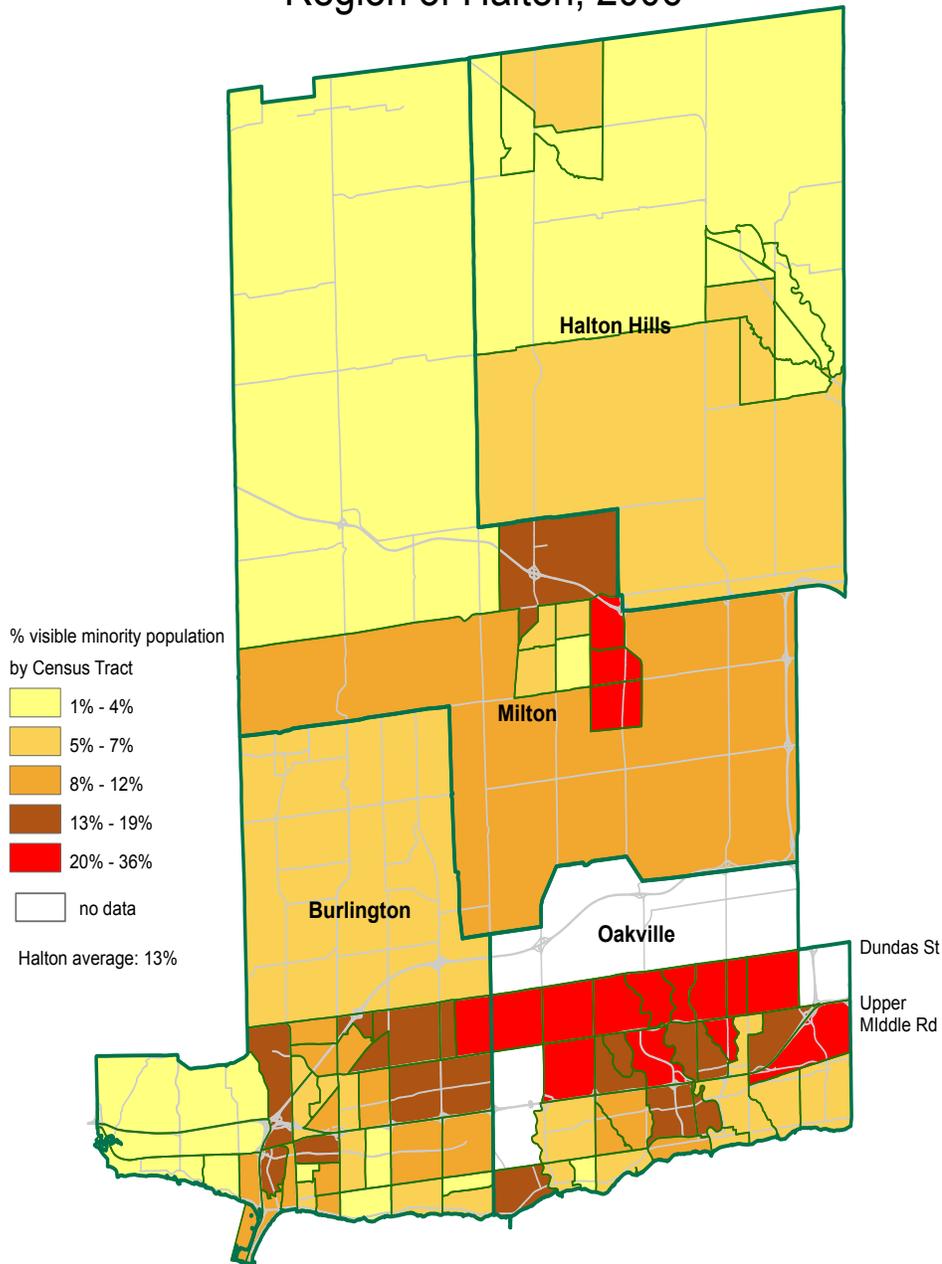
Between 2001 and 2006, the fastest growing visible minority group is Latin Americans (143%). The other two groups that have doubled in size are Korean (111%) and Southeast Asian (105%).

The visible minority population is also younger. For example, over one-quarter (26%) of the population is under the age of 15 as compared to 21% for the non-visible minority population. While 14% of the non-visible minority population is seniors, seniors account for only 6% of the visible minority groups.

Visible Minority Distribution

Over half (53%) of the region's visible minority population lives in the Town of Oakville. Most of them reside in a band of census tracts (shaded in red) between Dundas Street and Upper Middle Road. A census tract as established by Statistics Canada is a relatively permanent area with a population range of 2,500 to 8,000 and the greatest possible social and economic homogeneity.

Visible Minority Population Region of Halton, 2006



The dominant visible minority group is South Asian; it accounts for about one-third (32%) of the region's visible minority population. Over half of them (53%) live in the Town of Oakville. The Chinese and the Black populations represent about 15% and 14% of Halton's visible minority population respectively. Over 60% of the Chinese visible minority group live in the Town of Oakville.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census, DMTI Spatial

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