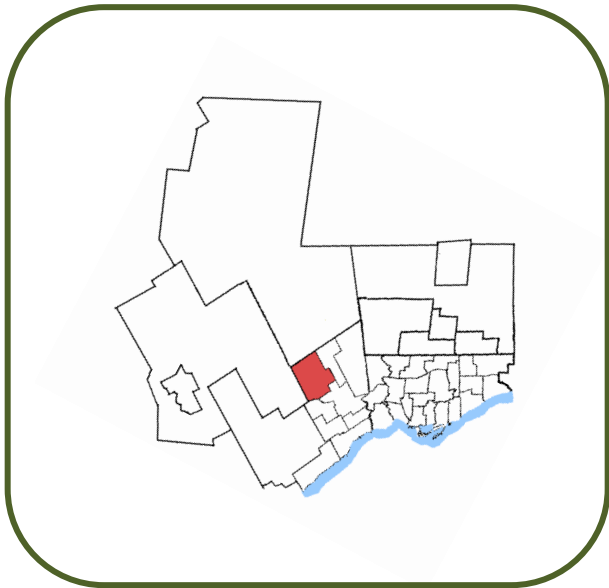


Brampton West Action on Poverty Profile

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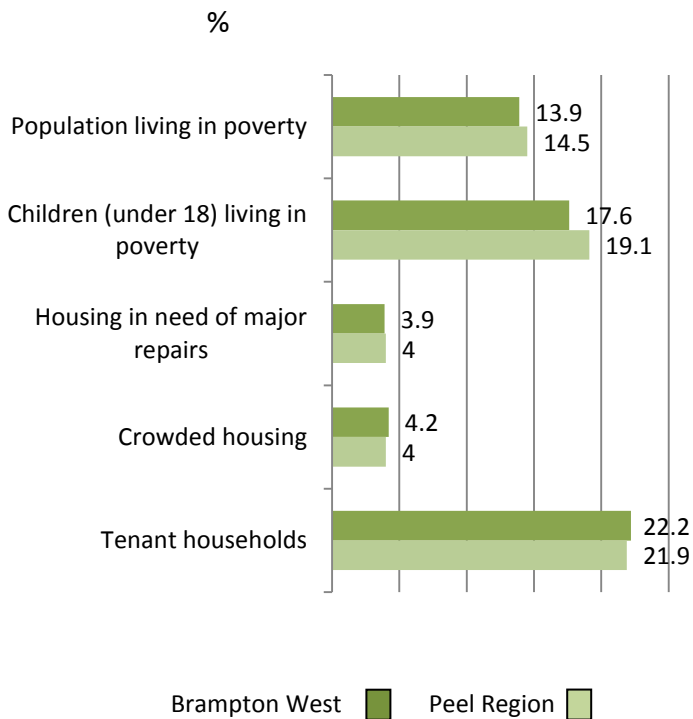


Story Behind the Stats

Northwest of Toronto, the Brampton West riding includes portions of city wards 1, 2 and 3, and all of city wards 4, 5 and 6. Racialized individuals make up more than half of the population, including large South Asian and Black communities.

Access to affordable housing remains a central concern for many residents. In fact, Peel Region has an 11-year wait for social housing – second highest in the province. High rents are eating away at tenants’ budgets, leaving precious little for food and other necessities. Unemployment and underemployment further erode the ability of residents to make ends meet.

Key Figures



**170,420 people live in
Brampton West**

23,518 live in poverty –13.9%*

“From 2011 to 2012 Regeneration Outreach Community has served 25% more people. We are seeing an increase in people who are homeless. Housing continues to be an issue.”

**Ted Brown
Executive Director
Regeneration Outreach Community**



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*For details on calculations and definitions, go to www.spno.ca



Taking Action in Brampton West

Regeneration Outreach Community brings healing, personal growth and spiritual awareness to marginalized youth and adults, all within a safe and caring environment. It runs several programs in conjunction with its daily weekday breakfast program, which in 2011 served 23,036 breakfasts.

In the past year Regeneration Outreach Community has also distributed 665 personal hygiene kits, and collected and distributed 800 coats as part of its Clothes Closet program that provides free new and gently-used clothing. Eighty people obtained foot care during a biweekly clinic run by RNs, 115 got haircuts from volunteer licensed stylists, 84 people replaced or obtained identification at the "ID Bank," and 210 people enjoyed recreational and shower facilities during designated hours at the Brampton YMCA.

These direct front-line services are critical to supporting low income and vulnerable communities facing the fallout from a lack of affordable housing and income security programs,

www.regenbrampton.com

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