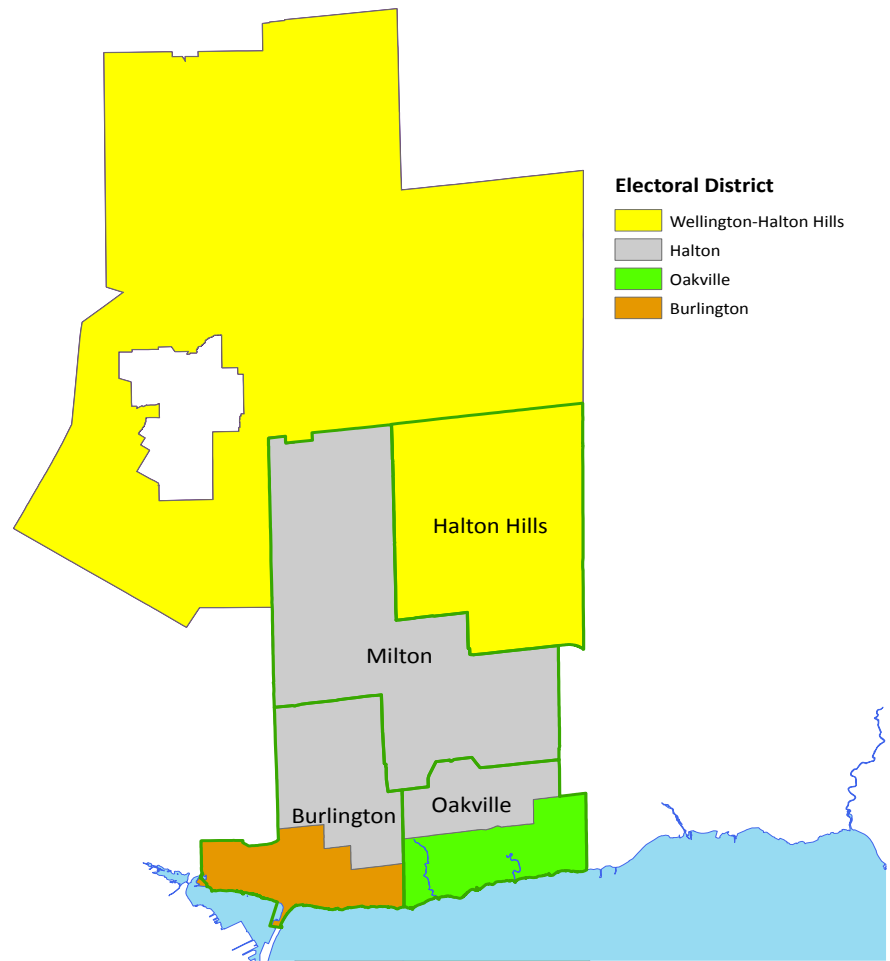## 2014 Ontario General Election

On June 12, 2014, Ontarians will go to the poll to elect a new provincial government. The last provincial election was held on October 6, 2011. This Community Lens provides some key socio-demographic and voter turnout statistics for each of the Electoral Districts (EDs) in Halton Region.

There are four EDs or ridings in Halton Region. As illustrated in the map, three of the ridings (Halton, Oakville and Burlington) fall completely within the regional boundary. The Town of Halton Hills is part of the Wellington-Halton Hills riding. Both northern Burlington and Oakville form part of the Halton riding.[1]

The Halton riding, which includes the Town of Milton, has the highest population counts, lowest median age, highest median family income and the smallest percentage of seniors (8.1%). It also has the highest proportion of visible minority population (26.2%) within Halton. The Oakville riding which includes most of the area south of Upper Middle Road with the second highest median household income also has the highest prevalence of low income (9%) for all persons. The Burlington riding has the highest proportion of seniors (20%) and the lowest median household income.

Ontario Electoral District
Halton Region, 2014

Electoral District
- Wellington-Halton Hills
- Halton
- Oakville
- Burlington

Source: Elections Ontario, Statistics Canada

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1 For details of the ED boundaries, go to http://www.elections.on.ca/

In the 2011 provincial election, with the exception of the Halton riding, voter turnout was higher than the provincial average of 48.2%. Over half of the eligible voters in Burlington riding, Oakville riding and Wellington-Halton Hills riding cast their ballots.

The percentage of votes cast for the Progressive Conservative (PC) Party in all four ridings are higher than the provincial average of 35.4%. The Wellington-Halton Hills riding was the highest at 55.6%. Over half of the eligible voters voted for the PCs. On the other hand, nearly half of the voters in the Oakville riding voted for the Liberal Party. The percentage of votes for the Liberal Party for the Burlington riding and the Wellington-Halton Hills riding were below the provincial average of 37.3%.

Although the Burlington riding had the highest percentage of votes for the New Democratic Party among the ridings in Halton, that percentage was below the provincial average. The Wellington-Halton Hills riding had the highest percentage of votes for the Green Party and was also higher than the provincial average.

Electoral District (ED)	Burlington	Oakville	Halton	Wellington-Halton Hills	Ontario
Population (2011)	119,615	119,649	203,437	115,880	12,851,821
Median age*	44.9	42.6	35.4	41.6	40.4
% seniors*	20.2	15.7	8.1	13.8	14.6
Median Household Income**	$74,994	$96,010	$101,197	$89,666	$66,358
Recent immigrants**	2,240	4,475	7,465	670	501,060
% visible minority population**	9.1	19.6	26.2	3.8	25.9
% in low income (LIM after-tax) - all persons[2]**	8.1	9.0	7.1	6.1	13.9
Voter turnout (2011 Ontario election)	54.8%	52.7%	46.0%	51.1%	48.2%
% votes cast (Progressive Conservative)	40.41	37.95	44.47	55.62	35.4
% votes cast (Liberal)	36.07	48.09	39.13	26.83	37.7
% votes cast (New Democratic)	18.87	10.24	13.15	14.45	22.7
% votes cast (Green)	2.27	1.94	2.18	3.10	2.9
Number of Candidates	7	7	7	4	656

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

[2] For the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS), low-income statistics are presented based on the after-tax low-income measure (LIM-AT). This measure is not related to the low-income cut-offs (LICO) presented in the 2006 Census and prevalence rates are conceptually not comparable. Because of the sensitivity of certain income indicators to differences in methodology and response patterns, direct comparisons to establish trends with low-income estimates from other household surveys, administrative programs or the 2006 Census are discouraged.