

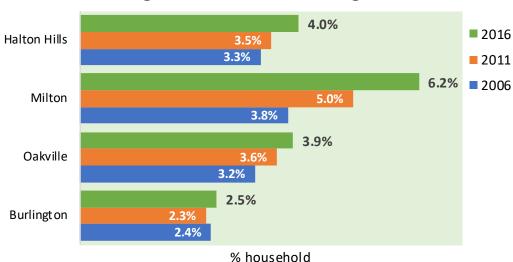
Under One Roof

In the last decade, a renewed trend of living arrangement in Canadian families is occurring. About 2.2 million Canadians are living in multigenerational households which have at least three generations of the same family (e.g. a family with children and grandparent/s). This is the fastest growing household type between 2001 and 2016 (+37.5%). The rate surpasses the growth of one-person households (+20%). This communal living arrangement was also common in pre-World War II time period.¹

There are many factors leading to the rapid growth in the past decade. The increase of our immigrant population from countries where this living arrangement is common. Baby boomers taking care of their parents by offering them housing. Grandparents look after grandchildren. Living in a multigenerational family can also pool financial resources to deal with rising housing costs in many communities.

All four local municipalities in Halton (Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville) experienced an increase in the proportion of multigenerational households. The number of multigenerational households in Milton grew by 85% or 16,000 units. It represents 6.2% of all households in 2016.

Proportion of Households that are Multigenerational, Halton Region, 2016



Community Development Halton/Source: Statistics Canada, 2016

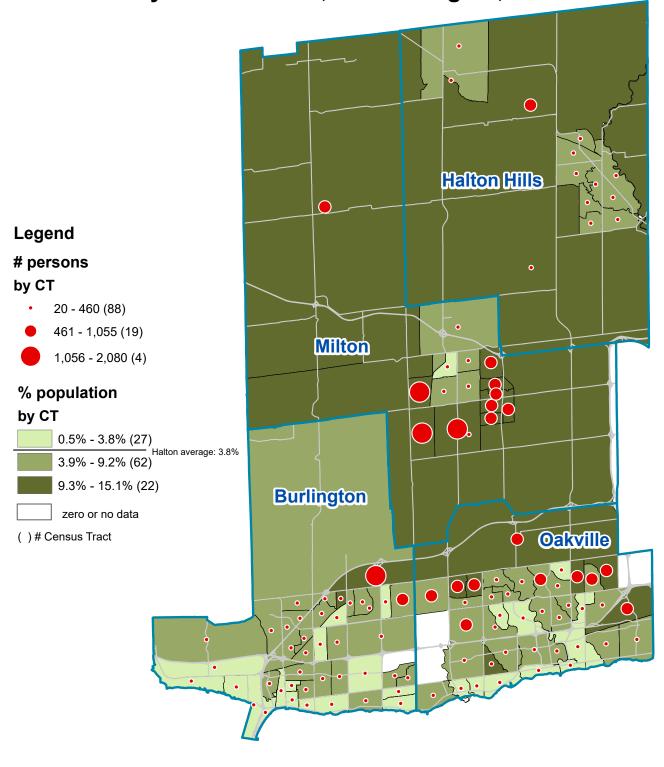
The following map shows the geographic distribution of population in multigenerational households by neighbourhood (Census Tract²). The spatial pattern resembles closely the location of recent immigrants who came to Canada between 2011 and 2016. Close to three-quarters (74%) of the neighbourhoods have above-regional average of 3.8%. There are five neighbourhoods with over 1,000 persons living in multigenerational households, of which four neighbourhoods are in Milton.

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¹ Macleans, Census: Spike in growth rate of multigenerational households, Aug 2, 2017

² A Census Tract is a relatively permanent area with a population range of 2,500 to 8,000 and the greatest possible social and economic homogeneity

Population in Multigenerational Households by Census Tract, Halton Region, 2016



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