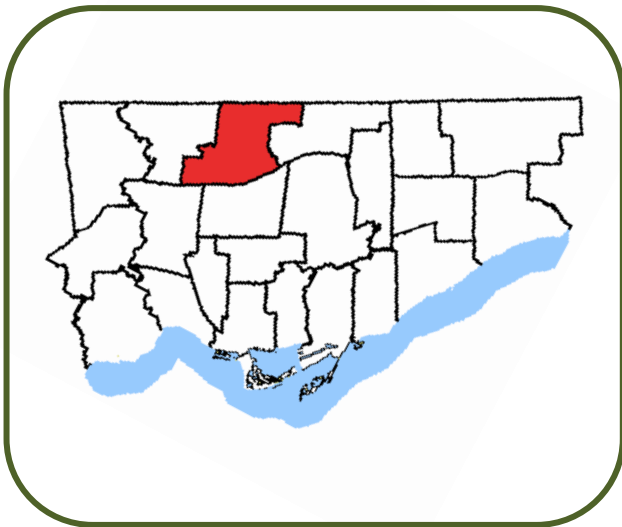


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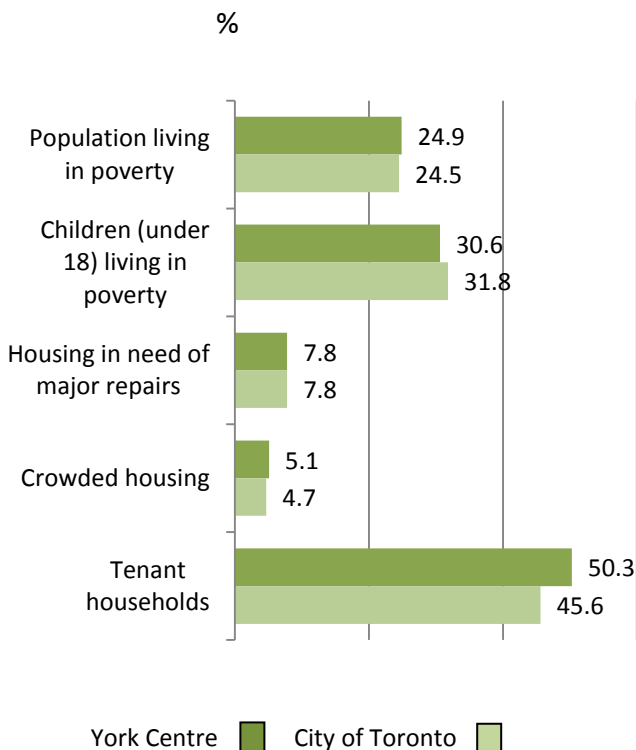


Story Behind the Stats

York Centre rests along the northern border of Toronto, contained by Yonge Street/Bathurst Street/the Don River West Branch, Highway 401, and Jane Street/Keele Street. It includes Ward 10 and parts of Wards 8, 9, and 23.

Challenges in this area include a need for housing and employment opportunities, as well as lack of access to recreation programs and community space, food security, and language supports for newcomers who do not meet the criteria to access mainstream language programs. There are also many senior-specific challenges in this area linked to poor housing conditions, transportation issues, food security, and access to affordable recreation in the community.

Key Figures



**113,455 people live in
York Centre**

28,005 live in poverty - 24.9%*

**“Community space is vital to
organizing for change.
A great deal of informal time
must be spent together
before meaningful,
community-based action and
programming can emerge.”**

**Amy Katz
Coordinator
Bathurst-Finch Network**



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



Taking Action in York Centre

Located in the Westminster-Branson neighborhood of Ward 10, the Bathurst Finch Network (BFN) is comprised of community residents, agencies, and City and School Board employees. The BFN is dedicated to providing resident-driven and centred services that promote community well-being and provide accurate information to residents on resources ranging from employment to youth recreation services in the neighbourhood.

The BFN has organized and engaged residents from across the neighbourhoods and together they have successfully advocated for many improvements to their community. After two years of their advocacy efforts with the City, Antibes Community Centre became a Priority Centre, providing barrier-free access to meeting and programming space. The BFN also successfully lobbied to have the only library in Ward 10 open on Mondays, and is now requesting extended Sunday hours. This engaged group of residents is accomplishing great things in this community.

<https://sites.google.com/site/bathurstfinchnetwork/>

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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