

Niagara West-Glanbrook Action on Poverty Profile



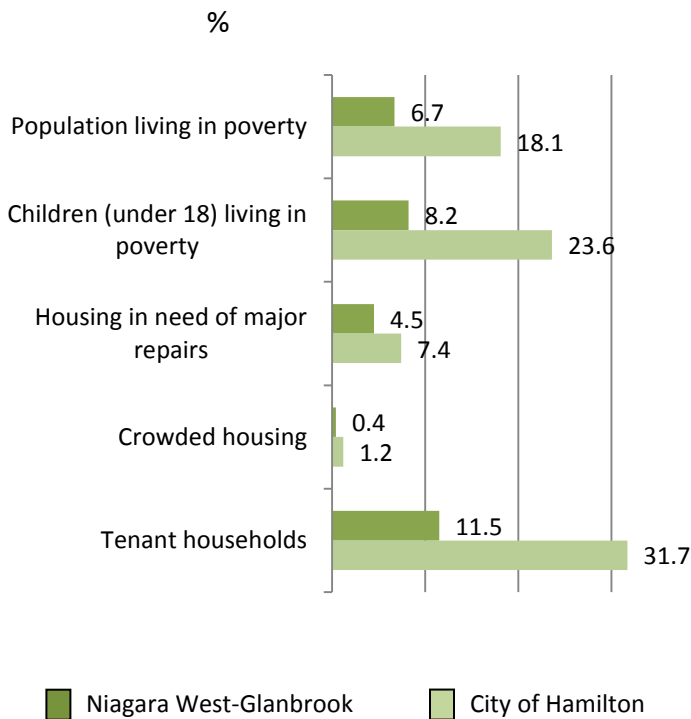
Story Behind the Stats

The riding of Niagara West – Glanbrook was created in 2003 from parts of Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Aldershot, Erie, Lincoln, Hamilton Mountain, Niagara Centre, and Stoney Creek.

It consists of the towns of Grimsby, Lincoln and Pelham, the Township of West Lincoln, and the part of the City of Hamilton east of Glancaster Road and south of the transmission line, Rymal Road, the former City of Hamilton, and the Niagara Escarpment (east of the former city).

At 6.7%, Niagara West-Glanbrook has the lowest rate of poverty out of the five ridings connected to Hamilton. However, with the majority of the population living in rural areas and small towns, there are increased challenges and barriers in responding to poverty.

Key Figures



**111,030 people live in
Niagara West-Glanbrook
7,322 live in poverty – 6.7%***

“We believe that God has abundantly provided enough for all. Yet this isn’t our everyday experience, with poverty being a very painful reality in our communities. In rural and suburban communities, the indignity of poverty is often amplified because community resources are not always easily accessible or available. Transformation will only come when people at all levels work collaboratively, recognizing the dignity we share with one another.”

**The Reverend Bill Mous
Coordinator of Social Justice
Anglican Diocese of Niagara**

Taking Action in Niagara West-Glanbrook

The Anglican Diocese of Niagara has several parishes throughout the towns and rural areas that comprise this riding. The Diocese has made poverty eradication part of its ministry of justice, leveraging community partnerships to transform unjust policies, structures and behaviours found within society.

The Diocese has engaged its parishes in conversations responding to poverty through campaigns related to social assistance, the nutritional needs of people in poverty, and a living wage. As a lead partner in the newly formed Faith Leaders Against Poverty, it is now partnering with other faith traditions to address poverty throughout Ontario.

Another undertaking from this year, 26 projects designed to combat poverty in more than half of Niagara's municipalities, received funding through the Niagara Prosperity Initiative. While some of the projects address immediate impacts of poverty such as hunger, others are aimed at the roots of the problem, such as:

- Neighbourhood engagement to identify needs and develop local solutions to poverty;
- Mental health counseling;
- Leadership development programs for youth; and
- Health promotion programs.

<http://www.niagara.anglican.ca>

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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