

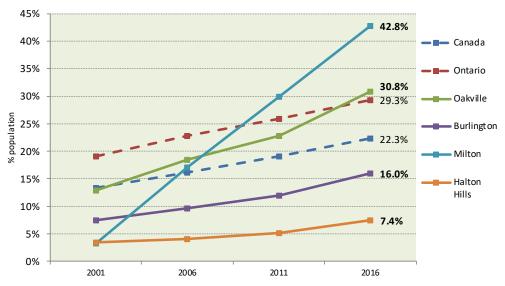
## **Visible Minority Population 2016**

Canada is a country of immigrants. The proportion of immigrants has been rising and reached 22.3% in 2016. Over one in five Canadians is an immigrant. Statistics Canada projected that immigrants would represent between 24.5% to 30.0% of Canada's population in 2036<sup>1</sup>. At the same time, the visible minority<sup>2</sup> population, which includes both immigrants and non-immigrants, was projected to reach about 15 million by 2036. The proportion of the population that is visible minority will be 34.3%, meaning one in three Canadians will belong to this population group.

In 2016, Halton's proportion of visible minorities (25.6%), or one in four Halton residents, surpassed the national average. Over 40% of Milton's residents are visible minority. Oakville's percentage (30.8%) is higher than both the provincial and national average. Burlington's percentage rose from 7.5% in 2001 to 16% in 2016. Also, Halton Hills rose from 3.3% to 7.4%.

On the following map, there are 30 neighbourhoods/Census Tracts (coloured in blue and green) where the percentage of the population that is visible minority is higher than the regional average. The majority of these neighbourhoods are in Milton and Oakville. Burlington has one and Halton Hills has none. Six of the seven neighbourhoods (coloured in blue) with percentages more than twice the regional average are located in Milton and over half the population in each of the neighbourhoods are visible minorities.

## Proportion of Visible Minority Population Canada, Ontario, Halton Region, 2001-2016



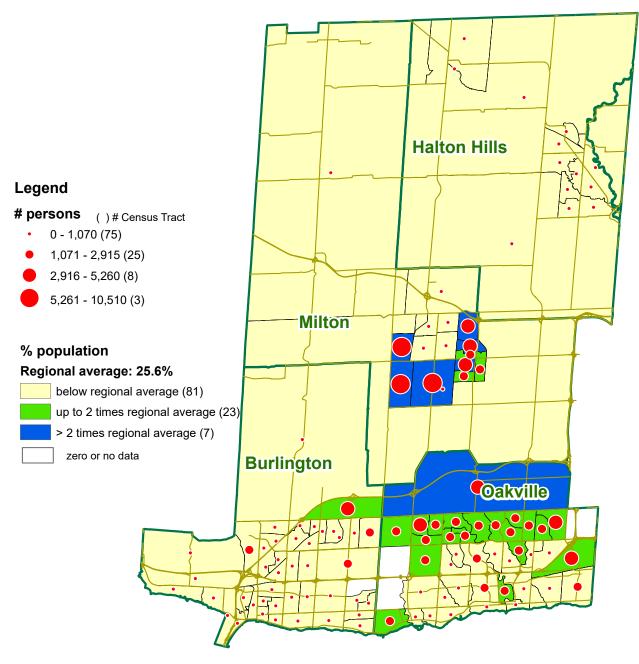
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than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour". The visible minority population consists mainly of the following groups: South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Latin American, Arab, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean and Japanese.

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada, Immigration and Diversity: Population Projections for Canada and its Regions, 2011 to 2036, January 25, 2017 2 'Visible minority' refers to whether a person belongs to a visible minority group as defined by the Employment Equity Act and, if so, the visible minority group to which the person belongs. The Employment Equity Act defines visible minorities as "persons, other

## Visible Minority Population by Census Tract Halton Region, 2016



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