

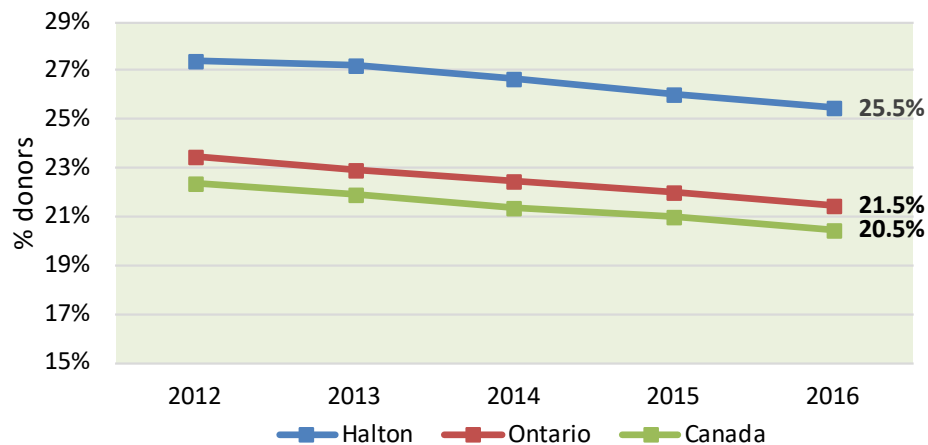
Charitable Donations 2016

As discussed in Community Lens #119¹, the amount of charitable donations and the number of donors² in Halton have been declining in recent years. This phenomenon is also emerging across the country. The donations reported by Canadian tax filers fell to \$8.9 billion in 2016, down 2.7% from 2015. In Ontario, the donations declined by 1.7% to \$3.9 billion. The number of Ontario donors dropped by 1.6%.



The percentage of donors (# donors/# tax filers) also decreased. Although Halton continues to show higher percentages (2012 to 2016) than the provincial and national averages, the declining trend of donor population is clear. Will this trend continue or will it reverse itself?

Percentage of Donors, Halton Region, Ontario, Canada, 2012-2016



Community Development Halton/Source: Statistics Canada, 2012-2016 Taxfiler data

In Halton, although the number of donors in 2016 has remained the same as the previous year, the amount of donations has decreased by 5% to \$200 million. The negative growth rate is greater than the provincial (1.7%) and national (2.7%) averages.

As the table on the following page shows, almost half (48%) of Halton's donations came from Oakville. Over one quarter (26.4%) of its taxfilers reported a charitable donation. Oakville also has the highest average donation of \$2,600 and median donation of \$460 (i.e. half of the donors contributed over \$460 and the other half less than \$460). In fact, Oakville's average donation rose by 13.5%.

1 Community Development Halton, *Community Lens #119, Recent Trends in Charitable Donations*, January 2017

2 Donors who claimed a tax credit for charitable donations on their tax returns

Although, Burlington has a similar percentage of donors as Oakville, its average and median donation are 32% and 22% lower than Oakville's respectively. Acton has the lowest percentage of donors at 21.6% with an average donation higher than the amount recorded for Milton and Georgetown.

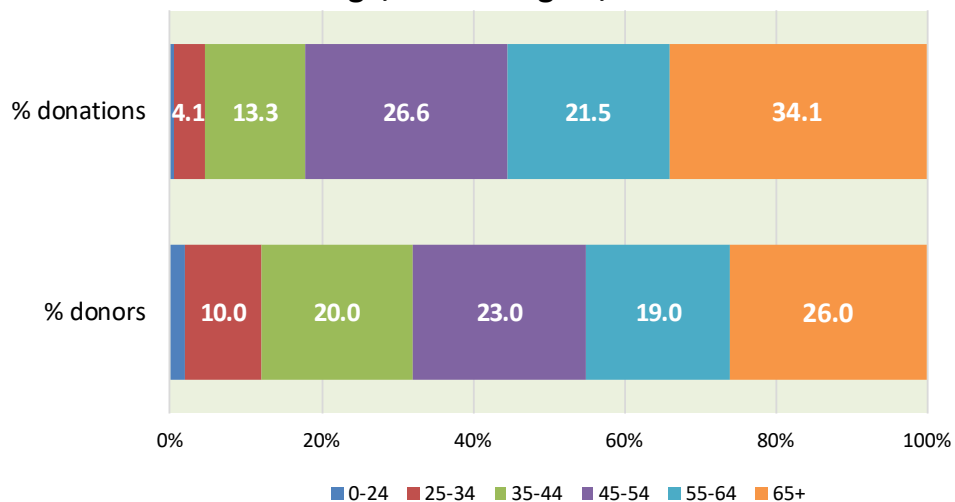
Charitable Donations, Halton Region, 2016						
	# Taxfilers	# Donors	% donors	Total donations (*000)	Average donation	Median donation
Burlington	135,850	35,940	26.5%	\$63,200	\$1,758	\$360
Oakville	140,800	37,110	26.4%	\$96,250	\$2,594	\$460
Milton	70,380	15,670	22.3%	\$21,920	\$1,399	\$300
Acton	10,010	2,160	21.6%	\$3,355	\$1,553	\$280
Georgetown	32,620	8,310	25.5%	\$10,905	\$1,312	\$310

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Taxfiler data

The amount of donations and number of donors vary among age groups. In general, older age groups have a higher percentage of donors and greater amount of donations.

The youngest age group (aged 24 and under) accounts for 2% of the number of donors and responsible for less than 0.5% of all donations. Their average donation is \$430. The 25-34 age group representing 10% of all donors, donates \$8.2 million, 4.1% of all donation. Their average donation is about \$810. Seniors accounting for over one quarter (26%) of all donors contribute over \$67 million (34.1% of all donations). Their average donation is about \$2,580.

Percentage Distribution of Donations and Donors by Age, Halton Region, 2016



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



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