

Voter Turnout – Town of Halton Hills, 2010 Municipal Election

Voter turnout in elections is often used as a measure of citizen’s engagement and interest in the political process. In the past few decades, we are witnessing a declining trend in voter turnout at the federal, provincial and municipal elections. In general, the municipal election has the lowest turnout rate. Efforts are being made to engage more citizens to exercise their rights and responsibilities to vote.



In the recent municipal election (October 25, 2010), the Town of Halton Hills recorded a turnout rate of 25.5%, the lowest among the local municipalities in Halton Region. About one in four of the eligible voters cast a ballot.

2010 Municipal Election, Halton Region

	Voter Turnout
Burlington	37.6%
Halton Hills	25.5%
Milton	32.6%
Oakville	40.0%

There were about 40,200 eligible voters of which 4.4% cast their ballots in advance polls. The town was divided geographically into 17 polling subdivisions with the number of voters ranging from 1,700 to 3,000. The voter turnout rate at the subdivision level varied from 12.5% to 29.5%.

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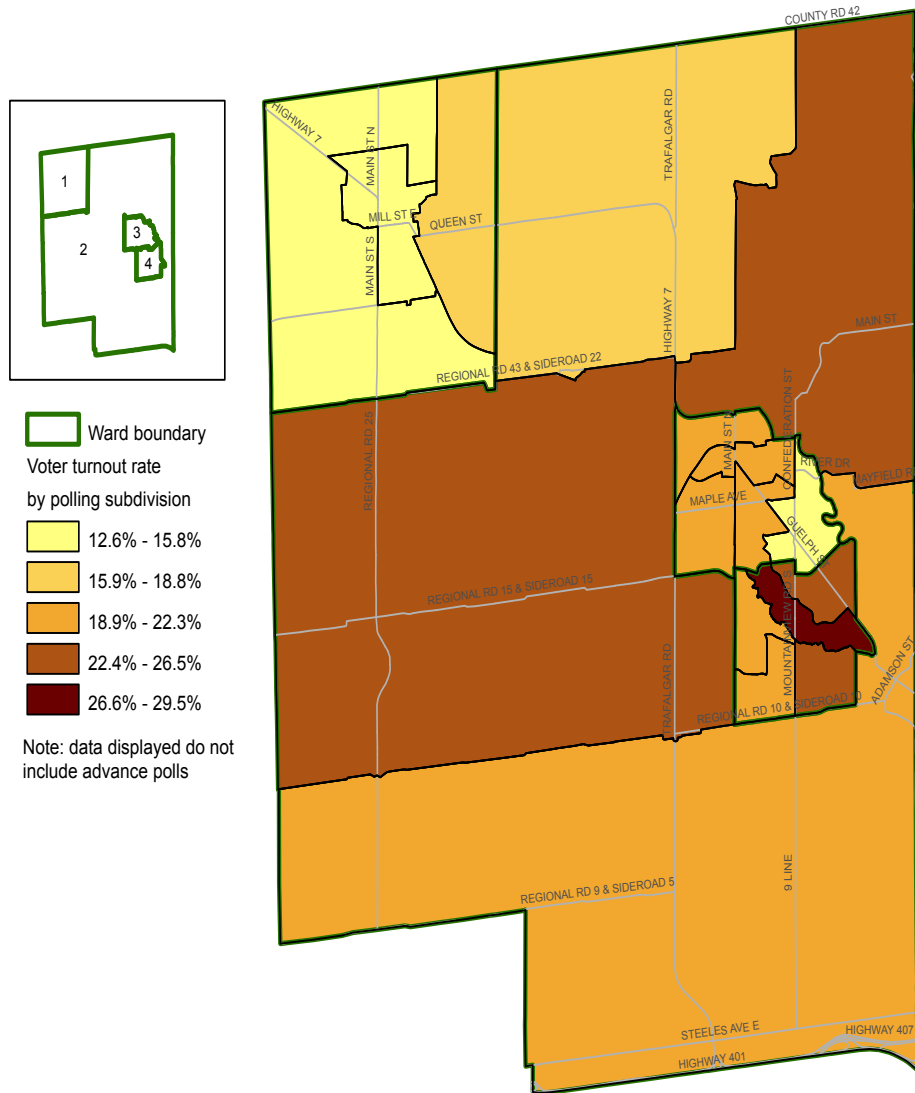
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Ward 1	14.9%
Ward 2	23.0%
Ward 3	20.5%
Ward 4	24.3%

Source: Town of Halton Hills

All three polling subdivisions in Ward 1 recorded turnout rates between 13% and 17%. The low rates could be the result of the acclamation of both the ward's area councillor and regional councillor in addition to the town's mayor.

Ward 4 had the highest voter turnout rate at 24.3%. One of its polling subdivisions also recorded the highest rate at 29.5%.

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