

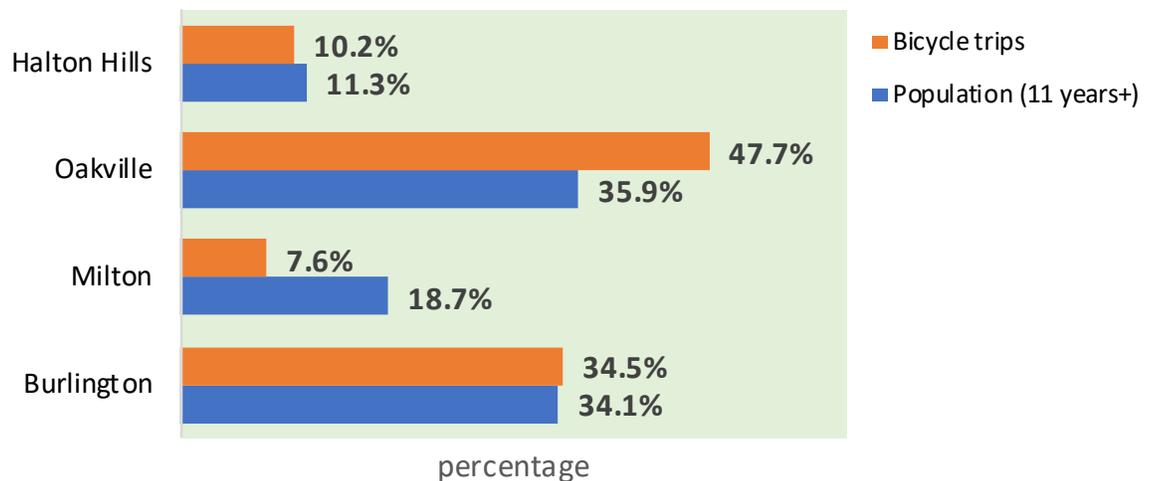
Cycling in Halton

Cycling is becoming more popular. We cycle to school, work, shop, visit, and to keep in good health. As stated in the Ontario Professional Planner Institute's (OPPI) "A Call to Action" report¹, that active transportation (e.g. walking and cycling) is an increasingly relevant issue in light of ever increasing traffic congestion issues and environmental concerns, the rise in obesity and chronic diseases associated with a lack of physical activity, and the need for personal mobility choices.

On an average weekday, there are over 11,200 bicycle trips² on the road in Halton region. This Community Lens learns more about this growing population group such as their age structure, gender, how far they cycle and what is the purpose of the trip. The data come from the recently released 2016 Transportation Tomorrow Survey (TTS)³. The TTS is a comprehensive travel survey conducted in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and surrounding municipalities once every five years. The survey covers residents 11 years and older.

Although the shares of the region's bicycle trips are similar to the shares of the region's population (11 years and older) for Halton Hills and Burlington, they are different for Oakville and Milton. Oakville has 36% of Halton's population but generates almost half (47.7%) of the region's bicycle trips. On the other hand, Milton with 18.7% of the region's population accounts for only 7.6% of the total bicycle trips. This suggests bicycles may be used differently in the two municipalities.

Share of Bicycle Trips and Population by Municipalities, Halton Region, 2016



Community Development Halton/Source: : 2016 Census, 2016 TTS

¹ Ontario Professional Planners Institute, Planning and Implementing Active Transportation in Ontario Communities, A Call to Action, June, 2012

² A trip is defined as a one way journey from one location to another. For example, going to school and returning home constitutes two trips.

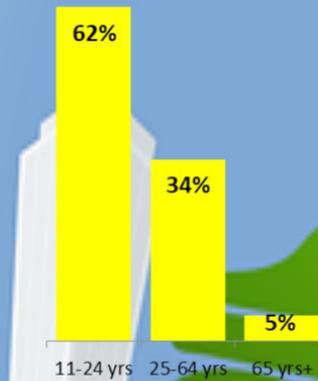
³ University of Toronto, Data Management Group, Transportation Tomorrow Survey, 2016

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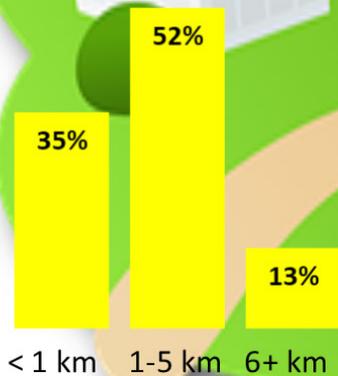
Almost half of the trips are school trips



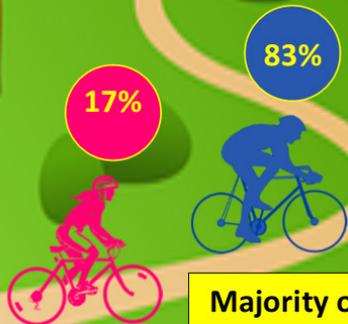
Over 60% are children and youth



Over 80% of trips are less than 5 km



Majority of cyclists are men



Community Development Halton/Source: Transportation Tomorrow Survey, 2016



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