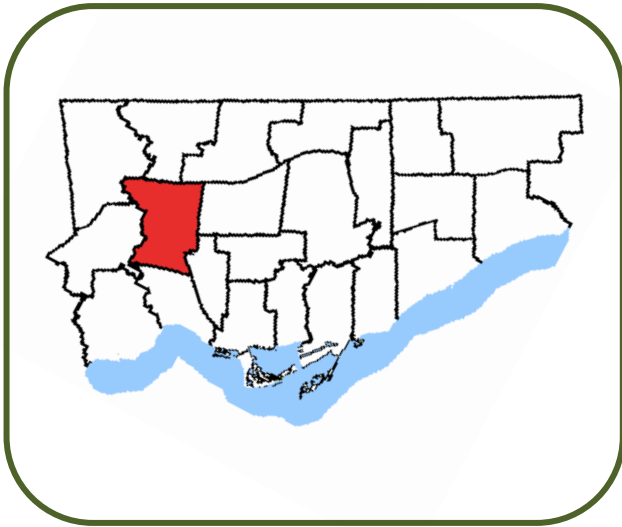


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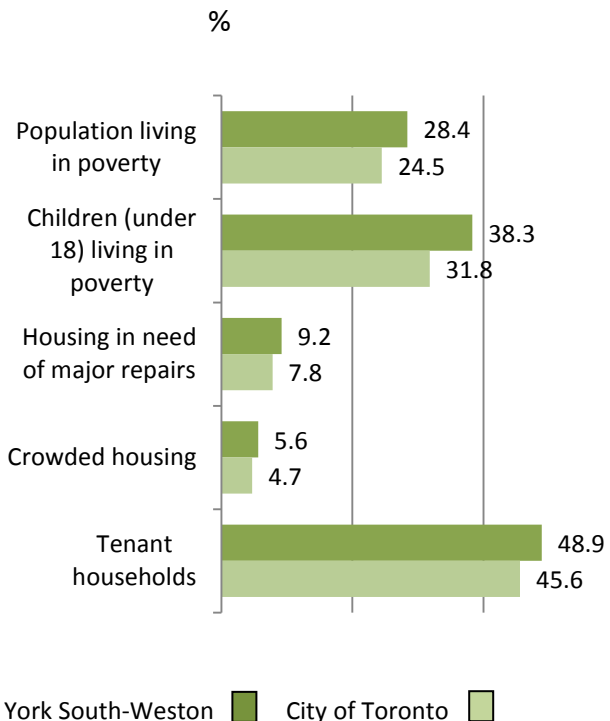


Story Behind the Stats

York South-Weston is bordered by Highway 401, the Humber River, the CPR tracks, and the CNR tracks. It includes Wards 11 and 12.

This riding includes a large part of Mount Dennis - one of the city's priority neighbourhoods. Residents face high levels of poverty, a lack of local employment and a scarcity of services. It is a newcomer settlement centre with many residents from the Caribbean, Horn of Africa, South America, and a growing South Asian and Southeast Asian population. Targeted investment by the City and United Way, coupled with an active community is making change in this area.

Key Figures



**114,465 people live in
York South-Weston
32,097 live in poverty - 28.4%***

“Good neighbourhoods are places with good jobs, community spaces, clubs and organizations, places and spaces for youth to belong, and an engaged community. That’s what residents in this area are creating from the ground up.”

**Cutty Duncan
Mount Dennis Action for Neighbourhood Change**



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



Taking Action in York South-Weston

Thanks to targeted investment by the City of Toronto and United Way Toronto, the community is supported in creating new possibilities in this area. The Mount Dennis Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC) project is supporting several initiatives including efforts to open a Boys and Girls Club in the Emmett Avenue neighbourhood, development of the West Side Arts Collective, and establishment of the York Youth Coalition (YYC). YYC is focused on community development and service coordination, providing a role for residents as well as service providers. Among its accomplishments, YYC organized a job fair for 300 young people, recruited young people for Black History month events, and established new programs for young women.

The ANC project is far from alone in making change in the community. The Community Action Resource Centre, City-led Neighbourhood Action Partnership, and Mount Dennis Residents Association are leading the way in the areas of anti-poverty organizing, service coordination, and advocating for good, green jobs. The community has much work before it, but it's clear that the efforts of residents are making a difference.

www.unitedwaytoronto.com/whatWeDo/ANC.php

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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