

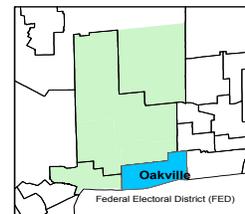
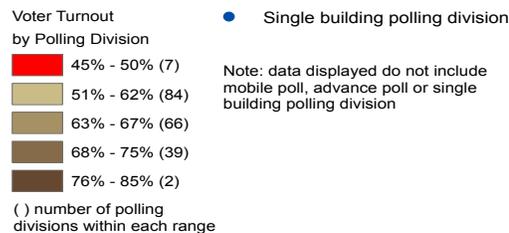
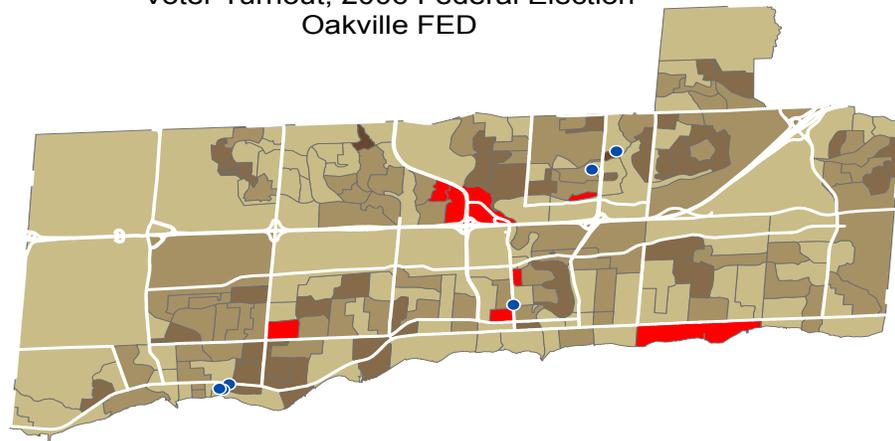
Voter Turnout – Oakville Federal Electoral District (FED)



Voting in a government election is an indication of citizens' interest and engagement in the political process. It also serves as a vehicle for citizens to voice their opinions on government policies and positions. In general, as indicated by voter turnout rates, Canadians are more engaged in federal elections than provincial/territorial and municipal elections.

Prior to the 2004 federal election, voters in the Halton Region were divided among four Federal Electoral Districts (FEDs), namely, Burlington, Halton, Oakville and Ancaster–Dundas–Flamborough–Aldershot. Following the Representation Order of 2003, not only have the boundaries of the FEDs changed, but part of the northern portion of the region became part of a new FED (Wellington-Halton Hills).

Voter Turnout, 2006 Federal Election
Oakville FED



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In the last federal election, held on January 23, 2006, over 70% of all eligible voters in the Halton Region cast their ballots. This was higher than the provincial average of 66.6%. The voter turnout was slightly higher in the urban FEDs than in those in the rural portion of the region.

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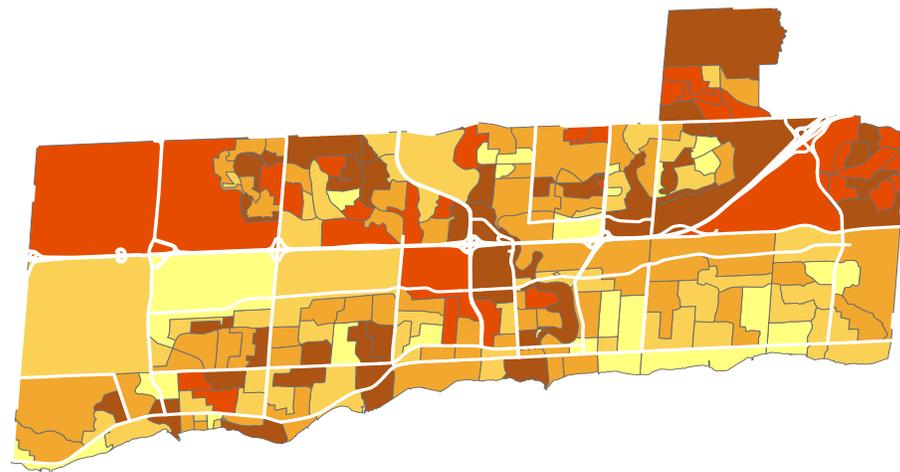
The voter turnout for Oakville FED was 72%; however, as shown on the first map, there were significant variations at the polling division level. A polling division has an average of 375 electors. A total of seven polling divisions (shaded in red) had a turnout rate of 50% or below; i.e., only half or fewer of the eligible voters cast their ballots in those polling divisions.

There were five polling divisions with above average turnout rate. One polling division had a turnout rate of 85% - almost nine out of 10 electors voted.

A single address that contains 150 to 400 electors has its own polling division (single building polling division). There were six single building polling divisions (blue dots). As a group, they had a higher turnout rate (77%) than the Oakville FED average. Two single buildings had a turnout rate of over 80%.

The candidate from the Liberal Party was elected. The elected candidate obtained over 25,800 votes representing, 43% of all ballots cast. There were 30 polling divisions (shaded in red on the map below) in which 50% or more of ballots cast were for that candidate.

Proportion of Votes Obtained by the Elected Candidate
2006 Federal Election, Oakville FED



% voted obtained
by Polling Division

27% - 37%	(26)
38% - 42%	(44)
43% - 46%	(59)
47% - 49%	(39)
50% - 60%	(30)

() number of polling divisions within each range

Note: data displayed do not include mobile poll, advance poll or single building polling division

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