

# Brampton-Springdale Action on Poverty Profile



## Story Behind the Stats

Situated through central Brampton and stretching from the South to North City limits, this riding includes portions of wards 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and all of ward 9.

Although poverty within this riding falls slightly below the Region-wide level, community workers name access to affordable housing as a major priority for the people they serve, often from racialized communities. Problems also exist with food security – even if a family has shelter, food often eludes them – as well as transportation.

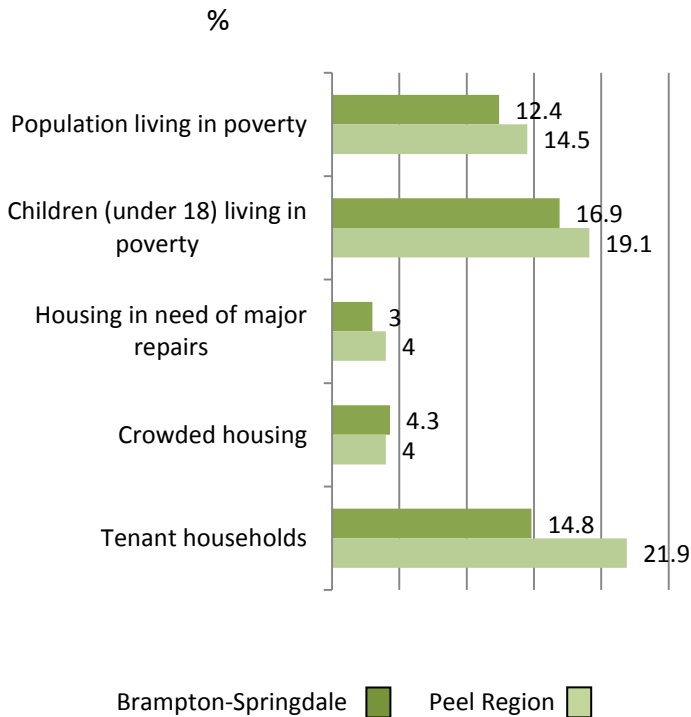


**131,795 people live in  
Brampton-Springdale**  
16,206 live in poverty –12.4%\*

**“When students reflect on their experience [in the Choices program], they say they didn’t know poverty existed in a community like Brampton. Especially when they see the children – 44 per cent of our clients are children under 10.”**

**Annie Bynoe**  
Executive Director  
Knights Table

## Key Figures



The Action on Poverty profile series was created by Social Planning Toronto and the Social Planning Council of Peel. The profile includes Census data from the City of Toronto and the Toronto Community Social Research and Data Consortium.

\*For details on calculations and definitions, go to [www.spno.ca](http://www.spno.ca)



# Taking Action in Brampton-Springdale

For over 20 years the Knights Table has served the needs of people in the Peel Region dealing daily with issues of hunger, poverty and homelessness. Its various programs and services attract over 50,000 visits annually. The Knights Table is dedicated to inspiring all people to achieve their full potential. Of its clients, mental illness affects more than 23%, over 26% are homeless, and 43% self report a physical disability.

Knights Table started as a “soup kitchen.” Although it still provides hot meals and runs a food bank, under Executive Director Annie Bynoe’s leadership it is moving towards a more holistic approach to services for its very diverse client population by integrating other social supports, counselling, and family programs.

The Choices retreat program immerses high school students in the Knight’s Table environment, where they practice community service and outreach. Hearing clients’ stories of how they came to need Knights Table services through choices — both available and made — makes students mindful of how their choices today can significantly impact their lives later. More importantly, the program teaches civic responsibility by helping to raise students’ awareness of the issues of hunger, poverty, and homelessness in Peel.

[www.knightstable.org](http://www.knightstable.org)

## **The Social Planning Council of Peel**

The Social Planning Council of Peel is an independent, non-profit organization that promotes social justice by facilitating citizen participation in the identification of social issues and in the planning and implementation of collaborative actions to address those issues.

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