

Milton – Engaging, Balanced & Connected

Milton is one of the most unique communities in Ontario - if not Canada. Milton's recent growth and distinction as "Canada's Fastest Growing Community" are well known; however, Milton has evolved into one of the most educated, diverse and blossoming communities in Canada. Milton is the only community in Ontario with top 10 standings, in five distinctive categories: Growth, Median Age, Median Age of Labour Force, Education Attainment and Income.

Unlike the rest of the province, and the country as a whole, Milton is getting younger and sits as the second youngest community in the Greater Toronto Area with a Median age of 34.4 years. In terms of education attainment, Milton's local population is comparable to such affluent communities as Oakville and Richmond Hill, but also innovative regions with universities such as Waterloo and Ottawa. Milton's population is also becoming more diverse. Visible minorities now comprise nearly one fifth of Town residents. These significant differences in demographics are due primarily to the internal migration of young professionals for education, proximity to the GTA and establishing a permanent home in a community with a high standard of living – a pattern predominantly seen around large urban centres.

Highly skilled and educated workers seek innovative companies and opportunities professionally but also a high quality of life including outdoor activities and arts and culture. Milton's population is younger, more educated, more diverse and more dynamic than it has ever been – people who power innovation and growth. These are individuals with specific knowledge, skills and business intelligence. This group will be a key driver in the town's future economic development.

The influx of highly skilled educated people has caused tremendous residential growth in Milton over the last several years, while industrial and commercial developments have kept pace allowing the town to establish a balanced growth ratio of residential vs. non-residential assessment. This trend has led Milton to have amongst the lowest residential and business property taxes in the Greater Toronto Area.

These strong fundamentals of highly skilled growing population and the availability of outstanding industrial land put Milton in a strong position, now and in the future.