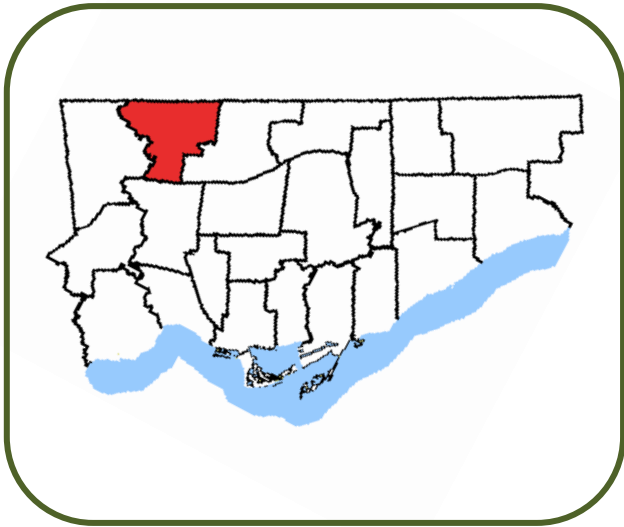


# York West

## Action on Poverty Profile

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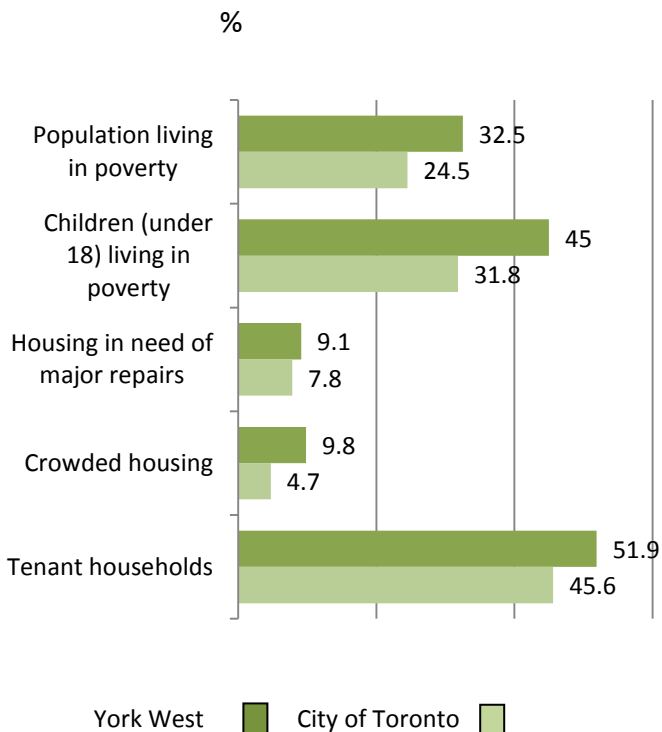


### Story Behind the Stats

York West is located on the northern edge of the city, near the northwest corner. It includes Ward 7, 8, and part of 9. It is contained by the Humber River, Highway 401, and Jane Street/Black Creek/Keele Street.

Inadequate transit service and high unemployment leaves many youth, lone parent families, and single adults working and living in poverty. Many residents attempt to start their own small businesses, but lack the financial foundations to see them develop into sustainable enterprises.

### Key Figures



**103,945 people live in  
York West**  
**33,616 live in poverty – 32.5%\***

**“Among the many things missing in this area is the opportunity for young people to build on their existing assets and increase our community’s economic development capacity. The Youth Enterprise Network helps fill this void.”**

**Morris Beckford**  
**Executive Director**  
**Doorsteps Neighbourhood 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](http://www.spno.ca)



# Taking Action in York West

Doorsteps Neighbourhood Services is a community development organization focusing on community education, social problem prevention, and enhancing resiliency of individuals and communities in northwest Toronto. Noting that many young people in the community struggle to develop their ideas into productive enterprises and employment, Doorsteps participated in the creation of the Youth Enterprise Network (YEN). YEN is a committee of entrepreneurs and local organizations that have come together to provide youth living in the area with the skills they need to open and sustain their own businesses.

The three-year, Trillium-funded business-incubation project will support young people in the development of their ideas into economically sustainable enterprises by assisting young entrepreneurs to develop a business plan, access necessary training, aid in product development and sales, and provide space to sell their products. YEN believes that local youth and those falling in the 18 to 34 age bracket have the innovative ideas and entrepreneurial drive to succeed.

[www.doorsteps.ca](http://www.doorsteps.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.

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