

# Memo

To: Mayor and Members of Council  
From: Planning Services Department  
CC: Jane Clohecy, CAO  
Neil Garbe, Commissioner of Community Development  
Date: June 21, 2022  
Subject: 2021 Census Release – Population, Unit Counts and Dwelling Type

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This memo provides information about the ongoing release of the 2021 Census Data and the most recent set of Census Data that has been made public. The Census is an ongoing detailed enumeration of the Canadian population taken every five years. The results of the Census are published in the year following the enumeration in stages.

As shown in the table below, there have been two releases of Census Data in 2021 covering various levels of geography, including provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas, communities and census tracts. Additional data will be released according to themes on pre-determined release dates. Staff will provide further information later this year as more information is released. Once all of the information is released staff will request more detailed data at a finer grain level to better understand the demographics of the town to inform policy decision making and approach to current planning.

## Census Release Schedule:

Theme	Topic	Release Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canada's growing population and where they are living</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Population and dwelling counts</li></ul>	February 9, 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canada's shifting demographic profile</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age</li><li>• Sex at birth and gender</li><li>• Type of dwelling</li></ul>	April 27, 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portrait of Canada's families and households</li><li>• Canadian Military Experience</li><li>• Income profile of Canadians</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Families, households, and marital status</li><li>• Canadian military experience</li><li>• Income</li></ul>	July 13, 2022

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linguistic diversity and use of English and French in Canada</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language</li> </ul>	August 17, 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nations people, Métis and Inuit in Canada</li> <li>• Canada's housing portrait</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous peoples</li> <li>• Housing</li> </ul>	September 21, 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portrait of citizenship and immigration in Canada</li> <li>• Ethnocultural and religious composition of the population</li> <li>• Mobility and migration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration, place of birth, and citizenship</li> <li>• Ethnocultural and religious diversity</li> <li>• Mobility and migration</li> </ul>	October 26, 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education in Canada</li> <li>• The changing dynamics of the Canadian labour force and how people get to work</li> <li>• Instruction in the official minority language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Labour</li> <li>• Language of work</li> <li>• Commuting</li> <li>• Instruction in the official minority language</li> </ul>	November 30, 2022

## Population and Dwelling Counts

Staff prepared the attached maps which are snapshots of the Town's population and dwelling counts in 2021. Map 1 demonstrates the number of people per hectare by dissemination area and Map 2 demonstrates the number of dwellings per hectare by dissemination area. Each map paints a picture of the distribution of population and dwelling density across the Town. The distribution of population and dwellings is consistent with the Livable Oakville Official Plan Urban Structure (included as Map 3 attached) and the Land Use Schedules which specify the permitted unit densities amongst the residential areas. Under the Livable Oakville Official Plan, Low Density Residential areas have a density of up to 29 dwelling units per site hectare, Medium Density Residential is characterized by a density range between 30 to 50 dwelling units per site hectare and High Density Residential areas are characterized by a density range between 51 to 185 units per site hectare.

Map 4 presents the percent population change by dissemination area between 2016 and 2021. It is important to note that north of Dundas Street (North Oakville) was broken down into 16 dissemination areas between 2016 and 2021 but in Map 4 it is presented as one dissemination area consistent with the 2016 Census. The population increase is consistent with the pattern of development and introduction of new subdivisions and units in North Oakville. Maps 1 and 3 provide an indication of where the greatest density actually is in the Town.

Between 2016 and 2021, the total population increased by **10.28%** (19,927 people) and the number of dwellings increased by **11.02%** (7,562 units).

Based on the census data for 2021, the total population in the Town of Oakville is 213,759; however, this has not accounted for undercounting or other factors. Based on estimates prepared by Planning, the estimated population of Oakville for 2022 is 224,690 and for communication purposes, this is being rounded to 225,000.

The total number of private dwellings counted in 2021 is 76,179 units. The population density per hectare across the Town has increased from 13.96 people/ha in 2016 to 15.38 people/ha in 2021. Additionally, private dwelling density per hectare has increased from 4.94 units/ha in 2016 to 5.48 units/ha in 2021.

### **Dwelling Type**

Figure 1 below provides a snapshot of the number and types of dwellings in the Town of Oakville in 2016 and 2021. Single detached houses are still the greatest housing tenure available in the Town with row house (townhouses) being the second. The greatest growth since 2016 appears to be in single detached houses followed by apartments in a building that has fewer than five storeys, row houses and apartment in a building that has five storeys or more.

**Figure 1:**

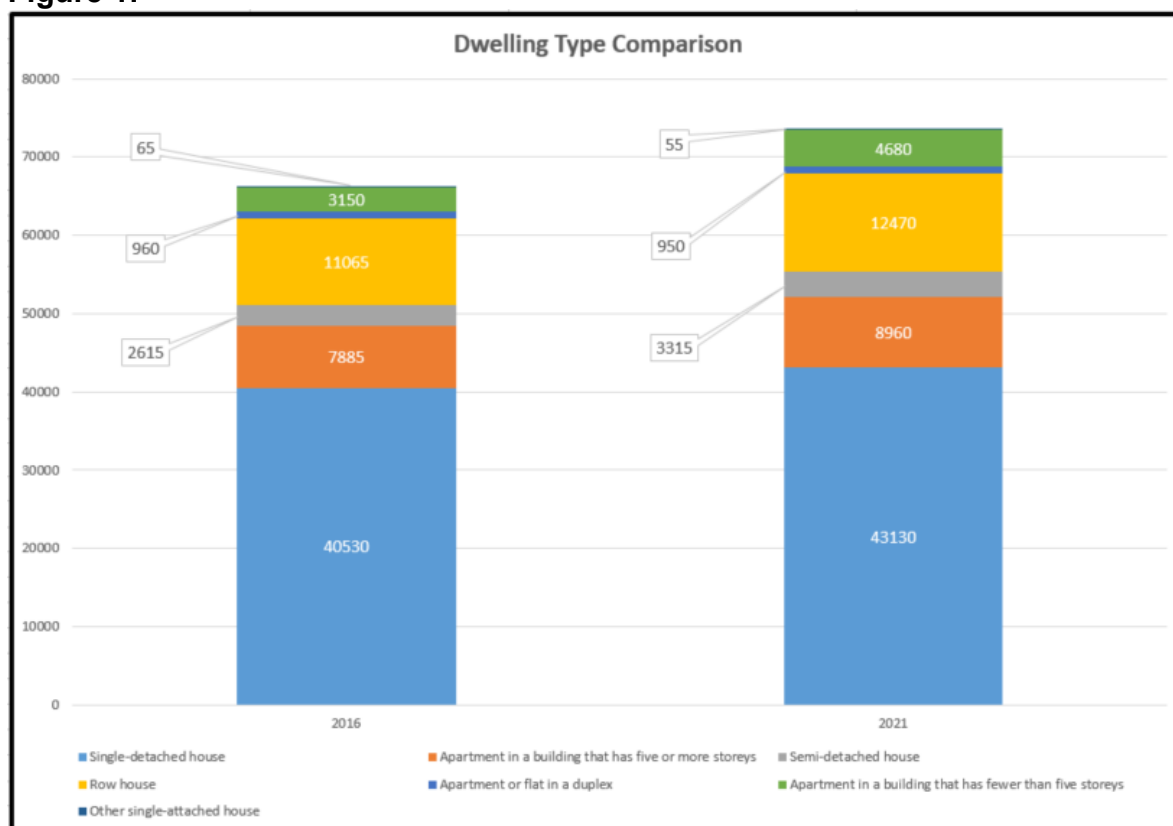


Figure 2 demonstrates the average household size by structural type of dwelling for 2016 and 2021. The total average household size remains at 2.9 between both years.

**Figure 2:**

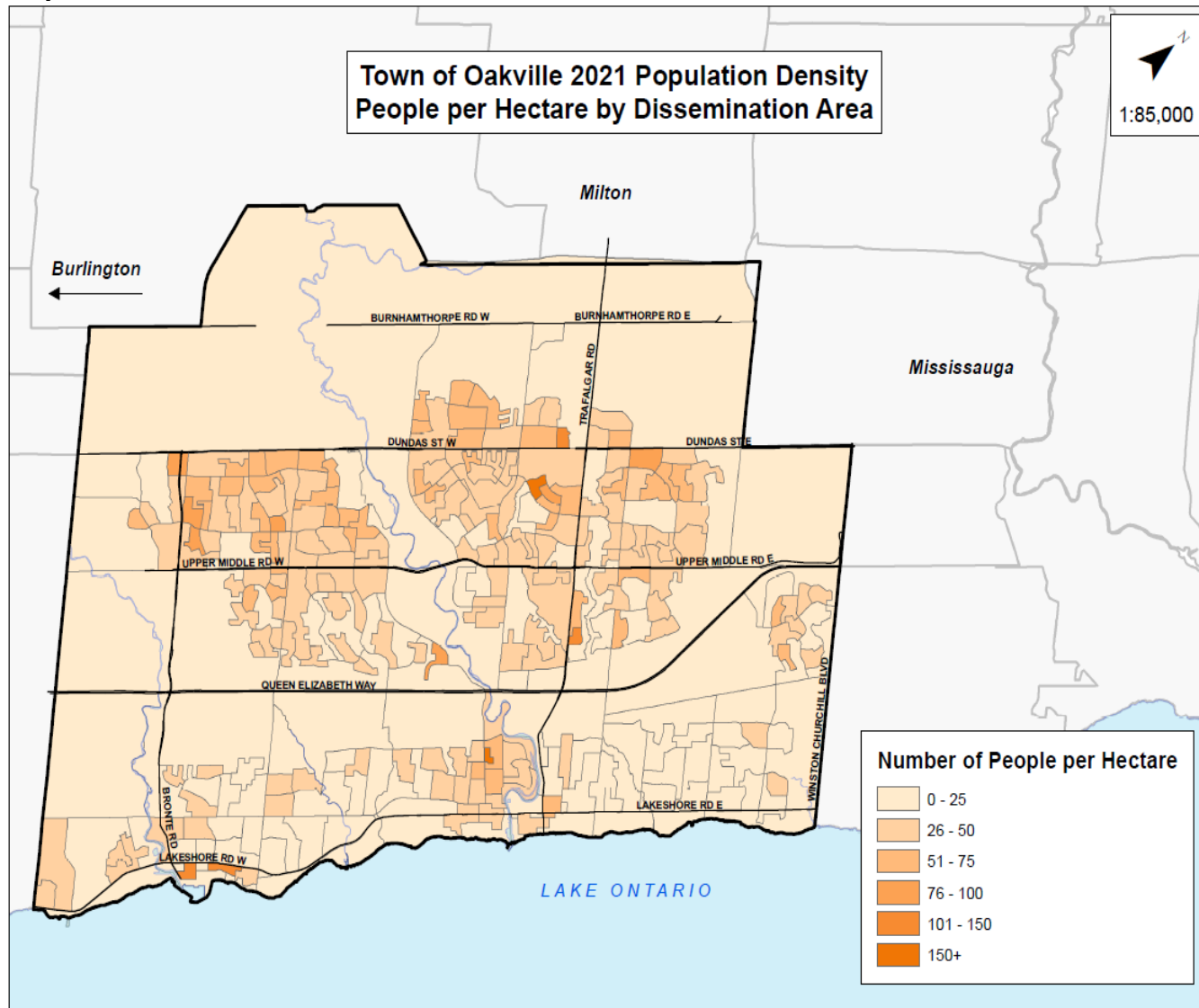
Structural Type of Dwelling and Household Size		
Structural type of dwelling	Average household size (people per unit) 2016	Average household size 2021
Single-detached house	3.3	3.3
Apartment in a building that has five or more storeys	1.7	1.8
Other attached dwelling	2.6	3
Semi-detached house	3	3
Row house	2.7	2.8
Apartment or flat in a duplex	2.7	2.7
Apartment in a building that has fewer than five storeys	1.8	2
Other single-attached house	2.1	2.3
Movable dwelling	0	...
<b>All Dwelling Types</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>

Planning Services staff will be incorporating Census Data into the ongoing Official Plan Review, and will continue to update Council on data releases as they become available.

**The Oakville Community Foundation Census Profile includes further demographics for the Town of Oakville:**

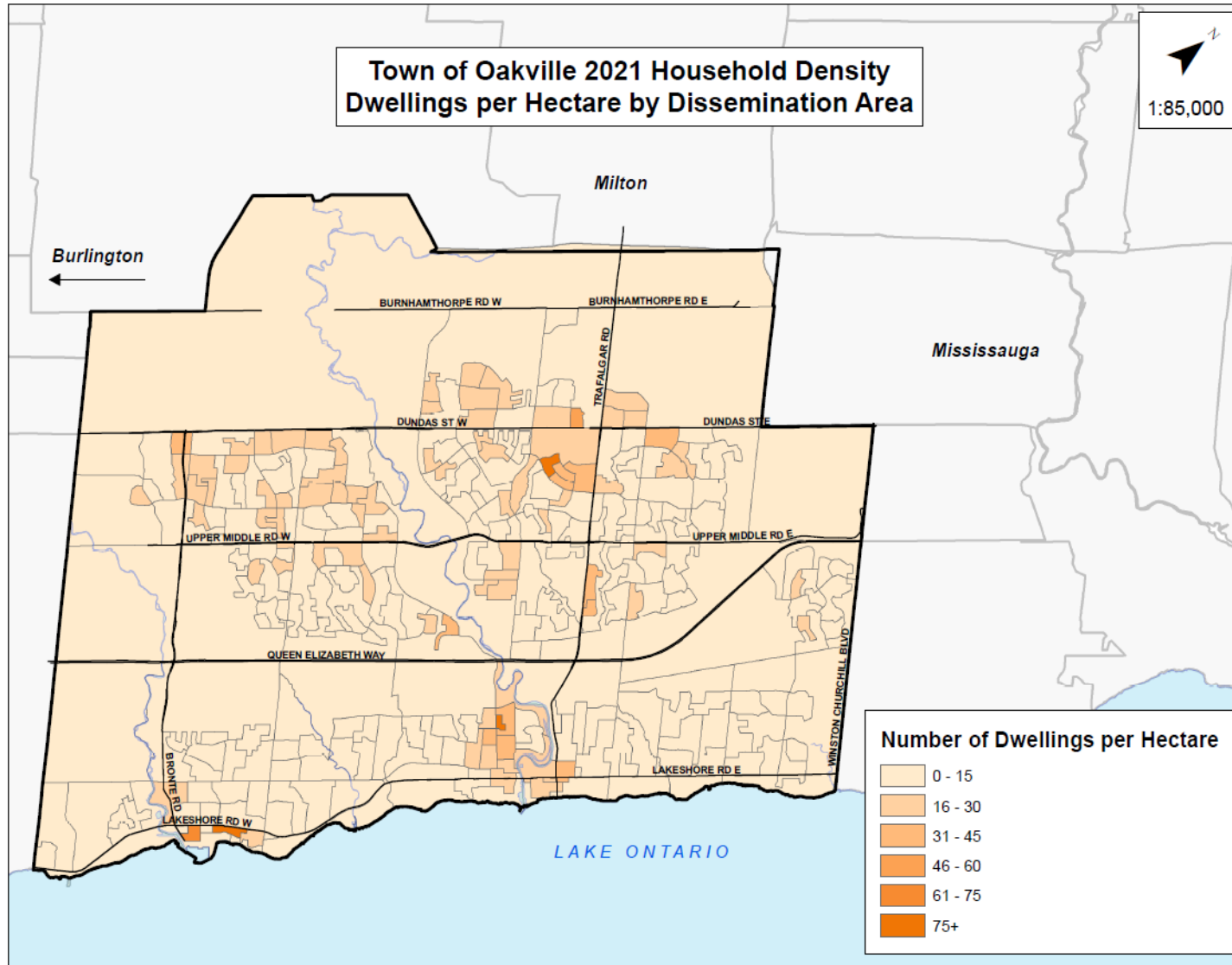
- [#WeekendReads: Oakville's Growing and Changing Demographic – Oakville Community Foundation \(theocf.org\)](#)

Map 1:



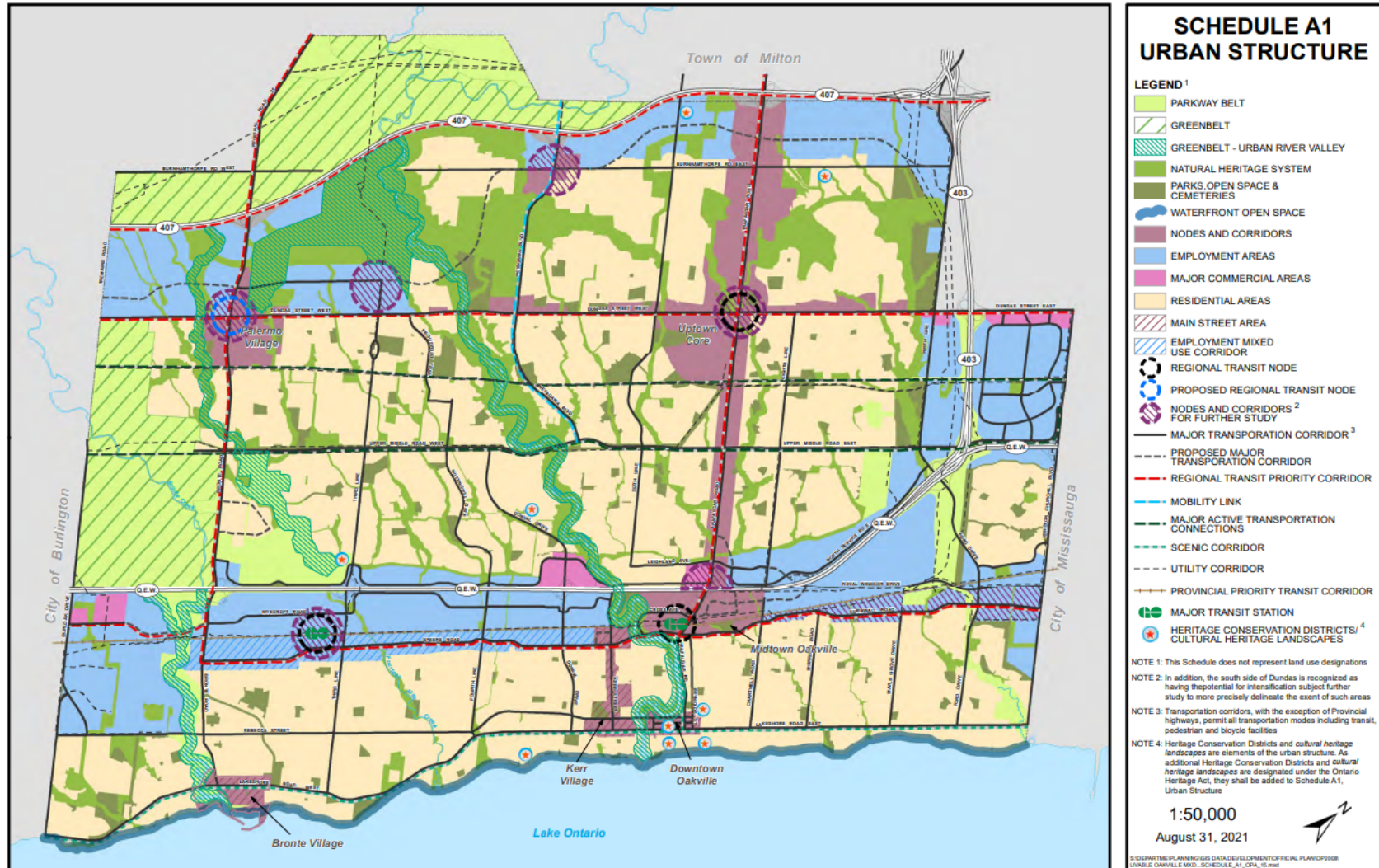
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Map 2:



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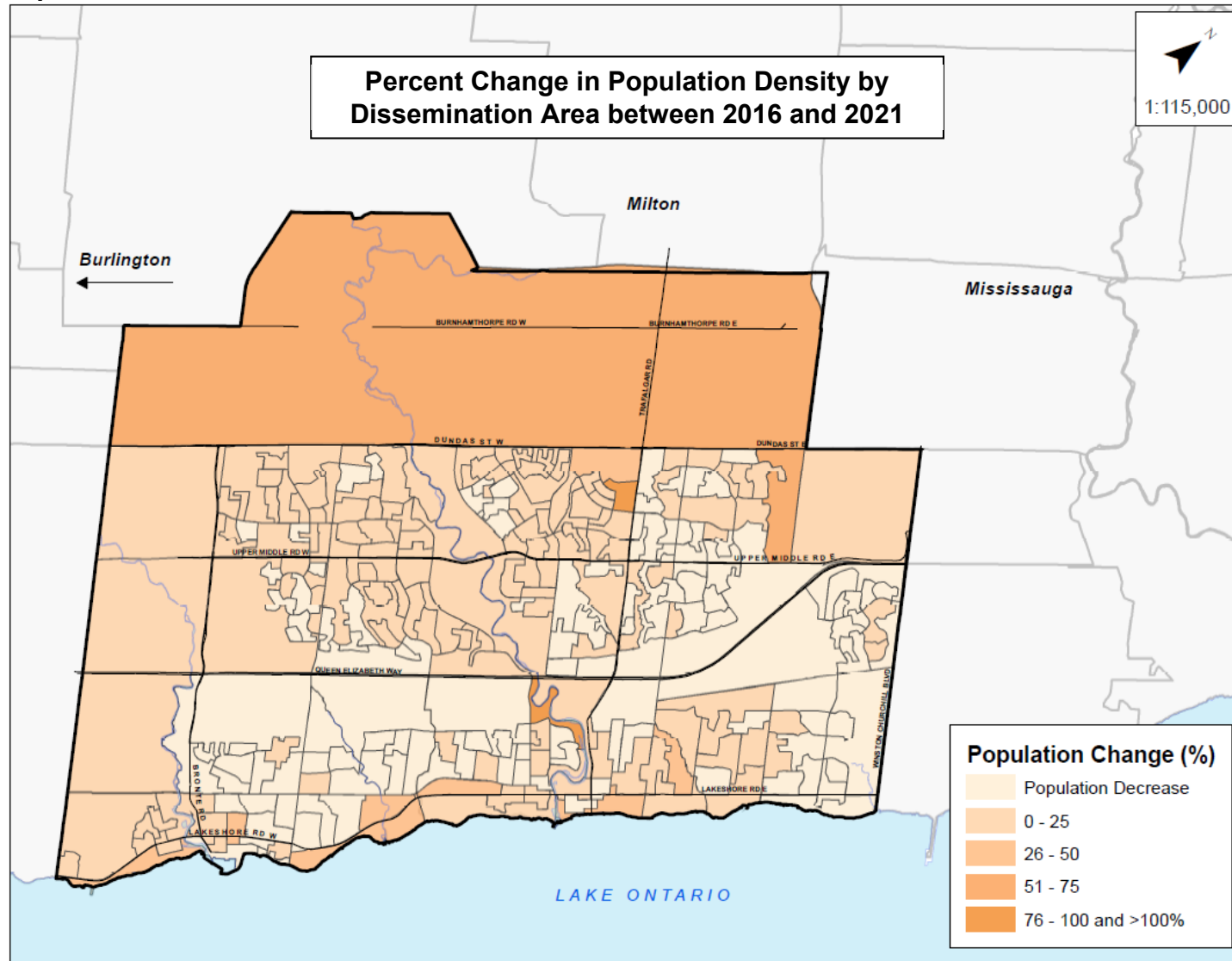
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