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## **2011 Census: Population and Dwelling Counts**

The 2011 Census Day was May 9, 2011. Today, Statistics Canada released its first set of data from this Census, on population and dwellings.

### **Key Points:**

#### **Population**

- The 2011 population of Toronto is 2,615,060, or 7.8% of Canada's total population of 33,476,688. The data is not adjusted for undercoverage which is discussed below.
- Between 2006 and 2011, Toronto's population grew by 111,779 residents, an increase of 4.5%. This is more than 5 times the population growth reported by the Census for the City of Toronto in the previous five-year period. Between 2001 and 2006, the reported population growth was 21,787 or 0.9%.
- 133,566 more people live in Toronto than were here a decade ago.
- The 2011 population of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is 18.1% of Canada's population. The City of Toronto accounts for 43.2% of the GTA's population. This is down slightly from 45.1% of the GTA in 2006.
- Between 2006 and 2011, the GTA's population increased by 9.0% or by 498,336 persons. Toronto accounts for about 22.4% of the GTA's growth. This is compared to 4.6% of the GTA growth between 2001 and 2006. The City's share of the GTA growth has increased by almost 5 times.
- The growth rates of the GTA Regions ranged between 8.4% and 15.7%. York Region had the strongest growth rate at 15.7%, followed by Halton Region at 14.2%, Peel Region at 11.9%, and Durham Region with 8.4%.
- Growth rates varied across the GTA's 25 municipalities, ranging from -5.3% to 56.4%.
- The 5 fastest-growing municipalities in the GTA are Milton with a population growth rate of 56.4%, followed by Whitchurch-Stouffville at 54.3%, Ajax at 21.6%, Brampton at 20.8% and Vaughan at 20.7%.
- Although Statistics Canada makes a great effort to count every person, in each Census a notable number of people are left out for a variety of reasons. For example, people may be traveling, some dwellings are hard to find, and some people simply refuse to participate. Statistics Canada takes this into account and

estimates an 'undercoverage' rate for the urban region (CMA) every Census, but not for the City. The 2006 rate for the Toronto CMA was 4.94%. If the rate were the same for 2011, the City's actual population would be 2,751,000.

- The City's population is on track with the population forecast in the Growth Plan. The Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) includes population forecasts to 2031 which are used for planning and growth management. The Growth Plan anticipated a 2011 population including undercoverage for the City of Toronto of 2,760,000, thus the City's estimated actual population in 2011 of 2,751,000 is very close to the level anticipated by the Growth Plan.
- Maps 1 and 2 show population change across the GTA and the City of Toronto. Toronto's growth is distributed across the city.

### Dwellings

- The number of occupied private dwellings in Toronto grew from 979,330 in 2006 to 1,047,877 in 2011.
- Occupied private dwellings in the City of Toronto increased by 68,547 between 2006 and 2011. According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), there were 58,074 dwelling completions in the City during the same period. Even allowing for demolitions over the period, this difference would suggest that the 2011 Census has captured a significant number of occupied dwelling units that may have existed in the City at the time of the 2006 Census but were not classified as "occupied" at that time.
- Between 2006 and 2011, occupied dwellings in the GTA increased by 10.2% from 1,965,502 to 2,166,964. In 2011, the City of Toronto was home to 48.4% of all GTA dwellings.
- Toronto accounted for 34.0% of the GTA's increase in occupied dwelling units between 2006 and 2011. This compares to 19.6% of the increase between 2001 and 2006.
- Of the GTA Regions, York Region showed the largest growth in occupied dwelling units, an increase of 17.4%, followed by Halton Region at 14.1%, Peel Region at 12.2% and Durham Region at 9.8%. The City of Toronto's rate was 7.0%. The City's growth represents one-third of all GTA growth over the period. At 68,547 occupied dwellings, the City's growth in occupied units is much higher than that of any other region in the GTA.
- The average number of persons per occupied dwelling (or average PPU) in the City of Toronto has declined slightly from 2.56 in 2006 to 2.50 in 2011. The average PPU has also declined in many other GTA municipalities.

- The City tracks development applications for proposed residential development. Between 2006 and 2011, the City has received applications proposing approximately 152,000 units. Of these, some 40,000 proposed units are approved but not yet under construction, while another 38,500 are under construction but not yet completed. If these approximately 78,500 units were occupied at the same rate as apartments in buildings of 5 or more storeys built between 2001 and 2006, they would house about 140,500 persons. These units represent some of the potential for additional population in the near future, greater than the population growth that occurred in the City between 2006 and 2011.

**Notes:**

There have been changes in the way information has been collected for portions of the 2011 Census. This will impact the extent to which comparisons can be made with previous Census periods on some Census variables. The information previously collected by the long-form census questionnaire was collected in 2011 as part of the new voluntary National Household Survey. The numbers in this particular release are from questions that are part of both the 2006 and 2011 Censuses and can be compared.

The 2011 Toronto CMA net undercoverage rate is not yet available.

The City of Toronto will be releasing more backgrounders coinciding with each Census release. The Census release schedule is as follows:

- Age and Sex - May 29, 2012
- Families, Households and Marital Status - September 19, 2012
- Structural Type of Dwelling and Collectives - September 19, 2012
- Language - October 24, 2012

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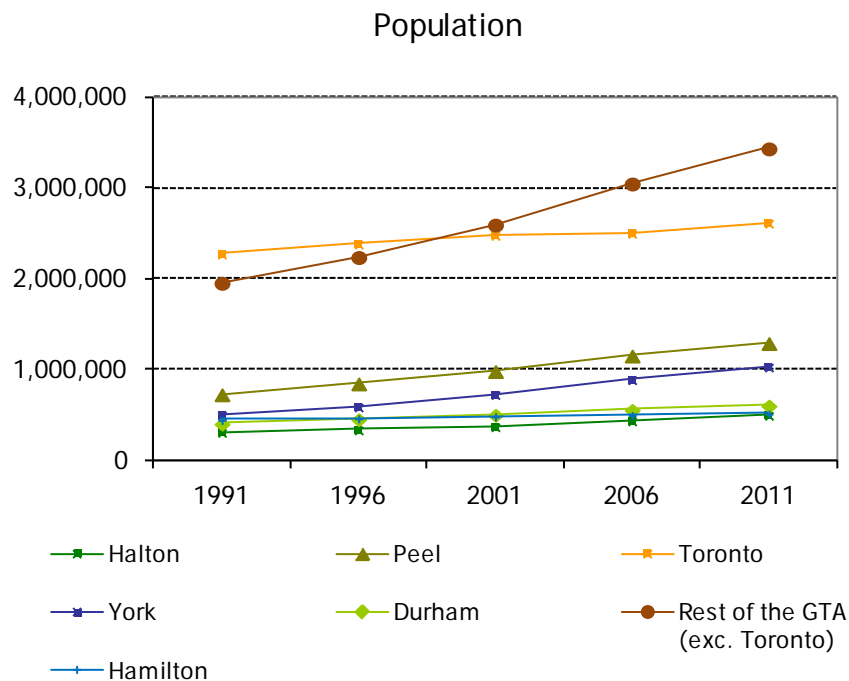
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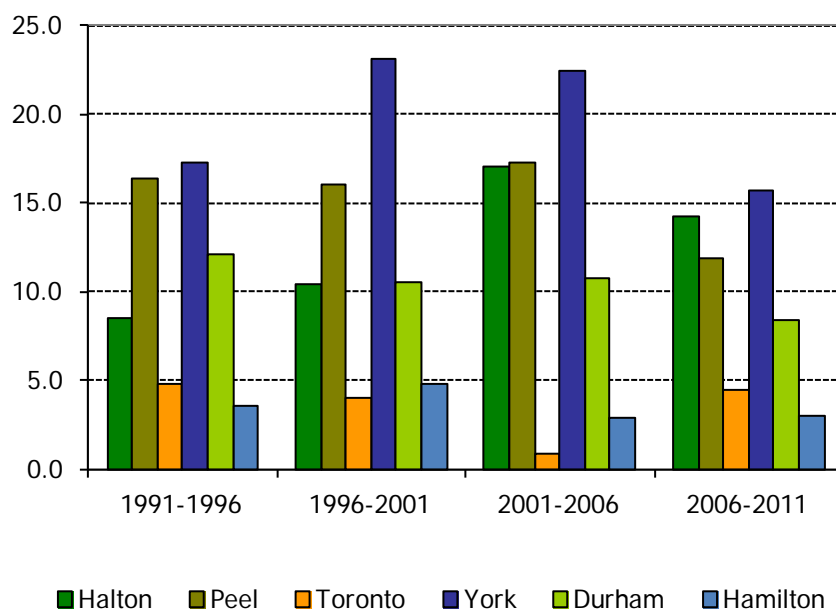
### Population, 1991 - 2011, Greater Toronto Area / Hamilton

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	Change			
						1991-1996	1996-2001	2001-2006	2006-2011
GTA/H	4,687,421	5,096,682	5,572,094	6,060,471	6,574,140	409,261	475,412	488,377	513,669
Toronto	2,275,771	2,385,421	2,481,494	2,503,281	2,615,060	109,650	96,073	21,787	111,779
Rest of the GTA	1,959,985	2,243,462	2,600,332	3,052,631	3,439,131	283,477	356,870	452,299	386,500
Halton	313,136	339,875	375,229	439,256	501,669	26,739	35,354	64,027	62,413
Peel	732,798	852,526	988,948	1,159,405	1,296,814	119,728	136,422	170,457	137,409
York	504,981	592,445	729,254	892,712	1,032,524	87,464	136,809	163,458	139,812
Durham	409,070	458,616	506,901	561,258	608,124	49,546	48,285	54,357	46,866
Hamilton	451,665	467,799	490,268	504,559	519,949	16,134	22,469	14,291	15,390
% Toronto of GTA	53.7	51.5	48.8	45.1	43.2	27.9	21.2	4.6	22.4
% Toronto of GTA/H	48.6	46.8	44.5	41.3	39.8	26.8	20.2	4.5	21.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 1991 - 2011



Percent Change in Population



Growth Rates, 1991-2011, Greater Toronto Area / Hamilton

	Percent Change				Annualized Compound Growth Rate	
	1991-1996	1996-2001	2001-2006	2006-2011	2006-2011	2001-2011
GTA/H	8.7	9.3	8.8	8.5	1.64	1.67
Toronto	4.8	4.0	0.9	4.5	0.88	0.53
Rest of the GTA	14.5	15.9	17.4	12.7	2.41	2.84
Halton	8.5	10.4	17.1	14.2	2.69	2.95
Peel	16.3	16.0	17.2	11.9	2.27	2.75
York	17.3	23.1	22.4	15.7	2.95	3.54
Durham	12.1	10.5	10.7	8.4	1.62	1.84
Hamilton	3.6	4.8	2.9	3.1	0.60	0.59

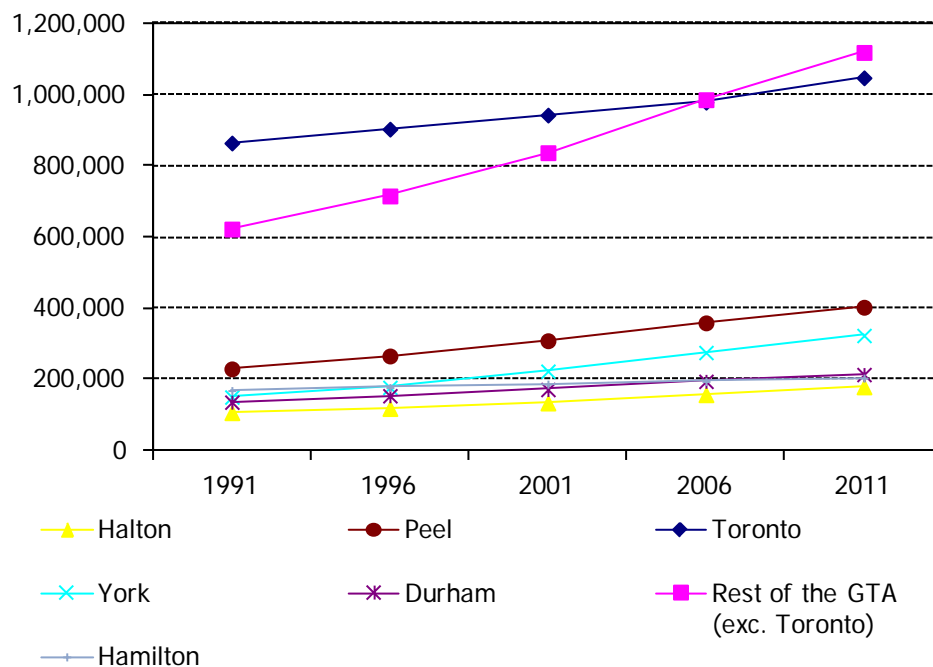
Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses, 1991-2011

## Dwelling Units, 1991– 2011, Greater Toronto Area / Hamilton Dwelling Units Occupied by Usual Residents

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	Change			
						1991-1996	1996-2001	2001-2006	2006-2011
GTA/H	1,655,995	1,796,620	1,967,360	2,160,109	2,370,924	140,625	170,740	192,749	210,815
Toronto	864,550	903,580	943,080	979,330	1,047,877	39,030	39,500	36,250	68,547
Rest of the GTA	622,710	715,765	837,395	986,334	1,119,241	93,055	121,630	148,939	132,907
Halton	106,420	118,155	133,665	156,947	179,013	11,735	15,510	23,282	22,066
Peel	229,670	265,935	308,845	359,042	402,939	36,265	42,910	50,197	43,897
York	150,485	177,575	223,170	275,673	323,543	27,090	45,595	52,503	47,870
Durham	136,135	154,100	171,715	194,672	213,746	17,965	17,615	22,957	19,074
Hamilton	168,735	177,275	186,885	194,445	203,806	8,540	9,610	7,560	9,361

Source: Statistics Canada, 1991-2011 Censuses  
Dwelling unit counts refer to units Occupied by Usual Residents.

### Dwelling Units Occupied by Usual Residents



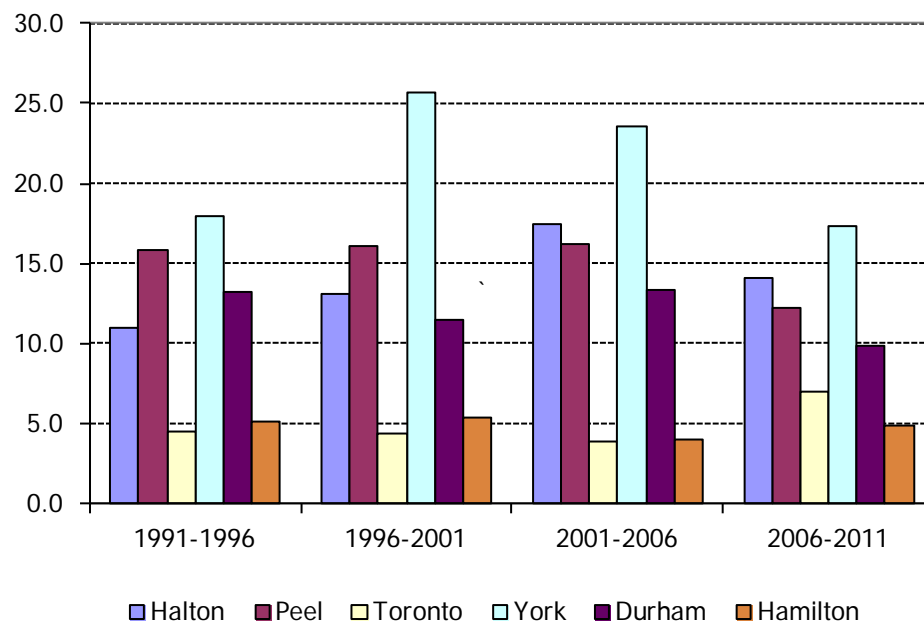
### Change in Occupied Dwelling Units, 1991– 2011, Greater Toronto Area / Hamilton

	1991-1996	1996-2001	2001-2006	2006-2011
GTA/H	8.5	9.5	9.8	9.8
Toronto	4.5	4.4	3.8	7.0
Rest of the GTA	14.9	17.0	17.8	13.5
Halton	11.0	13.1	17.4	14.1
Peel	15.8	16.1	16.3	12.2
York	18.0	25.7	23.5	17.4
Durham	13.2	11.4	13.4	9.8
Hamilton	5.1	5.4	4.0	4.8

Note: Dwelling unit counts refer to units occupied by usual residents.

Source: Statistics Canada, 1991 – 2011 Censuses

### Percent Change in Occupied Dwelling Units



## Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Population and Percent Change by Municipality, 1991-2011

Municipality	1991	1996	2001	2006*	2011*	Percent Change				
						1991-1996	1996-2001	2001-2006	2006-2011	1991-2011
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>2,275,771</b>	<b>2,385,421</b>	<b>2,481,494</b>	<b>2,503,281</b>	<b>2,615,060</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>14.9</b>
<b>Durham</b>	<b>409,044</b>	<b>458,616</b>	<b>506,901</b>	<b>561,186</b>	<b>608,031</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>48.6</b>
Ajax	57,350	64,430	73,753	90,167	109,600	12.3	14.5	22.3	21.6	91.1
Brock	11,057	11,705	12,110	11,979	11,341	5.9	3.5	-1.1	-5.3	2.6
Clarington	49,479	60,615	69,834	77,820	84,548	22.5	15.2	11.4	8.6	70.9
Oshawa	129,344	134,364	139,051	141,590	149,607	3.9	3.5	1.8	5.7	15.7
Pickering	68,631	78,989	87,139	87,838	88,721	15.1	10.3	0.8	1.0	29.3
Scugog	17,810	18,837	20,224	21,439	21,569	5.8	7.4	6.0	0.6	21.1
Uxbridge	14,092	15,882	17,377	19,169	20,623	12.7	9.4	10.3	7.6	46.3
Whitby	61,281	73,794	87,413	111,184	122,022	20.4	18.5	27.2	9.7	99.1
<b>York</b>	<b>504,841</b>	<b>592,445</b>	<b>729,254</b>	<b>892,359</b>	<b>1,032,249</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>104.5</b>
Aurora	29,454	34,857	40,167	47,629	53,203	18.3	15.2	18.6	11.7	80.6
East										
Gwillimbury	18,367	19,770	20,555	21,069	22,473	7.6	4.0	2.5	6.7	22.4
Georgina	29,746	34,978	39,536	42,346	43,517	17.6	13.0	7.1	2.8	46.3
King	18,121	18,223	18,533	19,487	19,899	0.6	1.7	5.1	2.1	9.8
Markham	153,811	173,383	208,615	261,573	301,709	12.7	20.3	25.4	15.3	96.2
Newmarket	45,474	57,125	65,788	74,295	79,978	25.6	15.2	12.9	7.6	75.9
Richmond Hill	80,142	101,725	132,030	162,704	185,541	26.9	29.8	23.2	14.0	131.5
Vaughan	111,369	132,549	182,022	238,866	288,301	19.0	37.3	31.2	20.7	158.9
Whitchurch-Stouffville	18,357	19,835	22,008	24,390	37,628	8.1	11.0	10.8	54.3	105.0
<b>Peel</b>	<b>732,798</b>	<b>852,526</b>	<b>988,948</b>	<b>1,159,405</b>	<b>1,296,814</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>77.0</b>
Brampton	234,445	268,251	325,428	433,806	523,911	14.4	21.3	33.3	20.8	123.5
Caledon	34,965	39,893	50,595	57,050	59,460	14.1	26.8	12.8	4.2	70.1
Mississauga	463,388	544,382	612,925	668,549	713,443	17.5	12.6	9.1	6.7	54.0
<b>Halton</b>	<b>313,136</b>	<b>339,875</b>	<b>375,229</b>	<b>439,256</b>	<b>501,669</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>60.2</b>
Burlington	129,575	136,976	150,836	164,415	175,779	5.7	10.1	9.0	6.9	35.7
Halton Hills	36,816	42,390	48,184	55,289	59,008	15.1	13.7	14.7	6.7	60.3
Milton	32,075	32,104	31,471	53,939	84,362	0.1	-2.0	71.4	56.4	163.0
Oakville	114,670	128,405	144,738	165,613	182,520	12.0	12.7	14.4	10.2	59.2
<b>GTA</b>	<b>4,235,590</b>	<b>4,628,883</b>	<b>5,081,826</b>	<b>5,555,487</b>	<b>6,053,823</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>42.9</b>

### Notes:

The numbers in this table may differ slightly due to rounding.

For some municipalities large percentage increases are due to small population counts.

\* 2011 and 2006 counts do not include First Nations Reserves:

Durham Region: Mississaugas of Scugog Island: Population 2011 = 93, 2006 = 72

York Region: Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation: Population 2011 = 275, 2006 = 353

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 1991 - 2011

## GTA Occupied Private Dwellings and Percent Change by Municipality, 1991-2011

Dwelling unit counts refer to units Occupied by Usual Residents

Municipality	2001	2006*	2011*	Percent Change			Average PPU	
				2001-2006	2006-2011	2001-2011	2006	2011
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>943,080</b>	<b>979,330</b>	<b>1,047,877</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>2.56</b>	<b>2.50</b>
<b>Durham</b>	<b>171,695</b>	<b>194,639</b>	<b>213,706</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>2.88</b>	<b>2.85</b>
Ajax	23,180	28,616	35,038	23.5	22.4	51.2	3.15	3.13
Brock	4,400	4,422	4,336	0.5	-1.9	-1.5	2.71	2.62
Clarington	23,205	26,865	29,880	15.8	11.2	28.8	2.90	2.83
Oshawa	52,355	54,923	58,797	4.9	7.1	12.3	2.58	2.54
Pickering	26,945	28,210	29,330	4.7	4.0	8.9	3.11	3.02
Scugog	7,070	7,705	7,959	9.0	3.3	12.6	2.78	2.71
Uxbridge	5,900	6,658	7,345	12.8	10.3	24.5	2.88	2.81
Whitby	28,640	37,240	41,021	30.0	10.2	43.2	2.99	2.97
<b>York</b>	<b>223,085</b>	<b>275,544</b>	<b>323,429</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>3.19</b>
Aurora	12,995	15,656	17,691	20.5	13.0	36.1	3.04	3.01
East Gwillimbury	6,510	6,887	7,540	5.8	9.5	15.8	3.06	2.98
Georgina	13,780	15,263	15,851	10.8	3.9	15.0	2.77	2.75
King	6,050	6,398	6,645	5.8	3.9	9.8	3.05	2.99
Markham	60,665	77,191	90,534	27.2	17.3	49.2	3.39	3.33
Newmarket	21,305	25,087	27,409	17.8	9.3	28.7	2.96	2.92
Richmond Hill	41,350	51,000	58,651	23.3	15.0	41.8	3.19	3.16
Vaughan	52,960	69,536	86,063	31.3	23.8	62.5	3.44	3.35
Whitchurch-Stouffville	7,470	8,526	13,045	14.1	53.0	74.6	2.86	2.88
<b>Peel</b>	<b>308,850</b>	<b>359,042</b>	<b>402,939</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>3.22</b>
Brampton	97,555	125,934	149,271	29.1	18.5	53.0	3.44	3.51
Caledon	16,115	18,214	19,086	13.0	4.8	18.4	3.13	3.12
Mississauga	195,180	214,894	234,582	10.1	9.2	20.2	3.11	3.04
<b>Halton</b>	<b>133,665</b>	<b>156,947</b>	<b>179,013</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>2.80</b>
Burlington	57,340	63,159	68,779	10.1	8.9	19.9	2.60	2.56
Halton Hills	16,380	18,812	20,261	14.8	7.7	23.7	2.94	2.91
Milton	10,685	18,448	27,561	72.7	49.4	157.9	2.92	3.06
Oakville	49,260	56,528	62,412	14.8	10.4	26.7	2.93	2.92
<b>GTA</b>	<b>1,780,375</b>	<b>1,965,502</b>	<b>2,166,964</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>2.83</b>	<b>2.79</b>

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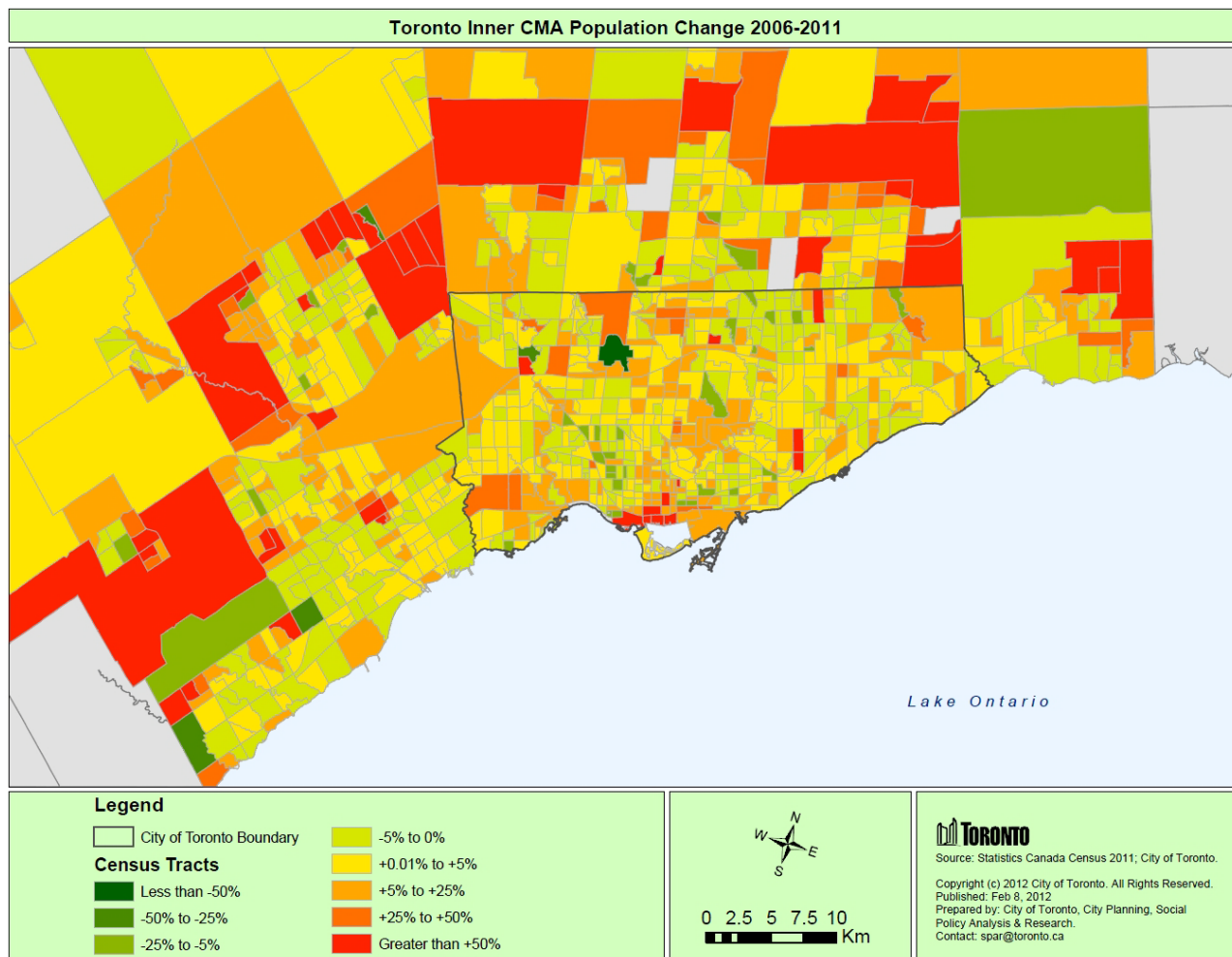
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York Region: Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation: Dwellings Occupied by Usual Residents

2011 = 114, 2006 = 129

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 2001 - 2011

Map 1



Map 2

