

Halton Hills by far the least ethnically diverse area of Halton Region

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According to data recently released by Statistics Canada from the 2016 census, Halton Hills trails far behind its regional counterparts in one glaring area - ethnic diversity.

The Government of Canada's sixth release of data gleaned from the 2016 census, published on Wednesday (Oct. 25), focuses on housing, immigration and ethnocultural diversity, and Aboriginal peoples.

The data provides a snapshot of ethnic diversity across the country and province, allowing for a basis of comparison between regions and towns in areas like ethnic diversity.

Stats Can defines visible minorities as "persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour."

Overall, visible minorities made up 25.3 per cent of Halton Region's total reported population of 548,435 residents in 2016 - not far behind the provincial total of 28.8 per cent.

However, the dispersion



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2016 Census reveals details about Halton Hills and the people who call it home.

of visible minorities across the region's four major municipalities is by no means uniform.

Milton is by far the most diverse part of the region, with visible minorities accounting for 42.8 per cent of the total population. Halton Hills, on the other hand, reported only 4,475 residents identified as visible minorities in 2016 - or just 7.4 per cent of the town's population of just over 60,000.

Oakville's population is made up of 30.8 per cent visible minorities, with Burlington in third with 16 per cent of its population representing visible minorities.

Those of South Asian descent make up 31 per cent of Halton Hills visible minority population, with those self-described as black accounting for 14.9 per cent. Filipinos ranked third, accounting for 11.9 per cent of the town's visible minority population.

Those reporting an Aboriginal identity (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) accounted for 1.7 per cent, or 1,025 of Halton Hills' 60,195 residents in 2016. That's slightly higher than Halton Region as a whole, across which Aboriginals account for one per cent of the total population.

All data from Statistics Canada.

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Halton job fair to take place Nov. 7

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Halton region will be connecting job seekers and employers at a job fair on Nov. 7.

Next Tuesday, from 1-5 p.m., the Oakville Conference and Banquet Centre will host 70 employers. Job seekers are invited to bring their resumes.

According to Canadian Business magazine, Halton is the home of 23 out of the top 500 fastest growing companies in Canada. According to the magazine, the region attracts employ-

ers from diverse industries, such as advanced manufacturing, information technology, health care, financial services, and much more.

"Halton's strong economic standing is reflected through low levels of unemployment and a high rate of job creation, with over 4,000 new jobs created across the region in 2016," Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr said.

"By connecting job seekers with employers at our job fairs, we're strengthening our economy and ensuring Halton remains a

great place to live and work."

Every year, Employment Halton's offices in Milton and Oakville support nearly 9,500 job seekers and over 200 employers with free services, such as training, placements, and access to online job boards.

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