

Aboriginal Peoples in Halton

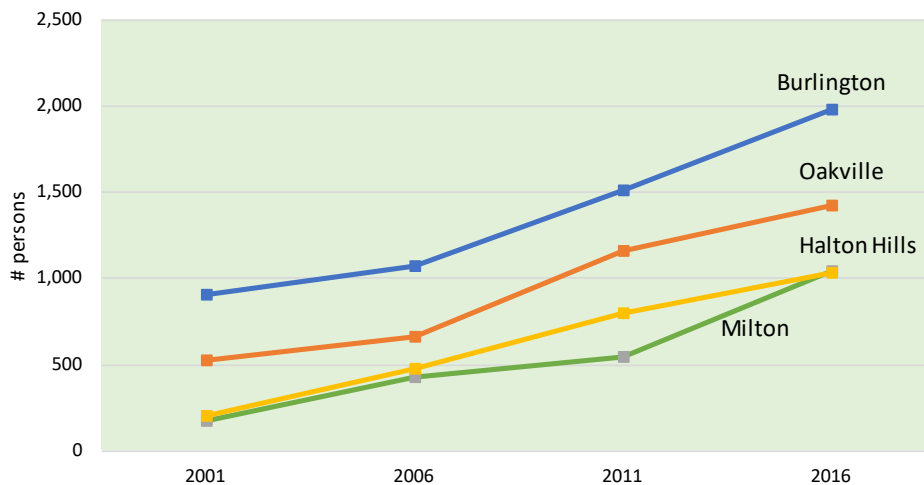
The 2016 Census confirms two key characteristics of the Aboriginal population¹: that they are both young and growing in number. In 2016, there were over 1.6 million Aboriginal Peoples in Canada representing 4.9% of the total population. Between 2006 and 2016, the Aboriginal Peoples population have grown by 42.5%.

In Halton, although the Aboriginal Peoples account for 1% of the total population, their numbers have doubled (+106%) from 2,640 to 5,455 between 2006 and 2016.

Over half (59%) of Aboriginal Peoples in Halton self-identified as First Nations people. About four in ten (39%) identified themselves as Métis. There were less than 100 Inuit people reside in Halton. Among the three groups of Aboriginal Peoples, the Métis people experienced the largest increase, by 137% between 2006 and 2016. The First Nations people grew by 90%.

Burlington has the highest number of Aboriginal Peoples, followed by Oakville, Halton Hills and Milton.

**Aboriginal Population
Halton Region, 2001- 2016**



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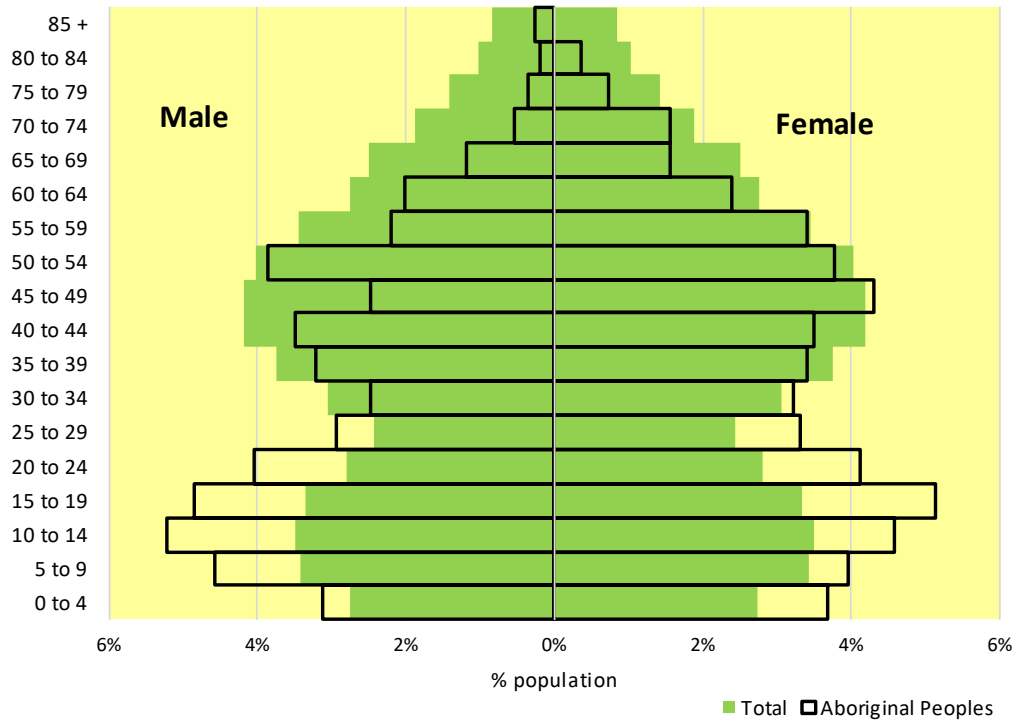
Aboriginal Peoples are younger. Their average age was 32.8 compared to 39.4 for the total population. One in four (25%) Aboriginal Peoples was under the age of 14 compared to almost one in five (19.8%) for the overall population. The percentage (7%) of senior Aboriginal Peoples was half of the total population (14%).

Aboriginal population has lower income. Their median total income was \$32,654, almost

\$10,000 less than the regional median income of \$42,559. For every dollar earned by an individual (15 years and over) in Halton, an Aboriginal person earned about 77 cents. About 11% of Aboriginal Peoples have a median total income over \$100,000 compared to 16% for the overall population. On the other hand, about 19% of the Aboriginal population earned less than \$10,000 compared to 15% for the total population.

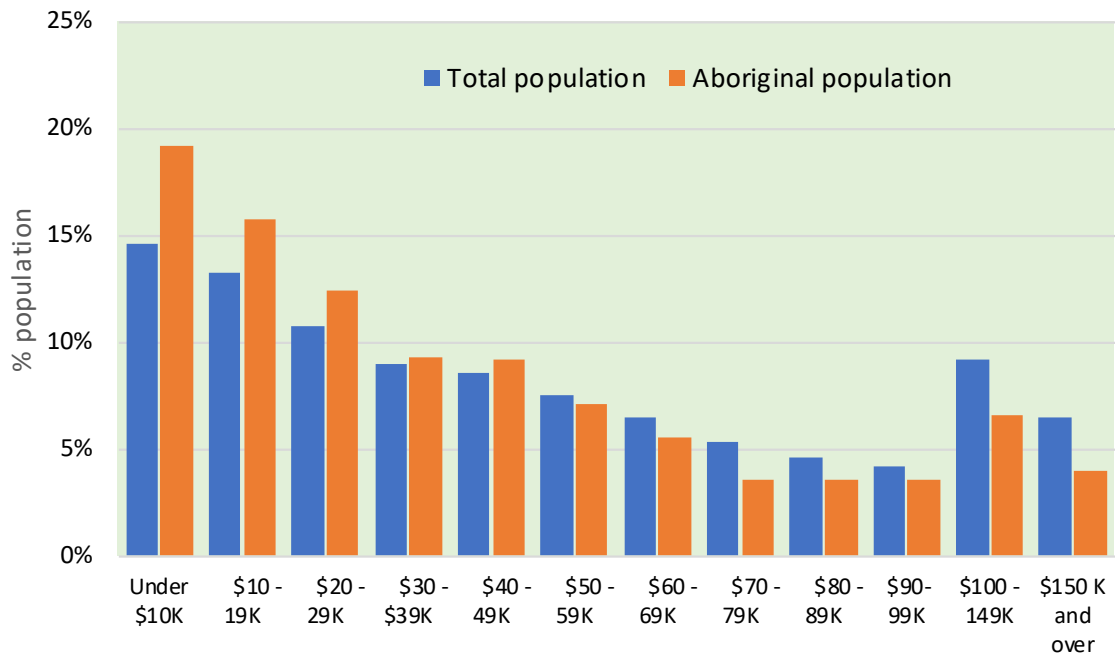
¹ The 2016 Census definition of 'Aboriginal identity' refers to whether the person identified with the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. This includes those who are First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or those who are Registered or Treaty Indians (that is, registered under the Indian Act of Canada), and/or those who have membership in a First Nation or Indian band. Aboriginal peoples of Canada are defined in the Constitution Act, 1982, Section 35 (2) as including the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

Age Pyramid - Total Population and Aboriginal Peoples Halton Region, 2016



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Proportion of Population by Total Income Halton Region, 2015



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