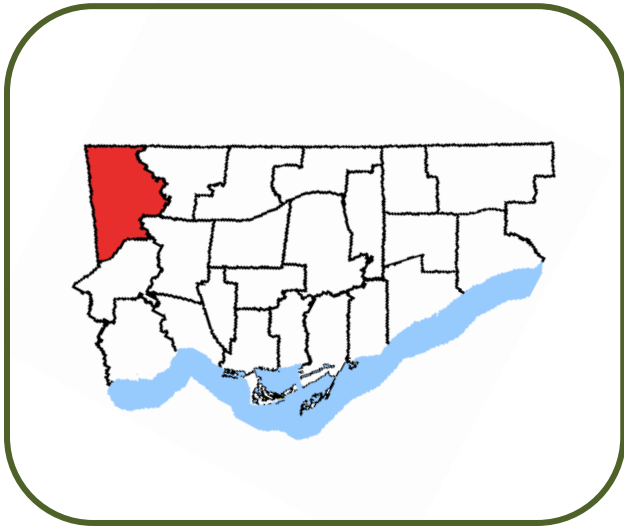


# Etobicoke North

## Action on Poverty Profile

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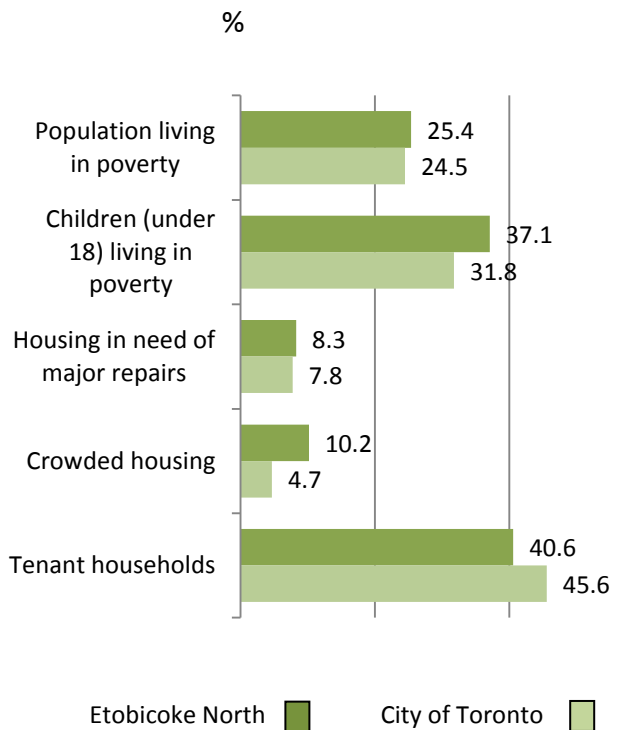


### Story Behind the Stats

The Etobicoke North riding lies in the very northwest corner of Toronto and includes Wards 1 and 2. It is bordered by the Humber River to the east and Dixon Road/Highway 401 to the south.

Many young people in this area live in poverty, as they face high rates of unemployment, are food insecure, and live with parents who struggle to pay the rent on minimum wage incomes. Youth drop out of school at higher rates than in other areas of Toronto and, unable to find work, may drift into gang-related and criminal activity.

### Key Figures



**108,505 people live in Etobicoke North**  
**27,160 live in poverty – 25.4%\***

**“Poverty in this community is cyclical. The disadvantages it creates for community members actually keep them from escaping it.”**

**Althea Martin-Risden**  
**Director of Community Programs and Services**  
**Rexdale Community Health Centre**

# Taking Action in Etobicoke North

The Rexdale Community Health Centre (CHC) is committed to achieving a healthier community by advocating for the physical, economic, social, and mental well-being of the community through primary health care, community programs, advocacy, and so on. Health promotion through social change is a value held by those at the Centre, recognizing the necessity of addressing the social determinants of health in their work.

The Centre runs boys' and girls' cooking clubs for youth within the community. These programs help to address food access issues, instill healthy eating habits, and allow participants to come together in a safe space, which in turn help them stay away from criminal and violent activity. The Centre also offers mentoring and tutoring through the Pathways to Education program that aims to reduce high school drop-out rates and a Graffiti Transformation program that aims to unite isolated teens, improve their artistic skills, and expand their employment opportunities. These preventative programs address the root causes of poverty and offer young residents a chance at a brighter, healthier future.

[www.rexdalechc.com](http://www.rexdalechc.com)

## 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.

Want to get involved?

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