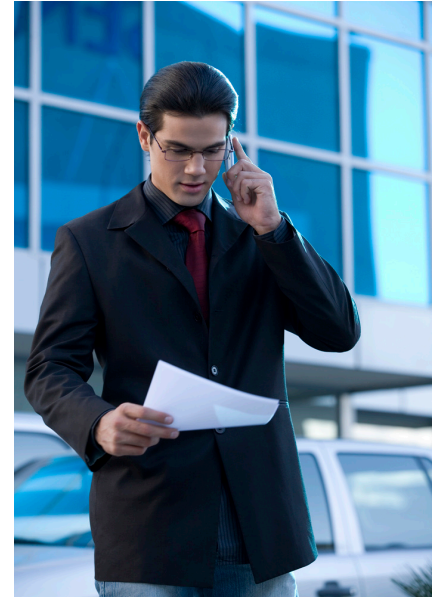


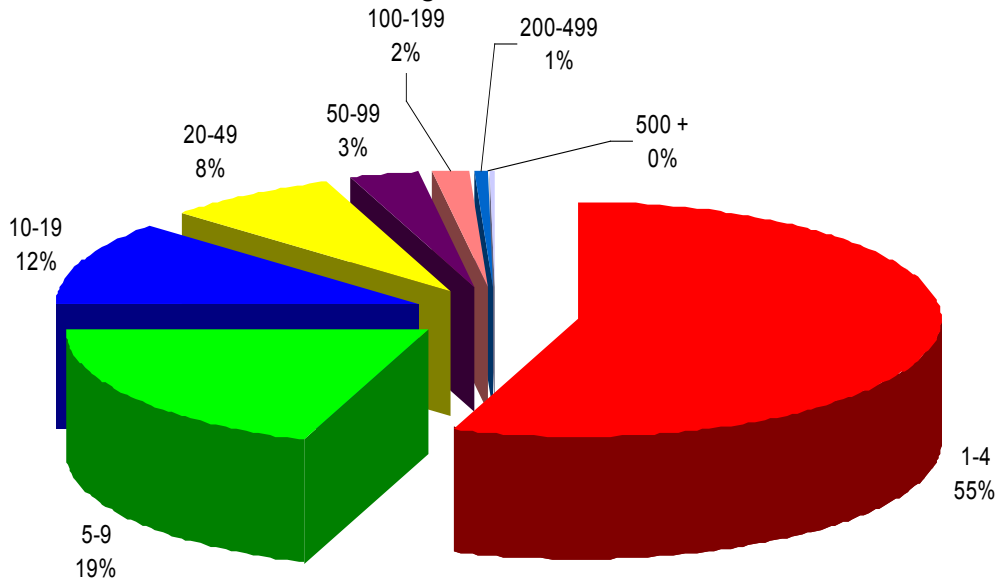
Business Establishments (December 2008)

In December, 2008, there were over 37,000 business establishments operating in Halton. The number of business establishments is derived from the information on business number registration collected by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). It includes all Canadian businesses which meet at least one of the three criteria: submit an employee payroll to CRA; have a minimum of \$30,000 annual sales revenue; or are incorporated under a federal or provincial act and have filed a federal corporate income tax form within the past three years.

About 59% of the business establishments in Halton are self-employed operations which do not maintain an employee payroll, but may have a workforce which consists of contracted workers, family members or business owners. The other 41% of the business establishments in Halton can be assigned to employment size ranges based on employment size estimates derived from payroll remittance data.



**Proportion of business establishments by employment size
Halton Region, December 2008**



Over 97% of the business establishments which have fewer than 100 employees are considered as small business according to Industry Canada's definition. Over half (57%) of the small businesses with less than five employees are micro-enterprises. Small businesses in both urban municipalities are geographically dispersed with no noticeable clusters in any location.

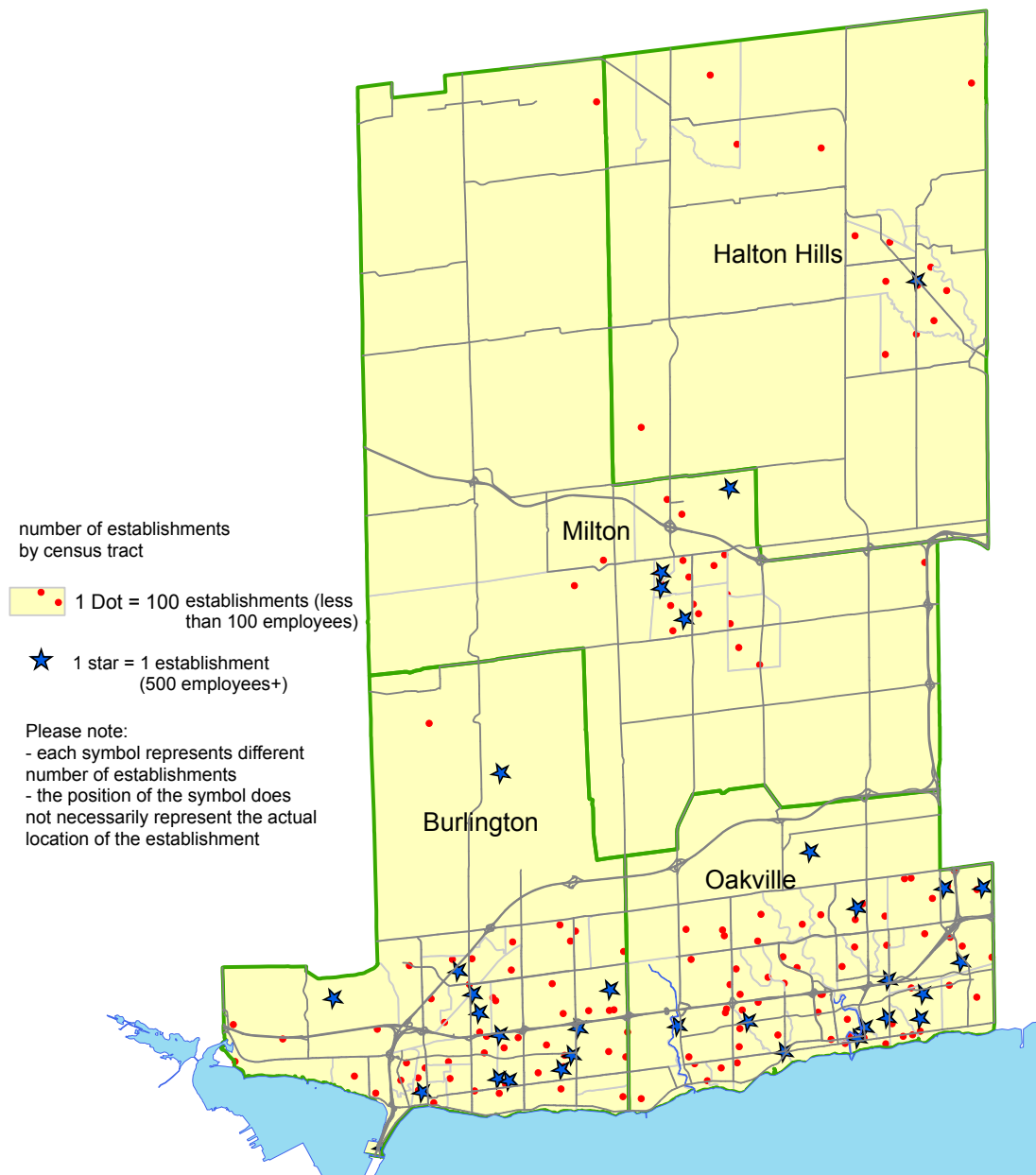
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Employment Size

Large business refers to establishments with 500 or more employees and they account for about 0.2% of the total business establishments in Halton. There were 34 large businesses in the region. Twenty-eight are located in Oakville (14) and Burlington (14). Unlike the small businesses, there are some clusters of large business establishments in the two urban municipalities (Burlington and Oakville), and in the Town of Milton.

Business establishments by selected employment size, Halton Region, December 2008



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