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First-party data on divorce and real estate in Milton, Ontario.
Data to September 2026. Updated every January.

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Divorce-related transactions made up 15% of the Flowers Team's business in Milton in 2026 to early September, up from 6% in 2024. The Flowers Team at Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty has handled 50 divorce-related transactions since January 2024, and in 2026, 1 in every 7 Flowers Team transactions involves a separating household (Source: Flowers Team internal records, January 2024 to September 2026). No public body publishes a divorce rate for Milton, so this report is the only local, dated measure of how separation is showing up in the town's housing market. It is updated every January.

What this report counts

A transaction is one sale, purchase or lease in which the client was going through a separation or divorce. One couple often produces several, because a sale and two purchases is common. We count transactions, never households. The figures are drawn from the Flowers Team's own transaction records, tagged per transaction, and cover January 2024 to early September 2026.

The numbers

Year	Divorce-related transactions	Share of all Flowers Team transactions
2024	9	6%
2025	17	8.5%
2026, to early September	24	15%
Total since January 2024	**50**	

Source: Flowers Team internal records, January 2024 to September 2026.

Divorce transactions rose from 9 in 2024 to 17 in 2025, and reached 24 by September 2026, 2.7 times the 2024 total with four months still to go. The share grew faster than the count, because total transactions were steady while divorce-related transactions climbed.

Why Milton: the town that was built by young families

Milton was the fastest-growing municipality in Canada between 2001 and 2011. Its population went from 31,471 in 2001 to 53,939 in 2006 and 84,362 in 2011, then 110,128 in 2016 and 132,979 in 2021 (Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2001 to 2021).

The people who arrived were young. Milton's median age fell from 38.3 in 2001 to 34.4 in 2006 while the rest of Canada aged, and fell again to 34.1 in 2011, which made Milton the youngest municipality in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and the only one of Halton's local municipalities where the median age declined between 2006 and 2011 (Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census Trends; Community Development Halton, Community Lens 77, June 2012). In 2021 Milton's average age was 35.2 against 40.2 for Halton Region as a whole (Source: Halton Region, 2021 Census highlights).

Census year	Milton population	Milton median age
2001	31,471	38.3
2006	53,939	34.4
2011	84,362	34.1
2016	110,128	not published in this edition
2021	132,979	average age 35.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population; Community Development Halton; Halton Region.

They married and had children at a higher rate than the province. In 2006, 68% of Milton adults were living as a couple, up from 61.7% in 2001 (Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census Trends). In 2021, Milton's census families averaged 3.3 people and 2.0 children, the highest in Halton (Source: Halton Region, 2021 Census highlights).

What the census says about divorce in Milton, and why it lags

On paper, Milton is one of the least divorced places in the region. In the 2021 census, 5,955 of Milton's 101,000 adults were separated or divorced, which is 5.9%. Across Halton Region the figure was 7.2%. Across Ontario, measured the same way, separated and divorced adults together were 8.7% in 2016, the most recent provincial figure on the same basis (Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census, via Halton Region; Statistics Canada, 2016 Census, via Community Accounts). Milton sits at roughly two-thirds of the provincial rate, and the share has barely moved across three censuses: 5.8% in 2011, 6.3% in 2016 and 5.9% in 2021. Over the same period the share of Milton adults living as a couple eased from 69.1% to 68.2% to 64.6% (Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Focus on Geography and 2016 Census Profile, Milton).

Area	Separated or divorced, share of adults	Census year
Milton	5.8%	2011
Milton	6.3%	2016
Milton	5.9%	2021
Halton Region	7.5%	2016
Halton Region	7.2%	2021
Ontario	8.7%	2016

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, via Halton Region, Community Accounts and the 2011 and 2016 Milton census profiles. All figures are separated plus divorced as a share of residents 15 and over, so they compare like with like.

The census measures marital status once every five years and counts people, not events. A town whose adults arrived in their late twenties will show a low divorced share for a long time, because most of them have not yet reached the age at which Canadians divorce. The average age at divorce in Canada rose to 47 for men and 45 for women by 2017 (Source: Department of Justice Canada, Marriage and Divorce Trends in Canada, 1921 to 2020, published 2026). A buyer who was 30 in 2006 is 50 in 2026.

That is what the Flowers Team's own records are picking up before the census does. The 2001 to 2011 cohort is arriving at the age where separation happens, and it is arriving in a town where almost every household owns a house.

What it means if you are separating in Milton

Three things follow from the numbers.

1. **You are not unusual.** One in seven of the transactions our team handles this year involves a separating household. The process has been run many times, in every kind of market.
2. **The house is the decision.** Milton households are owners, not renters, and the matrimonial home is usually the largest asset either spouse has. Whether to sell, buy out or keep it is the first real decision in most Milton separations, and the full carrying cost on one income is the number that decides it.
3. **Two purchases follow most sales.** Because the town was built for families, most separating couples want to stay in Milton for the schools and the routine, which means one sale often becomes three transactions. The separation agreement gates the two purchases, because most lenders want to see it before they qualify either spouse alone.

Method and sources

First-party figures are drawn from the Flowers Team's transaction records, January 2024 to early September 2026, tagged per transaction. Public figures are drawn from Statistics Canada's Census of Population (2001, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021), as published by Statistics Canada, Halton Region, Community Development Halton and Community Accounts, and from the Department of Justice Canada's Marriage and Divorce Trends in Canada, 1921 to 2020. Statistics Canada does not publish divorce counts below the provincial level. The second edition, January 2027, adds the full-year 2026 figure.

About the author

Amy Flowers is the Broker, CEO, and Team Leader of Flowers Team Real Estate, Milton's most-awarded real estate team. A licensed REALTOR® since 2001, Amy has spent more than two decades helping Milton families buy and sell with confidence. Under her leadership, the Flowers Team has been ranked #1 in Milton since 2009 and recognized in the top 1% of Royal LePage agents nationwide. The team offers full turnkey service, including in-house staging, professional photography, and a dedicated marketing department, so every client gets a seamless, concierge-level experience from first showing to closing day.

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