

Oakville Riding Action on Poverty Profile

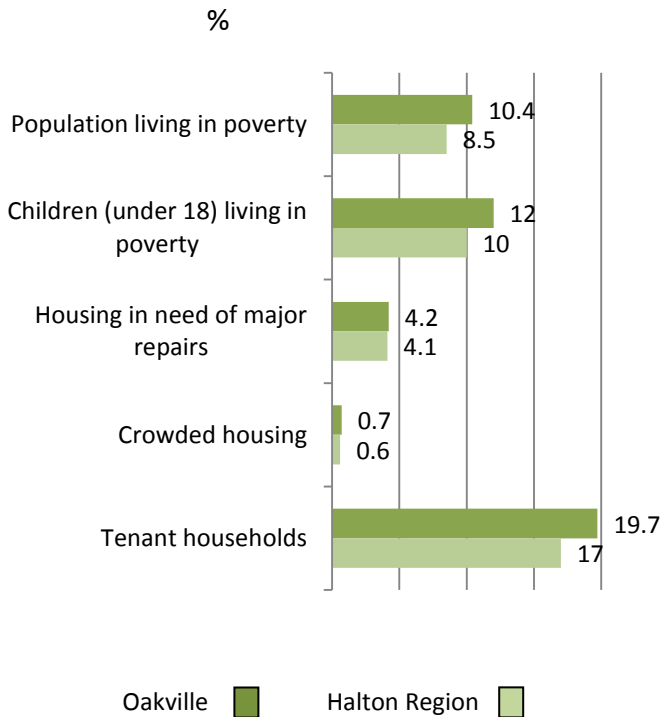


Story Behind the Stats

This Riding is within the Town of Oakville (bordered by Burloak, Upper Middle, Eighth Line, Dundas and Winston Churchill). It represents about 69% of the Town's population in 2006. The number of low-income families jumped by 48% between 2000 and 2005.

Oakville is an affluent community. Poverty is almost invisible. As such, it lowers the self-esteem of those in need. In addition, low-income individuals and families have to face the daily challenge of affordable housing, transportation (if they do not have access to a car) and raising a family.

Key Figures



**113,715 people live in
Oakville Riding**
11,709 live in poverty – 10.4%*

“One of the biggest challenges is the feeling of being ‘stuck in an isolation ward.’ Unless there is a bridge or gateway out into opportunities, it is hard to access programs, resources, employment, post-secondary education, etc.”

Ron Shantz
Founder, CEO
Front Line Outreach
Oakville

Taking Action in Oakville Riding

There are a number of groups that work towards addressing the effects of poverty, making opportunities available and bringing hope.

Front Line Outreach serves and assists those who want to be proactive in community outreach. The program helps build bridges between the haves and the have-nots that result in the transformation of lives, neighbourhoods and communities.

ArtHouse is a connecting point that brings opportunity and hope for children in low-income families to be involved in the arts. www.arthouseonline.org/arthouse-oakville.php

Home Suite Hope offers transitional housing for low-income, single parent families so that they can have the time necessary to stabilize their lives.

YMCA of Oakville and the **Town of Oakville** provide bursaries and subsidies for recreational programs and sports. www.ymcaofOakville.com and www.oakville.ca

Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre provides provide a centre for neighbours to meet and support each other. www.oakparkmomsandtots.ca

Poverty Free Halton Takes Action

Through education and advocacy, Poverty Free Halton's non-partisan volunteer committee works to highlight the issues of poverty in the region and offer solutions to all levels of government. We believe that the solutions to poverty are within grasp, we just need the political will to obtain them.

Want to get involved?
Contact us at info@povertyfreehalton.ca
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How to Connect with your Elected Representatives on these Issues

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