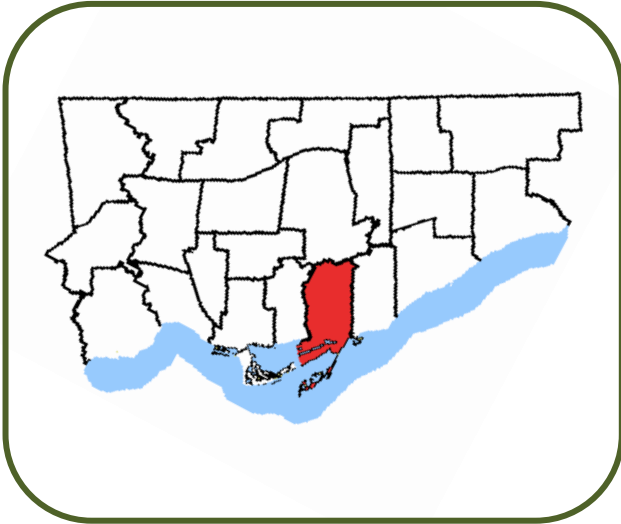


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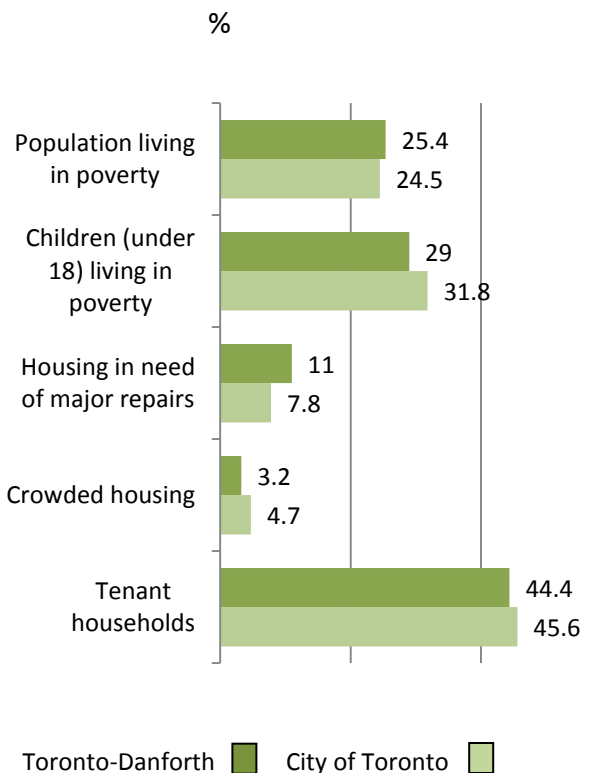


Story Behind the Stats

Toronto-Danforth lies along the southern perimeter of Toronto and is bordered by the Don Valley Parkway, the Don River, and Coxwell Avenue. It includes Wards 29, 30, and part of 32.

One of the biggest challenges facing residents in this riding is the erosion of housing affordability and the growing living costs that come along with gentrification in this formerly working-class community. There are few affordable housing options and the private rental market costs are becoming impossible for low and moderate income residents to afford.

Key Figures



**103,655 people live in
Toronto-Danforth
25,666 live in poverty – 25.4%***

“When people have complex needs, programs need to provide comprehensive supports that will meet those needs. That’s what First Step to Home does.”

**Diane Dyson
Director of Research and Public Policy
WoodGreen Community Services**



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 Toronto-Danforth

WoodGreen Community Services provides vital community services in this riding and across Toronto. Located in Ward 30, WoodGreen's First Step to Home program has completed its first year. First Step provides supportive transitional housing to 26 formerly street involved men aged 55 and over. Neighbours did not initially support the program, but through WoodGreen's extensive outreach work, the community became quite welcoming - so much so that they held a housewarming party for their new neighbours at First Step!

Residents, most of whom have long histories of homelessness, are now living in safe and comfortable housing, and receiving in-house medical and social support. The program's 'no guest' policy limits guest access to the building's common areas only. In recent evaluations, residents reported feeling safer and more in control of their environment because of the policy. After one year in the program, residents report feeling an increased sense of belonging, social connection and engagement in community. WoodGreen is leading the way in developing new housing models to serve residents with complex needs.

www.woodgreen.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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