Glossary and Notes to the Data

Term	Specification
Unavailable	Data is not reported when the information is based on a sample size of 30 records or less.
Quantile distribution	Distribution method for mapped data that organizes the data into a certain number of categories so that each of those categories has an equal number of units in it. This is the default method for the maps in this tool.
Equal Interval distribution	Distribution method for mapped data that sets the value ranges in each category to an equal size. The entire range of data values is divided equally into the number of categories chosen.
Qualitative colour scheme	Colour display for maps that uses different colours to represent differences for categorical data, such as ethnicity or religion for example. Assign the lightest, darkest, and most saturated hues in the scheme to categories that you want to emphasize on the map.
Quantitative colour scheme	Default colour display for thematic mapping that is best suited to the numeric data available in the data portal. Uses gradiant hues to display ranges of values.
Diverging colour scheme	Colour display for maps that shows how the data progresses outward from a critical midpoint of the data range. The selected colour scheme is based on two different hues so that they diverge from a shared light color, for the critical midpoint, toward dark colors of different hues at each extreme. Well suited to show deviations above and below the mid-point of a data range.
Thematic map view	Default map setting.
Threshold map view	Optional map setting that allows you to set a threshold point at which values for a particular indicator will display on the map, e.g., setting it at 60 will only display values greater than 60% on the map.
Halton Youth Survey (HYS)	The HYS, designed by Our Kids Network, is a region-wide survey that monitors school engagement, participation in community activities, physical and mental health, and participation in non-risk and risk-related activities. As well, 20 Development Assets® are measured. All students in Grades 7 and 10 are invited to complete the survey. The HYS neighbourhood results are based solely on Grade 7 data as release of Grade 10 data by neighbourhood could result in individual secondary schools being identified,

	which is not permitted under the existing Our Kids Network Data Sharing Agreement.
Developmental Assets®	Framework adopted by Our Kids Network and created by the Search Institute®. Developmental Assets are the positive experiences and personal qualities that children and youth need to grow up healthy, caring and responsible.
Kindergarten Parent Survey (KPS)	The KPS is a Halton-designed instrument that asks parents about the experiences of children and families in Halton. It allows us to examine some important child outcomes that are not measured in the EDI.
Early Development Instrument (EDI)	The EDI is a developmental checklist completed by Kindergarten teachers and designed to measure how well a child is developing as he or she begins school.
Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)	EQAO assesses all students in Grades 3 and 6 in reading, writing, and Mathematics. EQAO also administers the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics.
Integrated Services for Children Information System (ISCIS)	ISCIS collects information for Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC), an early intervention prevention initiative. Hospital nurses collect data on newborn babies, including information about the birth and the status of the mother's health, social, and family situation. Babies that score above the assessment threshold are considered at risk for future developmental difficulties and those families are offered additional supports through HBHC.
Ontario Child Care Management System (OCCMS)	The OCCMS database contains information about child care licensing, fee assistance, wage subsidy, and special needs resourcing.
Census Family	Statistics Canada defines a census family unit as married, commonlaw, or lone-parent—generally as either a spouse, partner, parent or child.
Census Tract	Area that is small and relatively stable. Census tracts usually have a population of 2,500 to 8,000. They are located in large urban centres that must have an urban core population of 50,000 or more. Statistics Canada
Dissemination Area	A small, relatively stable geographic unit. It is the smallest standard geographic area for which all census data are disseminated. Statistics Canada