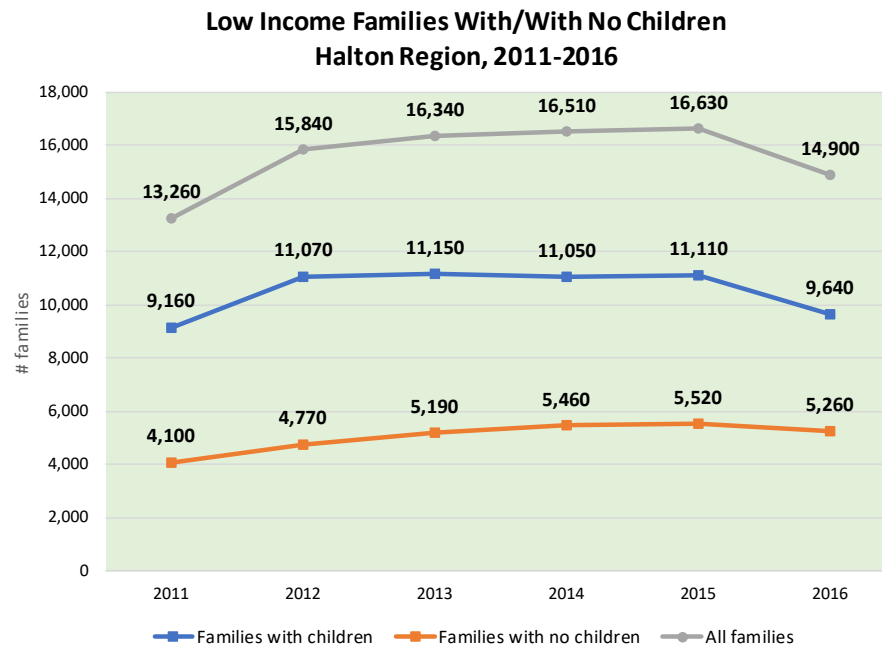


## Low Income Families – 2016

With the release of taxfiler data for 2016, this Community Lens continues the tracking of low income families in Halton Region. Between 2011 and 2016, the number of low income families<sup>1</sup> has increased by 12.3% to a total of 14,900 families. However, between 2015 and 2016, the number of low income families actually decreased by over 10% (-1,730 families).

The majority of the decrease (85%) came from families with children. The timing coincides with the implementation of the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) which came into effect in July 2016. The CCB provides a maximum annual benefit of \$6,400 per child under the age of six, and \$5,400 per child aged 6 through 17. Since the CCB was introduced in July 2016, its impact on low income families still has to be assessed.



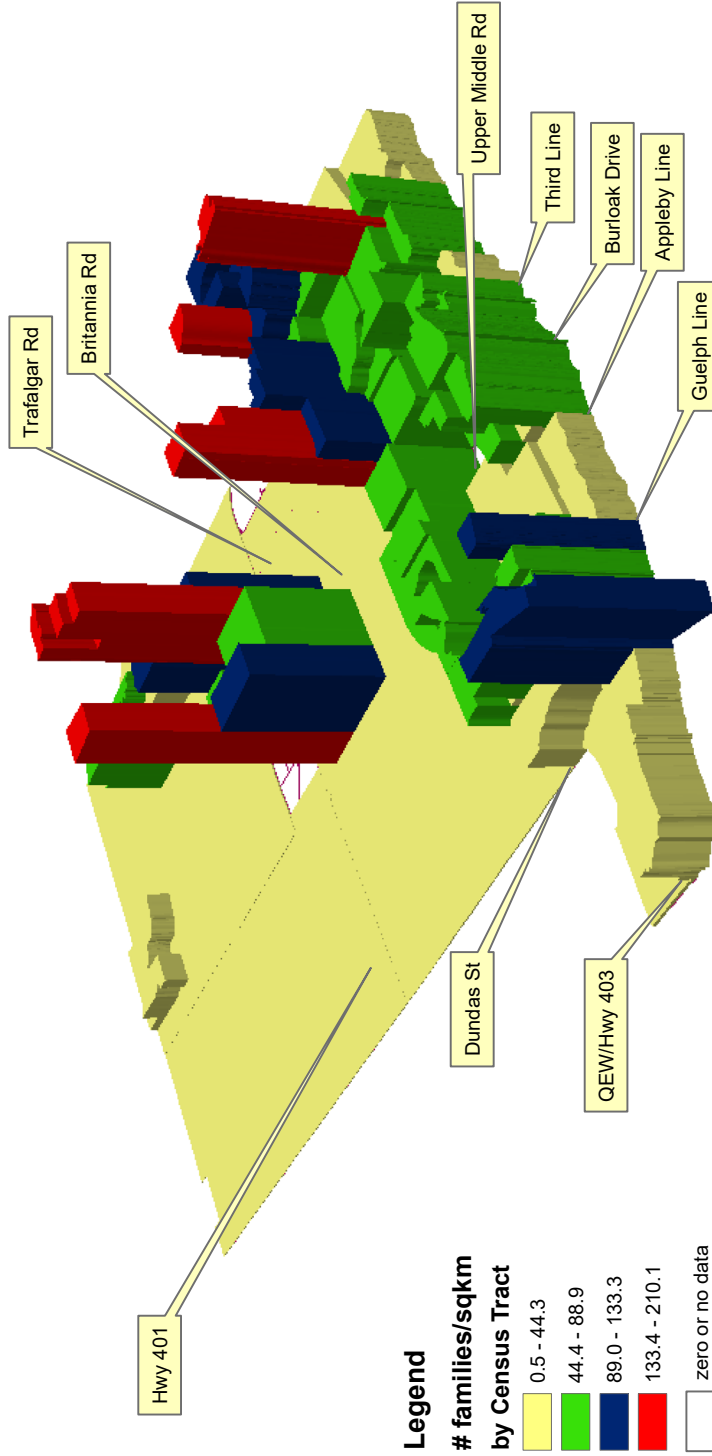
Community Development Halton/Source: Statistics Canada, Taxfiler data 2011-2016

Halton's family poverty rate reaches 9.4% in 2016. Almost one in ten families lives in poverty. Milton has the highest poverty rate at 11.7% followed closely by Oakville (11.2%), Burlington (7.2%) and Halton Hills (6.7%). The following map shows the geographic distribution of low income families by neighbourhood (Census Tract<sup>2</sup>). There are eight neighbourhoods (shaded in red) with high concentration of poverty. Four of them are located in Milton and four in Oakville.

<sup>1</sup> In March 2018, Statistics Canada made a methodological change in the calculation of low income families from the taxfiler data. This change makes the taxfiler data more comparable with the LIM from other data sources. For more information see Statistic Canada, Methodology Changes, Census Family Low Income Measure Based on the T1 Family File, Catalogue no. 75F0002M-No.001, April 5, 2018. As such, the data on low income families may not be comparable with previous data on low income.

<sup>2</sup> Statistics Canada defines a Census Tract (CT) as a relatively permanent area with a population range of 2,500 to 8,000 and the greatest possible social and economic homogeneity.

# Low Income Families by Census Tract Halton Region, 2016



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