

HOUSING FOR EVERYONE

“Access to safe and stable housing is a basic human right that impacts all aspects of an individual’s life. Where you live and the support available to you can influence your health, happiness, employment and your sense of belonging in a community.”

– Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair

- Affordable Housing usually relates to lower-priced non-subsidized apartments and townhouses.
- Assisted Housing includes government-funded programs.
- Housing with an income below \$44,800 may require government assistance to meet their housing needs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS HARD TO FIND IN OAKVILLE

Housing is considered affordable if it costs no more than 30 per cent of gross household income with enough left over to meet other daily living needs. In 2011, Oakville had the highest proportion of households that were spending more than 30 per cent of their income on shelter: 44 per cent of renters and 20 per cent of owners.²²



4%

Percentage of affordable new home sales (\$348k or less)²³



<1.6%

Oakville rental vacancy rate, 2014²⁴



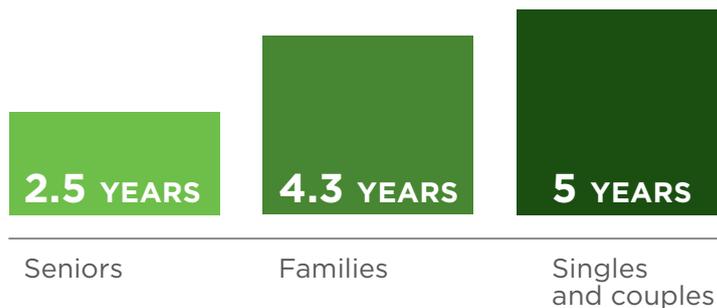
\$1,264

Average market rent in Oakville, 2014²⁵

THE WAIT FOR ASSISTED HOUSING IS LONG

Assisted or rent-geared-to-income (RGI) housing is available to Halton Region households earning \$44,800 or less annually. The estimated shortage of assisted housing in 2014 was 400-900 units.²⁶ Halton Region has set a target of creating at least 550 new housing opportunities by 2024; up to 900 units with the assistance of government and community partners.²⁷

Average Wait Times



SUPPORT IS LOW FOR HIGH DENSITY HOUSING

Although more than 57 per cent of new home completions last year were townhomes or apartment units, the 2015 Town of Oakville Citizen Survey found little support for high density housing as part of future growth.

Support high density housing around transit hubs

6%

Ensure a mix of housing throughout the town

14%

Protect the character of neighbourhoods

30%

Results of 2015 Oakville Citizen Survey

HELPING THE HOMELESS IN OAKVILLE

The Halton Lighthouse Shelter and Family Emergency Shelter, operated in Oakville by the Salvation Army, is the only homeless shelter in Halton Region. The 38-bed facility (includes eight for clients with mental health issues) had almost 900 admissions in 2014: the majority were males, 25 to 40 years of age. The most common reasons for needing shelter support in 2014 were: no available housing (37 per cent); family or relationship breakdown (18 per cent); and financial crisis (7 per cent).

The shelter is seeing a growing number of clients 50+, often with mental health issues such as dementia, or requiring more physical care than the shelter staff can provide. There are also many repeat clients who are experiencing chronic poverty and homelessness.