

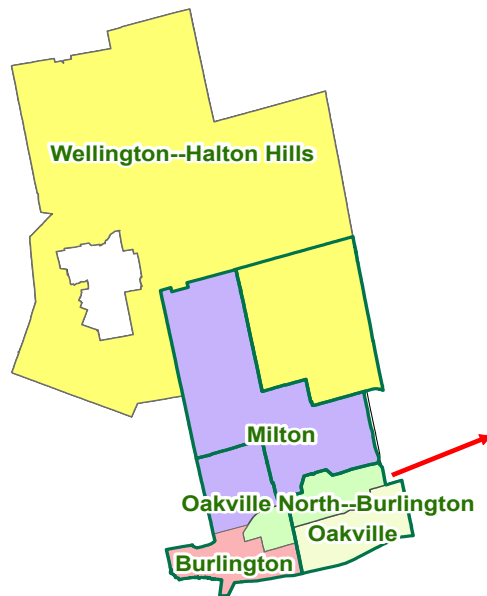
2015 Federal General Election

On October 19, 2015, Canadians will go the polls to elect a new federal government. The last federal election was held on May 2, 2011. In October 2013, Elections Canada completed the redistribution of population and naming of Federal Electoral Districts (FEDs) to reflect the changes and movements in Canada's population since 2003. FED is also commonly referred to as a riding.



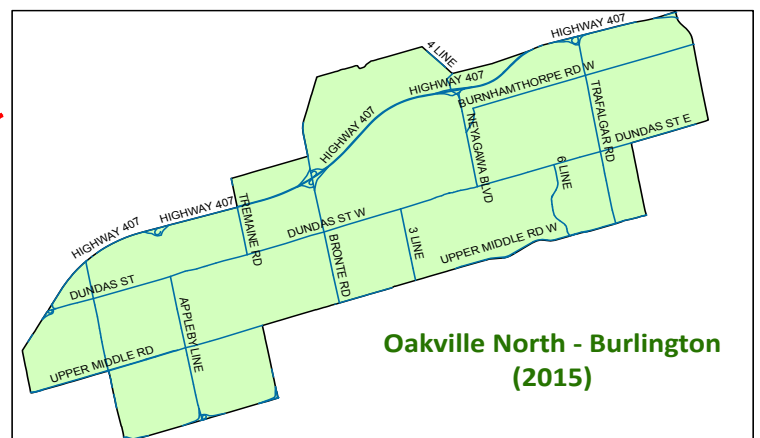
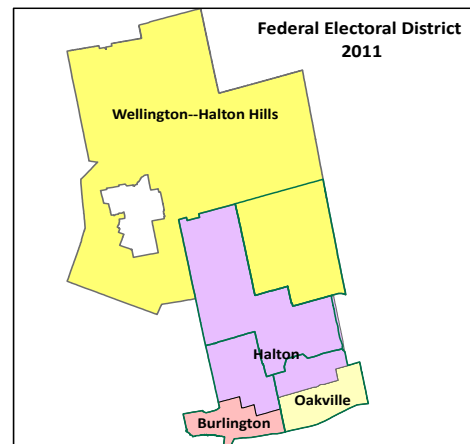
In Halton Region, the population of the former Halton riding was redistributed into two new ridings (Milton and Oakville North-Burlington). In addition, Elections Canada also determined the number of votes that each political party at the last general election (2011) would have obtained according to the new riding boundaries. This Community Lens provides some key demographics, percentage of votes cast and voter turnout statistics for each of the ridings in Halton Region.

Federal Electoral District (FED) 2015



Municipal boundary

Source: Elections Canada



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The Burlington riding has the highest proportion of seniors (20.2%). Its median age (44.8 years) is higher than the provincial average and those in the other four ridings in Halton. Although it has a higher median household income than Ontario, it is lowest in Halton. Milton riding has the highest proportion (29.7%) of visible minority followed by Oakville North–Burlington. Almost one in ten (9%) residents in Oakville lived in low income.

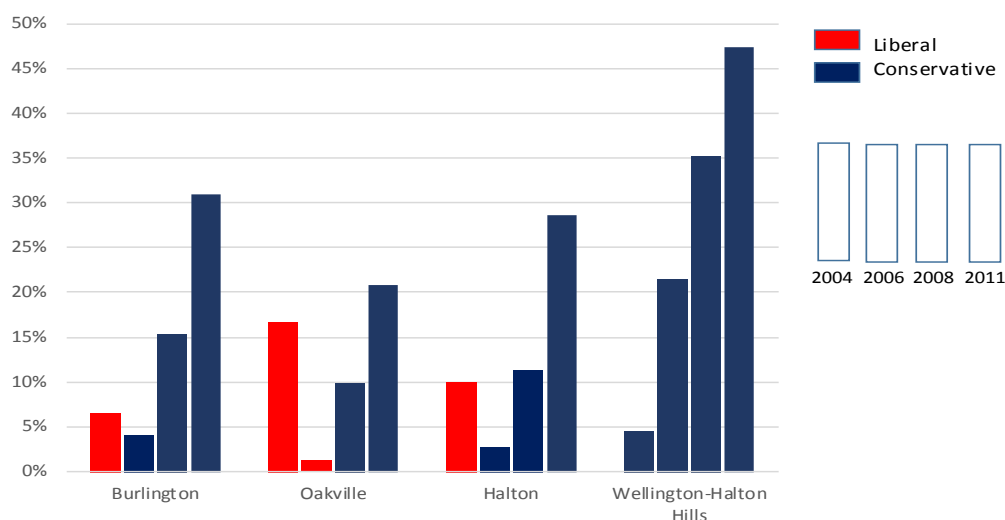
FED (2015)	Burlington	Oakville	Oakville North - Burlington	Milton	Wellington – Halton Hills	Ontario
Population (2011)*	120,570	119,645	114,385	88,060	115,880	12,851,821
Median Age*	44.8	42.6	36.4	34.4	41.6	40.4
% seniors *	20.2	15.7	8.2	8.1	13.8	14.6
Median Household Income (2010)**	\$74,994	\$96,010	\$105,875	\$96,799	\$89,666	\$66,358
Recent Immigrants**	2,240	4,475	4,265	3,190	670	501,060
% visible minority **	9.1	19.6	24.2	29.7	3.8	25.9
% low income population **	8.1	9.0	7.3	6.8	6.1	13.9
Voter Turnout (2011)	66.5%	68%	61.7% (for Halton FED)	66.2%	61.1%	61.1%

Source: Elections Canada, Statistics Canada, *2011 Census and **2011 National Household Survey (NHS).

Note: In 2011, Statistics Canada replaced the mandatory long-form census with a voluntary National Household Survey (NHS). The change in data collection methodology has resulted in low response rate and non-response bias. Statistics Canada warns data users not to compare NHS data with other census data due to different data collection methodology.

In the 2011 federal election, the voter turnout rates for the four ridings were higher than the provincial average of 61.1%. The Conservatives captured the highest percentage of votes in all four ridings. Its candidate in Wellington-Halton Hills distanced the second candidate by over 47% of the votes. On the other hand, the first candidates of the Liberals in three ridings (Oakville, Burlington and Halton) in the 2004 election led the second candidates by 7 to 17% of the votes.

% difference between votes obtained by first and second candidates



Source: Elections Canada

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