

Working Seniors: Male and Female Working Seniors

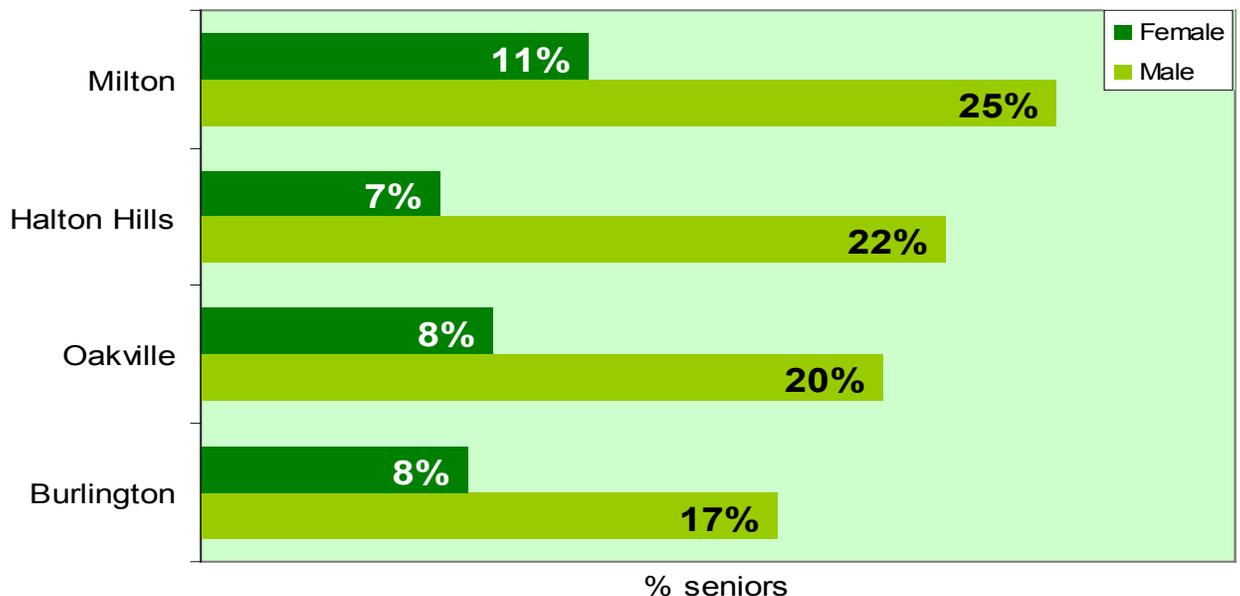


The number and proportion of Canadians still working after age 65 are growing. In 1996, over one-quarter million (255,200) of seniors were employed, accounting for 7.7% of the senior population. In 2006, the number of working seniors reached 421,000 representing almost 1 in 10 seniors (9.7%).

In Halton, there were over 7,000 working seniors in 2006. The proportion of working seniors is higher than the Canadian average. One in eight seniors (13%) continues to stay in the work force. Almost two-thirds (64%) of the working seniors were men. One in five (19.5%) male seniors worked compared to less than one in ten (9%) female seniors.

The employment rates of working seniors vary among the four local municipalities and between the genders. The rural municipalities have a higher proportion of male working seniors. In the Town of Milton, 25% of male seniors were employed compared to 11% for female seniors. The City of Burlington has the lowest employment rate for male seniors.

Proportion of working seniors by municipality and by sex, Halton Region 2006



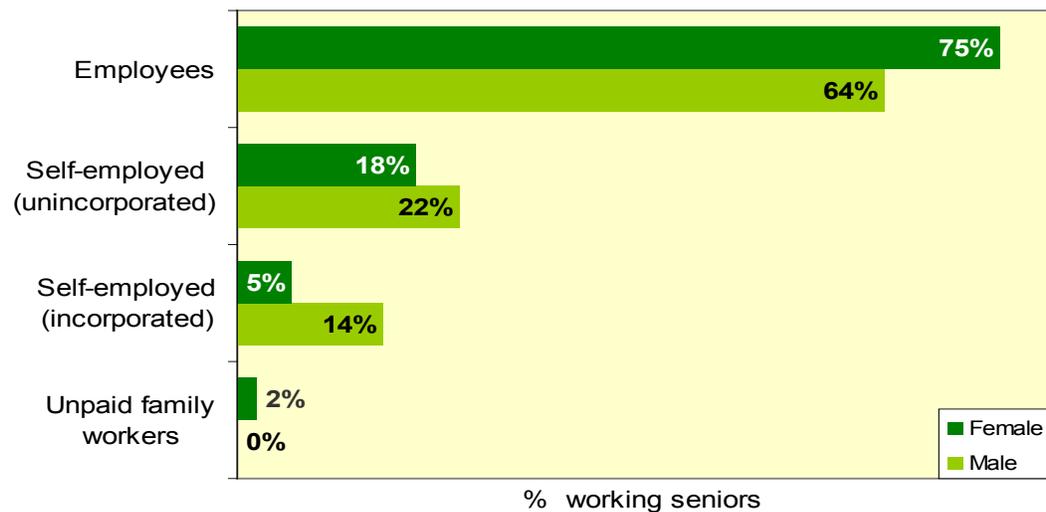
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Working Seniors: Class of Workers

Over two-thirds (67%) of the working seniors are employees, who worked mainly for wages, salaries, commissions, tips, piece-rates, or payments 'in kind'. Three in four female working seniors were employees.

About 30% of the working seniors were self-employed in an incorporated or unincorporated business. Over one-third (36%) of male working seniors and less than one-quarter (23%) of female working seniors worked for themselves.

Proportion of working seniors by class of workers and by sex, Halton Region, 2006



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Working Seniors: Work Activity

Slightly less than half (49%) of the working seniors worked mostly full time in 2005. They worked 30 hours or more per week. Over 2 in 3 (67%) full time working seniors worked the full year (49-52 weeks). On the other hand, over 1 in 3 (35%) part time working seniors worked the full year. They worked less than 30 hours weekly. Over half (58%) of the male working seniors worked full time as compared to only 33% for female working seniors.