

# Mississauga-Brampton South Action on Poverty Profile

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## Story Behind the Stats

The riding of Mississauga-Brampton South includes a portion of Brampton's city ward 3 to the north and portions of Mississauga city wards 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11.

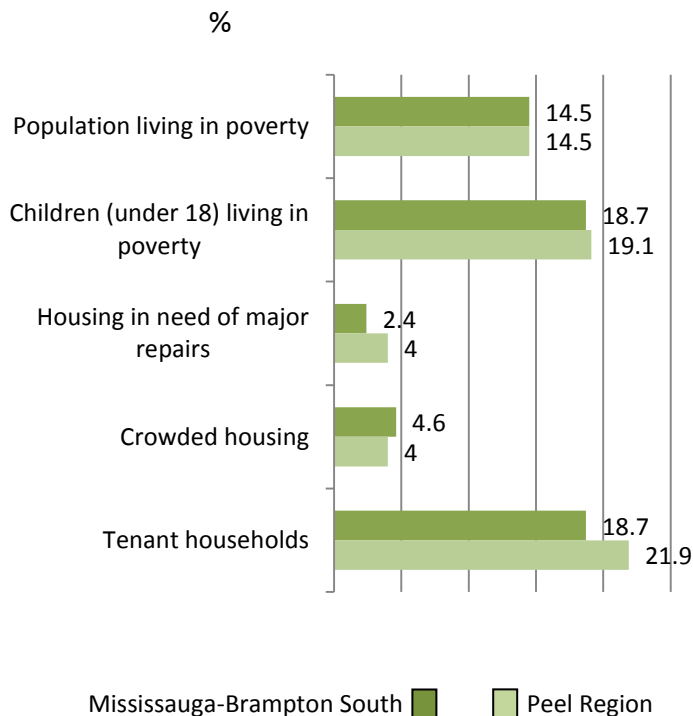
Although youth crime in the region is on the decline, it is still a concern for community workers. The latter cite low incomes, hunger, and the marginalization and racialization of the black Caribbean and South Asian populations as contributing factors.

**136,470 people live in  
Mississauga-Brampton South**  
19,570 live in poverty –14.5%\*

**“A number of factors contribute to poverty, but youth violence is one of them when youth are not engaged. Black males in particular speak of being pushed out of the school system by racism.”**

Erica Taylor  
General Manager  
YMCA/Peel Youth Village

## 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 Mississauga-Brampton South

The 1999 Report from the Peel Regional Task Force on Homelessness identified growing numbers of homeless youth and a need for supports and prevention services including housing. Peel Youth Village (PYV) was built in response. It provides safe, stable, transitional housing and support services for youth, 16 to 30 years of age. As many as 48 youth reside in PYV with support from staff who are onsite 24-7, 365 days a year.

PYV operates within Acorn Place, the highest-density area of social housing in Peel Region — 1,400 residents occupy four social housing buildings, and many families live below the poverty line. In addition to running its transitional housing facility for youth, PYV offers recreation and leisure activities to residents of the surrounding Acorn community.

The Residential Program at PYV consists of a unique service model that emphasizes democratic living and youth governance. Support services run the gamut from accompanying youth on court dates to advocating for students who have been suspended or pushed out of the educational system by racism. A multi-disciplinary team of case managers, youth workers, employment resource workers, and a housing mobility worker offer “wraparound support,” assisting youth in every aspect of transitional living and helping them to transition to independent living. Residents may stay for up to a year.

[www.peelyouthvillage.ca](http://www.peelyouthvillage.ca)

## 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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