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Building Connected Communities: Halton, Halton Hills – 2016 Census Older Immigrants

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38% of the POPULATION AGED 65+ IN HALTON HILLS ARE IMMIGRANTS

However, most immigrants over the age of 65 in Halton Hills are not racialized.

Visible Minority Groups

As a comparison, in Halton Hills the total population of people who are visible minorities is 7%.

For those who are 65+ in Halton Hills who are immigrants:

- South Asian: 4%
- Black: 2%
- Filipino: 2%

(all others are 1% or less, or 1% N.I.E.)

Live Alone Vs. Live with Others

Those who immigrated to Canada pre-1971 are less likely to be a visible minority (96% reported they are not a visible minority).

94% immigrants age 65+
WHO LIVE ALONE SPEAK ENGLISH or English plus another language at home.

Cantonese (2%), Italian (2%), and Portuguese (2%) are also spoken by immigrants age 65+ who live alone.

(all others are 1% or less, or 1% N.I.E.)
Median Income Differentials

Immigrants who are age 65+ have substantially lower median incomes than non-immigrants who are 65+.

Men and women who are immigrants both make less compared to their non-immigrant counterparts. However, immigrant women make substantially less than immigrant men.

The difference is more substantial when considering the time frame when someone immigrated to Canada.

The number of immigrants who reside in Halton Hills and who immigrated since 2001 is too low to reliably calculate income differences between immigrants and non-immigrants.

Racialized Immigrants

Racialized immigrants ages 65+ report lower median incomes than non-racialized immigrants 65+.

The population of racialized immigrants in Halton Hills is too low to break down median income reliably by time period in which people immigrated to Canada.

Considerations for the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills has the smallest percentage of immigrant older adults aged 65+ in the Region of Halton, census data indicates that most of these older adults are not racialized. The provision of services to low-income immigrants is an area of need specific to the Town of Halton Hills. Income needs will be greater among older adult immigrant women.

Programs and services should be offered in Portuguese, Italian in addition to English.

Most immigrant older adults in Halton Hills live with family – however, older adult immigrants can still experience social isolation and/or feelings of loneliness while living in multigenerational households.

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Note to users: As per Statistics Canada (2018) the immigrant population is defined in the 2016 Census as persons who are, or who have been, landed immigrants or permanent residents in Canada. This excludes non-permanent residents (i.e., persons in Canada who have a work or study permit or who are refugee claimants).

Recent immigrant refers to an immigrant who first obtained their landed immigrant or permanent resident status in the five years prior to a given census. In the 2016 Census, the period is from January 1, 2011 to May 10, 2016.

These data sheets use “racialized” interchangeably with “visible minority” which Statistics Canada defines as per the Employment Equity Act as “persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour” (Statistics Canada, 2018).

N.I.E – Not Indicated Elsewhere includes respondents who reported a write-in response such as ‘Guyanese,’ ‘West Indian,’ ‘Tibetan,’ ‘Polynesian’.