

Wellington-Halton Hills Action on Poverty Profile

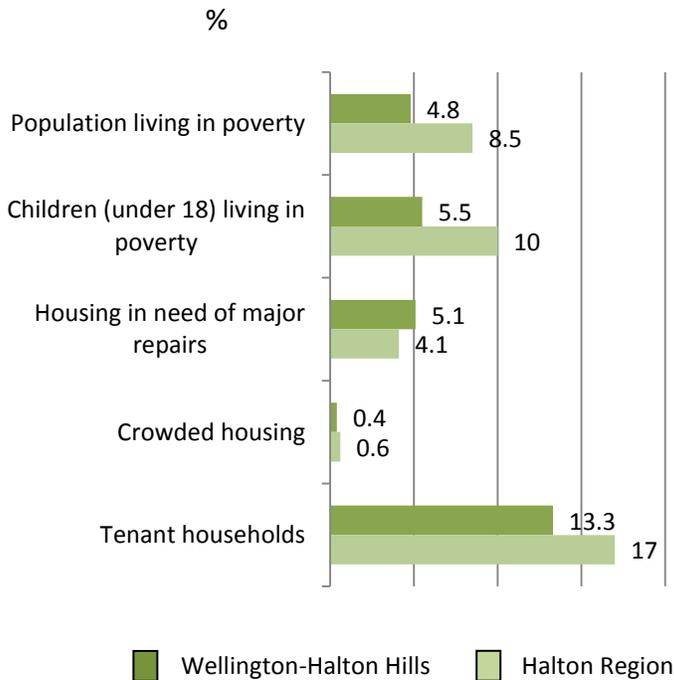


Story Behind the Stats

This Riding includes the Town of Halton Hills and part of Wellington County. About half of the population resides in the Town of Halton Hills.

Although the Wellington-Halton Hills Riding has a poverty rate lower than Halton Region and Ontario, there are about 2,800 residents of Halton Hills living in low income. Between 2001 and 2006, Halton Hills saw a population increase of 14.7% but a more than doubling (32%) of its low income families.

Key Figures



**111,245 people live in
Wellington-Halton Hills
5,257 live in poverty – 4.8%***

“Recognizing the demographics in Acton, ActiveChefs is providing free & accessible after-school programs to ensure an equal opportunity for children from identified priority neighborhoods. Our collaborative efforts will help build a strong and healthy community.”

**Aman Jaspal
Founding Executive Director
ActiveChefs™**

Taking Action in Wellington-Halton Hills

Acton Together is a community-led effort to connect residents in the Town of Acton in Halton Hills. This community group, in partnership with a local church and local businesses, brings a monthly community dinner and movie night to town. The gatherings provide opportunities for local residents to connect, discuss issues and share experiences. Some local politicians have attended the events to listen and talk with their constituents.

Another local action initiative has been the successful planning and establishment of a community garden. This is an accessible, co-operative garden that inspires broad community participation in growing their own local fresh food. The garden is funded and supported by a large group of community partners including local businesses, nonprofit agencies, faith groups, municipal government and many volunteers.

Other initiatives include the Wacky Wednesday March Break Program and ActiveChefs™ Program – to inspire and empower children to make healthy life choices and supports the development of healthy and vibrant communities.

“Good things happen when we are Acton Together”

<http://actontgether.cdhalton.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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