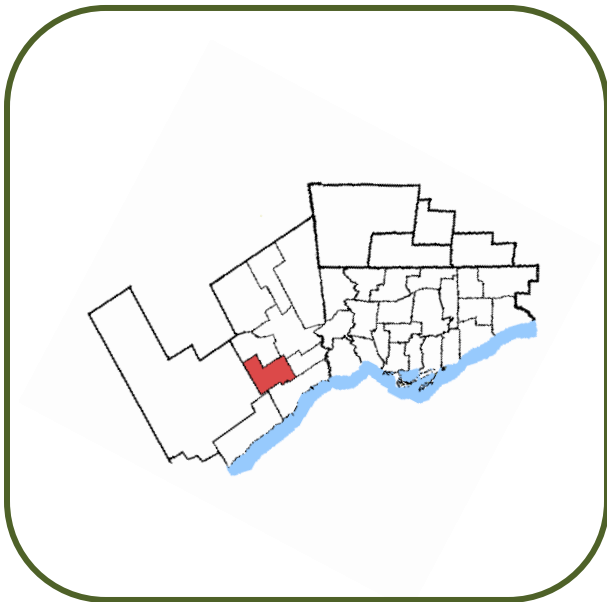


Mississauga-Erindale Action on Poverty Profile

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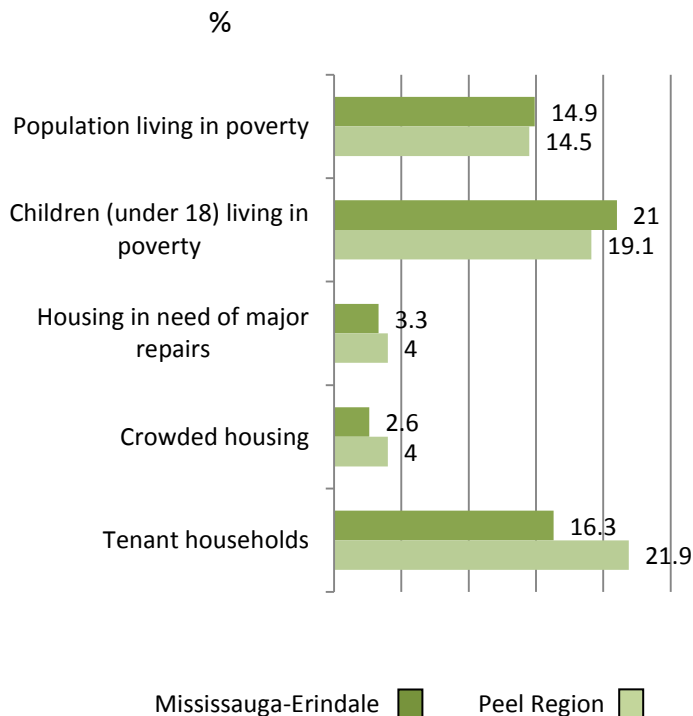


Story Behind the Stats

Located within the City of Mississauga, the Mississauga-Erindale riding includes portions of wards 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

The percentage of residents living in poverty here is the third highest in Peel Region at 14.9%. Twenty-one per cent of children under the age of 18 live in poverty, also the third-highest percentage in the Region. Community workers have noted that a socio-economic cycle of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition is endemic in this low-income area.

Key Figures



**143,360 people live in
Mississauga-Erindale**
21,275 live in poverty –14.9%*

**“For the people we see,
their first priority is being
able to find appropriate housing.
The second is to have
enough food for their families.”**

Bill Crawford
Executive Director
Eden Community Food Bank



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



Taking Action in Mississauga-Erindale

Eden Community Food Bank (ECFB) is a non-denominational, charitable organization working to eliminate hunger through food distribution to qualified individuals and families living in selected areas of Mississauga. ECFB makes all efforts to provide healthy, balanced food choices and provide choices that meet various cultural and dietary requirements.

Providing food to families in need is something ECFB has done for a long time and is always trying to do better. But although use of the food bank continues to rise, ECFB recognizes that the issues facing its clients are much larger than just the need for food. Its advocacy program supports clients with referrals, information, and advice on issues such as housing, employment search, settlement, community legal clinics, violence and abuse, prenatal care, child welfare, government supports, and health.

ECFB is currently developing a Community Learning Kitchen program that will include cooking classes and an employment program to integrate people with barriers to employment into the food industry. The focus is still on food, but the goal is to empower individuals and families in the community by helping them develop skills to provide for themselves and their families, make affordable and healthy choices, and ultimately become less dependent on the food bank.

www.edenfoodbank.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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