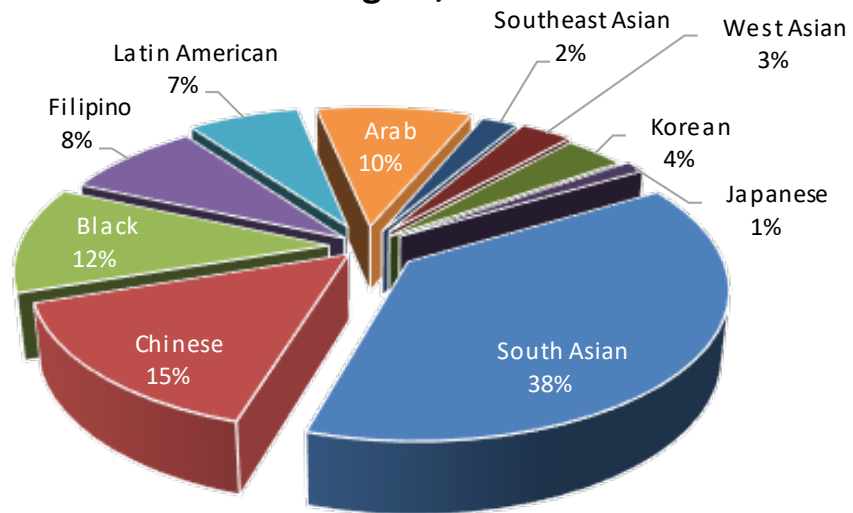


Foreign and Canadian-born Visible Minority Population in Halton

As discussed in Community Lens # 137¹, Halton's proportion of visible minority population (25.6%) is increasing and has surpassed the national average of 22.3%. There are 139,000 residents who identified themselves as members of a visible minority population.

In Halton, the largest group is South Asians representing 38% of the cohort. Within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), Halton's percentage of South Asians is second to Peel Region (51%). Chinese in Halton are at 15%, which ranks third after York (45%) and Toronto (22%). The smallest group is Japanese at 1%.

Composition of Visible Minority Population Halton Region, 2016



Community Development Halton/Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census

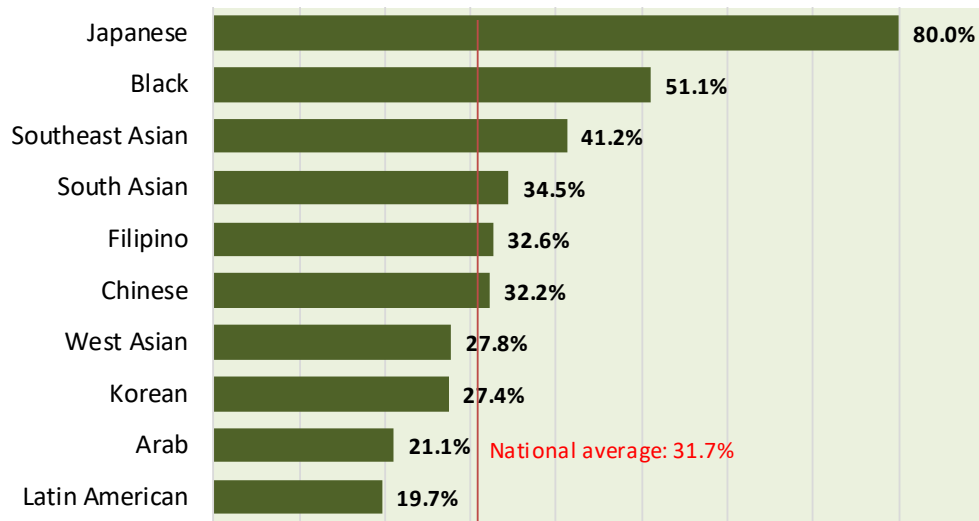
Over one-third (35.9%) of visible minorities were born in Canada. The ratio is also higher than the national average of 31.7%. Although Halton Hills accounts for 3.2% of the region's visible minority population, it has the highest percentage of Canadian-born, 45.8%, almost half of the population group.

The proportion of Canadian-born visible minorities varied widely from group to group, which in large measure is a reflection of historical immigration patterns². In Halton, about 80% of the Japanese were born in Canada, the highest proportion of all visible minority groups. This is followed by 51.1% of Blacks, 41.2% of Southeast Asians, 34.5% of South Asians, and 32.6% of Filipino. Less than 20% of the Latin Americans were born in Canada.

¹ Community Development Halton, Community Lens #137, Visible Minority Population 2016, February 2018

² Statistics Canada, Canada's Ethnocultural Mosaic, 2006 Census, April 2008

Proportion of Canadian-born among Visible Minority Groups, Halton Region, 2016



Community Development Halton/Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census

Since the 1970s, the main source of immigrants to Canada has shifted from Europe to non-European countries. In 1971, about 60% of recent immigrants (those who came to Canada five years prior to the census) were from European countries; in 2016, it was only 12%. As a result, the majority of immigrants are members of visible minority groups.

Except for Halton Hills, over half of visible minorities in the local municipalities migrated to Canada after 1981. Only 5% of the visible minorities in Milton came to Canada before 1981.

Visible Minority Population by Municipality, Halton Region, 2016				
	# Individuals	Canadian-born	Migrated before 1981	Migrated after 1981
Burlington	28,830	36.4%	10.2%	53.3%
Oakville	59,080	33.6%	9.4%	57.0%
Milton	46,620	37.5%	5.0%	57.5%
Halton Hills	4,470	45.8%	11.3%	43.1%
Halton Region	139,000	35.9%	8.2%	56.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census



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