EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON THE RISE IN HALTON

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The amount of jobs available to Halton residents is steadily increasing, according to a recent employment survey conducted by the Region.

The results, which were received for information at the latest regional council meeting, show that the total number of jobs in Halton increased by five per cent between 2014 and 2018.

With its building boom continuing, Milton had the highest average rate of increase at 3.2 per cent each year, followed by Halton Hills at 2.6 per cent, Burlington at 1.8 per cent and Oakville at 1.2 per cent.

A total of 13,296 businesses and 229,130 jobs were identified in the 2018 survey, which also found that the top three sectors by total jobs in the region are retail trade (14.9 per cent), manufacturing (14.3 per cent) and educational services (9.5 per cent).

Other key findings of the survey are:

• The number of businesses in each of Halton's four municipalities increased by about one per cent annually between



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- Burlington had the highest share of Halton's total businesses at 37.7 per cent, followed by Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills
- Oakville had the highest share of Halton's total jobs at 38.4 per cent, followed by Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills
- 43 per cent of businesses and 53 per cent of jobs were located within employment areas designated in Halton's official plan.

"Annual participation (in the survey) from local businesses supports our overall understanding of business characteristics and economic landscape in Halton," said Regional Chair Gary Carr.

"This survey is also an important planning tool that informs policy and decision-making at Halton Region, including infrastructure improvements that support regional economic growth."

The 2019 employment survey is currently underway, with results expected to go before council next year.

For more information visit halton.ca.

STORY BEHIND THE STORY

We took a closer look at Halton's most recent employment survey to analyze what the results mean for local residents.





