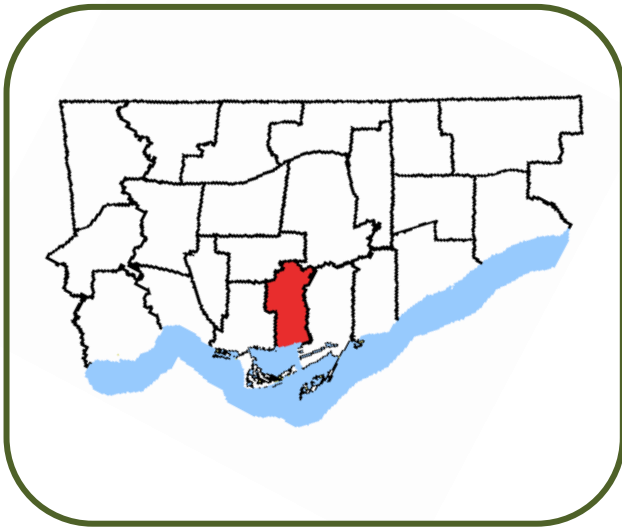


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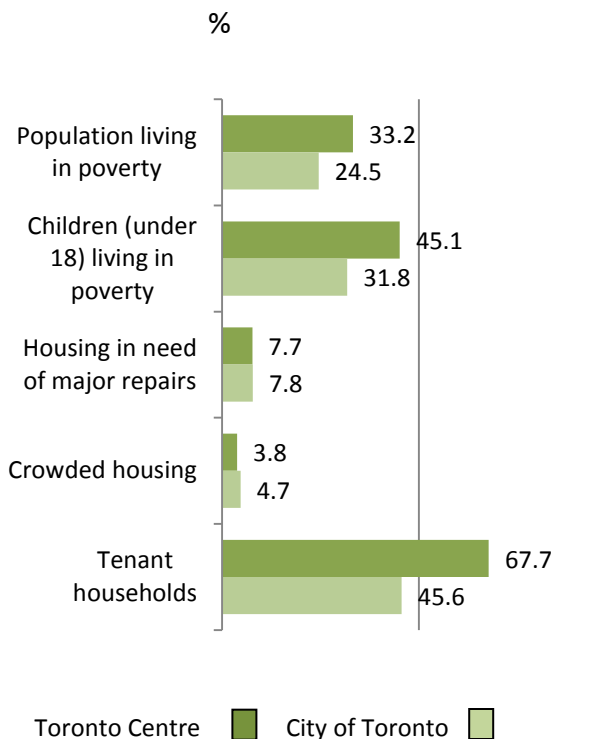


Story Behind the Stats

Toronto Centre lies along the southern perimeter of Toronto and is bordered by the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the Don River, the Keating Channel, and Yonge Street/Avenue Road. It includes parts of Wards 27, 28, and 29.

Toronto Centre is home to a large Aboriginal community and includes many Aboriginal-serving organizations. Colonialism and discrimination have profoundly impacted on the lives of community members. Aboriginal agencies and community groups play a central role in supporting the healing and resilience of residents.

Key Figures



**121,405 people live in
Toronto Centre
38,535 live in poverty – 33.2%***

“From daily hot lunches and a weekly food bank to cultural programming, advocacy, and employment training, our organization strives to ensure that all clients have an opportunity to build their self-sufficiency and wellbeing.”

**Crystal Melin
Executive Director
Native Women’s Resource Centre of Toronto**



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



Taking Action in Toronto Centre

The Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto (NWRC) provides a welcoming space for all Aboriginal women and their children from across the city. It offers life-enhancing resources, cultural ceremonies and teachings, skill development, and programs to build collective capacity and celebrate cultures.

The women NWRC serves are part of a highly vulnerable community that is often underserved by mainstream organizations. NWRC's mandate involves providing services intended to advance all aspects of Aboriginal women's lives, while they all work together to improve the community at large.

The Housing Program addresses the immediate needs of Aboriginal women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Clients are provided assistance in finding and retaining safe, affordable housing. Staff members also advocate alongside clients on tenant issues, as well as work with the larger community to address the issue of homelessness in Toronto. Helping these women secure stable housing is an important step in escaping poverty.

www.nwrct.ca

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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