

Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale Action on Poverty Profile

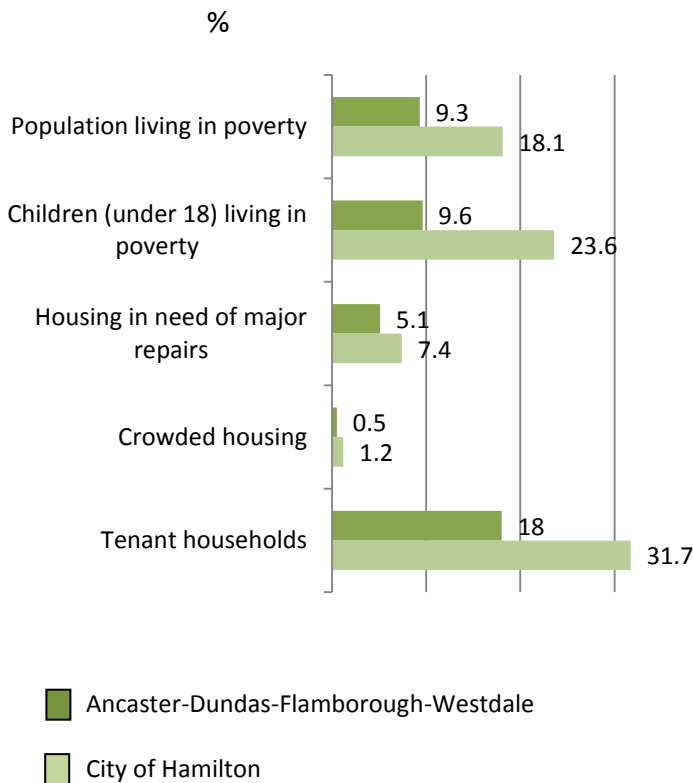


Story Behind the Stats

The Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale riding includes both rural and urban areas of Hamilton. The riding is bounded by the City of Hamilton border on Flamborough's northernmost and westernmost edges. To the south, it stretches to the easternmost and southernmost edges of Ancaster. To the east, it incorporates all of Dundas towards Cootes Paradise, as well as the neighbourhoods that were part of the former City of Hamilton (including Westdale) and ends at the 403 highway.

While the poverty rate in this riding is lower than the average for the City of Hamilton, the Community Profiles completed by the Social Planning and Research Council showed that the poverty rate was rising in many parts of this riding, while it was decreasing in many other communities in Hamilton.

Key Figures



**111,835 people live in
Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-
Westdale**

10,153 live in poverty – 9.3%*

“Women of all income groups are affected by violence. But the overlapping effects of violence and poverty make recovering from abuse and assault even harder for low-income women in our community.

A gender-based analysis of systems such as the income support system and the justice system will help to throw light on the complexity of violence against women, and help to answer why violence against women remains so pervasive.”

**Clare Freeman
Executive Director
Interval House of Hamilton**

Taking Action in Ancaster-Dundas- Flamborough-Westdale

The Flamborough Women's Resource Centre was developed in response to the needs from citizens of Flamborough and a local advisory committee and opened its doors, as a program of Interval House of Hamilton, in 2009. It is located at 17 Main St. South in Downtown Waterdown.

The Flamborough Women's Resource Centre provides support services for women in the Flamborough community including information and referrals, individual and group counselling, legal advocacy and support, transitional housing support, employment counseling, and peer support.

Violence against women affects those from all income groups. The consequences of violence are long-lasting and, for many women, lead to economic insecurity due to taking time off work to cope with physical and mental effects and/or having to find shelter or new housing due to abuse in the home. Affordable housing is almost non-existent in Flamborough and is a major concern for the Flamborough Women's Resource Centre, Interval House and their clients.

<http://fwrc.ca/index.html>

Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

The SPRC works with many community partners to reduce and eliminate poverty including the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, HOPE (Hamilton Organizing to Eliminate Poverty), and the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits.

We are committed to working with people who have the lived experience of poverty to develop a comprehensive plan of action to eliminate poverty in Hamilton and across Ontario.

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