

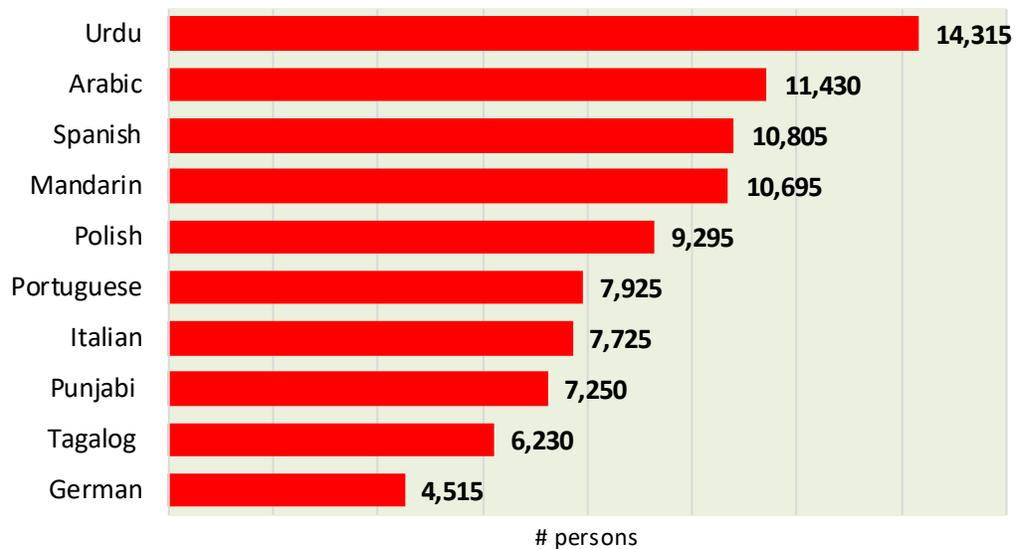
Halton's Mother Tongues

Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time the data was collected. In 2016, over one in five (21%) Canadians spoke a mother tongue other than English or French. Statistics Canada defines languages other than English, French and Aboriginal languages as immigrant languages. Within two decades, the immigrant mother tongue population grew almost three times faster than the total population. Not only are more people speaking immigrant languages but also more immigrant languages are being spoken.

Halton's immigrant mother tongue population has also tripled since 1996. In 2016, over one in four (27.2%) residents spoke an immigrant language. This percentage is higher than the national average. The immigrant mother tongues spoken by 10,000 or more people in Halton are Urdu, Arabic, Spanish and Mandarin.

Although, each of the top four immigrant language population groups has a presence in almost every neighbourhood (Census Tract¹), there are clusters of neighbourhoods with higher number of residents speaking immigrant languages. For example, over two-thirds (68%) of Halton's Urdu speaking population reside in the new subdivisions of Milton. Arabic speaking population clusters in Milton as well as northern Oakville and Alton Village in Burlington. Over 70% of Halton's Mandarin speaking population lives in Oakville with concentration in the northern and eastern portions of the town.

Top 10 Immigrant Languages Halton Region, 2016



Community Development Halton/Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census

¹ A Census Tract (CT) is a relatively permanent area with a population range of 2,000 to 8,000 and the greatest possible social and economic homogeneity

Top 4 Immigrant Languages by Census Tract Halton Region, 2016

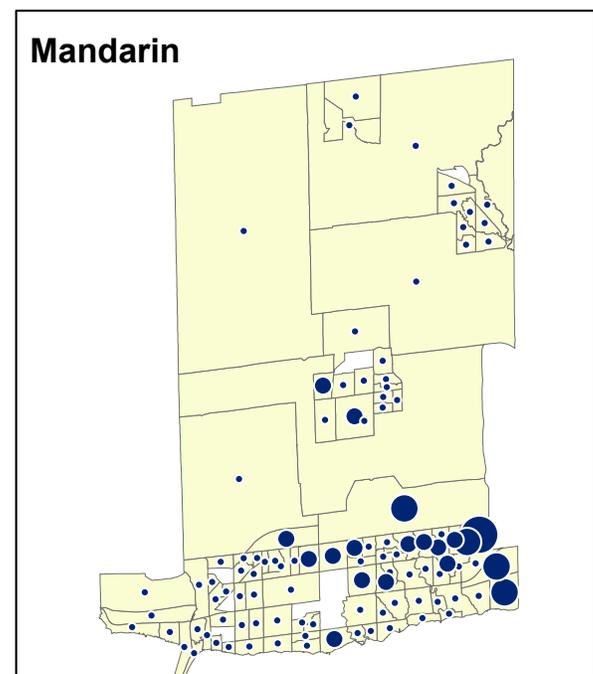
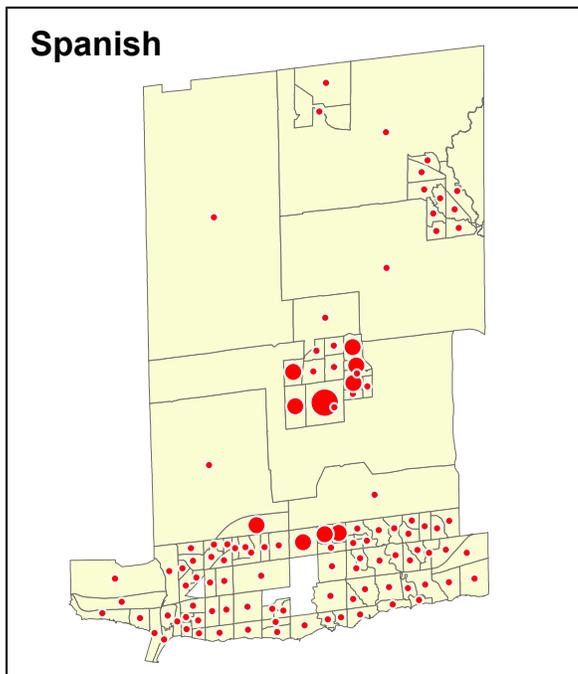
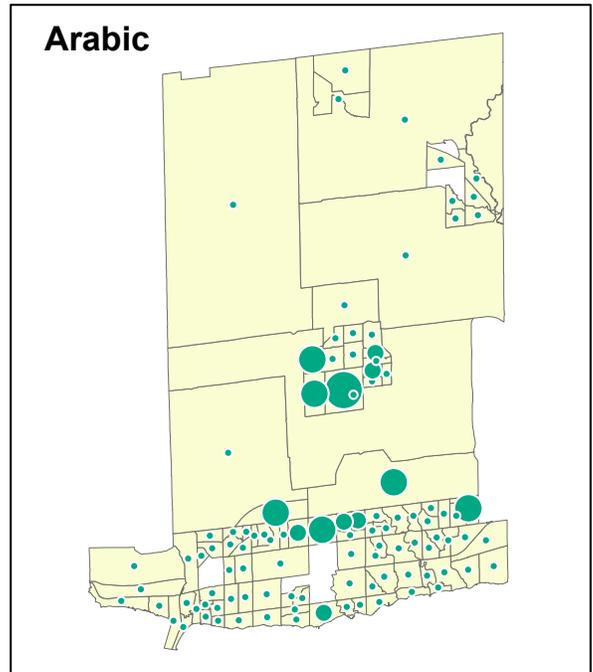
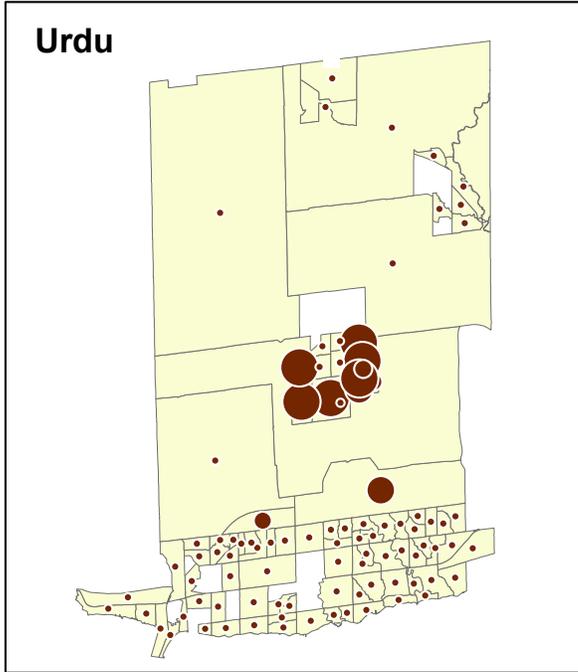
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persons

by Census Tract

- 1 - 200
- 201 - 400
- 401 - 600
- 601 - 800 and over

□ zero or no data



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