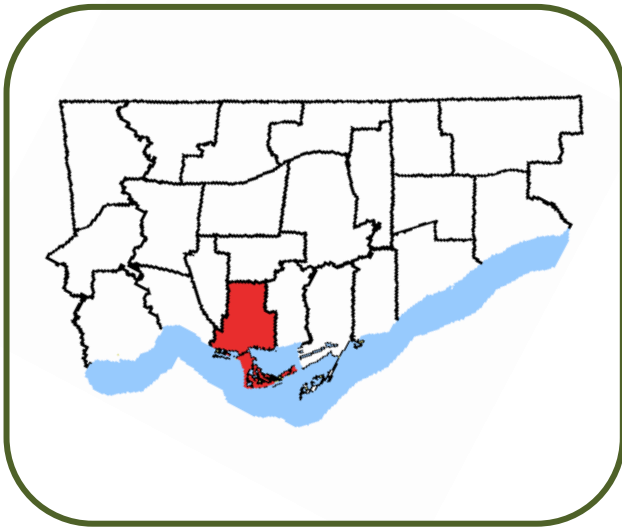


Trinity-Spadina Action on Poverty Profile

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Story Behind the Stats

Trinity-Spadina is located along the southern perimeter of Toronto and is bordered by Lake Ontario, Ossington Avenue/Dufferin Street, the CPR tracks, and Avenue Road/Yonge Street. It includes parts of Wards 19, 20, 27, and 28.

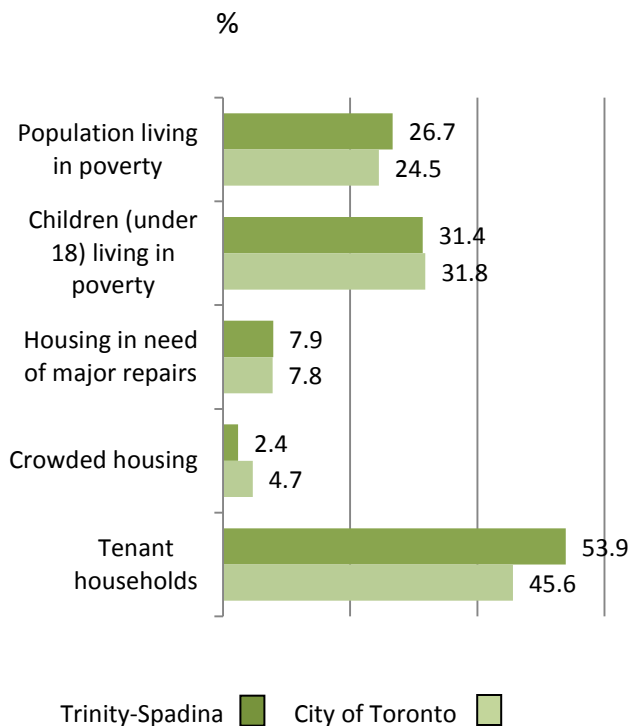
In this riding, over 30% of residents under 18 years old live in poverty. Youth - especially those from racialized communities - in this area are struggling with unemployment, underemployment, and inadequate training and job readiness.

**115,360 people live in
Trinity-Spadina
29,615 live in poverty – 26.7%***

“For many youth who have not succeeded in more traditional environments, they have succeeded here. Our approach is egalitarian, inclusive, non-judgmental and youth-driven.”

Lynn Daly
The L.O.F.T. Youth Centre for Social Enterprise
and Innovation
Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre

Key Figures



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



Taking Action in Trinity-Spadina

Creative youth programs are vital to creating positive change in this riding. The L.O.F.T. Youth Centre for Social Enterprise and Innovation, operating out of Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre, is changing lives. This youth-driven, multi-use space is home to youth social enterprise initiatives, the L.O.F.T. Sound Studio, the L.O.F.T. Kitchen, as well as employment and mentorship programs designed to meet the unique needs of local youth.

L.O.F.T. employs 30-60 youth at any given time and engages another 1,200 volunteers and long-standing partners. Extensive and meaningful youth engagement, a safe and accessible space, and the participation of community, business, government and funding partners are all fundamental to L.O.F.T.'s success. Building on this achievement, L.O.F.T. is expanding into a second space to facilitate more youth-led initiatives in the community.

www.loftycsei.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.

Want to get involved?

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