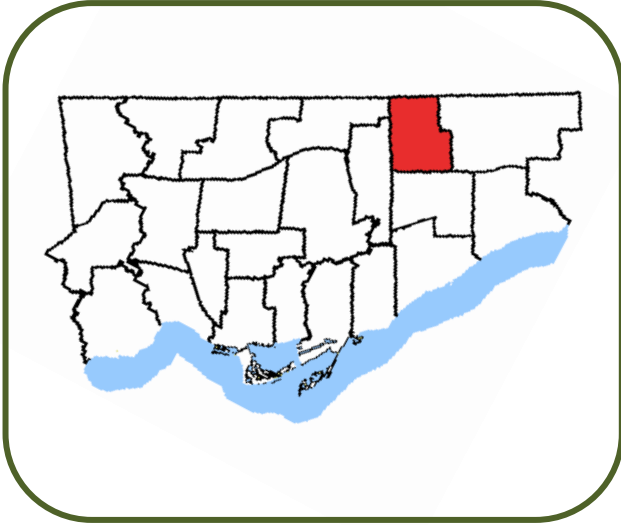


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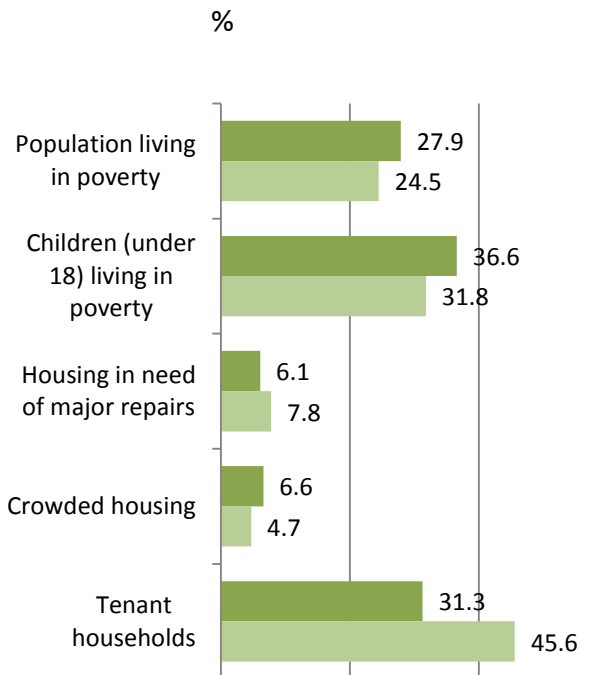


Story Behind the Stats

Scarborough-Agincourt is located along the northern perimeter of Toronto and is bordered by Steeles Avenue East, Midland Avenue/Brimley Road, Highway 401, and Victoria Park Avenue. It includes Ward 39 and parts of Wards 40 and 41.

This riding's child poverty rate is among the highest in Toronto. Few local job opportunities and limited transit options mean that many of the riding's youth struggle to find meaningful employment.

Key Figures



Scarborough-Agincourt ■ City of Toronto ■

**111,865 people live in
Scarborough-Agincourt
30,948 live in poverty – 27.9%***

**“If no one you know has a job
how do you find one yourself?
This program opens up doors for
youth who are otherwise stuck
on the sidelines. The results are
inspiring!”**

**Jeff Roulston and Shykara Beals
Summer Jobs for Youth**



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

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



Taking Action in Scarborough-Agincourt

In the Scarborough-Agincourt neighbourhoods of Steeles and L'Amoreaux, and across Toronto in the city's Priority Neighbourhoods, the "Summer Jobs for Youth" program is helping to change the face of youth employment. First implemented in Scarborough in 2006, the provincial government was so impressed with the program, aimed at 15 to 18 year olds, that it was expanded to create opportunities for 750 youth in Toronto's 13 priority neighbourhoods, and 18 other communities across Ontario.

The program gives youth the opportunity to develop skills in resume writing, learn how to dress for success, receive job training, and gain on the job experience – the program fully subsidizes their pay for six weeks. The best employers use the program as a probation period and hire the youth on permanently after the program is complete. Most importantly, youth are supervised by program staff members who are mentors and advocates on their behalf. Youth enrolled in this program have long struggled to find work and are considered 'at-risk' or lack the employment networks that lead to jobs. For those that receive this opportunity, great changes begin to take place in their lives.

www.youthconnect.ca/htdocs/english/work/summerjobs.asp

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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