

City of Hamilton

Action on Poverty Profile

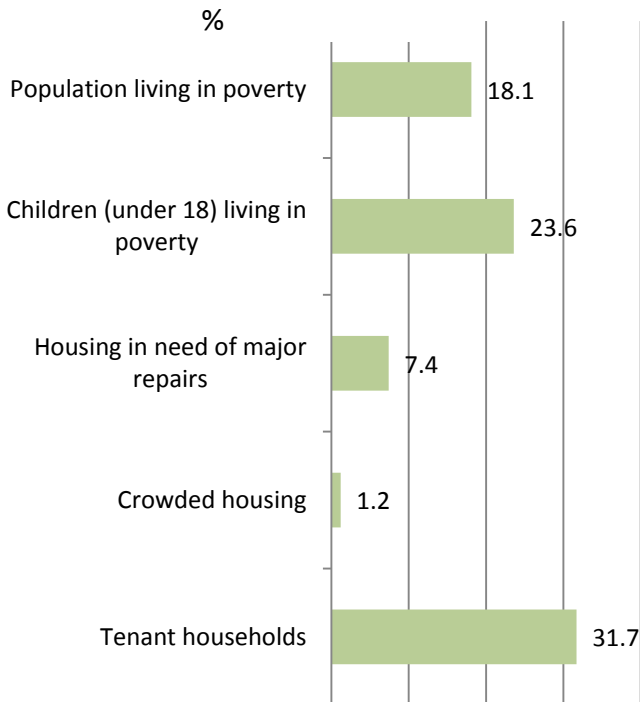


Story Behind the Stats

Close to one in five Hamiltonians are living in poverty, with the rates around one-quarter for children and youth. Almost one third of all private dwellings are rentals and 7% of residents are living in housing that is in need of major repairs.

Our public policies profoundly shape the reality of poverty in our city. Decent and affordable housing, a strong income security system including social assistance, disability support, public pensions and employment insurance, good, living wage jobs and protections for workers, quality, affordable child care, employment equity, and a strong settlement and social services sector to promote and support healthy communities are cornerstones to a poverty-free Hamilton.

Key Figures



519,949 people live in the City of Hamilton*
89,676 were living in poverty – 18.1%**

This series of riding Action on Poverty Profiles puts a local face on poverty across our city, as well as provides examples of how local communities and organizations are coming together to take action on poverty.

This “Action on Poverty” series has been coordinated by member organizations of the Social Planning Network of Ontario.

This profile includes Census data from the City of Hamilton and the Community Data Consortium and was produced by the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton.

* *Most recent Census population count (2011). Most recent poverty data is from 2006 census.

** For details on calculations and definitions, go to:

<http://www.spno.ca/images/pdf/povertyprofiles/Stats-Info.pdf>

Action on Poverty Riding Profiles

Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (SPRC)

The SPRC works with many community partners to reduce and eliminate poverty in Hamilton, including the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, HOPE (Hamilton Organizing to Eliminate Poverty), and the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits. We are committed to working with people who have the lived experience of poverty to develop a comprehensive plan of action to eliminate poverty in Hamilton and across Ontario.

The Action on Poverty riding profiles were developed to create public education resources to raise awareness about poverty and the conditions that contribute to its growth. Each Profile contains facts and figures about poverty in Hamilton's ridings. The information includes specific issues and challenges facing residents as well as solutions that are being advocated to eliminate poverty.

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Want to get involved?

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Ontario Premier: Vacant

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Members of Provincial Parliament: www.ontla.on.ca/web/members/members_current.do

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Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board trustees:

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