

### 2016 Census Update: Household and Marital Status

In 2016 the average Burlington census family size was 2.9, with 60.7% of individuals over the age of 15 either married or in a common-law relationship. The average Burlington census family size is unchanged from 2011, while the proportion of individuals over the age of 15 either married or in a common-law relationship is slightly down from 2011's level of 61%. These trends and values are relatively in line with the provincial average for Ontario with family size for both 2016 in Ontario (2.9), and 2011 (3.0).

Family Size	2011	2016	2011-2016 Δ
Burlington	2.9	2.9	0.00%
Oakville	3.2	3.2	0.00%
Hamilton	3.0	2.9	-3.33%
Milton	3.2	3.3	3.12%
Ontario	3.0	2.9	-3.33%

For married/common-law rates, we see that Burlington dropped slightly from 61% in 2011 to 60.7% in 2016 in line with provincial and regional trends.

Married/Common-law Rates	2011	2016	2011-2016 Δ
Burlington	61.0%	60.7%	-0.49%
Oakville	62.3%	62.0%	-0.48%
Hamilton	54.8%	54.9%	0.18%
Milton	69.1%	68.2%	-1.30%
Ontario	57.7%	57.3%	-0.69%

As we can see from the graph below, Burlington is well above the average for marriage/common-law rates in the province, which fell in 2016 to 57.3% from 57.7% in 2011. Burlington is in line with Oakville's (62%) and below Milton which is well above the provincial average at 68.2%.

