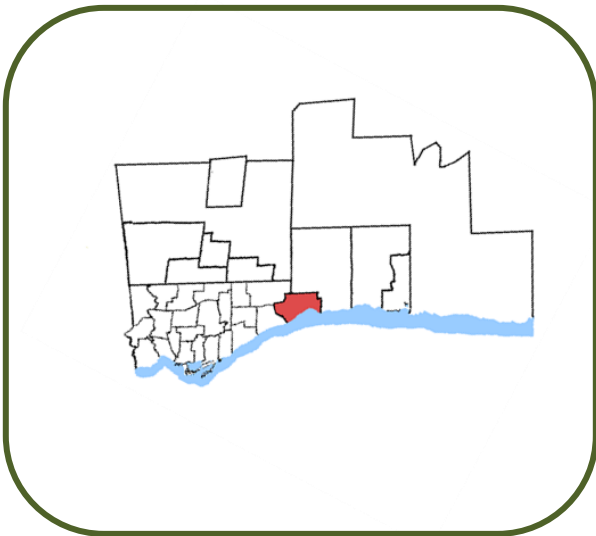


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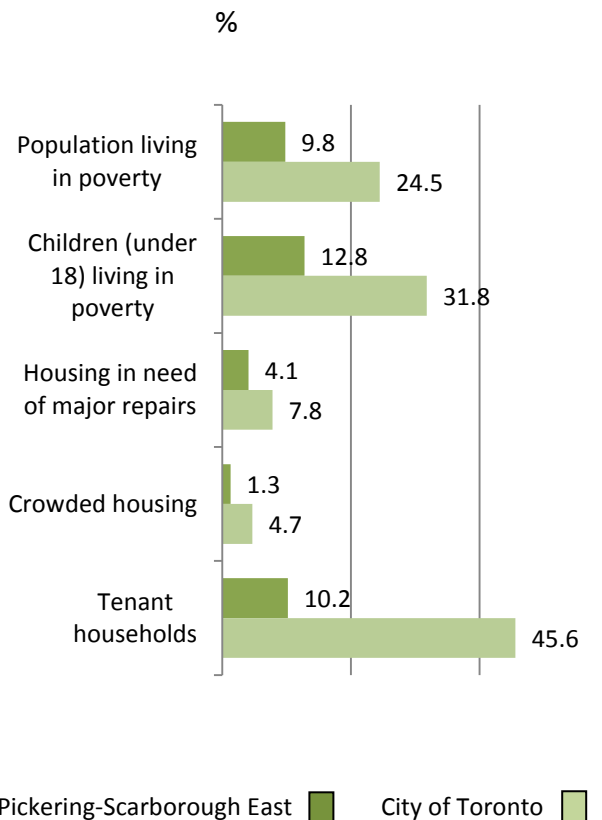


Story Behind the Stats

Pickering-Scarborough East lies in the southeast corner of Toronto and extends beyond its boundary into the City of Pickering. It includes most of Ward 44 and parts of Ward 42.

Residents in this area face a lack of jobs. Many of those that do find employment have low-paying, part-time, or contract jobs. They are working poor who struggle to make ends meet on a daily basis. This, combined with the rising cost of living, means that many residents, seniors especially, live in deteriorating living conditions with no means to make the necessary repairs.

Key Figures



**106,600 people live in
Pickering-Scarborough East
10,358 live in poverty – 9.8%***

“Interfaith leaders came together to finish up Habitat for Humanity homes in three days. In a critical situation people always come together - that has been the history of Scarborough.”

Peter Vanderyagt
Chair
Caring Alliance



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



Taking Action in Pickering-Scarborough East

The Caring Alliance was formed in 1997 to address the needs of homeless individuals who were housed in motels in east Scarborough. Through their efforts volunteers came together to help more than 1,100 individuals by visiting with them, as well as helping them find housing and adjust to their new homes.

Since then, the scope of their effort has expanded. Caring Alliance works with service providers across Scarborough to help keep people in their homes, raise money for people in need, build affordable housing, provide meals to the homeless and unite the community in a crisis. Most recently, in collaboration with other community agencies and volunteers, Caring Alliance helped build two blocks of affordable housing in Ward 44 through Habitat for Humanity projects. These houses are providing low-income residents with the opportunity for home ownership and the chance to escape the cycle of poverty. When housing is no longer a constant worry, families can focus on other priorities, such as education, career development and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

www.caringalliance.ca/index.php

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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