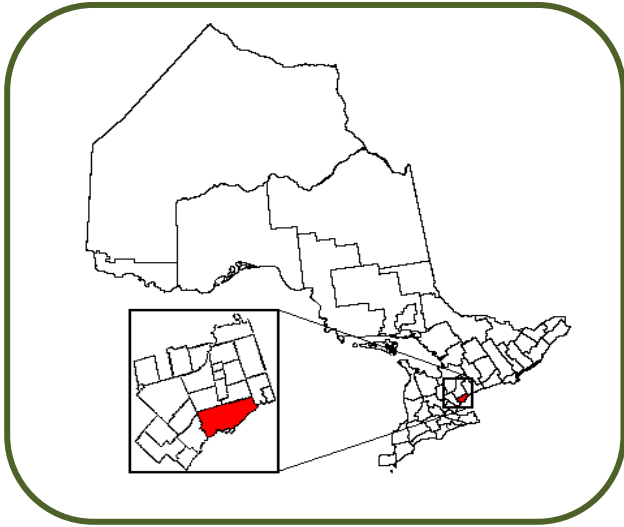


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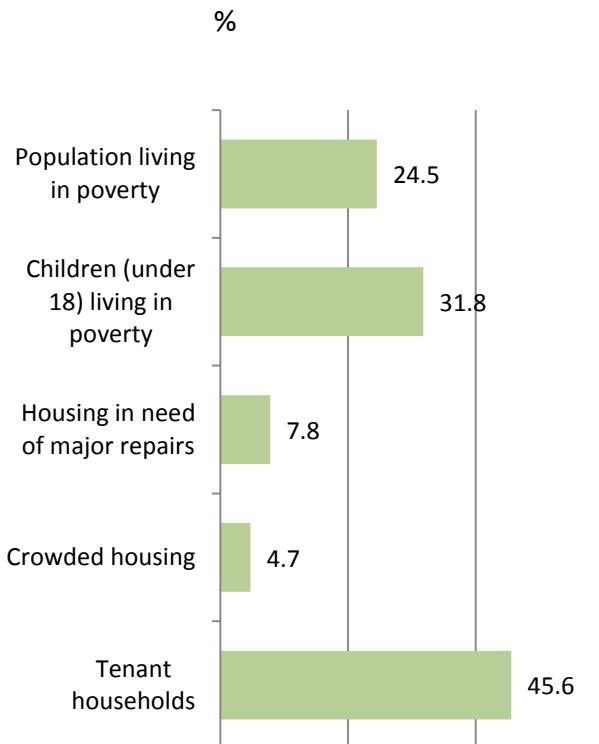


Story Behind the Stats

Almost one quarter of Torontonians are living in poverty, with the rates around one-third for children and youth. Almost half of all private dwellings are rentals and nearly 8% of residents are living in housing that is in need of major repairs.

Our public policies profoundly shape the reality of poverty in our city. Decent and affordable housing, a strong income security system including social assistance, disability support, public pensions and employment insurance, good, living wage jobs and protections for workers, quality, affordable child care, employment equity, and a strong settlement and social services sector to promote and support healthy communities are cornerstones to a poverty-free Toronto.

Key Figures



2,615,060 people live in the City of Toronto*
604,047 live in poverty – 24.5%**

In Canada's largest, 'richest' city, one in four residents live in poverty – a rate well above the national and provincial averages. This series of riding Action on Poverty Profiles puts a local face on poverty across our city, as well as provides examples of how local communities and organizations are coming together to take action on poverty.

The Action on Poverty profile series was created by Social Planning Toronto and the Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto. This profile includes Census data from the City of Toronto and Statistics Canada's Community Profiles.

*Most recent Census population count

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



Action on Poverty Riding Profiles

The Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto (APT) is a network of community groups, agencies, residents, and individuals with lived experience of poverty working to eliminate poverty by means of a comprehensive, city-endorsed strategy. Social Planning Toronto (SPT), an independent, non-profit organization which links research with community action to improve the quality of life of all residents of Toronto, is one of the lead organizations working with the Alliance towards this goal.

The Action on Poverty Profiles represent a joint effort on the part of APT and SPT to create public education resources to raise awareness about poverty and the conditions that contribute to its growth. Each Profile contains facts and figures about poverty and housing challenges in each of Toronto's 23 ridings. The information includes poverty rates and specific issues and challenges facing riding residents.

Each Profile also shows how communities are coming together to challenge poverty by highlighting the work of community groups, service providers, and advocacy groups. These stories demonstrate the diversity that exists in anti-poverty initiatives, including systemic advocacy work and innovative community programs, taking place in each riding and across the city as a whole.

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Ontario Premier: Vacant

Members of Parliament: www.parl.gc.ca/MembersOfParliament/MainMPsCompleteList.aspx

Members of Provincial Parliament: www.ontla.on.ca/web/members/members_current.do

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City Councillors by ward: <http://app.toronto.ca/im/council/councillors.jsp>

Toronto District School Board trustees: www.tdsb.on.ca/boardroom/trustees

Toronto Catholic District School Board trustees:

www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Pages/default.aspx