

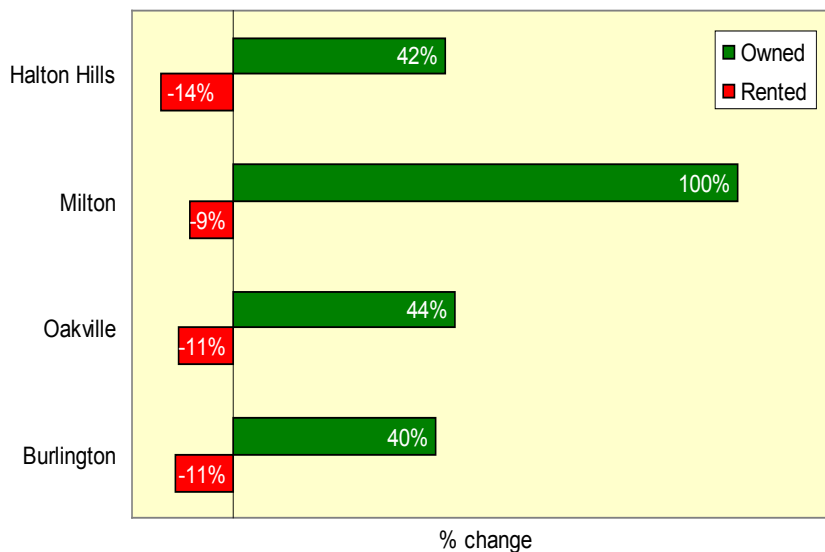
Dwelling Units and Tenure

In the last decade (1996-2006), the total number of occupied dwelling units in Halton increased by 33%, which is higher than the population growth rate (29%). However, the increase is not evenly proportioned between rented and owned dwelling units. All the growth was in occupied owned dwelling units which experienced a 47% increase. By contrast, the number of occupied rented dwellings decreased by 12%, shrinking from 30,000 to 26,400 units.

This phenomenon reflects the continuous upward trend of home ownership across the nation. The proportion of occupied owned dwellings in Halton increased from 75% in 1996 to 83% in 2006. The Town of Milton has the highest home ownership rate at 88% as compared to 80% for the City of Burlington.



Change in Occupied Owned/Rented Dwelling Units (1996-2006), Region of Halton



Source: Statistics Canada, 1996, 2006 Census

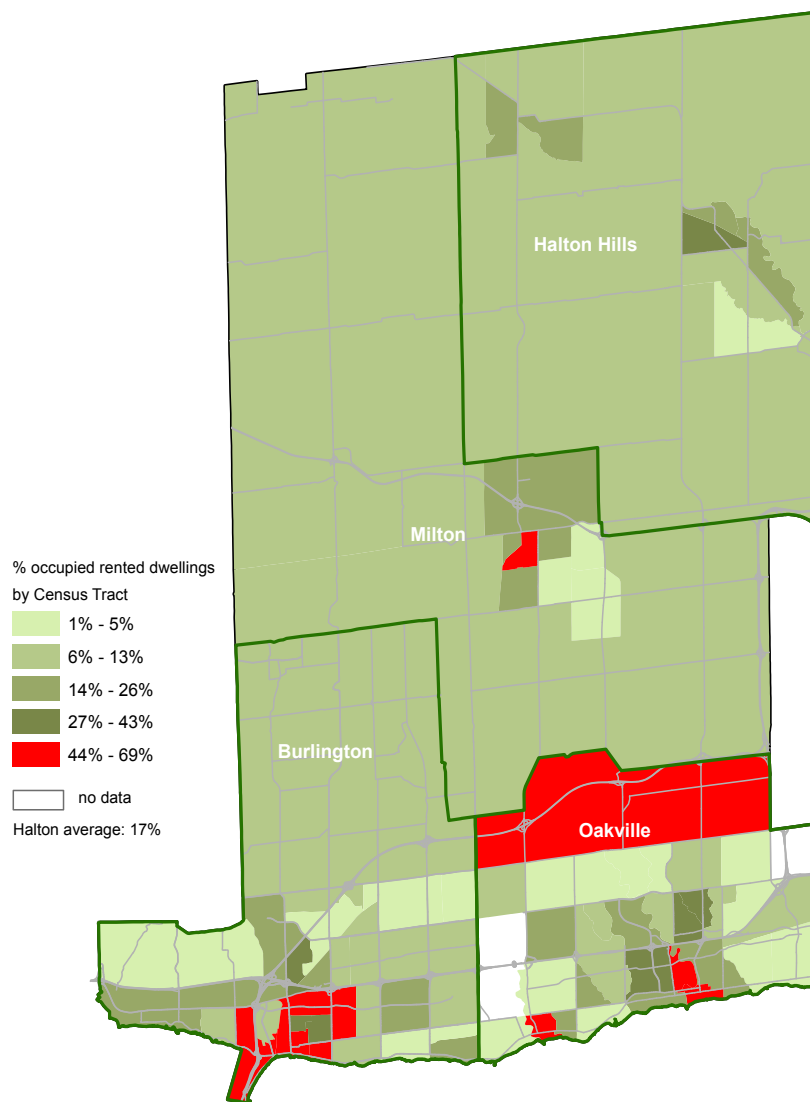
The Town of Milton has doubled the number of occupied owned dwellings from about 8,100 units to over 16,000 units. Each of the other three municipalities experienced an increase of 40% or more. At the same time, the number of occupied rented dwellings has decreased in all municipalities. The City of Burlington, which had about half (48.6%) of all occupied rented dwellings in the region in 1996, had lost 1,600 of these units by 2006.

Rented Dwellings

The map shows a more detailed geographic distribution of occupied rented dwellings by census tract. 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.

In 2006, the census tracts with higher proportions of occupied rented dwellings (shaded in red) are located in the more established areas within the municipalities, with the exception of one very large census tract in north Oakville. This census tract has a high proportion (47%) of rented dwellings among its 170 dwelling units. Almost half of the occupied dwellings in the inner city of Burlington are rental units. One of these census tracts has the highest proportion (69%) of rented dwellings in Burlington.

Proportion of Occupied Rented Dwellings
Region of Halton, 2006



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census, DMTI Spatial

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