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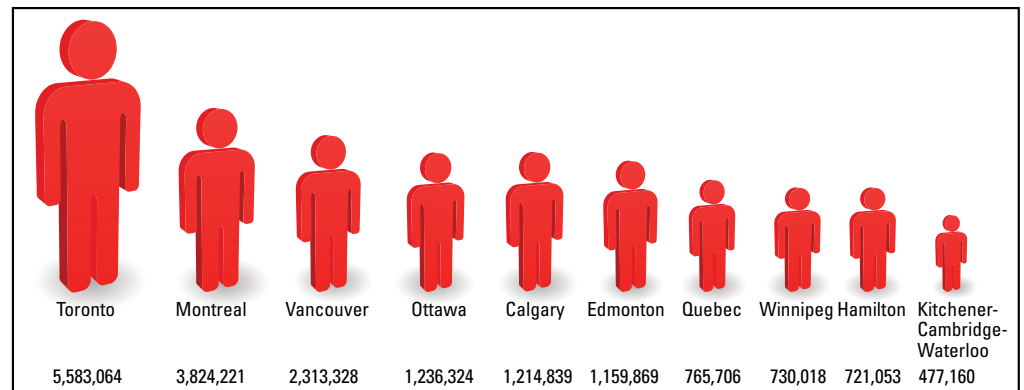
- The term Census in this document refers to the Census of Canada conducted by Statistics Canada every five years. The most recent Census was conducted on May 10, 2011. The Census is designed to provide information about people and housing units in Canada.
- All Canadians are required to complete a Census form. Population and dwelling data presented in this bulletin are based on this 100 per cent sample of the population.
- Students are enumerated in their usual place of residence (which is often in their parent's Census household). The Census population for Waterloo Region does not include students who are temporarily residing in Waterloo Region.
- In contrast to the 2011 Census population of 507,096, the Region of Waterloo's population estimate for year end 2011 is 553,000. The Region of Waterloo produces annual population estimates based upon Statistics Canada population counts from the Census, but additionally includes: an estimate of full-time post secondary students; accommodation of the census undercount and adjustments from May to year-end.
- Based on data released to date, the total population per occupied dwelling is 2.65 for Waterloo Region, down slightly from 2.69 in 2006. For more accurate density calculations the Region calculates persons per unit (PPUs) based on 'usual residents in regular dwellings'. This is data that has yet to be released and a closer examination of PPUs will be provided in future bulletins.

Population and Dwelling Counts Statistics from the 2011 Census for Waterloo Region

Population Counts

The Census population for Waterloo Region on May 10, 2011 was 507,096 according to data released by Statistics Canada. This was an absolute increase of 28,975 people over a five year time period, or just less than 6,000 people per year. The Region's population now places it seventh in Ontario and 13th in Canada for all regions (Census Divisions). The commonly referenced Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) had a population of 477,160 in 2011, making it now the 10th largest Census Metropolitan Area in Canada as illustrated in Figure 1, and fourth largest in Ontario. This CMA only includes five of the Region's seven municipalities; it excludes the townships of Wilmot and Wellesley. In 2006, the Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo CMA was the 11th largest in Canada.

Figure 1: Top 10 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas, 2011



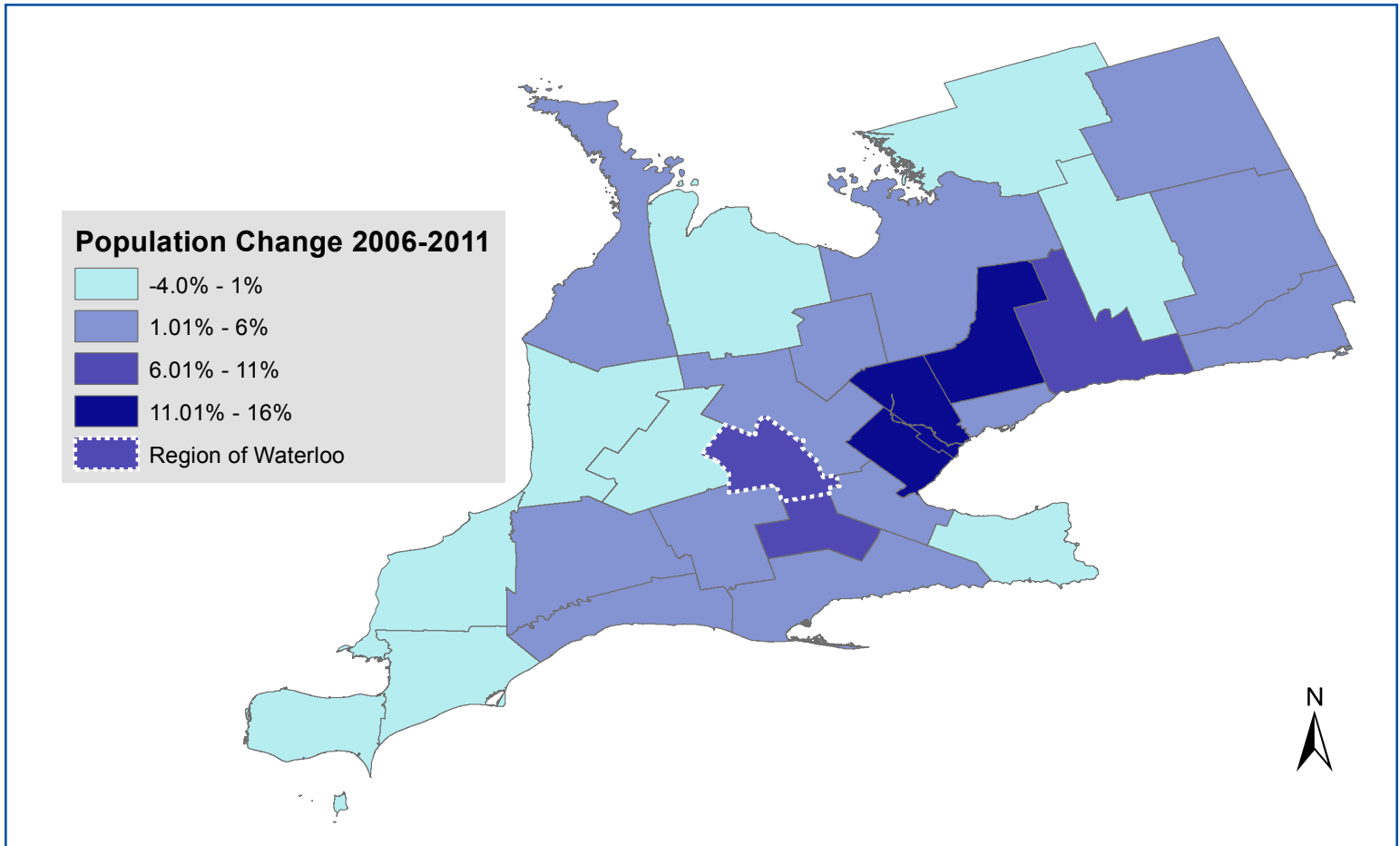
Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census by Census Metropolitan Area

Population Growth

Between 2006 and 2011 the Region's population increased by 6.1 per cent. This was a smaller increase than the nine per cent growth seen from 2001 to 2006, but exceeded the provincial and national growth rates of 5.7 per cent and 5.9 per cent respectively. In comparison to all municipalities in Ontario, Waterloo's growth rate ranked eighth and experienced a larger increase than some of Ontario's largest cities including Toronto and Hamilton, as illustrated in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Census Population Change in Southwestern Ontario, 2006-2011



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 and 2006 Census by Census Divisions

All area municipalities across Waterloo Region experienced population increases in 2011 from 2006 as shown in Table 1. The cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo all added population while showing declines in their percentage growth compared to the previous Census period. The townships of Woolwich, Wilmot and Wellesley saw the largest percentage. Together with North Dumfries the Region's four townships accounted for 25 per cent of the growth over the five year time period prior to 2011; previously growth in these areas accounted for about 10 per cent of the Region's growth.

Table 1: Waterloo Region Population and Growth by Municipality, 2006-2011

Name	Population 2006	Population 2011	Absolute Growth	5 year growth rate	10 year growth rate
Waterloo Region	478,121	507,096	28,975	6.1%	15.6%
Cambridge	120,371	126,748	6,377	5.3%	14.8%
Kitchener	204,668	219,153	14,485	7.1%	15.1%
Waterloo	97,475	98,780	1,305	1.3%	14.1%
North Dumfries	9,063	9,334	271	3.0%	6.4%
Wellesley	9,789	10,713	924	9.4%	14.4%
Wilmot	17,097	19,223	2,126	12.4%	29.3%
Woolwich	19,658	23,145	3,487	17.7%	27.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001, 2006 and 2011 by Census Subdivisions



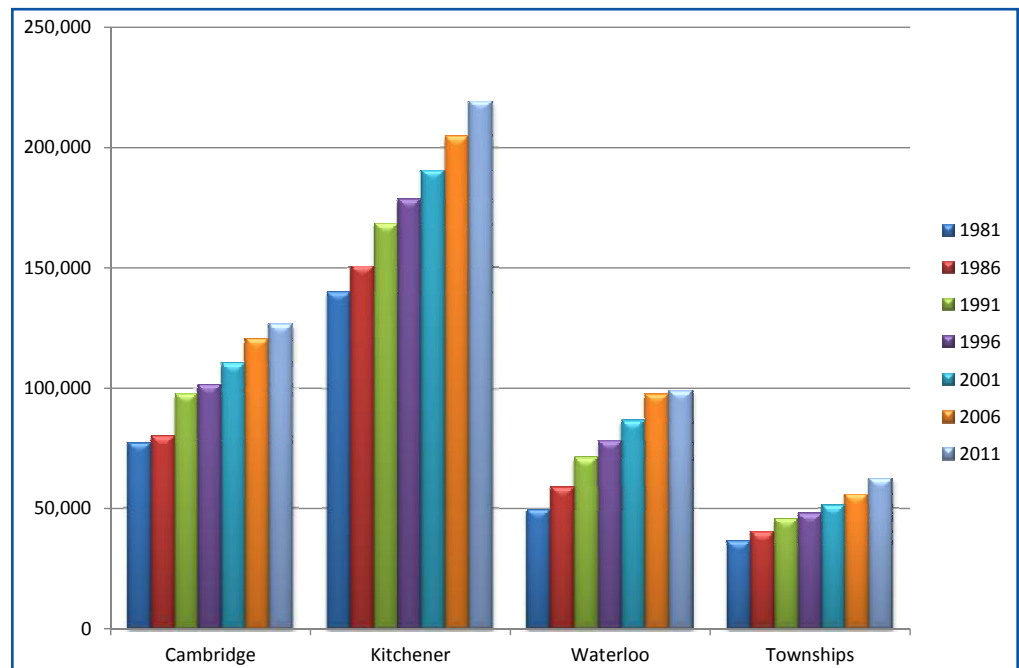
Table 1 also shows growth over a 10 year time frame, and highlights the continued growth in the Townships of Woolwich and Wilmot, both increasing by more than 25 per cent. From 2001 to 2011, all three cities are shown to be on par with the 15 per cent growth rate measured across the Region. Figure 3 portrays growth over a longer time period and shows how Waterloo Region's population has steadily increased from just over 305,000 in 1981.

Dwelling Counts and Growth

The 2011 Census reported that 202,121 total private dwellings exist within Waterloo Region, an increase of eight per cent from 2006 figures. The cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo account for over 80 per cent of the total dwellings in the Region. However, the largest per cent increase between Census years occurred in Woolwich, Wilmot and Wellesley.

Total private dwellings are further broken down by Statistics Canada into three major groups: occupied by usual residents (occupied dwellings), occupied by foreign and/or temporary residents and unoccupied dwellings. Collective dwellings are not considered private dwellings. As of 2011, there were 191,599 occupied dwellings in Waterloo Region, representing 95 per cent of the Region's total private dwellings. Regionally, occupied dwellings increased by 7.6 per cent from 2006 to 2011.

Figure 3: Waterloo Region Long-term Population Growth, 1981-2006



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1981-2011 by Census Subdivision

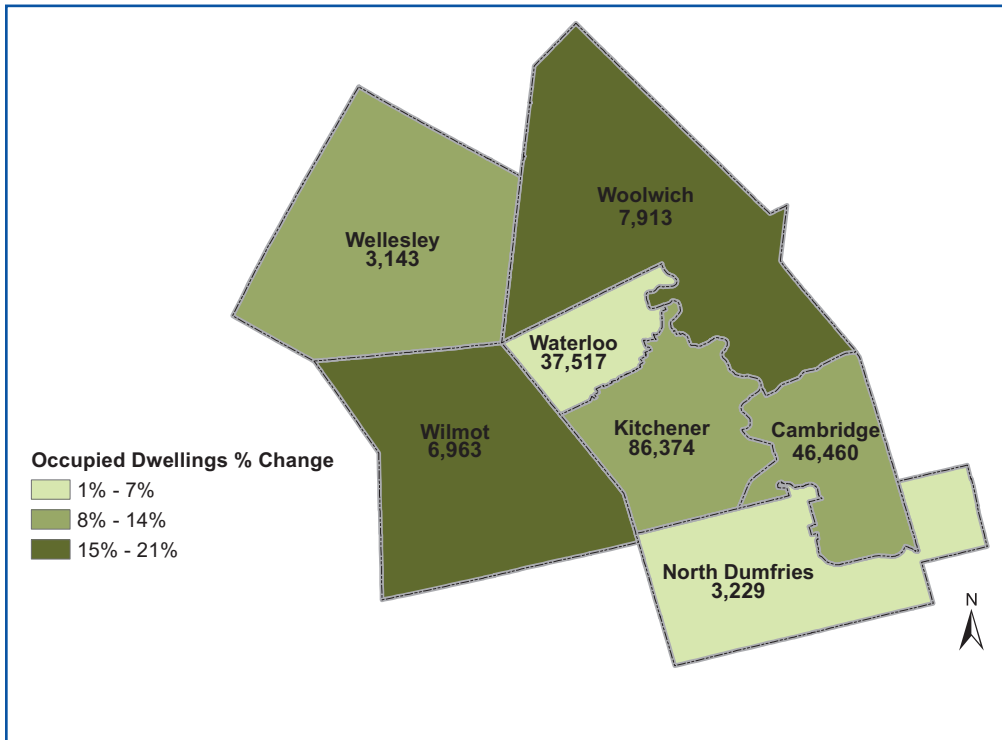
Table 2: Waterloo Region Total Private Dwellings, 2006-2011

Name	Total Private Dwellings 2006	Total Private Dwellings 2011	Absolute Growth	% Growth
Waterloo Region	187,088	202,121	15,033	8.0%
Cambridge	44,589	47,818	3,229	7.2%
Kitchener	82,723	89,603	6,880	8.3%
Waterloo	40,659	42,984	2,325	5.7%
North Dumfries	3,103	3,224	121	3.9%
Wellesley	2,913	3,288	375	12.9%
Wilmot	6,296	7,158	862	13.7%
Woolwich	6,805	8,046	1,241	18.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 and 2006 by Census Subdivision



Figure 4: Change in Occupied Dwellings, Waterloo Region 2006-2011



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 and 2006 by Census Subdivision

Figure 4 maps the change in occupied dwellings across the Region, showing that between Census years increases ranged from two per cent to 20 per cent. During this time period, the three cities added 10,920 occupied dwellings while the townships added 2,683.



Total Private Dwellings – Describes ‘a set of living quarters designed for or converted for human habitation in which a person or group of persons reside or could reside.’

Dwellings occupied by usual residents – A ‘private dwelling in which a person or a group of persons is permanently residing. Also included are private dwellings whose usual residents are temporarily absent on Census Day.’

Collective dwellings – ‘Dwelling used for commercial, institutional or communal purposes, such as a hospital, nursing home, lodging house or group home.’

Source: Statistics Canada Census Dictionary, 2006

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please refer to

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<http://www.statscan.ca/census>



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