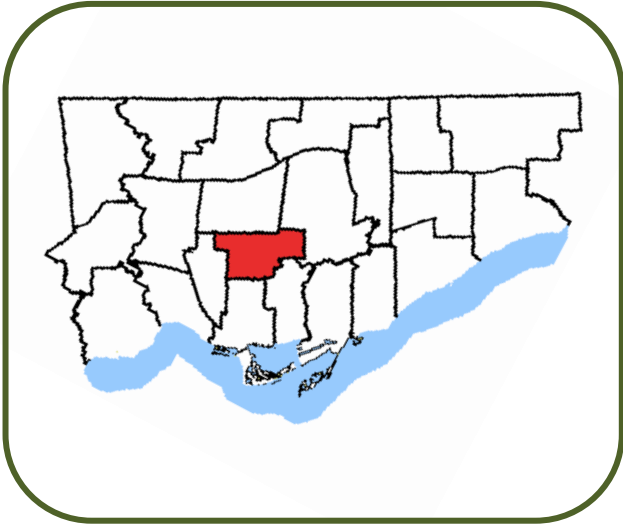


St. Paul's Action on Poverty Profile

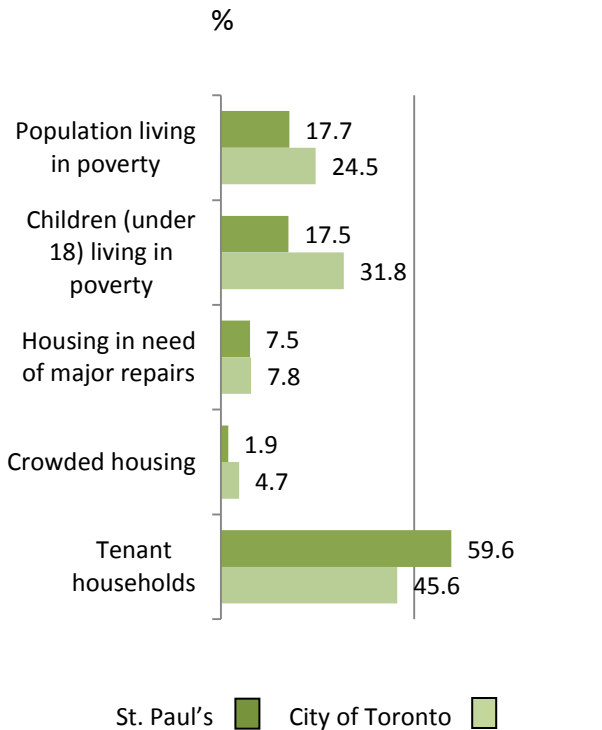


Story Behind the Stats

St. Paul's lies towards the centre of Toronto and is bordered by Eglinton Avenue West/Broadway Avenue, Bayview Avenue, the CPR tracks/Moore Avenue, and Winona Drive/Dufferin Street. It includes Wards 21 and 22.

While this area is home to more affluent residents than many other parts of the city, poverty is no stranger to some. At almost 60%, this riding has one of the highest proportions of renters in Toronto, meaning that tenant issues are constant challenges. Due to recent development, finding affordable housing in the area is difficult, forcing many newcomers and seniors to move to other areas.

Key Figures



**111,130 people live in
St. Paul's
19,354 live in poverty – 17.7%***

**“Renters face their own set of
issues related to poverty,
including excessive rent increases
and poorly maintained
properties.”**

**Geordie Dent
Executive Director
Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations**



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 St. Paul's

Founded in 1974, the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations (FMTA) is a non-profit organization that advocates for better rights for tenants. It is comprised of affiliated tenant associations and individual members and is the oldest and largest of its kind in the country.

FMTA's Tenant Hotline is a free telephone counselling service for tenants in Toronto and offers information to callers about tenant rights in 150 languages. Counsellors can also provide callers with referrals to community agencies, legal clinics, or other resources.

The outreach and organization team offers workshops on the Residential Tenancies Act tailored to the needs of various groups, including newcomers, community agencies, and racialized communities. It also assists tenants in disputing "Above Guideline Rent Increases," applying for support grants, and preparing for hearings at the Landlord and Tenant Board. Helping residents fight for affordable, quality housing allows them to focus on other aspects of their lives, like employment and well-being.

www.torontotenants.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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