

Poverty, Housing and Homelessness in Toronto

Number of low-income people: **604,048**

Percentage of low-income people aged 15 and over who work: **43%**

Most common low-income jobs: **clerical, driving, retail and sales, food and beverage services**

Low-income people are most likely: **visible minorities, recent immigrants and single parents**

Percentage of children ages 14 and under who are low-income: **32%**

Percentage of low-income families who live in aging highrise rental apartments: **43%**

Ratio of households living in housing that is too small, needs repairs or is unaffordable: **1 in 5**

Percentage of these households that rent: **70%**

Average rent for a one-bedroom apartment: **\$1,010**

Annual income needed to afford a one-bedroom apartment: **\$40,400**

Percentage of single parents who earn less than that: **55%**

Percentage of couples who earn less than that: **31%**

Percentage of singles who earn less than that: **69%**

Annual income of a low-income family with two adults and two children: **less than \$38,610**

Annual income of a low-income adult: **less than \$20,778**

Total income for a full-time employee making minimum wage: **\$19,490**

Annual amount for a single person receiving Ontario Disability Support Program: **\$12,900**

Monthly shelter allowance of Ontario Disability Support Program: **\$479**

Annual amount for a single person receiving Ontario Works: **\$7,272**

Monthly shelter allowance of Ontario Works: **\$376**

Percentage of Ontario Works' Beneficiaries who are renters: **96%**

Percentage who live in rent subsidized housing: **13%**

Number of times people accessed food banks in 2012: **946,000**

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Median monthly income of people accessing food banks in 2012: **\$691**

Percentage of adult food bank clients who gave up a meal to pay rent: **32%**

Money left over per day for the average food bank client, after paying rent: **\$5.83**

Number of private apartments available for rent in October 2012: **7,696 out of 256,547 (3%)**

Number of new rental homes built in 2012: **1,742 out of 12,549 (14%)**

Number of people on the social housing wait list: **161,266**

Increase from 2011 to 2012: **8,302**

Average time a family waits for an affordable home in Toronto: **6.4 years**

Number of times people relied on rent banks to avoid eviction in 2011: **804**

Number of social housing homes: **94,520**

Number of families on the social housing waiting list: **87,303**

Number of these families housed in 2012: **3,890 (4%)**

Number of supportive housing homes for people experiencing mental illness: **4,343**

Number of people on the supportive housing wait list: **3,195**

Estimated number of people who were homeless in April 2009: **5,086**

People who are homeless may often be: **victims of violence, children, families, new immigrants, refugees and Aboriginal people**

Average time a person is homeless: **3 years**

Proportion of single men who are homeless when released from jail: **1 in 3**

Number of City-administered permanent shelter beds available in 2013: **3,836**

Average nightly occupancy rate of emergency shelters: **96%**

Proportion of homeless people who want permanent housing: **9 out of 10**