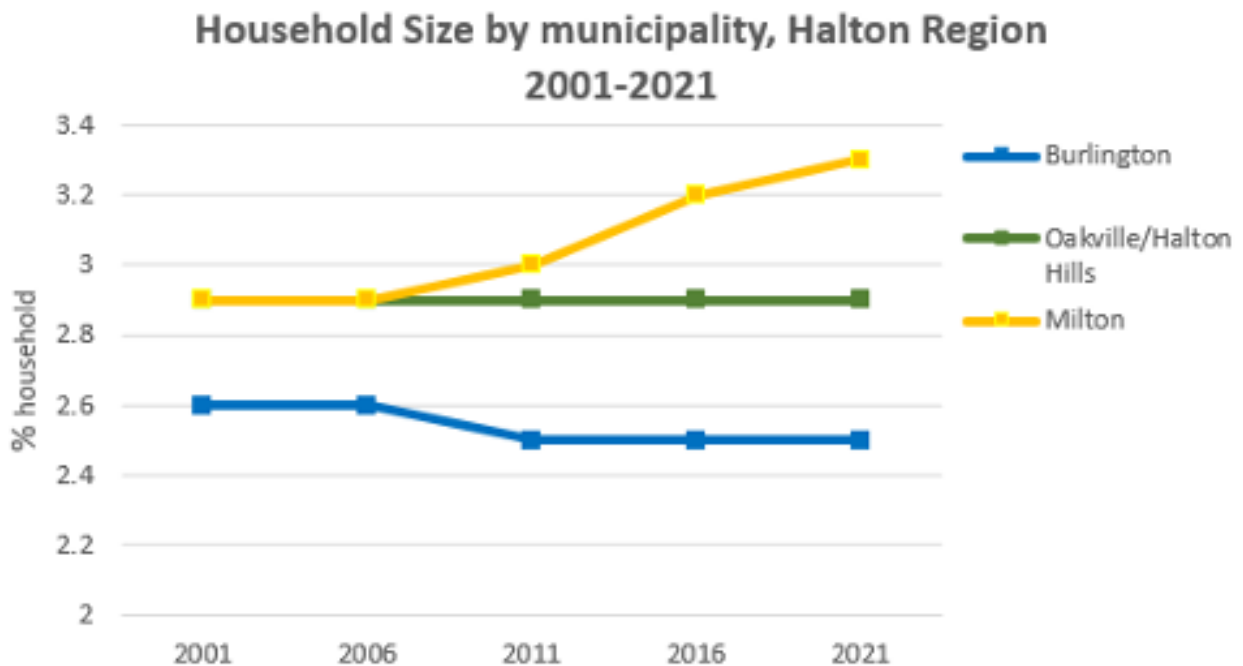


## Interpreting Census Data

The number of people living in a household, i.e., household size, can have various social and economic implications. For example, smaller households will increase the demand for more housing, most likely in the form of apartments or condominiums, and more household items like furniture and appliances. Financially, smaller households can have fewer wage earners and possibly lower household incomes. The opposite is true for larger households. In addition, members in larger households can enjoy some household economies of scale in the consumption of goods and services.

For decades, households were getting smaller due to lower fertility rates, higher separation and divorce rates, and more people remaining single. However, there are signs that the decline is slowing or even levelling off.



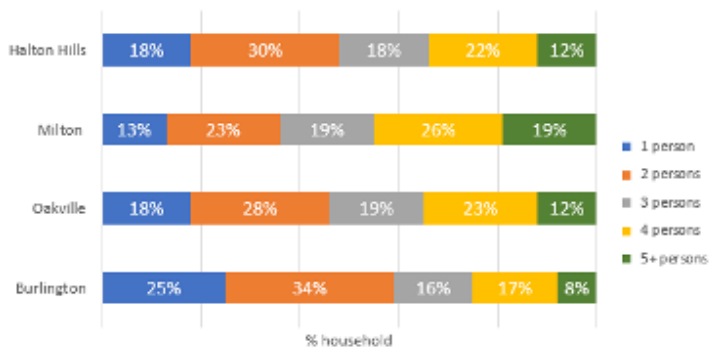
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In Halton municipalities, with growth and demographic changes, household size trends might vary from the provincial or national patterns. The average household size for Halton Hill and Oakville has been at 2.9 for the last two decades. Burlington's household size dropped in 2006 and levelled off at 2.5. Milton's household size rose from 2.9 in 2006 to 3.3 in 2021.

## Households by Municipality

The share of households by size varies among the local municipalities. In 2021, Burlington had the highest proportion of 1-person and 2-person households and the lowest proportion in the other categories. Milton had the highest proportion of 4- and 5+ person households accounting for over 45% of all households within the municipality.

Percentage of Household by household size and by municipality, Halton Region, 2021

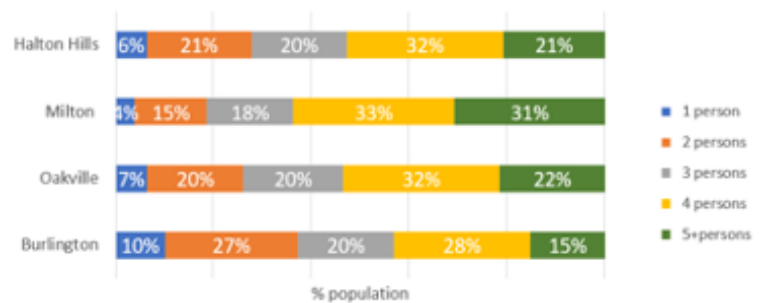


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## Population by Household Size

The following chart shows the percentage of the population in various sizes of household. In all municipalities, less than 10% of the population live in 1-person households. Over one quarter (27%) of Burlington's residents live in 2-person households. In Milton, only 4% of Milton's population live alone. About one-third (33%) live in 4 person households compared to 16% in Burlington. Milton also has the highest share of the population living in 5+ households.

Percentage of Population by household size and municipality, Halton Region, 2021

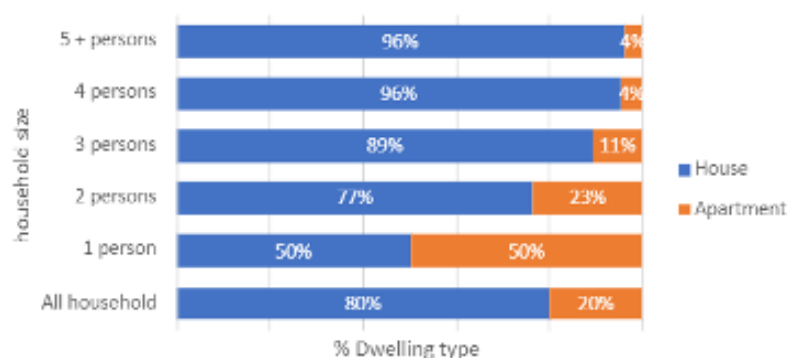


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## Dwellings by Household Size

About 80% of Halton's households lived in houses as compared to Ontario's 68% and Canada's 64% respectively. These percentages change with the size of households reflecting the affordability and availability of housing. For example, among the 1-person households, over 60% lived in houses in Milton and Halton Hills, 50% in Oakville and only 40% in Burlington (60% in apartments).

Percentage of Dwelling type by household size, Halton Region, 2021



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