

# 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  
Annual income of a low-income adult: less than \$20,778  
Annual income of a low-income family with two adults and two children: less than \$38,610  
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 high rise rental apartments: 43  
Annual income needed to afford a one-bedroom apartment: \$38,000  
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 amount for a single person receiving Ontario Works: \$7,104  
Monthly shelter allowance of Ontario Works: \$368  
Annual amount for a single person receiving Ontario Disability Support Program: \$12,636  
Monthly shelter allowance of Ontario Disability Support Program: \$469  
Average rent for a one-bedroom apartment: \$950  
Number of times people accessed food banks in 2010: 997,000  
Percent increase from 2009: 14  
Number of times people relied on rent banks to avoid eviction in 2009: 1,240  
Number of households living in housing that is too small, needs repairs or is unaffordable: 1 in 5  
Percentage of these households that rent: 70  
Number of private apartments available for rent in October 2010: 5,532 out of 254,555  
Number of new rental homes built in 2010: 731  
Number of new ownership homes built in 2010: 9,520  
Number of new affordable rental and ownership homes approved through government programs in 2010: 1,073  
Number of social housing homes: 93,000  
Number of households on the social housing wait list: 76,549  
Increase from 2009 to 2010: 5,051  
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 shelters and permanent shelter beds available in 2009: 57 and 3,800  
Average nightly occupancy rate of single and youth shelters in 2009: 94%  
Proportion of homeless people who want permanent housing: 9 out of 10

