

Census stats show there are more than 5,000 kids age six and younger

# Town's young population jumps 5 per cent

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Halton Hills is home to about five per cent more young children today than in 2001.

According to the 2006 Census statistics Halton Hills ranks ninth of all Ontario municipalities with populations over 25,000 for growth in that segment of its population.

In 2001 there were 4,945 young children (aged 0 to 6) in town, but last year that number jumped to 5,215.

While that growth is significant and is similar to that experienced by Ajax and Waterloo it doesn't come anywhere near the population explosion of kids in neighbouring Milton—the highest in both Canada and Ontario.

That community saw its population of young children grow by a whopping 163 per cent, or from 2,280 in 2001 to 6,005 last year. Brampton, which placed second to Milton in

that category, saw a 30 per cent increase, while Oakville ranked eighth (just above Halton Hills) with 10 per cent.

Milton's growth played a significant role in placing Halton Region on top in a ranking of all Ontario census divisions (fifth in Canada) that had growth in their young child populations.

In Halton the number of kids aged 0 to 6 jumped 17 per cent from 33,275 in 2001 to 39,030 in 2006. In comparison Ontario's growth rate in that sector was actually a decline of 3 per cent.

Halton's population of babies (under a year) has increased 32 per cent resulting in 1,300 more babies, in comparison the rate of growth in Ontario for babies was 5 per cent.

In Acton, there was a 25 per cent increase in kids aged 0 to 19 from 8,035 to 10,050. North Georgetown saw that group grow by 18 per cent (16,970 to 19,945) and south Georgetown (12,920 to 15,125) saw a 17 per cent increase.

In Acton the biggest increase was in the under one-year-old crowd.

The number of those kids jumped from 110 to 155 or 41 per cent.

In that community the number of children aged zero to six jumped from 810 to 1,060 or 31 per cent, while children in the age 7 to 12 category only increased by 11 per cent from 745 to 825).

The 13 to 19-year-olds in Acton increased by 24 per cent from 760 to 940. North Georgetown saw kids aged 13 to 19 years grow by 19 per cent from 1,545 to 1,840. Other growth areas included 7 to 12-year-olds. That area grew by 14 per cent from

1,530 in 2001 to 1,740 in 2006.

Census statistics for south Georgetown show increases in the 7 to 19 year-old group, but fewer children under the age of 7.

The kids aged 0 to 6 segment in south Georgetown fell by 8 per cent from 1,835 to 1,685.

The number of children under the age of 1 also declined in south Georgetown by 3 per cent from 195 to 190.

There was an increase, however, in children aged 7 to 12 of 25 per cent from 1,575 to 1,970 in 2006.

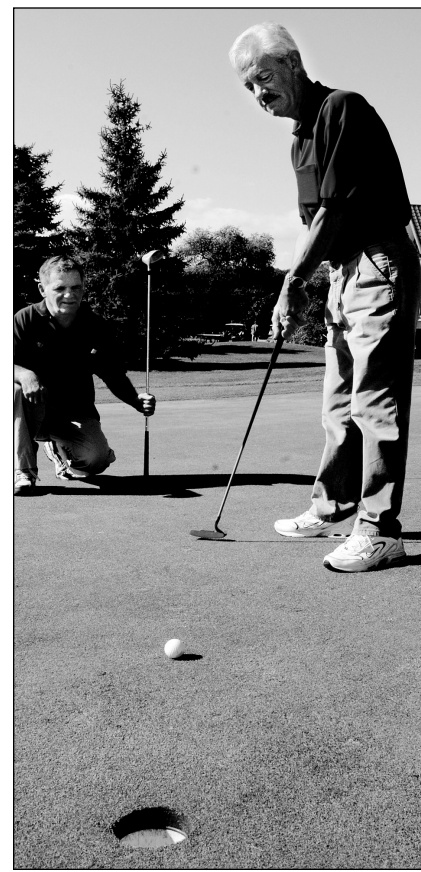
Showing the biggest jump in that community was the number of teenagers, which increased from 1,180 in 2001 to 1,695 in 2006 or 44 per cent.

Rural north Halton, which includes parts of Halton Hills and Milton saw its child and youth population decline.

Kids under 1 year in that area declined by 34 per cent (160 to 105), children aged 0 to 6 was down by 14 per cent (1,175 to 1,005) and 7 to 12-year-olds by 8 per cent (1,330 to 1,225). The only youth group population that increased in that area was the 13 to 19-year-olds, which went up by 5 per cent (from 1,560 to 1,645).

Overall, population increased in Acton by 25 per cent (8,035 in 2001 to 10,050 in 2006), 18 per cent in north Georgetown (16,970 to 19,945), and south Georgetown 17 per cent (12,920 to 15,125). Rural north Halton's population declined very slightly, from 16,025 in 2001 to 16,000.

Halton's overall population grew by 17 per cent from 375,190 in 2001 to 439,220 in 2006.



## Knights gather

Wayne Montgomery showed off his golf talent under the watchful eye of Robert Keating, as the two Acton members of the Knights of Columbus 8050 Council, were among the 70 golfers who took part in Georgetown Knights of Columbus golf tournament at Granite Ridge Golf Course recently.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Library project clarification

A headline in the Sept. 12 edition of *The Independent & Free Press* may have led to confusion about the cost of the expansion project for the Georgetown library and Cultural Centre.

The \$11.5 million cost of the expansion project reported was accurate, however the library portion of the project is \$10 million while enhancements to the Cultural Centre represent the remaining \$1.5 million.

The Cultural Centre and Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Library are located in the same building at 9 Church St.

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Paul is the Youth Culture Specialist for Youth Unlimited (Toronto YFC). He has been working with youth and parents for 33 years and has spoken extensively throughout Canada and the USA. Having raised four sons, he understands that today's parents are searching for answers to urgent questions on keeping the family strong.

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