

An aerial photograph of a city grid, likely Toronto, with a blue outline tracing a specific area. Several soccer ball icons are scattered across the grid. The title 'Social Development Dashboard' is overlaid in large white text with a black drop shadow.

Social Development Dashboard

First Quarter 2015

PRIMARY PURPOSE:

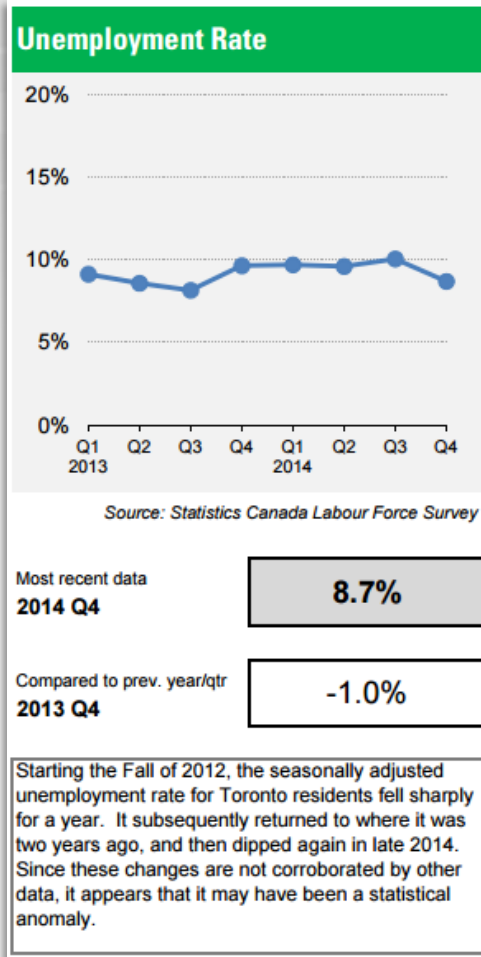
The Toronto Social Development Dashboard provides:

- An “at a glance” look at relevant and recent socio-economic indicators available in the human services sector in order to provide an overall picture of social wellbeing in Toronto
- A graphical summary of these indicators to help inform Committee's decision-making on a range of social development issues

Current Contributing Sources

- Affordable Housing Office
- Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation
- Children's Services
- Citizenship & Immigration Canada
- Daily Bread Food Bank
- Economic Development & Culture
- Employment & Social Services
- Shelter Support & Housing Administration
- Social Development Finance & Administration
- Statistics Canada

Reading the Dashboard



Indicator Title



Recent trend in indicator values



Time period of trend



Most recent value of the indicator



Change since same time period last year



Brief comment on indicator / trends



Definitions are included on last page

Dashboard Trends



Labour Force Participation

1. Employment Rate (Q4 2014 – 58.3%, trending down since Q3 2013)
2. Unemployment Rate (Q4 2014 – 8.7%, slight dip in Q4 after level year)
3. Participation Rate (Q4 2014 – 63.8%, drop of 2.5% over previous year)



Immigration

1. Permanent Resident Landings (10,334 in Q4, total of 44,064 for 2014)
2. Temporary Resident Entries (12,082 in Q4, total of 71,731 for 2014)



Socioeconomic Vulnerability

1. Low-Income (After-Tax) Prevalence (22.6% in 2012, slight rise after 2 years of decreases)
2. Visits to a Food Bank (175,900 in Q4, second quarterly in a row, but still higher than same quarter previous year)

Dashboard Trends



Social Assistance

1. % of Population Receiving Social Assistance (9.1% in Q3, level for 3rd straight Q)
2. Social Assistance Caseload (91,879 in Q3, down almost 6,000 from previous)
3. % of Social Assistance Caseload with Earnings (9.9% in Q2, trend is levelling off after Provincial policy change in October 2013)



Housing

1. Core Housing Need (cost for adequate, affordable, and suitable housing exceeds 30% of median household income – 34% in 2011, dramatic rise since 2006)
2. New Affordable Homes Completed (358 in 2014, stimulus funding ended in 2012)
3. Essential Repairs & Modifications Completed for Lower-Income Residents (348 in 2014, numbers also funding related)
4. Rent Bank Loans Granted (175 in Q4 2014, continuing a general downward trend since Q2 2013)
5. Households Assisted with a Housing Subsidy (72,404 in Q4 2014)
6. Average Individuals Provided Emergency Shelter per Night (4,117 in Q4 2014)

Dashboard Trends



Child Care

1. Licensed Child Care Spaces (61,640 in Q4 2014, has been rising steadily in recent years with slight fluctuations)
2. Available Child Care Fee Subsidies (24,932 in 2014, increase of 668 over previous year due to additional Provincial funding)
3. Children on the Wait List for a Child Care Fee Subsidy (16,802 in Q4 2014, has been decreasing since 2012 as a result of improved access to fee subsidies, with a slight increase in Q4 2014.)

Next Steps

1. Maturing the dashboard and expanding the current set of indicators
2. Indicators featuring data disaggregated by equity-seeking groups
3. Regularize data collection and reporting to CDRC
4. Easy public access to the Social Development Dashboard

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