

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Keith Hamilton – Planner, Policy/Development Review

**DATE:** May 17, 2018

**MEMORANDUM NO.:** MEM-PLS-2018-0010

**RE:** 2016 Census Overview – Age Structure Data

### PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

The purpose of this memo is to provide an overview of the age structure of Halton Hills, and how Halton Hills compares to other municipalities in Halton Region, and in context of the province and country.

### BACKGROUND:

On May 3, 2017, the second release (2 of 6) of data from the 2016 Census was made available by Statistics Canada. The second release contained data on age structure of population by geographic area.

The 2017 Census data was released in six stages, beginning in February of 2017, with the last release on multiple topics coming on November 29, 2017.

Planning Staff prepared a memo for Council (MEM-P&I-2017-0015) in March 14, 2017 summarizing the population and dwelling count data for Halton Hills from the first release of the Census.

### COMMENTS:

#### Age Structure

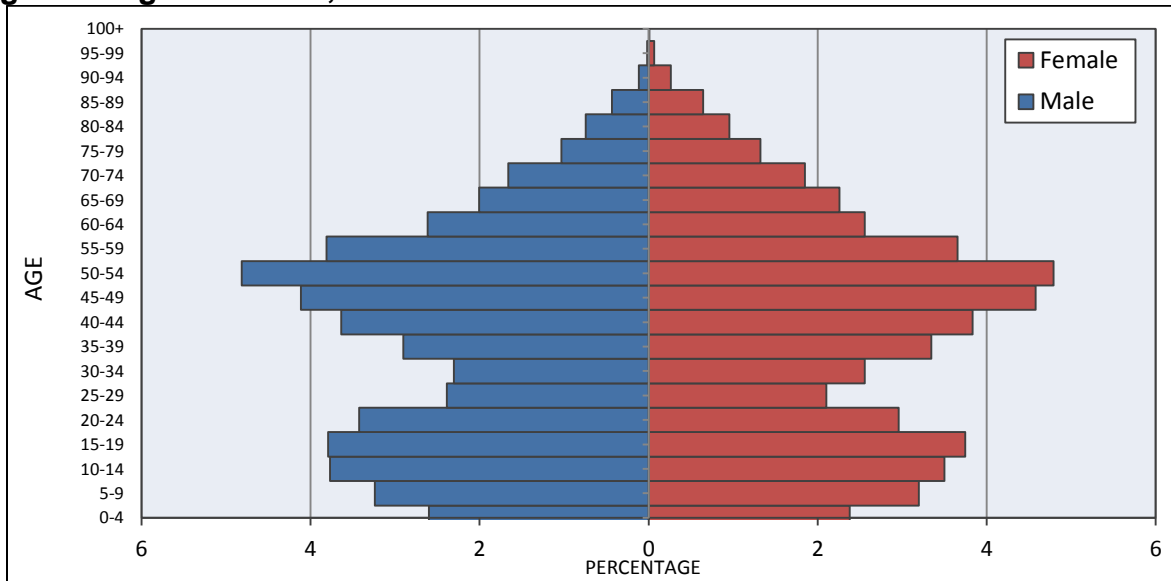
The 2016 age structure in the Town of Halton Hills is made up of 49.4% of males and 50.6% of females. These percentages remain virtually unchanged from the 2011 Census.

The median age of the population in Halton Hills has increased between 2011 and 2016 from 39.9 to 41.3, as shown in Table 2. This is now higher than the Region of Halton and matching the Province of Ontario which are 40.5 and 41.3 respectively. In the

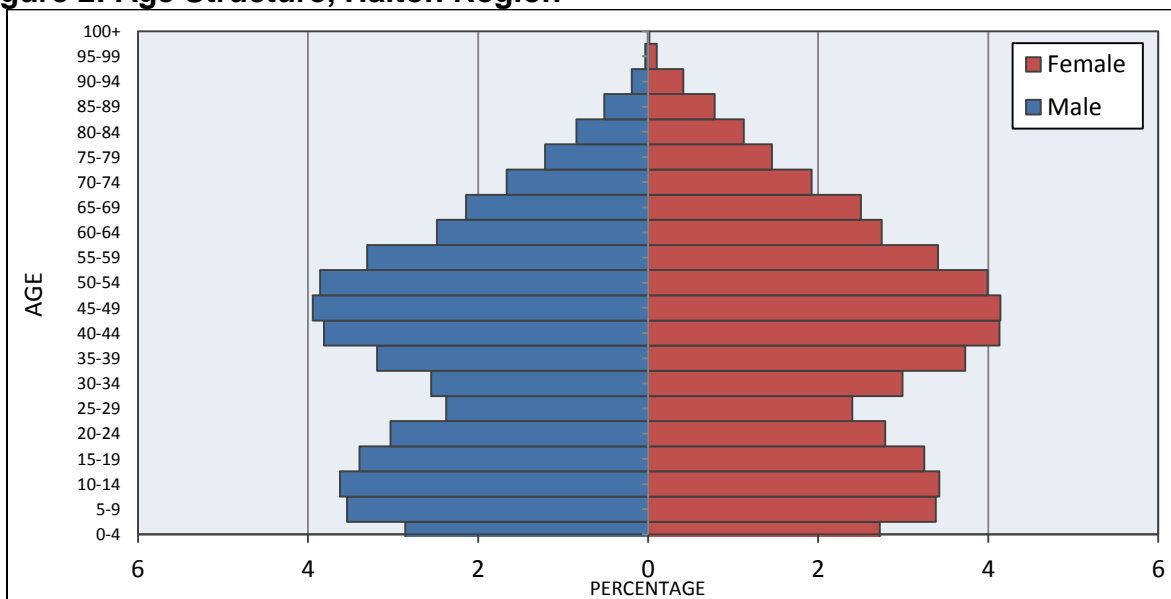
previous 2011 Census the median age in Halton Hills (39.9) was higher than Halton Region (39.3) and lower than the Province of Ontario (40.4). Currently, the Town of Milton has the lowest median age (35.3) in the Region of Halton and has the highest population growth rate in Halton Region.

The population pyramid for Halton Hills is indicative of an aging population, as shown in Figure 1. Similar to that of Halton Region (Figure 2), the largest age groups, by proportion, fall between 40 and 55. The figures also reveal a dip between 25 and 35, suggesting those at the age where post-secondary careers begin are leaving the area.

**Figure 1: Age Structure, Town of Halton Hills**



**Figure 2: Age Structure, Halton Region**



Nearly 10% of the Halton Hills population fell in the 50-54 age category in 2016, as shown in Table 1. Over one quarter were between the ages of 40 and 59, proportionally higher than Region, provincial and national averages. In contrast, just over 15% of the local population was between the ages of 20 and 35, an indicator that there will not be enough younger people entering the workforce to replace those approaching retirement.

**Table 1: 2016 Census Age Structure, Town of Halton Hills**

Age	Total	% of Pop.	Male	Female
Total	61,160	-	30,220	30,925
0-4	3,045	5.0%	1,590	1,455
5-9	3,935	6.4%	1,980	1,955
10-14	4,445	7.3%	2,305	2,140
15-19	4,610	7.5%	2,320	2,290
20-24	3,905	6.4%	2,095	1,810
25-29	2,745	4.5%	1,460	1,285
30-34	2,975	4.9%	1,410	1,565
35-39	3,820	6.2%	1,775	2,045
40-44	4,570	7.5%	2,225	2,345
45-49	5,315	8.7%	2,515	2,800
50-54	5,875	9.6%	2,945	2,930
55-59	4,565	7.5%	2,330	2,235
60-64	3,165	5.2%	1,600	1,565
65-69	2,605	4.3%	1,225	1,380
70-74	2,145	3.5%	1,015	1,130
75-79	1,440	2.4%	630	810
80-84	1,040	1.7%	455	585
85-89	660	1.1%	265	395
90-94	230	0.4%	70	160
95-99	50	0.1%	10	40
100+	5	0.01%	0	5
Median Age of Population	41.3	-	40.5	42
% of Population 15 years and over	81.3	-	80.5	82

**Table 2: 2011 and 2016 Census Median Age**

Place	2011 Census Median Age (Years)	2016 Census Median Age (Years)
Town of Halton Hills	39.9	41.3
Town of Milton	34.1	35.3
City of Burlington	41.8	43.3
Town of Oakville	40.2	41.7
Region of Halton	39.3	40.5
Ontario	40.4	41.3
Canada	40.6	41.2

### Child Population

Statistics Canada defines children as 14 years of age and under. The proportion of children in the Town of Halton Hills has dropped from the 2011 Census (20.5%) to 18.7% in the 2016 Census. In the Region, Halton Hills child population was lower proportionally than both Oakville and Milton in 2016, as well as the Region average, as shown in Table 3. Additionally, the Town's child population has been dropping proportionally since 2001, as shown in Table 4. This is indicative of a slow-growing and aging population.

**Table 3: 2011 and 2016 Census Child Population**

Place	2011 Census Child Population	2016 Census Child Population	2011 Census % Children	2016 Census % Children
Town of Halton Hills	12055	11435	20.5%	18.7%
Town of Milton	20750	28405	24.6%	25.8%
City of Burlington	29930	30670	17.0%	16.7%
Town of Oakville	35695	36710	19.6%	18.9%
Region of Halton	98425	107215	19.6%	19.5%
Ontario	2210805	2207970	17.0%	16.4%

**Table 4: 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 Census Child Population, Halton Hills**

Year	Child Population	% of Population
2001	10985	22.8%
2006	12330	22.3%
2011	12055	20.5%
2016	11435	18.7%

## Senior Population

Statistics Canada defines seniors as persons 65 years and over. The proportion of seniors in the Town of Halton Hills has increased from the 2011 Census (11.9%) to 13.4% in the 2016 Census. In reviewing Census data from previous years, it is apparent that the proportion of seniors in Halton Hills has been steadily increasing since 2001, as shown in Table 6. Within Halton Region, Halton Hills proportion of seniors still remains lower than Burlington and Oakville, but higher than Milton, which has seen high growth younger age groups over the past 10 years as a result of rapid urban development.

**Table 5: 2011 and 2016 Census Senior Population**

Place	2011 Census Senior Population	2016 Census Senior Population	2011 Census % Senior	2016 Census % Senior
Town of Halton Hills	7025	8180	11.9%	13.4%
Town of Milton	6425	10145	7.7%	9.2%
City of Burlington	29720	35320	16.9%	19.3%
Town of Oakville	23475	28170	12.9%	14.5%
Region of Halton	66665	81810	13.3%	14.9%
Ontario	1631925	2251655	12.7%	16.7%

**Table 6: 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 Census Senior Population, Halton Hills**

Year	Senior Population	% of Population
2001	4485	9.3%
2006	5625	10.2%
2011	7025	11.9%
2016	8180	13.4%

**CONCLUSION:**

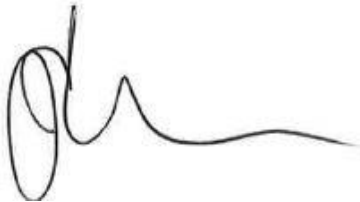
This memorandum summarizes trends in the Halton Hills age structure, as reported in the 2016 Census. Information provided will be used as a tool to help guide decision-making in local policy as it relates to planning for future population growth.

Note: Data for all Tables and Figures is sourced from Statistics Canada, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016 Census releases.

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