

Release of 2006 Census results Age and sex population counts

Key Points

- According to the Census, the population of the City of Toronto is 2,503,281, an increase of 1% since 2001. This count does not include the Census undercount, which is discussed below.
- Change varies by age. Some age groups grew, especially 15-24 year olds, 40-64 year olds and those over 75. Others declined, including children under 10, 25-39 year olds and younger seniors, ages 65-74. (See Table 3 and Figure 2)
- The two fastest growing five year age groups were 80-84 and 55-59 year olds. They grew by 30% and 25%, respectively.
- Age cohorts that showed the greatest decline from 2001-2006 include 5-9, 30-35, and 35-39 year olds, all of which fell by about 10%.
- Toronto's population is 48% male and 52% female (1,205,370 men and 1,297,900 women). There are 93 men for every 100 women.
- Women continue to outlive men. Women account for 58% of all persons ages 65 and over and 61% of those aged 75+. At the same, there are more males under 20 than females.

Age Highlights

- Seniors as a percentage of the total city population increased from 13.6% in 2001 to 14.1% in 2006. According to projections by City Planning, between now and 2031, the number of seniors is expected to grow by 38%.
- As a percent of the total population, pre-school children (0-4) decreased from 5.8% in 2001 to 5.4% in 2006.
- School age population (5-14) decreased slightly from 11.7% in 2001 to 10.9% in 2006.
- Youth (15-24) increased slightly from 12.4% to 12.7%.
- Young working-age population (25-44) fell from 33.9% in 2001 to 32% in 2006.
- Older working-age population (45-64) increased from 22.5% in 2001 to 24.7% in 2006.
- In 2006, the median* age of Toronto residents was 38.4. This reflects an increase of 1.5 since 2001. The median age for Toronto is higher than the rest of the GTA and lower than Canada as a whole (39.5).
- Of Canada's larger cities, the one with the oldest population is Quebec City, with median age of 42.7. Other cities with populations older than Toronto are Montreal (38.8), Halifax (39), Victoria (41.7) and Vancouver (38.6 years). Edmonton and Calgary both have somewhat younger populations, with median ages of 36.1 years and 35.7 years, respectively.

*Median age is the mid-point in the age distribution where exactly one-half of the population is above and one-half below.

Toronto in the GTA

- In 2006, Toronto accounted for 45% of the GTA population, a decrease from 49% in 2001. Toronto has 39% of all GTA children, 43% of GTA youth, 46% of GTA working age population, 53% of GTA seniors and 56% of GTA seniors ages 75 and over.
- Toronto has a higher proportion of seniors and a lower proportion of younger children than our GTA neighbours.
- 14% of Toronto's population is over 65 years of age compared with 10% throughout the rest of the GTA.
- Toronto has the highest proportion in the GTA of the 25-44 age group at 32%.
- 13% of Toronto's population is between the ages of 15 and 24 – a comparable share to the rest of the GTA.
- 16% of Toronto's population are children under the age of 15, compared to 21% across the rest of the GTA.
- 45-64 years account for around 25% of the population in both Toronto and the rest of the GTA.

Maps of Age Groups in Toronto

- Four maps showing the distribution of children, youth, working age adults and seniors are attached.
- Note how areas around the downtown have higher concentrations of working age adults. The older suburbs of Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough have higher concentrations of seniors.

Census Undercount

Although Statistics Canada makes a great effort to count every person some people are missed in each Census. 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 'undercount' rate for the urban region (CMA) every Census, but not for the City.

Statistics Canada has reported a 2006 population for the City of Toronto of 2,503,281. When the undercount is taken into account, however, the population could be between about 2,630,000 and 2,705,000.

The 2006 Census counted an unexpectedly high number of unoccupied dwelling units. This leads City staff to suspect that the Census may have missed more households than usual. The discussion of age and sex should be seen in that light, particularly since the undercount is greatest for 20-35 year olds.

Statistics Canada advises that population estimates based on the 2006 Census counts, adjusted for net undercount, will be available in the fall of 2008. For more information, please visit Statistics Canada's website at <http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census/index.cfm>.

Future releases

This is the second release of data from the 2006 Census. During 2007 and 2008, the following Census data will be released:

- September 12, 2007:** Marital Status (including common-law status), Families and Households, Housing and Shelter Costs (including dwelling characteristics)
- December 4, 2007:** Language, Mobility and Migration, Immigration and Citizenship
- January 15, 2008:** Aboriginal Peoples
- March 4, 2008:** Labour, Place of Work & Commuting to Work, Education, Language
- April 2, 2008:** Ethnic Origin and Visible Minorities
- May 1, 2008:** Income and Earnings, Housing and Shelter Costs

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Table 1

Population by Age and Sex, City of Toronto 2006

	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent of Total Population	Number	Percent Male	Number	Percent Female
0-4	134,980	5.4	69,095	5.7	65,885	5.1
5-14	274,640	11.0	141,410	11.7	133,230	10.3
15-24	318,655	12.7	159,440	13.2	159,215	12.3
25-34	385,925	15.4	184,385	15.3	201,540	15.5
35-44	415,615	16.6	205,185	17.0	210,430	16.2
45-54	362,425	14.5	174,695	14.5	187,730	14.5
55-64	257,585	10.3	121,600	10.1	135,985	10.5
65-74	178,995	7.2	80,815	6.7	98,180	7.6
75-84	131,350	5.2	54,280	4.5	77,070	5.9
85 +	43,100	1.7	14,465	1.2	28,635	2.2
65+	353,445	14.1	149,560	12.4	203,885	15.7
75+	174,450	7.0	68,745	5.7	105,705	8.1
Total	2,503,270	100.0	1,205,370	100.0	1,297,900	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Figure 1

City of Toronto
Census Population by Age Group

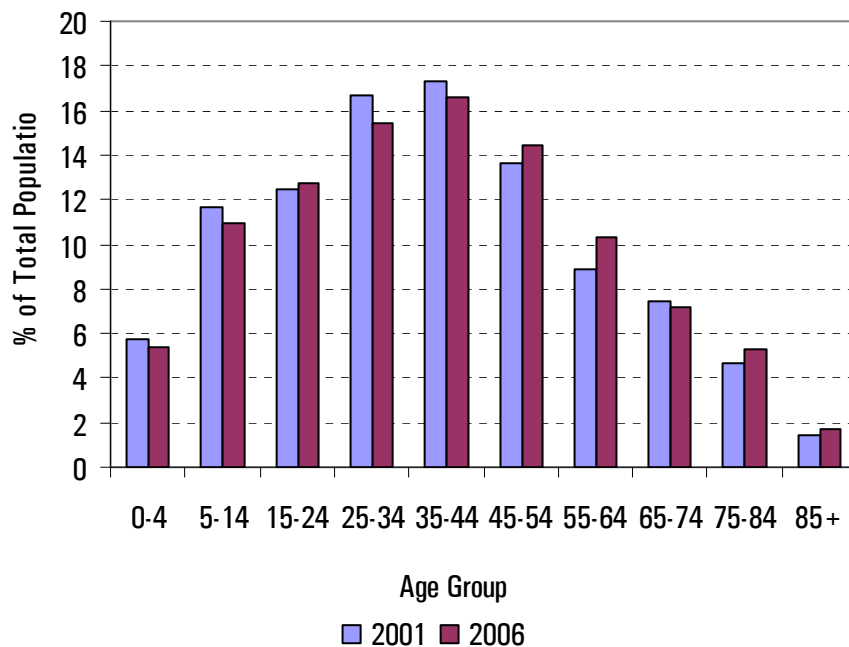


Table 2**Population by Age and Sex, City of Toronto 1996, 2001, 2006 Censuses**

	1996			2001			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
0-4	156,285	80,350	75,935	143,510	73,450	70,060	134,980	69,095	65,885
5-9	138,055	70,940	67,115	149,635	77,080	72,555	133,595	68,655	64,940
10-14	131,135	67,410	63,725	140,675	72,460	68,215	141,045	72,755	68,290
15-19	133,720	68,720	65,000	143,275	73,515	69,760	146,205	74,975	71,230
20-24	162,855	79,090	83,765	165,140	80,760	84,380	172,450	84,465	87,985
25-29	211,725	102,150	109,575	196,470	94,180	102,290	190,255	90,355	99,900
30-34	234,615	116,975	117,640	216,550	105,550	111,000	195,670	94,030	101,640
35-39	209,515	103,090	106,425	226,040	113,140	112,900	203,020	99,440	103,580
40-44	179,930	86,040	93,890	203,820	99,940	103,880	212,595	105,745	106,850
45-49	164,195	78,100	86,095	178,360	85,220	93,140	193,985	94,525	99,460
50-54	125,555	59,585	65,970	159,110	75,620	83,490	168,440	80,170	88,270
55-59	110,775	51,725	59,050	117,975	55,795	62,180	148,120	70,215	77,905
60-64	107,205	50,760	56,445	103,105	47,580	55,525	109,465	51,385	58,080
65-69	102,145	47,170	54,975	96,435	44,635	51,800	93,830	42,515	51,315
70-74	88,265	38,065	50,200	88,745	39,645	49,100	85,165	38,300	46,865
75-79	58,340	23,900	34,440	72,980	29,990	42,990	74,900	32,210	42,690
80-84	39,675	14,640	25,035	43,420	16,850	26,570	56,450	22,070	34,380
85+	31,425	8,985	22,440	36,265	11,165	25,100	43,100	14,465	28,635
All Ages	2,385,415	1,147,695	1,237,720	2,481,510	1,196,575	1,284,935	2,503,270	1,205,370	1,297,900

Table 3**Growth Rates by Age, City of Toronto 1996, 2001, 2006**

	1996-2001	2001-2006	1996-2006
0-4	-8.2	-5.9	-13.6
5-9	8.4	-10.7	-3.2
10-14	7.3	0.3	7.6
15-19	7.1	2.0	9.3
20-24	1.4	4.4	5.9
25-29	-7.2	-3.2	-10.1
30-34	-7.7	-9.6	-16.6
35-39	7.9	-10.2	-3.1
40-44	13.3	4.3	18.2
45-49	8.6	8.8	18.1
50-54	26.7	5.9	34.2
55-59	6.5	25.6	33.7
60-64	-3.8	6.2	2.1
65-69	-5.6	-2.7	-8.1
70-74	0.5	-4.0	-3.5
75-79	25.1	2.6	28.4
80-84	9.4	30.0	42.3
85+	15.4	18.8	37.2
All Ages	4.0	0.9	4.9

Figure 2

City of Toronto
Rate of Growth, 2001-2006

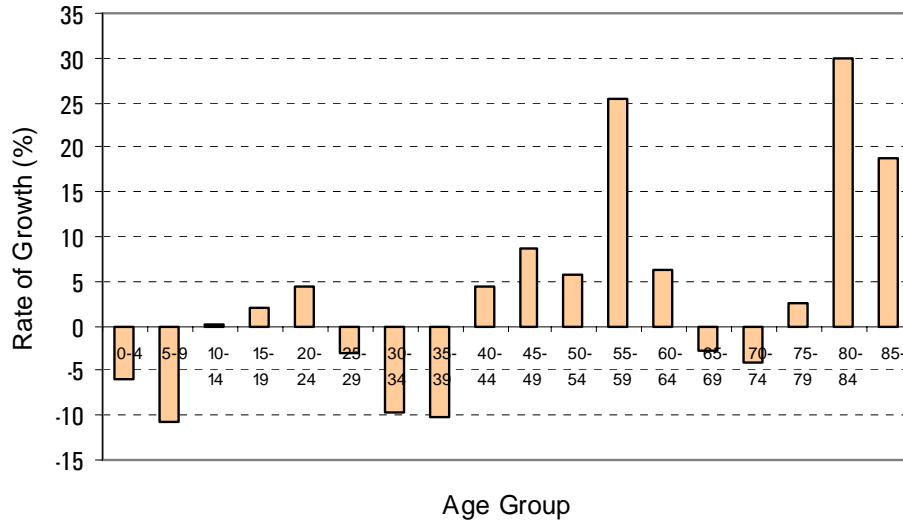


Table 4

Population by Age Group: GTA Regional Municipalities, 2006

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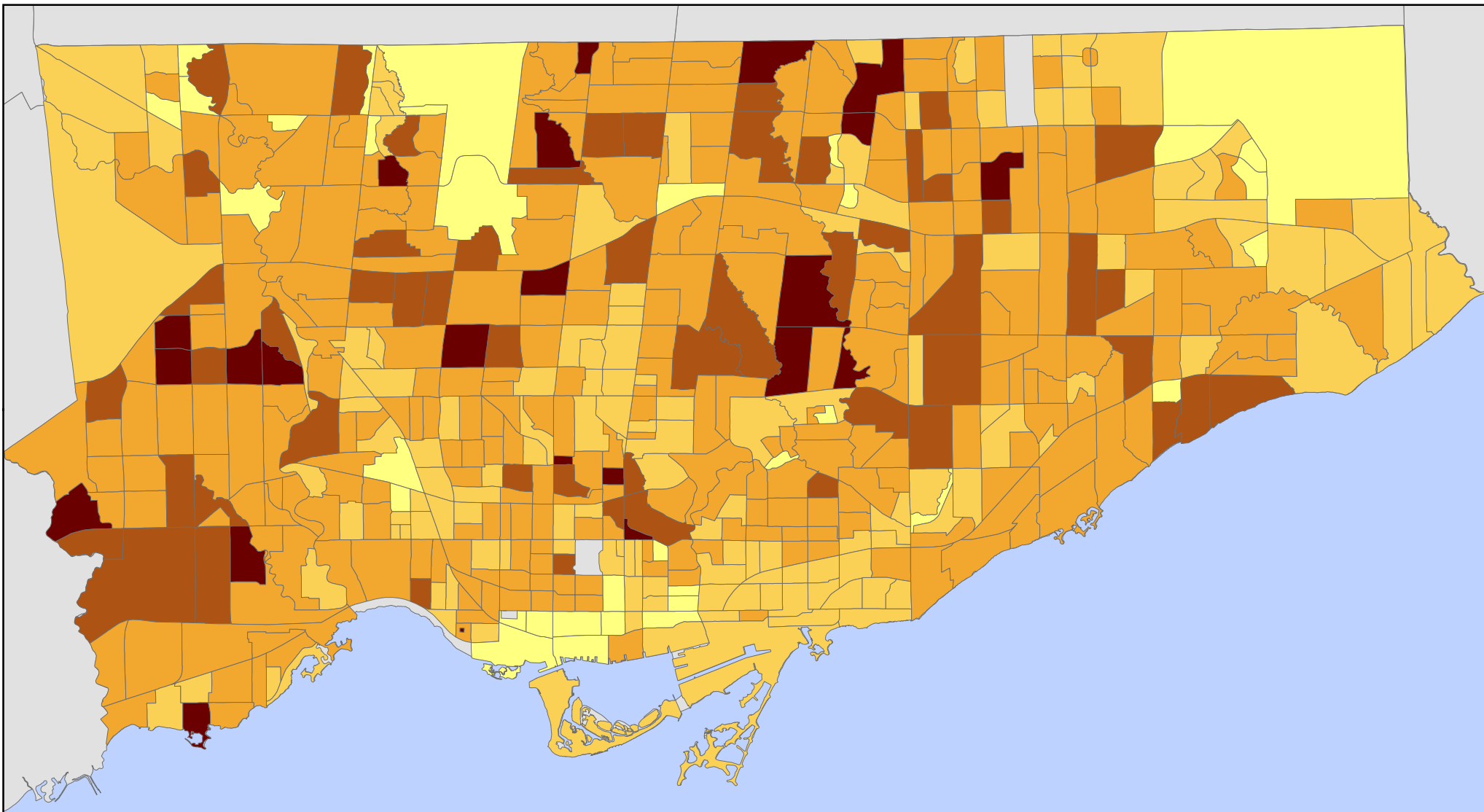
	Toronto	Durham	York	Peel	Halton	GTA
0-14	409,615	115,130	177,905	245,010	87,870	1,035,530
15-24	318,650	78,655	126,475	163,170	54,310	741,260
25-44	801,545	160,355	258,840	360,285	128,305	1,709,330
45-64	620,010	146,975	237,565	286,435	113,915	1,404,900
65 +	353,445	60,155	91,920	104,525	54,840	664,885
Total	2,503,265	561,270	892,705	1,159,425	439,240	5,555,905
Median Age	38.4	37.7	37.5	35.6	38.4	37.6

Percent

	Toronto	Durham	York	Peel	Halton	GTA
0-14	16.4	20.5	19.9	21.1	20.0	18.6
15-24	12.7	14.0	14.2	14.1	12.4	13.3
25-44	32.0	28.6	29.0	31.1	29.2	30.8
45-64	24.8	26.2	26.6	24.7	25.9	25.3
65 +	14.1	10.7	10.3	9.0	12.5	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

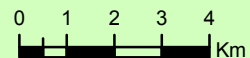
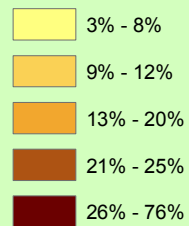
Concentration of Seniors 2006

By Census Tract



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Senior Persons as % of Total Population (65+, by Census Tract)



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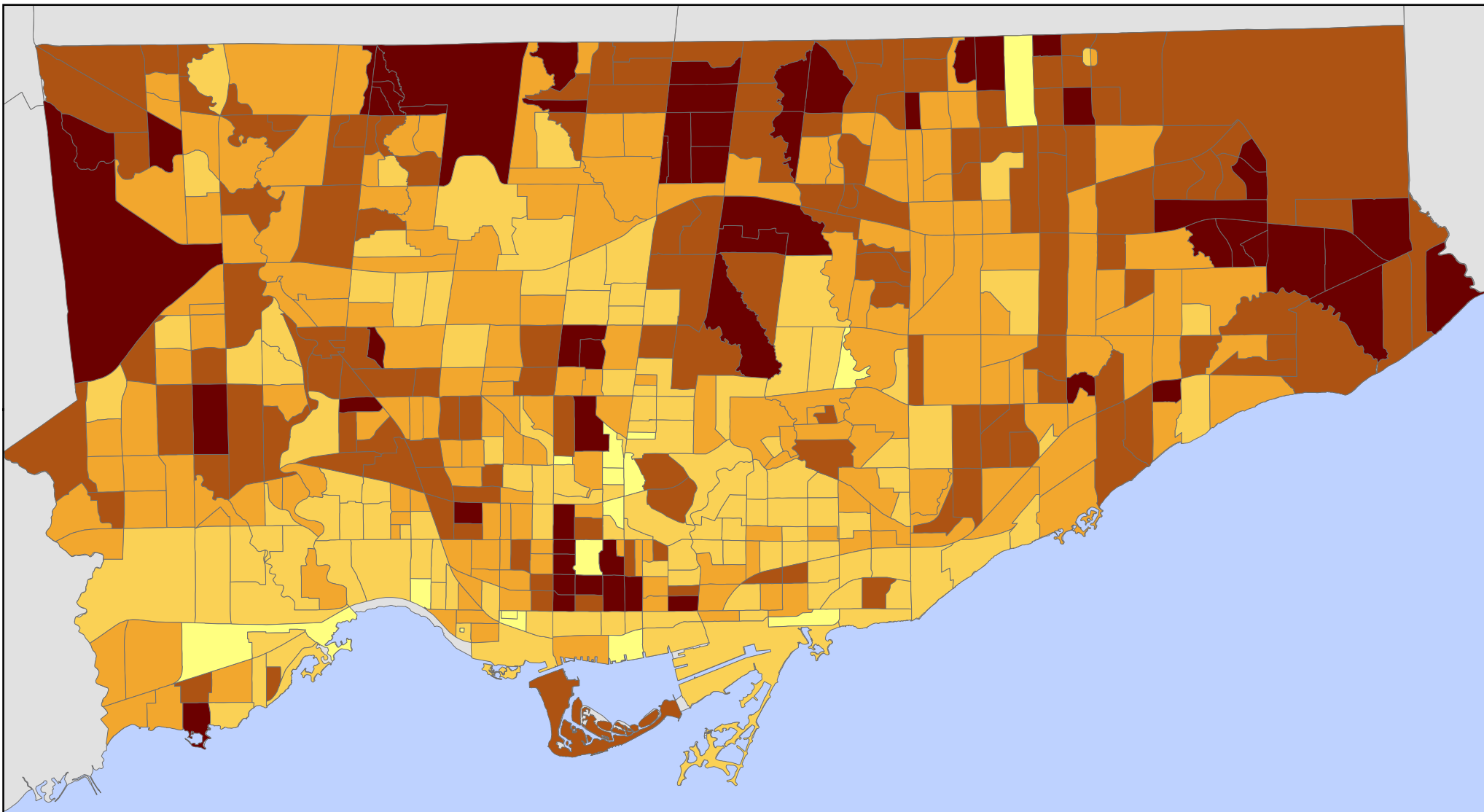
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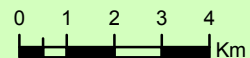
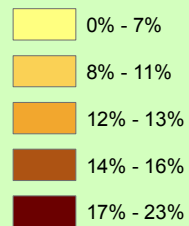
Concentration of Youth 2006

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Youth as a % of Total Population (15-24 years, by Census Tract)



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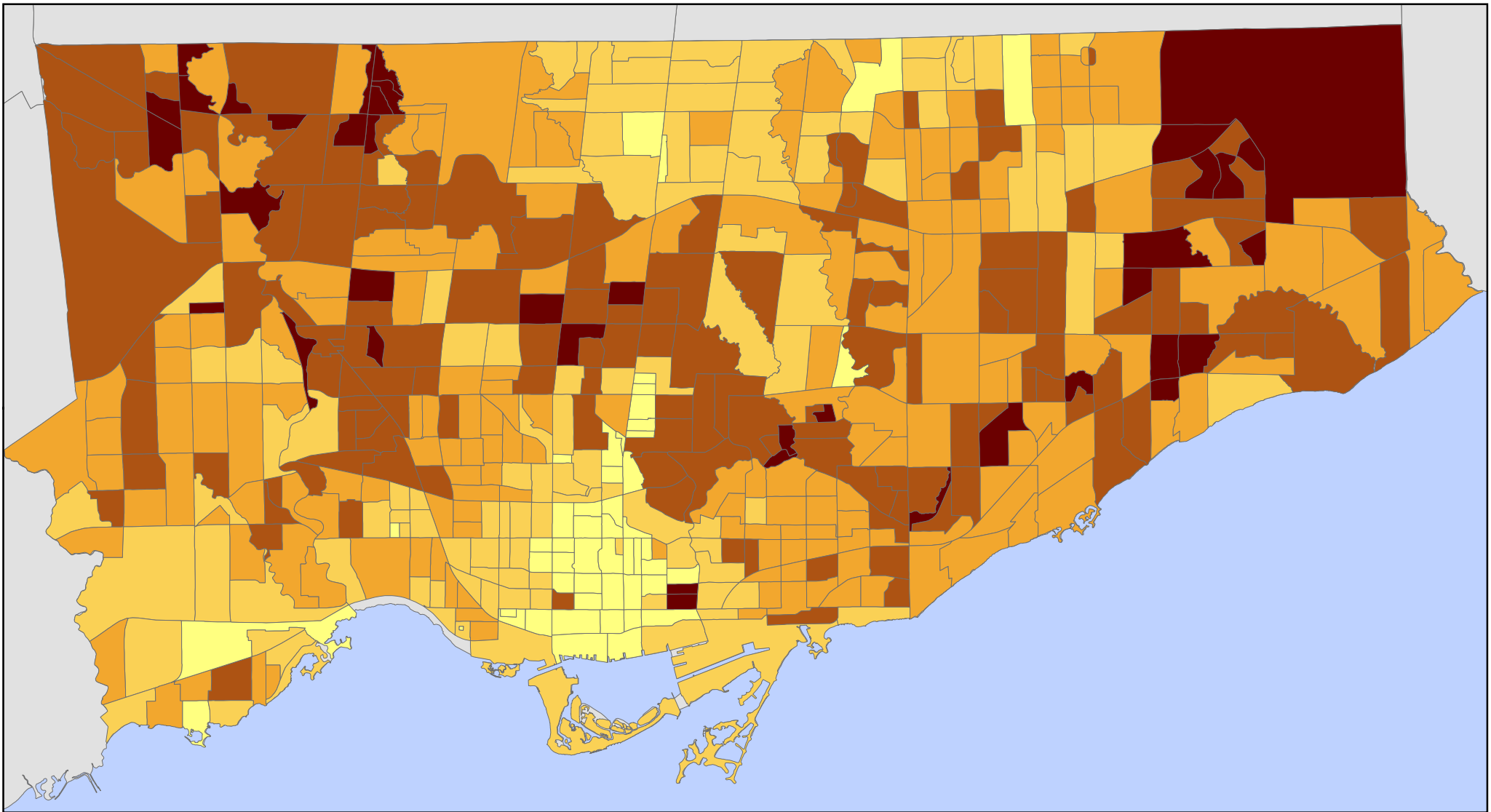
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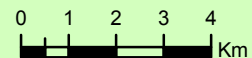
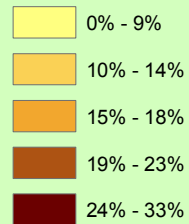
Concentration of Children 2006

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Children as a % of Total Population (0-14 years, by Census Tract)



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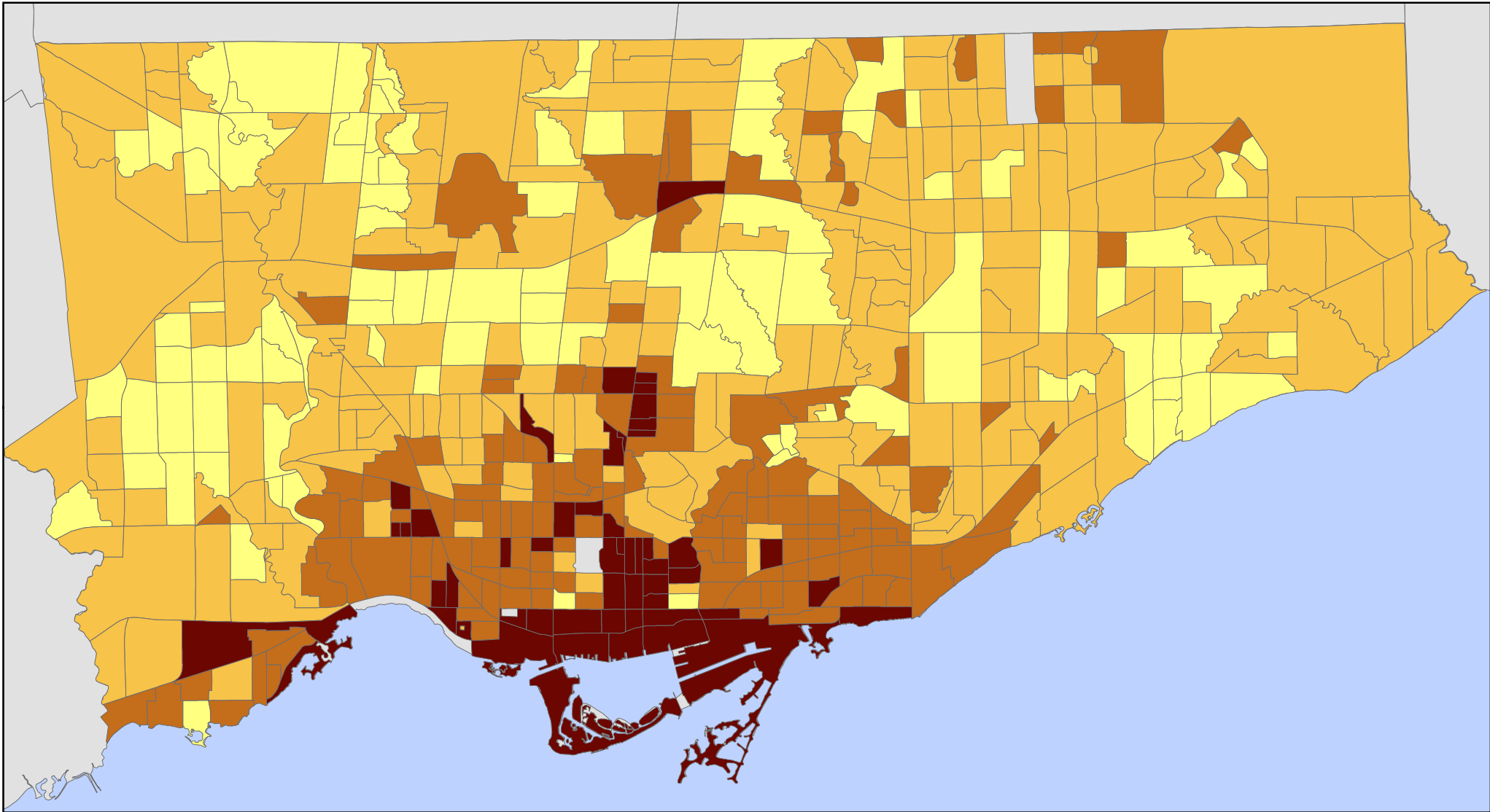
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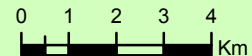
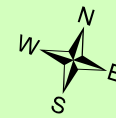
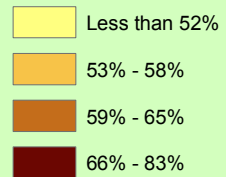
Concentration of Working-Age Adults 2006

By Census Tract



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Working-Age Adult Population as a % of Total Pop (25-64 years, by Census Tract)



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