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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2021-INFO-51  
Date: May 7, 2021

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**Subject:**

Monitoring of Growth Trends, File: D01-02-01

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report is the first of two biannual reports monitoring Growth Trends in Durham. It presents historical population and household data for the Region and local municipalities for the 2016 to 2020 period.
- 1.2 The data is provided for the end of May (to correspond with the timing of a Census) and for December (calendar year-end). Information presented in this report is intended for use in various planning studies and programs as well as other Regional and agency initiatives.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 2.1 Monitoring of Growth Trends ([2020-INFO-98](#))

**3. Historical population and household estimates (2016-2020)**

- 3.1 The population and household estimates presented in Attachment 1, are based on:

- Statistics Canada Census information for 2011 and 2016 including an estimate for net undercoverage<sup>1</sup>; and
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) monthly housing completion data for non-Census years.

3.2 The semi-annual population estimates presented in Attachment 1, indicate that the Region's annual population growth increased by 11,600 persons in 2020, which is higher than the five-year average (8,860). The growth rate last year was 1.66%. Comparatively, the average annual population growth for the five-year period from 2016 to 2020 was 1.29%.

3.3 The semi-annual household estimates presented in Attachment 1, indicate that the Region's annual household growth increased by 4,255 households from 2019 to 2020, representing a growth rate of 1.78%. Comparatively, the annual household growth for the five-year period from 2016 to 2020 was 1.45%.

#### **4. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Priority 5.1 (Service Excellence) – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value; and
- b. Priority 5.3 (Service Excellence) – Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

#### **5. Conclusion**

5.1 Committee will continue to be kept apprised of emerging population and household data and trends through regular updates of this information.

5.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Area Municipalities, the Durham Regional Police Services, the Local Health Integration Network and the School Boards in Durham.

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1. Net undercoverage refers to the net population counts that are missed during the Census enumeration due to persons with no usual residence, incorrect questionnaires, missed dwellings, away from home, etc.

**6. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2016-2020 and Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2016-2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Table 1  
Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2016-2020 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2016 (May)	124,230	12,085	95,515	165,525	95,265	22,440	21,980	133,265	670,310
2016 (Dec)	124,805	12,065	96,490	166,535	95,220	22,370	22,045	133,515	673,040
2017 (May)	125,505	12,050	97,395	167,430	95,765	22,320	22,265	134,400	677,125
2017 (Dec)	126,445	12,140	98,550	169,320	96,255	22,245	22,245	135,050	682,250
2018 (May)	127,840	12,130	99,215	170,120	96,585	22,195	22,345	135,280	685,710
2018 (Dec)	128,725	12,265	100,290	172,660	97,435	22,110	22,340	135,760	691,580
2019 (May)	129,210	12,305	100,815	174,460	97,950	22,080	22,330	135,955	695,105
2019 (Dec)	129,960	12,350	102,110	175,025	98,690	22,025	22,320	136,980	699,460
2020 (May)	131,400	12,540	102,900	175,195	99,040	21,980	22,315	138,765	704,140
2020 (Dec)	132,035	12,965	103,615	176,555	101,190	21,930	22,330	140,435	711,060

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and CMHC monthly housing completions data.

Table 2  
Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2016-2020 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2016 (May)	37,550	4,545	32,840	62,595	30,920	8,220	7,665	43,530	227,865
2016 (Dec)	37,655	4,550	33,225	62,990	30,985	8,225	7,705	43,670	229,005
2017 (May)	37,815	4,555	33,570	63,340	31,220	8,230	7,795	44,005	230,530
2017 (Dec)	38,030	4,600	34,020	64,065	31,465	8,235	7,805	44,275	232,495
2018 (May)	38,400	4,605	34,290	64,375	31,630	8,240	7,850	44,395	233,785
2018 (Dec)	38,595	4,670	34,710	65,355	31,990	8,240	7,870	44,615	236,040
2019 (May)	38,690	4,695	34,930	66,045	32,220	8,250	7,875	44,720	237,430
2019 (Dec)	38,845	4,725	35,435	66,270	32,550	8,260	7,890	45,120	239,100
2020 (May)	39,225	4,810	35,750	66,345	32,725	8,270	7,905	45,755	240,780
2020 (Dec)	39,345	4,985	36,050	66,875	33,525	8,280	7,925	46,365	243,355

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and CMHC monthly housing completions data.