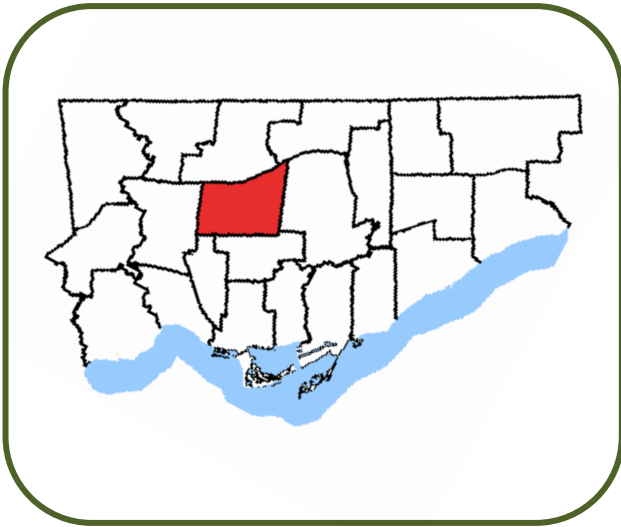


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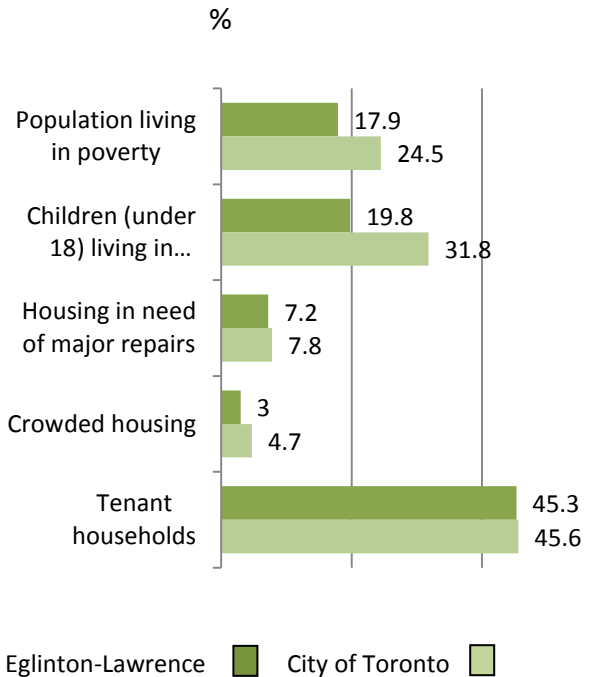


Story Behind the Stats

The Eglinton-Lawrence riding lies towards the center of Toronto and includes Wards 15 and 16. It is bordered by Highway 401, Yonge Street, Eglinton Avenue West, and the CN railway.

The riding includes the Lawrence Heights community, which is in a period of major revitalization. Since the plan's inception, residents have expressed concern about the negative effects that such changes bring to the area, like relocation and higher living costs. In the face of such change, community organizations, service providers, and residents are working together to put the community at the centre of the revitalization process.

Key Figures



**110,065 people live in
Eglinton-Lawrence
19,399 live in poverty – 17.9%**

“This is an incredibly dynamic community. Residents are advocating for their own solutions. They are making things happen in Lawrence Heights.”

**Helen Kennedy
Community Recreation Coordinator
Lawrence Heights Community Centre**

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



Taking Action in Eglinton-Lawrence

The Lawrence Heights Inter-Organizational Network (LHION) came into being in 2005 in response to a disturbing rise in gun violence in the community.

Community agencies and service providers came together to improve, expand and coordinate services in Lawrence Heights. The group has done tremendous work to engage local residents, improve police relations and secure funding to expand youth programs and services.

Lawrence Heights is an incredibly resilient community. In response to adversity, this dynamic community has created a network of programs and supports that are changing lives, promoting success and providing alternatives to guns and gangs. Among its successes, the Pathways to Education program provides vital academic, social and financial supports to keep youth in school and succeeding. The program is in its fourth year and will be providing graduates with a full four years of scholarship funding for post-secondary education. All indicators show this program is profoundly changing young lives.

www.lhion.org

Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto Takes Action

APT is made up of 40 community members and organizational representatives, including individuals with lived experience of poverty, from across the city. We are working together to develop and promote a comprehensive plan of action to eliminate poverty in Toronto.

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