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*
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|

### Unemployment Rate

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Quarter</th>
<th>Unemployment Rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Q1</td>
<td>10%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Q2</td>
<td>9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Q3</td>
<td>8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Q4</td>
<td>7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>Q1</td>
<td>6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Q2</td>
<td>5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Q3</td>
<td>4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Q4</td>
<td>3%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

- **Most recent data:** 2014 Q4
- **Compared to prev. year:** 2013 Q4
- **8.7%**
- **-1.0%**

*Starting the Fall of 2012, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Toronto residents fell sharply for a year. It subsequently returned to where it was two years ago, and then dipped again in late 2014. Since these changes are not corroborated by other data, it appears that it may have been a statistical anomaly.*
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
For more information contact:

Harvey Low
Manager, Research & Information Management
Social Policy, Analysis and Research
Social Development, Finance and Administration
City of Toronto

Telephone: 416-392-8660
Fax: 416-392-8492
Email: hlow@toronto.ca