

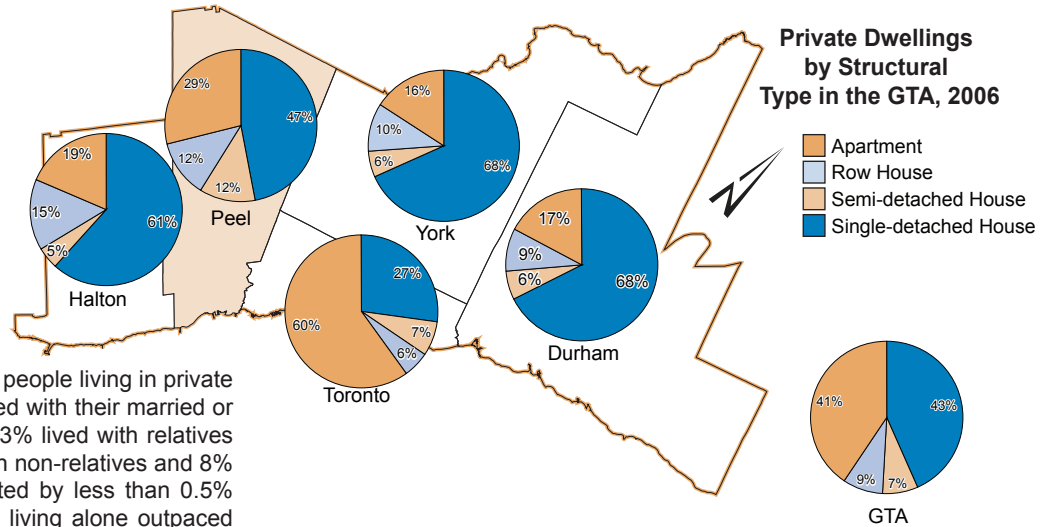
This bulletin summarizes the Households portion of the 2006 Census Marriage, Families and Households data release for Peel Region and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Data from the 2006 Census were collected on May 16, 2006. The terms “households” and “private occupied dwellings” have the same definition according to Statistics Canada. In 2006, there were 1,965,930 households in the GTA – a 10% increase compared to 2001.

### Highlights

- 86% of the GTA's total population lived with their spouse, child or parent in 2006
- In Peel, 42% of all households are home to 4 or more people
- Caledon has the highest rate of home ownership in Peel – 91%

In May 2006, there were almost 5.5 million people living in private households in the GTA. Just over 86% lived with their married or common-law spouse, children or parents, 3% lived with relatives other than those listed above, 3% lived with non-relatives and 8% lived alone. These proportions have shifted by less than 0.5% since 2001, but the growth rate of people living alone outpaced population growth in every GTA municipality. Within the GTA, York had the highest rate of people living with their spouse, children or parents (92%). Toronto had the highest rate of people living alone (12%).

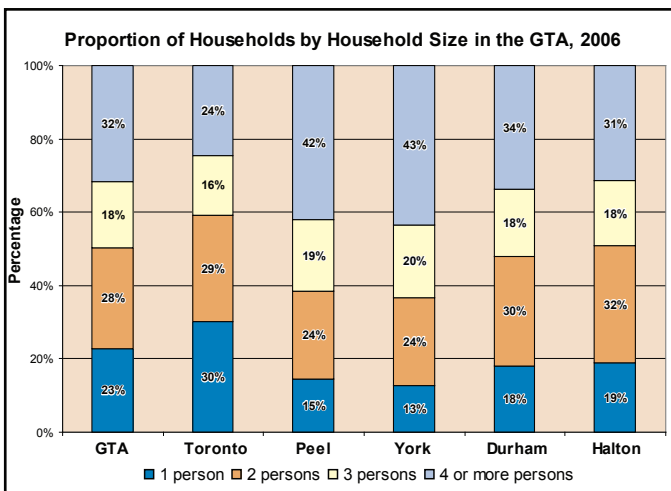
Over 600,000 of the 5.5 million people living in private households in the GTA in 2006 were seniors (age 65 years or older). Two-thirds (or 66%) of seniors live with their spouse, children or parents, 9% live with relatives other than those listed above, 2% live with non-relatives and 23% live alone. Since 2001, the proportion of seniors living alone has decreased by 1% in Peel, York and Halton and remained virtually unchanged in Durham and Toronto.



In the GTA, the growth rate of the number of seniors living with non-relatives and the growth rate of the number of seniors living with their spouse, children or parents exceeded the population growth of this age group.

In 2006, 70% of GTA households were home to one family, 4% were home to more than one family (or multiple families) and 26% were home to people living alone or with non-relatives. These proportions have not changed significantly since 2001. However, the growth rate of multiple-family households was higher than the household growth rate in every GTA municipality except Toronto. The growth rate of multiple-family households in Peel (31%) was nearly double the household growth rate (16%). Peel was also the only GTA municipality where the share of households with four or more people increased. In 2006, Peel had the second highest share of these households (42%) behind York (43%).

From 2001 to 2006, home ownership rates in the GTA increased from 64% to 68%. In 2006, home ownership rates ranged from 54% in Toronto to 88% in York. Single-detached houses are the most common form of dwelling type in the GTA (43%) closely followed by apartments (40%). The shares of apartments and row houses increased from 2001 to 2006 (by 4% and 1% respectively), while the shares of all other housing types decreased. The proportion of single-detached dwellings was highest in York (68%), while Toronto had the highest proportion of apartments (60%). York had the youngest dwellings in the GTA – almost three-quarters (or 74%) of the dwellings in York were built after 1980.



Private Households by Type and Housing Tenure in the GTA, 2006

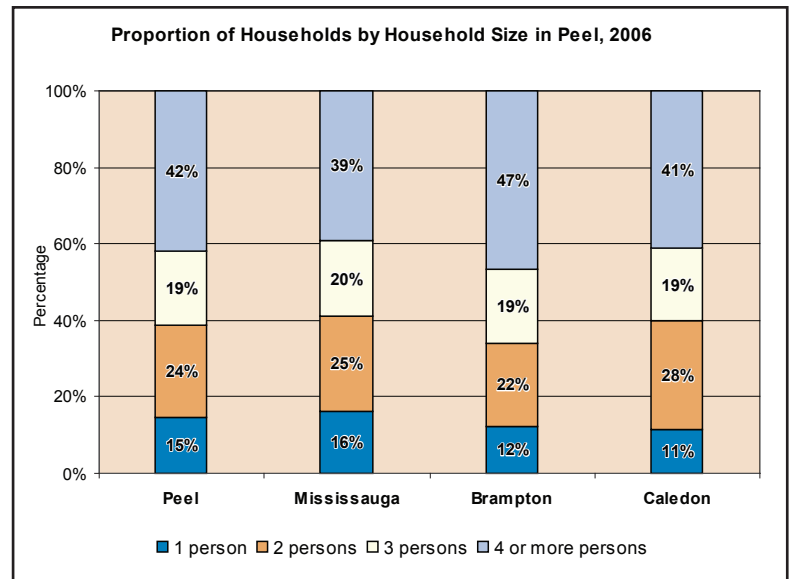
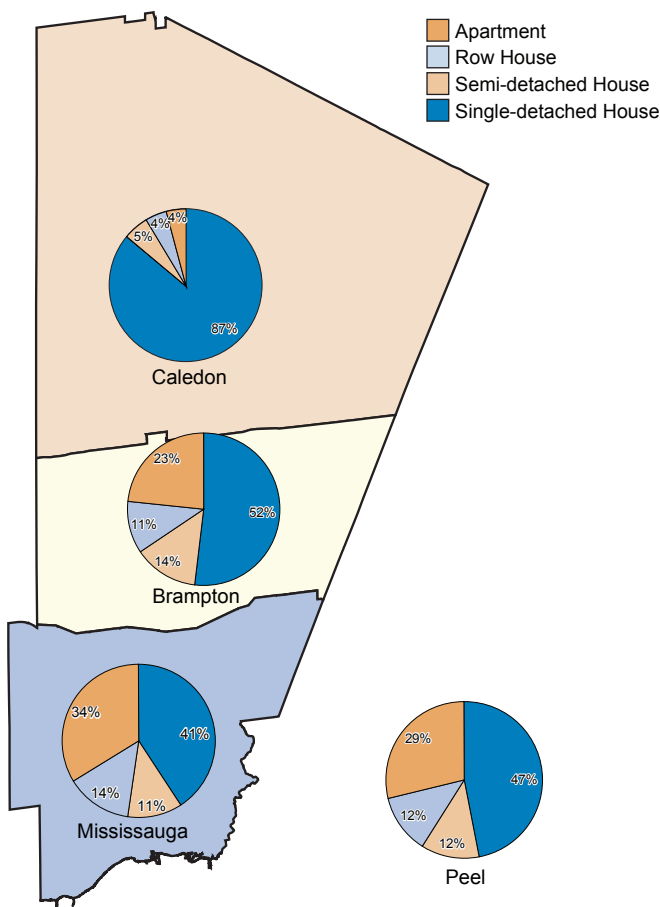
Municipality	Number of Households / Dwellings	Private Households by Household Type						Private Dwellings by Tenure					
		One Family		Multiple-Family		Non-Family		Owned			Rented		
		2006	Percent of Households	2006	Percent of Households	2006	Percent of Households	2006	Percent of Dwellings	Growth Rate 2001-06	2006	Percent of Dwellings	Growth Rate 2001-06
Toronto	979,440	602,235	61%	32,640	3%	344,565	35%	532,590	54%	11%	446,855	46%	-4%
Peel	359,060	275,045	77%	23,135	6%	60,880	17%	280,465	78%	22%	78,595	22%	-1%
York	275,680	221,760	80%	14,735	5%	39,190	14%	243,310	88%	26%	32,360	12%	6%
Durham	194,670	149,705	77%	5,250	3%	39,715	20%	159,880	82%	17%	34,785	18%	0%
Halton	157,080	120,365	77%	3,060	2%	33,660	21%	130,330	83%	23%	26,750	17%	-4%
<b>GTA</b>	<b>1,965,930</b>	<b>1,369,110</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>78,820</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>518,010</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,346,575</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>619,345</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>-3%</b>

According to the 2006 Census, there were 359,060 private occupied dwellings (or households) in Peel – a 16% increase compared to 2001. Over half of the dwellings built in Peel from 2001 to 2006 were built in Brampton.

Over 1.15 million people reported living in a private household in Peel in May 2006. The vast majority of these people (91%) lived with their spouse, children or parents. Only 3% lived with relatives other than those listed above, 2% lived with non-relatives and less than 5% lived alone. These proportions have not changed significantly since the 2001 Census, but the growth rate of the number of people living alone is almost double the population growth rate in Mississauga and Caledon. In Brampton, growth in the number of people living with relatives other than their parents, children or spouse was nearly double the population growth rate.

In 2006, Peel had almost 100,000 seniors (age 65 years and older) living in private households. The living arrangements of seniors differed from those of the total population. Only 69% of Peel's seniors reported living with their spouse, children or parents, 14% lived with relatives other than those listed above, 1% lived with non-relatives and 16% lived alone.

**Private Dwellings by Structural Type in Peel, 2006**



From 2001 to 2006, the proportion of seniors living alone decreased in all area municipalities. This decrease was most pronounced in Brampton, where this proportion fell 2%. In Peel, the growth rate of seniors living with relatives increased faster than the population growth rate of this age group.

Over three-quarters (77%) of Peel's households were home to one family, 6% were home to more than one family (or multiple families) and 17% were home to people that were living alone or with non-relatives (non-families). These proportions shifted slightly in every municipality from 2001 to 2006. In Brampton, where growth in multiple-family households doubled overall household growth, the proportions of one-family and non-family households decreased by 1% each and the proportion of multiple-family households increased 2%. Multiple-family households accounted for 9% (nearly one in ten) households in Brampton. Brampton also had the highest proportion of households with four or more people (47%) in Peel, followed by Caledon (41%) and Mississauga (39%).

Home ownership rates in Peel increased from 74% in 2001 to 78% in 2006. In Caledon, 91% of residents owned their home in 2006, compared to 81% in Brampton and 75% in Mississauga. Single-detached dwellings account for 47% of all private occupied dwellings in Peel (down from 50% in 2001) and apartments comprise 29% of all dwellings in Peel (up from 26% in 2001). The proportion shift in Peel's dwelling types occurred in all area municipalities but was most pronounced in Mississauga (where the proportion of single-detached dwellings decreased 4% and the proportion of apartments increased by the same amount). Brampton had the youngest dwellings in Peel – two-thirds (66%) of Brampton's dwellings were built after 1980, compared to just under 60% in both Mississauga and Caledon.

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Mississauga	214,920	163,455	76%	11,045	5%	40,425	19%	161,195	75%	15%	53,730	25%	-2%
Brampton	125,930	96,385	77%	11,400	9%	18,145	14%	102,625	81%	37%	23,305	19%	4%
Caledon	18,210	15,205	83%	690	4%	2,315	13%	16,645	91%	15%	1,565	9%	-4%
Peel	359,060	275,045	77%	23,135	6%	60,880	17%	280,465	78%	22%	78,595	22%	-1%