

City of Hamilton Growth Plan Forecasts vs. Census Actuals (2001 – 2021)

Provincial Population Forecasts (Growth Plan) Compared to Census Actuals			
Census Year	Forecast Population (unrounded)	Census Actual / Best Estimate	Variance
2001 (Base Information)	510,200	510,200	0
2011 (2006 Growth Plan)	539,500	539,200	-300
2016 (July 2013 Update)	568,000	552,800	-15,200
2021 (August 2020 forecast)	584,000	589,200	+5,200

Source: *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* (Province, 2006), *Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Forecasts to 2041* (July 2013 Addendum), *Greater Golden Horseshoe: Forecasts to 2051* and base forecast and interim population estimates, Hemson Consulting Ltd., 2021

Technical Notes:

- The 2011 forecast is the 2005 forecast for the 2006 *Growth Plan*;
- The 2016 forecast is the July 2013 Forecast update (Growth Plan Amendment 2 to 2031);
- The 2021 forecast is the 2020 August *Growth Plan* forecasts to 2051; and,
- Census actuals are for 2011 and 2016. Best estimate for 2021 is updated Census based on Annual Demographic Estimates (ADE), includes Census net undercoverage.