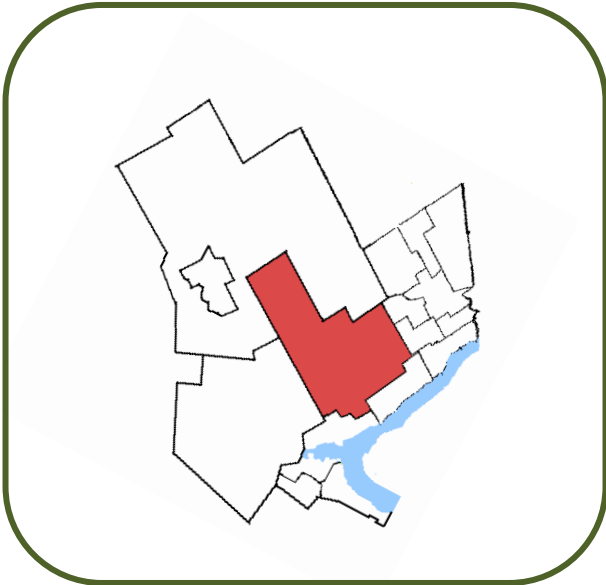


Halton Riding Action on Poverty Profile

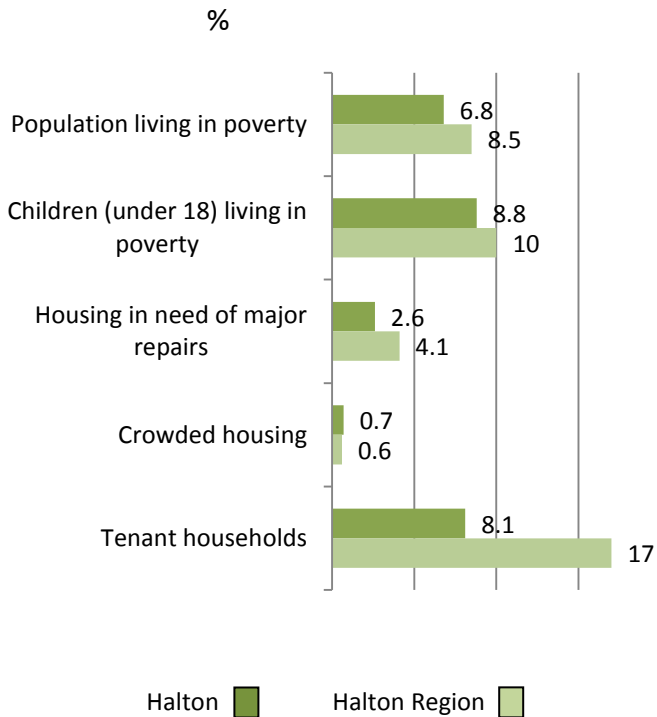


Story Behind the Stats

The Halton riding lies in the middle of Halton Region, taking in all of the Town of Milton, Oakville north of Upper Middle to Eighth Line/Dundas and much of north Burlington, following a zig-zag course bounded by Dundas, Guelph Line, Upper Middle, Walkers Line and the QEW.

This riding contains those communities that are experiencing significant growth, such as north Burlington and north Oakville. The Town of Milton is the fastest growing municipality in Canada. Many new residents also face the reality of poverty, housing affordability, unemployment and accessible services.

Key Figures



**151,940 people live in
Halton Riding**
10,192 live in poverty – 6.8%*

**“My family attends the North
BurLINKton dinner. It has provided an
amazing opportunity for us to get to
know our neighbours, learn about
diversity in North Burlington and
contribute through volunteering.”**

A North Burlington mother

Taking Action in Halton Riding

North BurLINKton Community Group is a community-led effort to connect residents in North Burlington together and with appropriate community resources. Through community engagement, residents have identified key areas to focus on, such as access to healthy food and recreational opportunities for children.

North BurLINKton community dinner is a community gathering that inspires new friendships and community connections developed through conversation over good food. In partnership with local faith groups, the community dinner is offered twice a month.

The **Chill Zone** is a free afterschool program to engage school aged kids in various activities. It engages up to 30 children from grades 1 through 8. The program provides homework help, crafts, active games and group activities. Student volunteers from local high schools were recruited as group leaders. Many of the children are from culturally diverse backgrounds and by playing together they become “ambassadors” to encourage their parents to get involved and participate in community activities and initiatives.

<http://volunteerhalton.ca/dbase/youth-volunteering/445-chill-zone>

Poverty Free Halton Takes Action

Through education and advocacy, Poverty Free Halton’s non-partisan volunteer committee works to highlight the issues of poverty in the region and offer solutions to all levels of government. We believe that the solutions to poverty are within grasp, we just need the political will to obtain them.

Want to get involved?
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