



COMMUNITY SOCIAL DATA STRATEGY UPDATE

CENSUS 2006 RELEASES

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
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Purpose

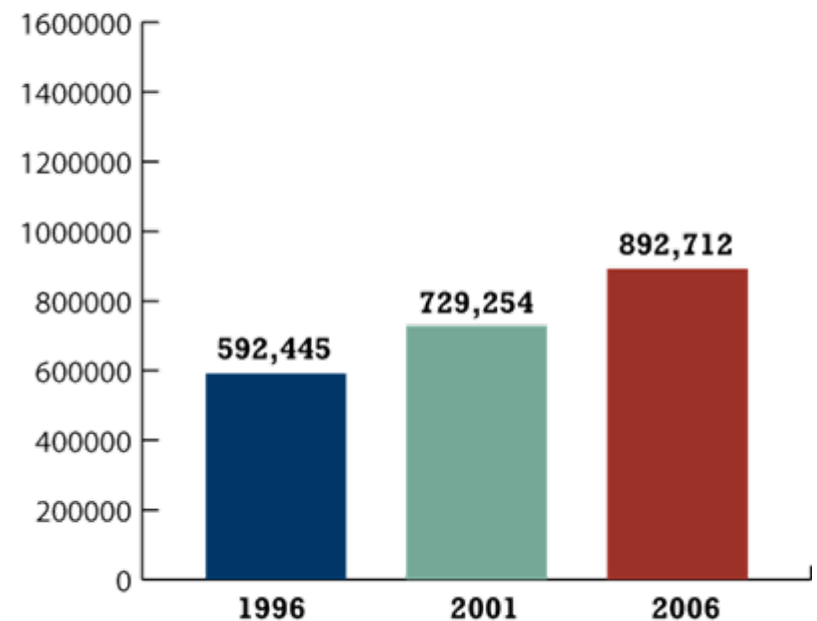
- Update on York Region's Community Social Data Strategy (CSDS).
- Preliminary observations about what the 2006 Census is telling us about York Region's community trends.

York Region's Growing Quickly – What does it look like?

Between 2001 and 2006 York Region:

- Grew by 22% to 892,712 (as of May, 2006). Fastest growing Census Division in Ontario and third fastest in Canada.
- Had the highest growth rate for all age groups in Ontario.
- Immigrant population accounts for about 60% of the growth between 2001 and 2006
- In 2006, the number of Aboriginals represents 0.4% of York Region's total population. Same as 2001.

**York Region's Population Census
1996 - 2001**



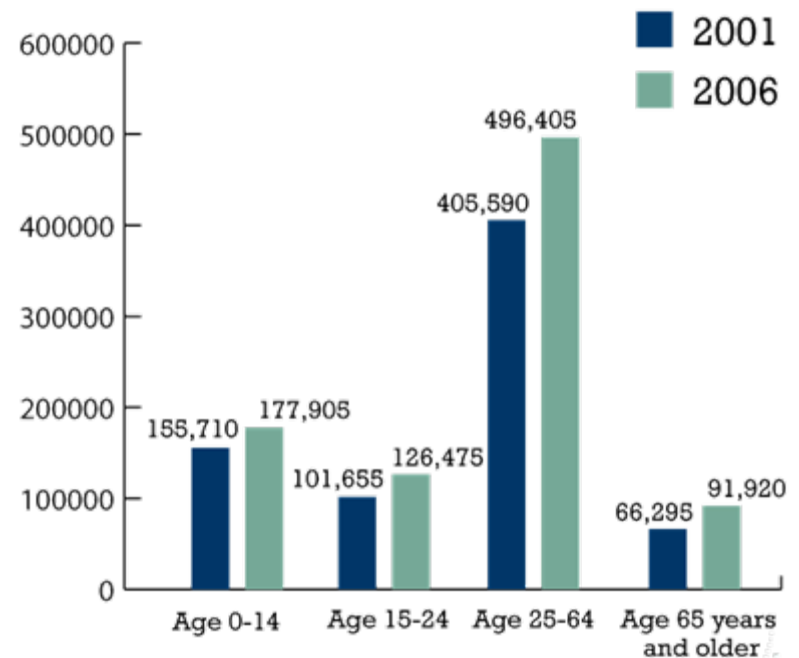
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2006,
Planning and Development Services Department

What's the 2006 Census Telling Us About Our Residents?

Age Groups

- Median age of York Region residents is 37.5.
- Number of children between 0 – 14 years increased by 14% and youth 15 – 24 years increased by 24%.
- 1 in 10 residents in York Region are seniors, compared to one in seven Canadians in this age group.
- 63% residents over 80 years old are women and a high proportion live alone.

Change in York Region's Population Between 2001 and 2006 by Age Group



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2001 and 2006

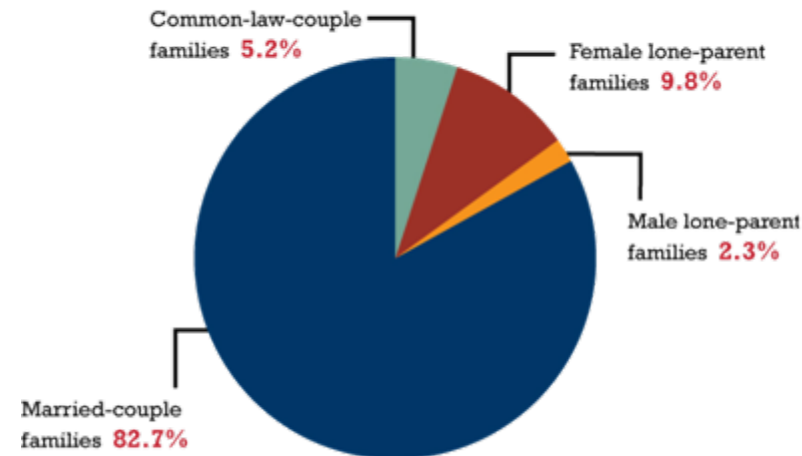
What are the characteristics of York Region residents?

Families



- Number of families increased by 23% and the number of lone parent families grew by 37%.
- 12% of children live in lone parent families – majority led by women.
- 83% of families are married couples and majority have children – highest proportion in Canada. In comparison, 46% of Canadian couples are married with children.
- Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill rank 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Canada for the highest proportion of married couples with children.

Types of Census Families Living in York Region, 2006



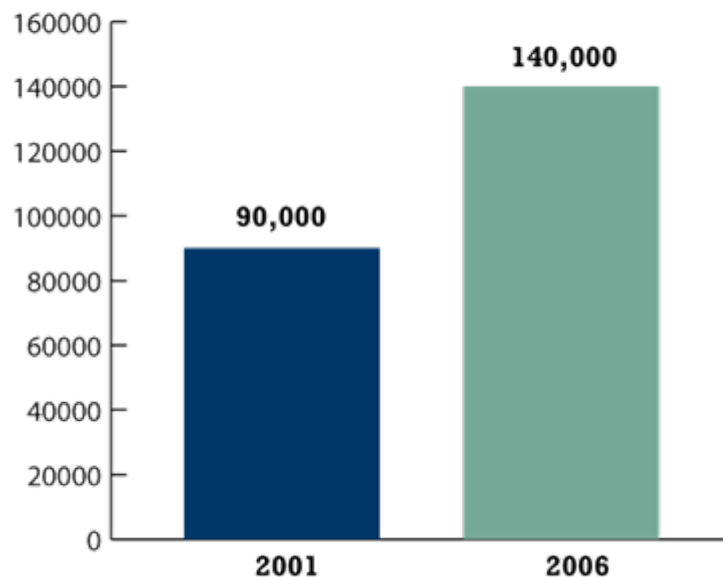
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2006

What are the characteristics of York Region residents?

People with Disabilities

- The number of people with disabilities increased by an estimated 49,700 (55%).

**Estimated Number of Residents with a Disability
York Region, 2001 and 2006**



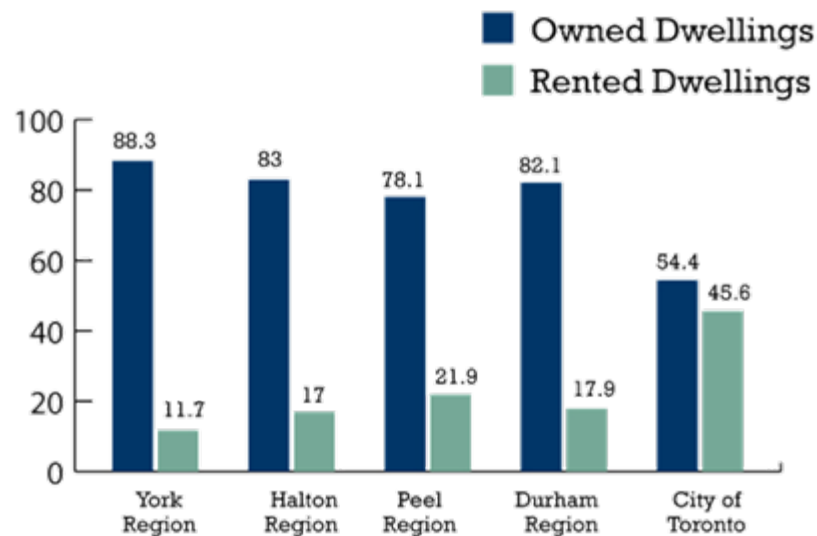
Source: Participation and Activity Limitation Survey 2006, Statistics Canada

Housing

The Housing Market Continues to Tighten

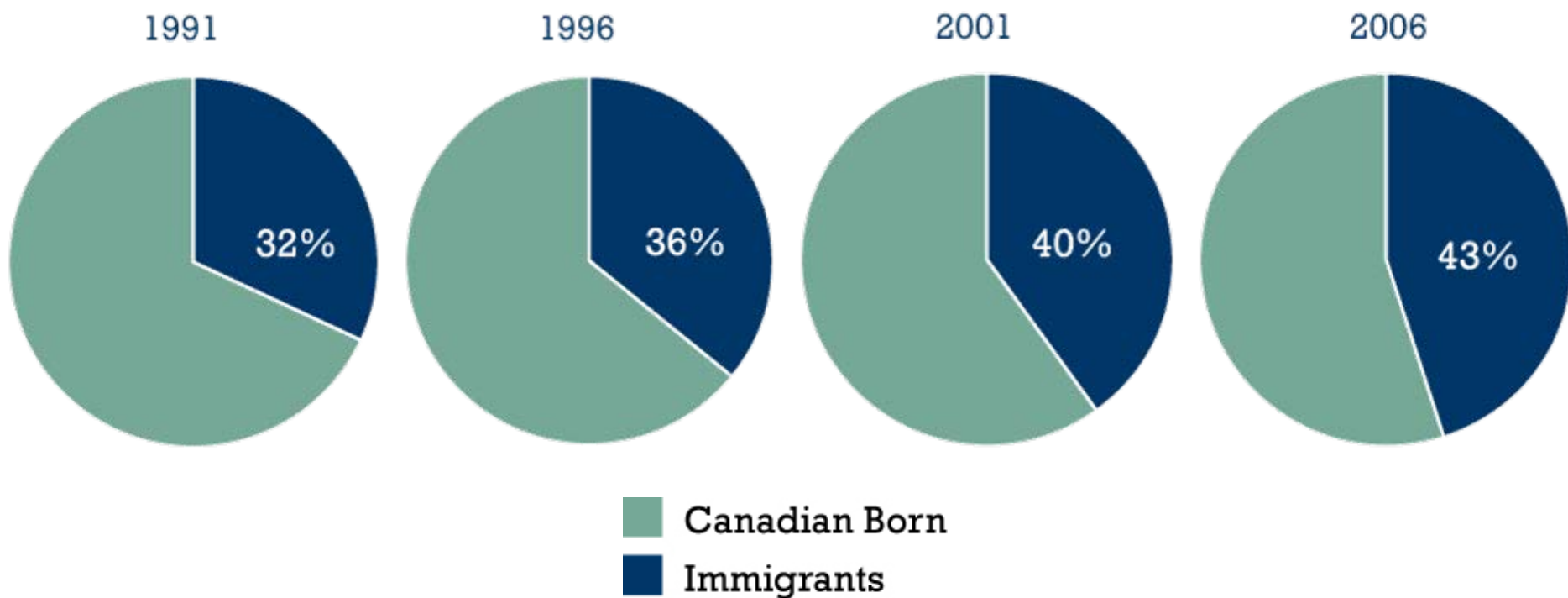
- In 2006 there were approximately 276,000 private dwellings in York Region compared to 223,000 in 2001.
- York Region has highest proportion of owned dwellings (88%) and lowest proportion of rental dwellings (12%) in GTA.
- Average household size in York Region is 3.2 people per household impacting transportation patterns (2006 Transportation for Tomorrow Survey)

Owned and Rented Dwellings as a Proportion of Total Occupied Dwellings in the GTA, 2006



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2006

Immigration and Citizenship



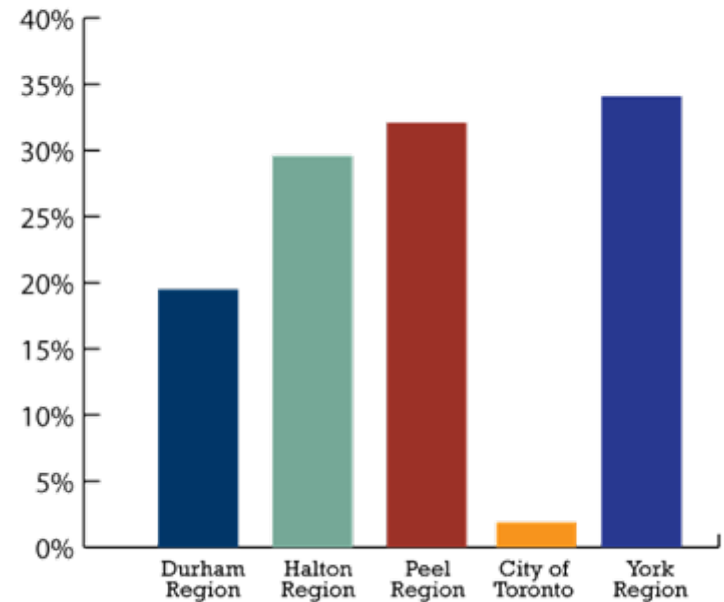
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006

Immigration and Citizenship

Immigrant Population Continues to Grow

- The number of immigrants living in York Region between 2001 and 2006 grew by 34% from 283,790 to 380,535. This is the highest growth rate in the GTA.
- The number of recent immigrants increased by 7%. York Region has the third largest number of recent immigrants in the GTA.

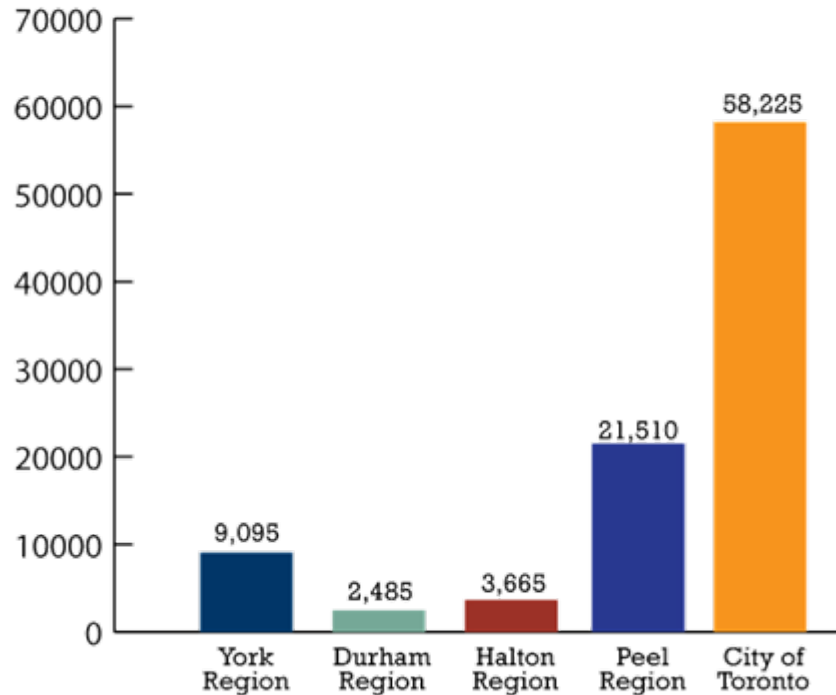
**Change in the Total Immigrant Population
for GTA Municipalities, 2001 - 2006**



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2001 and 2006

Mobility

**Number of Residents who Lived in Different Country,
1 year ago, York Region and GTA, 2006**



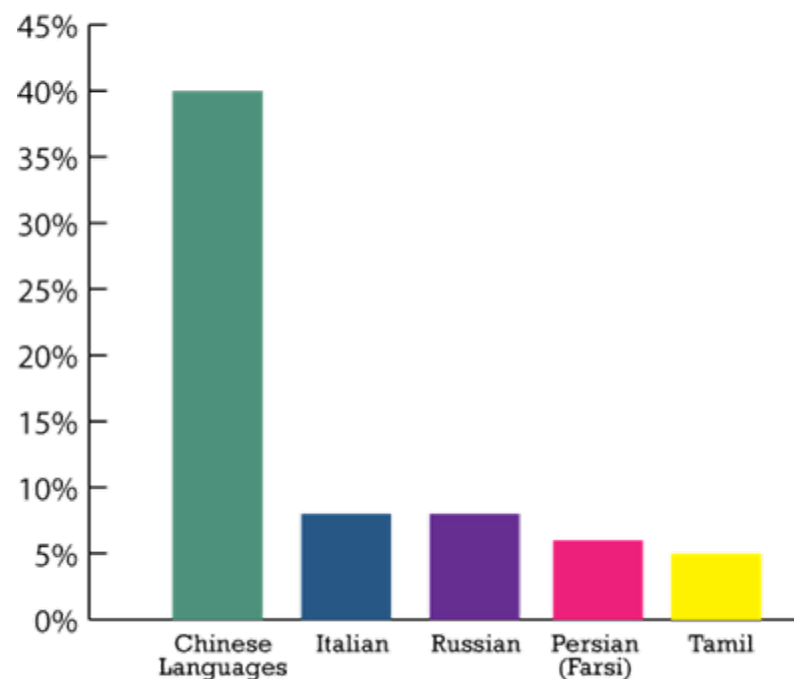
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Language Continues to Diversify

Knowledge of Official Language and Home Language

- Approximately 35,000 York Region residents have no knowledge of English or French
- 18% of all people 65 years and over have no knowledge of English or French.
- The number of residents who speak a non-official language at home has increased by **48%** since 2001 [updated Sept. 2008].
- The top five non-official languages spoken in York Region homes are: Chinese languages, Italian, Russian, Persian, and Tamil.

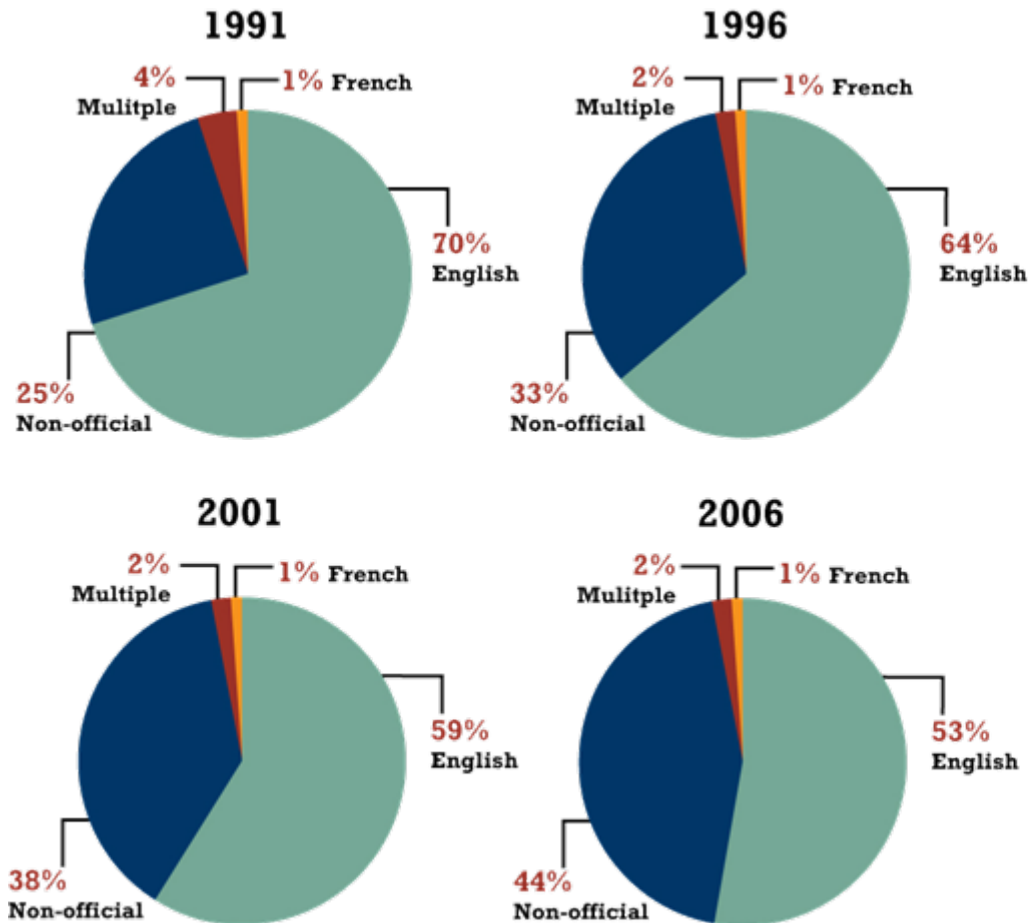
The Top Five Non-Official Home Languages in York Region



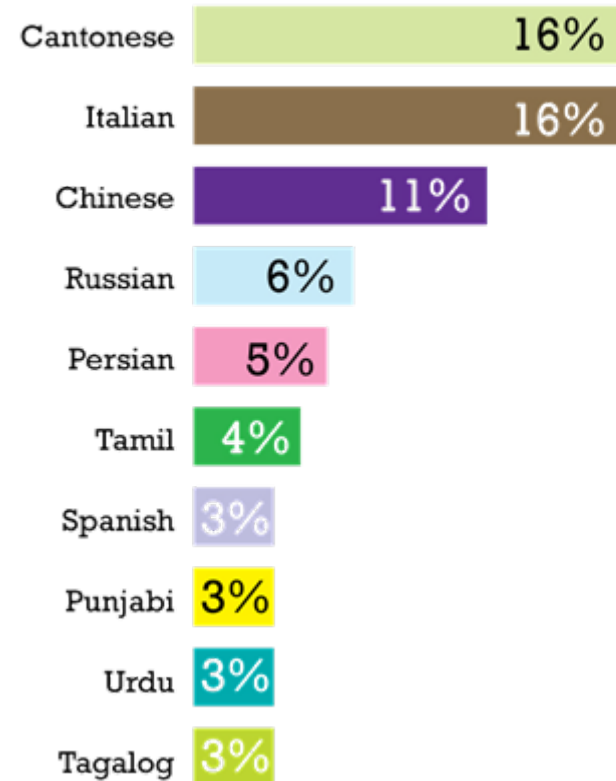
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York Region's Language Diversity

Mother Tongue



Top 10 Mother Tongues (after English), York Region in 2006



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006

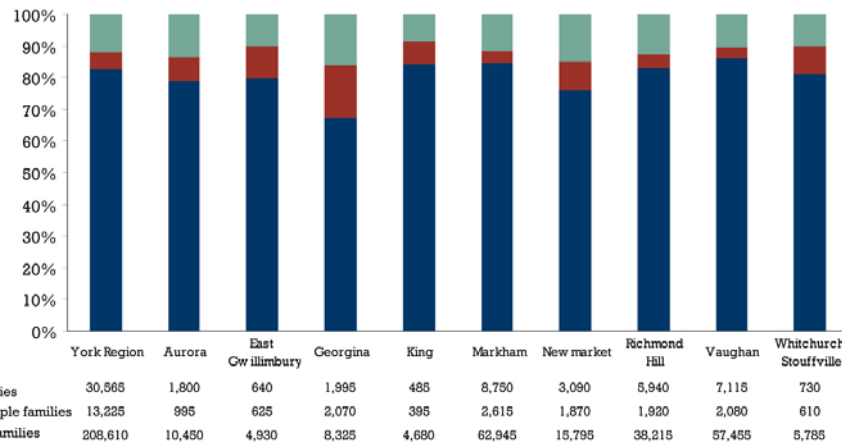
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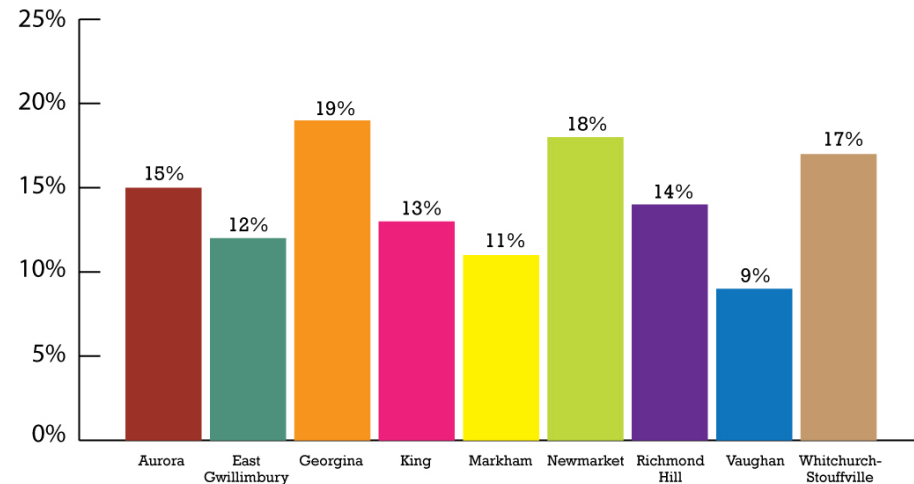
Family and Household Trends

**Number of Census Families by Family Types,
York Region and Local Municipalities**



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2006

Proportion of People Living Alone

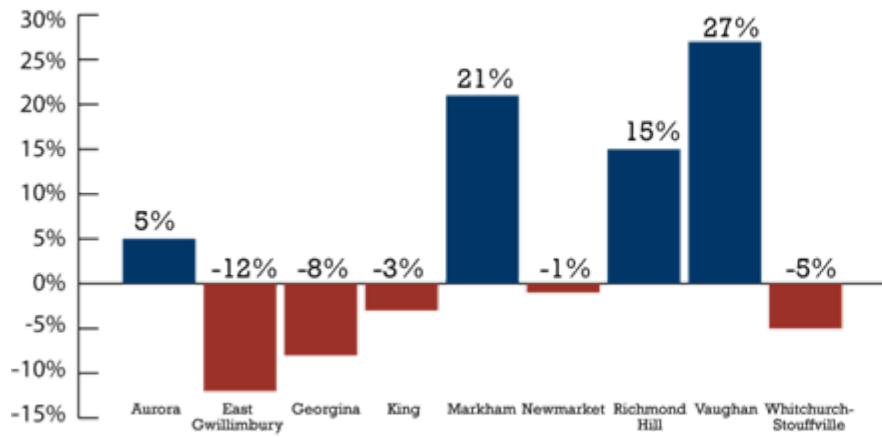


Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2006

- In 2006, Georgina had the highest proportion of lone parents at 16%. Georgina also had the highest proportion of people living alone at 19%.
- Whitchurch-Stouffville had the highest median age at 42.2 years whereas Vaughan had the youngest median age at 35.9 years.

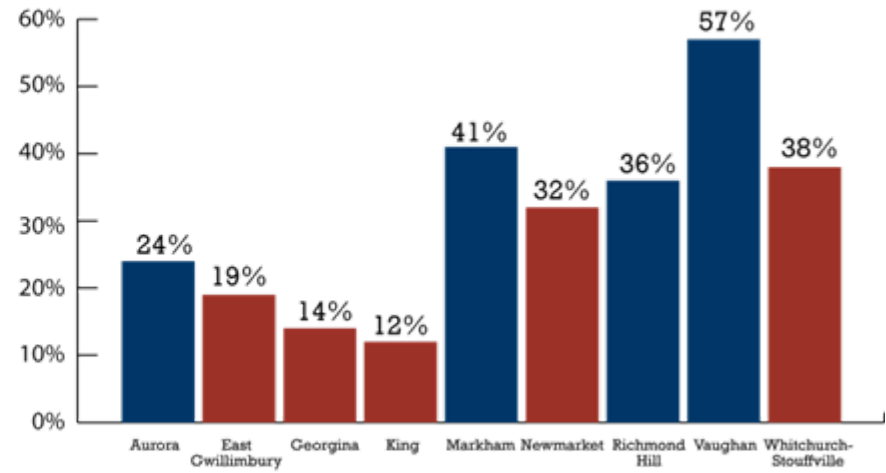
Diversification among the Nine Local Municipalities Age Groups

**Change in the Number of People 0 - 14 year olds
between 2001 and 2006**



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2001 and 2006

**Change in the Number of People 65 years and over
between 2001 and 2006**



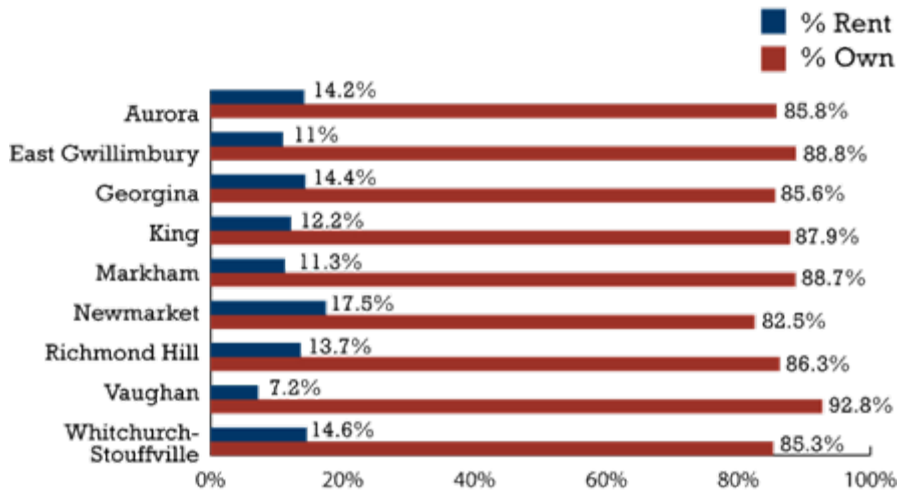
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- The highest growth rate for children under 15 was in Vaughan (27%), Markham (21%), Richmond Hill (15%) and Aurora (5%).
- Five municipalities are experiencing a decrease in the number of people between 0 - 14 years but an increase in the number of people above age 65 years.
- Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill and Aurora have growth for all age groups.

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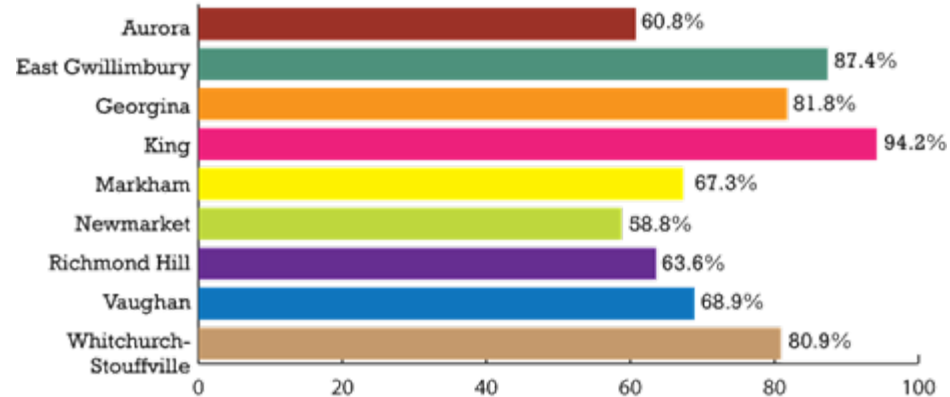
Diverse Housing Stock

**Owned and Rented Dwellings as a
Proportion of Total Occupied Dwellings
York Region Municipalities, 2006**



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2006

**% of Single Detached Dwellings
York Region Municipalities, 2006**



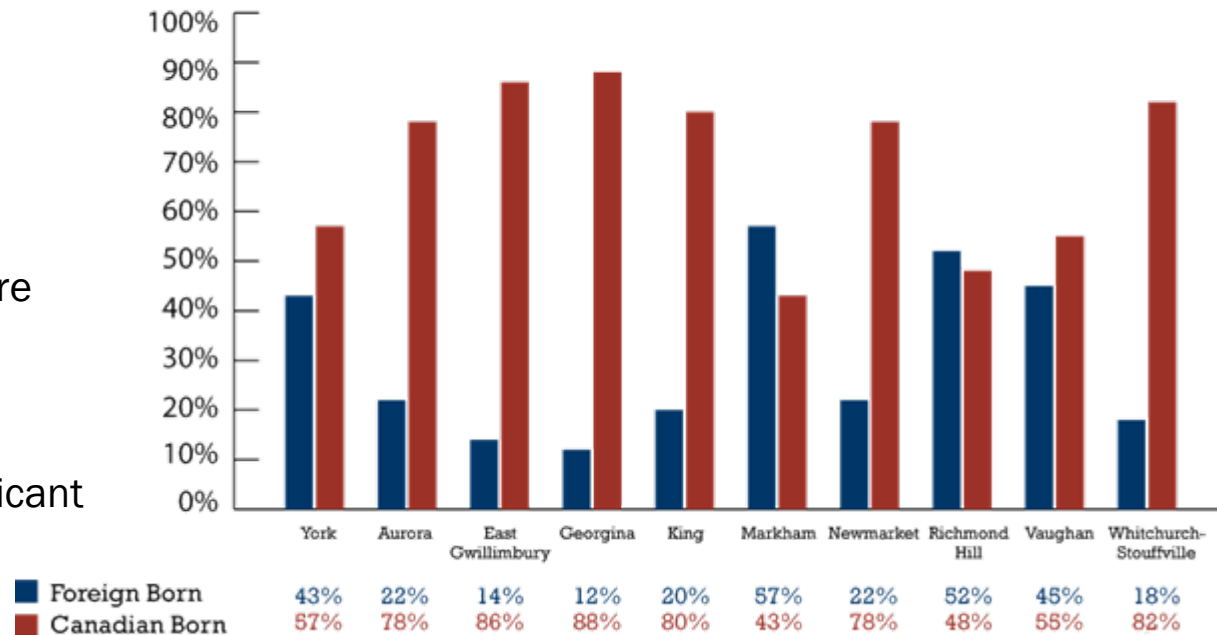
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Diversification among the Nine Local Municipalities 2001 to 2006

Immigration and Language Trends

- The number of recent immigrants in Newmarket almost doubled
- Aurora had the highest growth rate for all immigrants
- 57% of Markham's residents are foreign born – the 2nd highest proportion in Canada.
- The municipalities with a significant number of residents with no knowledge of English or French are Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill.

**Proportion of Foreign Born and Canadian Born
York Region and Municipalities**



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2006

What's Driving Change?

- Immigration and growing cultural groups
- Attraction of suburbia to traditional families
- Aging population
- Key economic drivers such as employment opportunities
- Close proximity to Toronto and the benefits of being near Canada's largest city.
- Current housing options influences type of growth we're seeing
- Transportation network changing

Next Steps

- Continue to analyze Census 2006 data as released in 2008 including:
 - Labour; Place of Work; Education; Language (March 2008)
 - Ethnic origin and visible minorities (April 2008)
 - Income and earnings; Housing and shelter costs (May 2008)
- Consultation with Consortium and CRG regarding next projects
- Receipt of CSDS data in late 2008/2009
- Report back to Committee and Council as appropriate