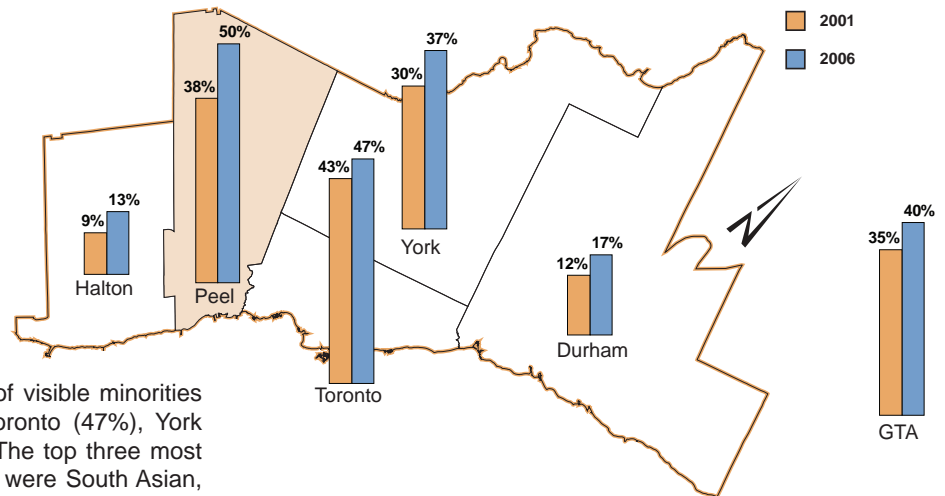


This bulletin summarizes the 2006 Census release on Visible Minorities and Ethnic Origins for Peel Region and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Data from the 2006 Census were collected on May 16, 2006. In 2006, 2.2 million people (or 40%) of the 5.5 million people living in the GTA were visible minorities, up from 1.7 million people (or 35%) in 2001.

Highlights

- Peel had the highest percentage of visible minorities in the GTA (with 50%).
- One-quarter of Peel's residents reported belonging to the South Asian visible minority group.
- The top three ethnic origin categories in Peel were East Indian, English and Canadian.

Visible Minorities as a Percent of Total Population, 2001 and 2006



In 2006, Peel had the highest percentage of visible minorities within the GTA (with 50%), followed by Toronto (47%), York (37%), Durham (17%) and Halton (13%). The top three most common visible minority groups in the GTA were South Asian, Chinese and Black. Within the GTA, South Asians were most common in Peel, Toronto and Halton. In York, the top visible minority group was Chinese while in Durham, Blacks were most common. The top visible minority group stayed the same from 2001 to 2006 in every GTA municipality except Toronto, where the most common visible minority group changed from Chinese in 2001 to South Asian in 2006.

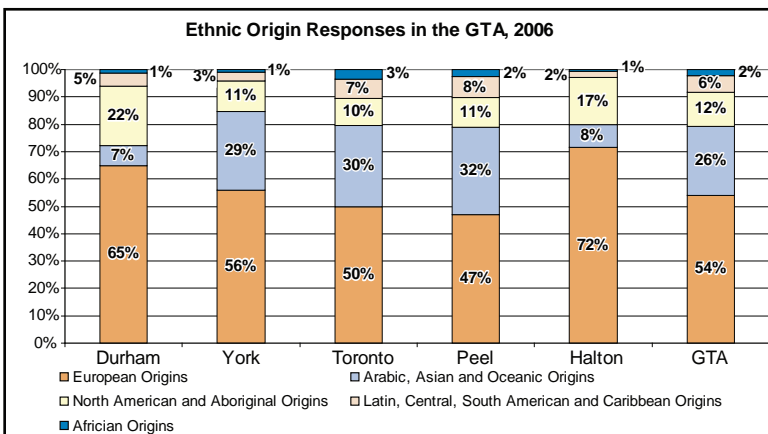
From 2001 to 2006, the visible minority population in the GTA grew by 27% (or 478,605 people) – triple the growth rate for the total population. In every GTA municipality, the visible minority growth rate was more than double that of the total population. In Peel and Toronto, the absolute increase in the visible minority population exceeded total population growth. Between 2001 and 2006, Peel's total population increased by

approximately 170,000 people while the visible minority population increased by nearly 200,000 people. In Toronto, the total population increased by almost 20,000 people, while the visible minority population increased by 112,000 people. In both municipalities, the non-visible minority population decreased. In Peel, this population decreased by 30,000 people, while in Toronto, this population decreased by almost 92,000 people.

On the 2001 and 2006 Census questionnaires, respondents had the option of indicating that they belonged to more than one visible minority group. The multiple visible minorities category recorded the highest percentage growth compared to other visible minority groups in Peel, Toronto and Durham from 2001 to 2006. In York, the West Asian group increased at the greatest rate, while the Latin American group grew fastest in Halton. The South Asian visible minority group had the highest absolute increases in Peel, Toronto and Halton. Chinese and Blacks were the visible minority groups with the highest absolute growth in York and Durham, respectively.

Ethnic origin data from the Census provides information on the ethnic or cultural origins of a respondent's ancestors. Multiple responses were encouraged – four write-in spaces were provided and up to six answers were retained. In 2006, there were 1.3 responses per person in the GTA. This figure ranged from 1.3 in Toronto, Peel and York to 1.5 in Halton and Durham. The top three ethnic origins for GTA residents were English, Canadian and Scottish. English was the top ethnic origin in Durham, Halton and Toronto. In Peel, the top ethnic origin was East Indian. In York, Italian was most common.

Ethnic Origin Responses in the GTA, 2006



Visible Minorities and Ethnic Origins in the GTA, 2006

Municipality	Total Population			Visible Minorities			Most Common Visible Minority Group, 2006	Most Common Ethnic Origin, 2006	Number of Ethnic Origin Responses Per Person, 2006
	Number in 2001	Number in 2006	Growth Rate 2001-2006	Number in 2001	Number in 2006	Growth Rate 2001-2006			
Toronto	2,481,494	2,503,281	1%	1,051,125	1,162,630	11%	South Asian	English	1.3
Peel	988,958	1,159,405	17%	379,105	576,665	52%	South Asian	East Indian	1.3
York	729,254	892,712	22%	216,130	329,955	53%	Chinese	Italian	1.3
Durham	506,901	561,258	11%	62,515	93,420	49%	Black	English	1.5
Halton	375,229	439,256	17%	32,550	57,360	76%	South Asian	English	1.5
GTA	5,081,836	5,555,912	9%	1,741,425	2,220,030	27%	South Asian	English	1.3

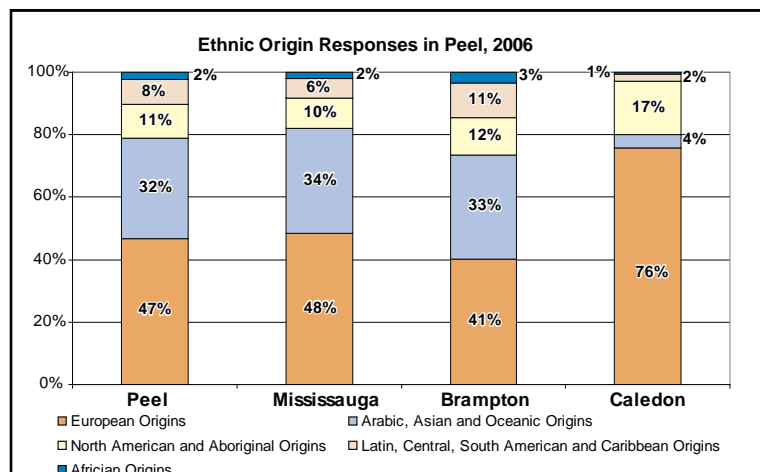
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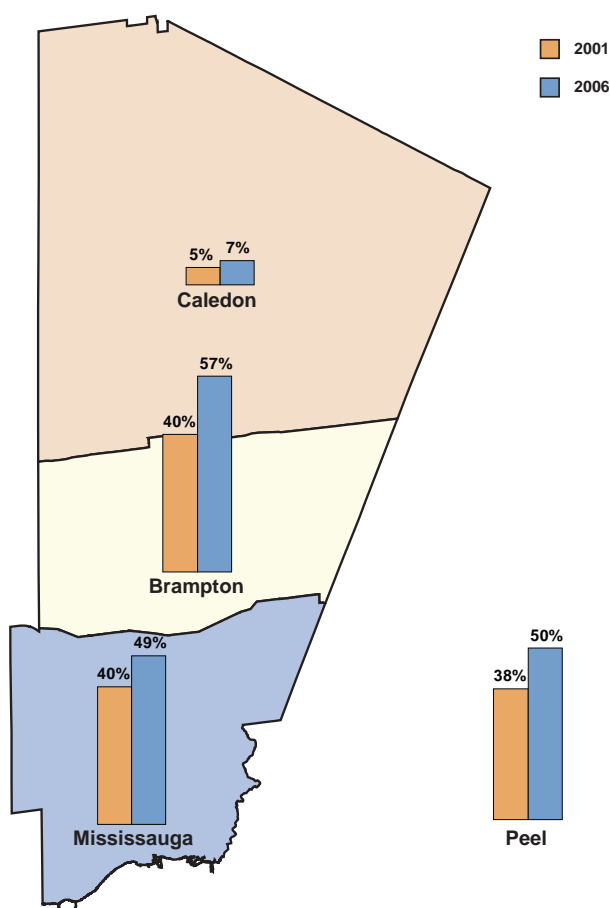
According to the 2006 Census, 50% of the 1.2 million people living in Peel were visible minorities, up from 38% in 2001.

In Peel, Brampton had the highest percentage of visible minorities (57%) followed by Mississauga (49%) and Caledon (7%). Though Brampton had the highest percentage of visible minorities in Peel, Mississauga had the highest number of visible minorities in Peel. There were 326,425 visible minorities living in Mississauga compared to 246,145 visible minorities living in Brampton.

The most common visible minority category in all three area municipalities in 2001 and 2006 was South Asian. One in four people living in Peel in 2006 identified themselves as South Asian. In Brampton, this figure was one in three, in Mississauga it was one in five and in Caledon, one out of every 50 residents reported being South Asian. The second most common visible minority category was Black in Brampton and Caledon and Chinese in Mississauga. In Mississauga and Caledon, the second most common visible minority group comprised less than 10% of the population, while in Brampton this figure was 12%.



Visible Minorities as a Percent of Total Population, 2001 and 2006



From 2001 to 2006, the visible minority population in Peel increased 52%, from 379,105 people in 2001 to 576,665 people in 2006. In Mississauga and Brampton, the absolute increase in the visible minority population outpaced that of the total population. Brampton's total population increased by 107,000 people from 2001 to 2006, while the visible minority population increased by almost 116,000 people. In Mississauga, the total population increased by nearly 55,000 people while the visible minority population increased by 80,000 people. Both Brampton and Mississauga experienced decreases in the non-visible minority population. In Caledon, both the visible and non-visible minority populations increased (by 63% and 10% respectively).

The 2001 and 2006 Census questionnaires allowed respondents to indicate that they belonged to more than one visible minority group. The multiple visible minorities category recorded the highest percentage growth from 2001 to 2006 compared to other visible minority groups in Mississauga and Brampton. In Mississauga, this population increased by 91%, (or 4,345 people) while in Brampton this figure increased by 189% (or 3,985 people). In Caledon, Southeast Asians had the highest growth rate, increasing from 35 people in 2001 to 180 people in 2006. In all three area municipalities, South Asians recorded the highest absolute growth from 2001 to 2006.

Ethnic origin data from the Census provides information on the cultural and ethnic origins of a respondent's ancestors. Multiple responses are encouraged. There were 1.3 responses per person in Peel in 2006 (down from 1.4 in 2001). The top three ethnic origin categories in Peel were East Indian, English and Canadian. Mississauga recorded the same top three ethnic origin categories as Peel. In Brampton, the top three ethnic origin categories were East Indian, Canadian and English, while Caledon's top three categories were English, Italian and Canadian.

Visible Minorities and Ethnic Origins in Peel and the Area Municipalities, 2006

Municipality	Total Population			Total Visible Minority Population			Most Common Visible Minority Group, 2006	Most Common Ethnic Origin, 2006	Number of Ethnic Origin Responses Per Person, 2006
	Number in 2001	Number in 2006	Growth Rate 2001-2006	Number in 2001	Number in 2006	Growth Rate 2001-2006			
Mississauga	612,925	668,549	9%	246,330	326,425	33%	South Asian	East Indian	1.3
Brampton	325,428	433,806	33%	130,275	246,145	89%	South Asian	East Indian	1.3
Caledon	50,605	57,050	13%	2,505	4,090	63%	South Asian	English	1.4
Peel	988,958	1,159,405	17%	379,105	576,665	52%	South Asian	East Indian	1.3